

Barbour County Commission Meeting

December 20, 2024

9:00am

JAMIE CARPENTER COMMISSION PRESIDENT, DAVID STRAIT COMMISSIONER, JEDD SCHOLA COMMISSIONER, LAURIE AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK, SHANA FREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Ruston Seaman, Josh Allen, Colin M. McCardle, Kim Lewis, H. David Talbott, Dylan Harper, Elvira O'Brien, Steve O'Brien, Nick Mayle, Nina Daugherty, Bob Richardson, Mark Stewart, Drew Phillips, Jack Daugherty, Brett Carpenter, Cathy Corder, Corey Brandon, Heather Perkins, Trevor Dolan, Megan Reed, Jody Carpenter, Bernard S. Gillis, Bob Wilkins, Ian Tallman

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:08am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the December 2, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, eight (8) final settlement was approved. 3/0

KENNETH W. CUNNINGHAM JR, PATRICIA ANN BENDER, JANICE ELAINE MCPHERSON, ROGER DALE RIDER, MARGARET MARY ALICE KRELL, JULIA MARIE SNIDER, BETTY JEAN BOOTH HOVATTER, MARY SUSAN BENNET

A recommendation from Barbour County WV Extension was received to reappoint Dr. Cecil Holbert as a representative of the County Commission to the Camp Barbour board. Dr. Holbert confirmed interest and willingness to serve. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the recommendation was approved. 3/0

A budget adjustment was presented and approved on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Acceptance of the sheriff settlement was tabled.

Chief Gillis provided mutual aid agreements to be signed. He presented a quote for a 2025 Dodge Durango for discussion; commission requested they also obtain quotes for a truck. This purchase would replace two cruisers in their fleet. He also discussed the possibility of hiring at 12th call-taking deputy and the cost to do so.

Dylan Harper requested approval to upgrade the camera system at the 911 Tower site. David Strait made a motion to approve the quote from Cardinal Cabling in the amount of \$5,060.00; Jedd Schola seconded and will be paid from 911 capital improvement line item 3/0

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Battalion 1 Consultants / First Responder Coaching provided a proposal to develop a crisis response peer support group in Barbour County. Bob Wilkins discussed the importance and the impact it will make. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the proposal was approved in the amount of \$19,500.00. \$18,181.18 will be paid from EMS Salary Enhancement Crisis Response funds, \$1,318.19 by County Commission funds; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Colin McCardle, Civil & Environmental Consultants, and Trevor Dola, Aquatix Sparks & Play, provided a presentation and conceptual drawings of the splash pad project at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. The 4,000 sq ft splash pad will be ADA compliant and constructed at the entrance of the park near the lower ball field. The splash pad will have a variety of play zones to accommodate children of all ages and abilities. Completion is set for Summer 2025.

The commission heard from Nick Mayle, Josh Allen, Ian Tallman and Ruston Seaman on behalf of the Bright Futures Coalition's proposal to promote substance-free activities for the youth of Barbour County. The Coalition held three rounds of discussion where 43 Barbour County groups serving youth came together to give input on how best to serve Barbour County without duplicating efforts. The proposal includes \$1,500 allocated to each 43 Barbour County organizations, \$8,500 allocated for transportation, \$8,500 allocated to facilities for the ability to open their doors to youth, \$8,500 allocated for training, activities, and community events that Bright Futures will host. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, Bright Future's proposal was approved in the amount of \$90,000, payable from the Opioid Settlement Fund. The Barbour Community Health Association will oversee the funds and manage organization reporting. 3/0

Jody Carpenter discussed proposed improvements to the 4-H food booth that will be funded by the Leader's Association. He will share detailed information once the Association finalizes plans.

A discussion was held regarding the potential purchase of mineral rights on the fairground property.

An outstanding invoice from Andy's Heating and Cooling was presented for the Barbour County Health Department from a heating/ac unit repair/installation. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the invoice in the amount of \$4,821.12 was approved. This cost will be included in the previously approved budget revision to move funds from contingences to other buildings. 3/0

The balance of ARP funds was discussed. \$2,570.88 remains in the ARP fund, which includes the start-up and interest earned. The total of unspent ARP project funds in General County is \$147.76. A discussion was held on potential projects. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, \$2,718.64 (total of the ARP fund balance and unspent project funds) will be applied to Courthouse Improvements to include updated benches around the courthouse square. The previously approved budget revision will also include the transfer of \$2,570.88 from the ARP fund to General County fund. 3/0

A discussion was held on technology upgrades. Jamie Carpenter made a motion to purchase three scanners in the amount of \$1,619.97 and four computers in the amount of \$4,417.52, totaling \$6,037.49 from GST using Capital Projects funds; seconded by David Strait. 3/0

The floor was open for public comment in order of the meeting sign-up sheet.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2025 at 5:00pm

Commissioner Strait and Commissioner Schola presented Commissioner Carpenter with a plaque recognizing his dedicated service to Barbour County.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06am on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait.
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Jamie Carpenter, President