

Barbour County Commission Meeting

April 19, 2024

9:00am

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

H. David Talbott, Nina Daugherty, Bob Richardson, Kim Lewis, Drew Phillips, Kristy Kline, Sandra Marfield, Steve O'Brien, Elvira O'Brien, Cieara Johnson, Jessica George, Cathy Rummel, Rhett Dusenbury, Dylan Harper, Corey Brandon

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:00am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, the April 1 regular meeting, April 3 emergency meeting, April 4 emergency meeting, and April 16 special meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, five (5) final settlements were approved. 3/0

MARY E. WILSON, GERALDINE V. COMBS, BONNIE J. HANNAH, GEORGE ROBERT GREGORY MULLER, RENA ARLENE FEKETE

Barbour 911 presented a contract from NGA for the installation of Next Gen technology that will create redundancy and allow text to 911 capability. A discussion was held regarding several counties recently having 911 operation outages due to communication lines being affected. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the contract was approved. 3/0

Dylan Oliveto presented a quote from Verizon to outfit the ambulance fleet with WIFI hotspots. He reported that WIFI is necessary to transmit information from cardiac monitors to the command center and provides information to BLS providers. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, seven (7) WIFI units were approved at a total cost of \$279.93 per month. 3/0

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the graphics were approved for the two new ambulances from Bigfoot Designs at a cost of \$5,615.00 per vehicle. 3/0

Mr. Oliveto reported the Transit Ambulance is in operation and the two new ambulances are expected to be road ready in the next few weeks. The Command Chase vehicle is waiting to be picked up. The Commission reported positive feedback from the community.

A proclamation to declare April as Sexual Assault Awareness month was accepted and signed.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, a resolution was passed to adopt the Region VII Planning and Development Council Hazard Mitigation Plan, updated 2023. 3/0

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The Belington Public Library thanked the Commission for their continued support. Jessica George discussed their services and upcoming activities at the Belington Library. Rhett Dusenbury, Congressman Mooney's office, reported they appreciate Belington Library allowing them to fulfill community outreach by holding mobile office hours on site.

Jack & Nina Daughtery introduced their newly formed non-profit, Bless this Food, Inc., located at the KLT Corner in Philippi. Their initiative is to offer food to all in need and have daily operating hours. They are requesting assistance to purchase an additional freezer and refrigerator to store food. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, \$2,500.00 was approved for this purpose. 3/0

Cieara Johnson with Barbour County Little League, reported their progress on improvements at the Belington Little League fields and the needs that still remain. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, \$5,000 from Coal Reallocation funds for the purpose of community improvements at the Belington Little League fields was approved unanimously. 3/0

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2024 at 5:00pm and will be held in the Circuit Courtroom due to Early Voting being held in the Commission Chamber.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.36am on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

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Jamie Carpenter, President

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