

Barbour County Commission Meeting

April 1, 2024

9:00am

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

F.E. Larry, Misty Schola, Kim Lewis, Phil Hart, Corey Martin, Daniel Boise, Dewayne Nestor, Betty Daugherty, Jacob Summerfield, Beaver Stewart, Tony Smith, SJ Badgett, Bob Richardson, Corey Brandon, Bob Wilkins, Jeff Walters, Dylan Harper, Brett Carpenter, Brad Miller, Christian Mayle, Cole Whited, Z.B. Kisamore, Rod Kimble, H. David Talbott, Bernie Corely, Travis Ryan, Joey Bolyard, Mike Hart, Thairon W. Holler, Bill Renzelli, Delphia Shrader, Drew Phillips, Dylan Oliveto, Calvin Parks, Chris Anglin, Gunner Kennedy, Peggy Poling, Rickey Hymes, Taylor Skidmore, Grant Schola, Heather Bowen, Kylie Bowen, Bernard S. Gillis, Charles Curkendall, April Sinsel, Brent Sinsel, Suzanne Skidmore, Cheryl Wolfe

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:15pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The County Commission recognized Barbour County First Responders and appreciation was given by each commissioner on a job well done during recent challenging times and for always making the citizens their first priority.

Through the EMS Salary Enhancement fund, counties received funding for Crisis Response. Dylan Oliveto organized a presentation by First Responder Coaching and Battalion 1 Consulting to discuss services that could assist with the development of a Crisis Response team. Further discussion to be held on the topic.

The WV Legislature passed a bill for a County Fire Protection fund and provided the funds to County Commissions to distribute to local fire departments. The three fire departments opted for an even split of these funds totaling \$8,683.18 each. The County Commission honored the request and funds were distributed in this manner.

Commissioner Schola reported that the Commission allocates \$10,000 to each Fire Department and Emergency Squad in the budget each year. Since the Commission is acquiring the Emergency Squads, their \$10,000 allocation, along with an additional \$10,000, will be allocated to the Fire Departments for a total of \$20,000 each in the 2024-2025 budget.

The Commission also presented each department with a Milwaukee Cordless Fan to assist with operations.

Phil Hart requested help from the County Commission by communicating with the Legislature, County Commission Association, Association of Counties and WVCORP regarding Workers Compensation claims for volunteer fire departments and advocate for a change on code section 23-5-1a to allow volunteer departments to have the ability to appeal decisions.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, the March 15, 2024 regular meeting and March 26, 2024 special meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, six (6) final settlements were approved. 3/0

GENE FRANCES HERBERT JR., LARRY WAYNE BAILEY SR., DONNA LEE SMILARDO, KEVIN D. BECKNER, ELLEN MARIE MCCLAIN, BETTY IRENE CRAWFORD

SCARS presented a revision to the Public Safety Management contract to collaboratively act as the Administrator of EMS Services within Barbour County and report directly to the Barbour County Ambulance Authority and the Barbour County Commission. The fee for services is \$2,500 per month. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the contract revision to cover administrative services was approved. 3/0

Dylan Oliveto provided updates on Ambulance vehicle statuses. The chase vehicle that was previously approved was no longer available from the dealer and will continue looking.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, two (2) Kenwood radios were approved in the amount of \$5,758.74 from Discount Communications and Electronics. Dylan Harper tested a Kenwood radio throughout the county to ensure stable reception was available. 3/0

A quote for five (5) secure monitor mounts was presented and approved in the amount of \$6,575.00 on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

The graphic wrap was tabled to reconsider the amount of graphic and type to help keep costs down.

Corey Brandon reported prepping for severe weather that is forecasted.

Commissioner Schola recognized the good work of OEM / 911 with the mobile command center at the recent tragic event.

Grant Schola and Taylor Skidmore gave a FBLA presentation. Of 31 FBLA members, 16 students placed for Nationals and 15 will be attending the competition. They discussed the cost of travel and registration expenses. They thanked the commission for their support last year and requested consideration again this year. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, second by David Strait, \$3,000 was approved to cover registration fees. Jedd Schola recused himself from voting. 2/0

Ed Larry, representing Philippi Main Street / Barbour County Historical Museum, described the Lurch Fest event and how the one-day event has quickly grown. The event will be held on August 3rd from 12:00pm-9:00pm. He presented a contribution request to help defray costs. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, their request of \$2,500 was approved. 3/0

Ed Larry, President of the Barbour County Chamber of Commerce, described the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce and requested a sponsorship for the annual Chamber Dinner in May. On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, \$1,000 was approved. 3/0

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Cheryl Wolfe described a marketing initiative that the Development Authority is working on. They plan to partner with MTI Studios to create three small business marketing/promotional videos; one focused on Philippi, one focused on Belington and Junior and one with a countywide focus.

Following discussion, Jamie Carpenter made a motion to contribute \$4,000 toward this initiative from the Coal Reallocation fund; David Strait seconded, passing unanimously. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, approval was given to open a 9-month CD at People's Bank for the Circuit Court Reserve fund totaling \$43,833.65. The purpose of these funds is for Circuit Courtroom upkeep. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, fund number 036 is assigned to the 911 Center / OEM CD Account. 3/0

Bill Renzelli requested clarity on the duties of the Park and Recreation Board. Following a lengthy discussion, the Commission stressed their desire to continue with the Park and Recreation board and their input and presence is valued. The Commission requested some time to evaluate the Event Coordinator position and determine roles and responsibilities in conjunction with each other.

Following discussion, Jamie made a motion, seconded by Jedd Schola to approve the quote from Designer Concrete & Curbing for the application of epoxy flooring on the John Lloyd Entertainment Stage in the amount of \$10,680.00 payable from the general and coal severance fund. Commissioner Schola confirmed the flooring would be colored black with a slick resistant surfacing. 3/0

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

A special meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2024 at 4:00pm to Lay the Levy.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2024 at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President

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