

Barbour County Commission Meeting

April 21, 2023

9:00am

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

Bob Richardson, John C. Ashcom Jr., Kim Lewis, Dylan Harper, H. David Talbott, Jody Carpenter, Corey Brandon, Jeremy Drennen, Drew Phillips, Brett Carpenter, Wendy Madden

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

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the April 6, 2023 special meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, seven (7) final settlements were approved. 3/0

LOYD DALE SPOTLOE, WILDA BELLE LANHAM, MYRTLE CAMPBELL, SHIRLEY JEAN SWIGER, KATHY LOUISE LONG, PATRICIA LEE MAYLE, JOHN KENNETH SAFFLE

Jeremy Drennen provided an update on the sewer line extension project. Property acquisition settled without requiring condemnation action. Commissioner Strait thanked Mr. Drennen and Mr. Ashcom for their efforts to avoid condemnation. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, a resolution as approved authorizing assignment and conveyance of interests in real property to the City of Philippi pursuant to the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement dated January 21, 2022. 3/0

Jacob Summerfield provided an animal control report and responded to 100 calls in March. He also provided a training certificate for the completed Animal Control training course.

A discussion was held on the World War I Doughboy statue. Senator Hamilton and Senator Karnes agreed to commit \$8,760.00 and Delegate Phillips \$1,000.00 toward the project. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, \$10,000.00 was committed toward the project and the quote from Kreilick Conservation was approved in the amount of \$19,760.00. 3/0

Jody Carpenter is leading a four-member 4-H Soils Land Judging team to the National 4-H Land Judging and Homesite Judging contest in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is requesting a \$500.00 contribution to meet his \$11,000.00 fundraising goal. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, this request was approved. 3/0

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the Federal Justice and Community Service Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) in the amount of \$24,976.00 was accepted and signed. 3/0

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County Clerk, Laurie Austin, requested consent to hire Billie Jo Metheney fulltime beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the request was approved. 3/0

Vivian Parsons, WVCORP, presented information on the WVCORP Risk Pool and provided an update on the online portal services and the cyber security program. She also discussed the host of training options available.

Sheriff Brett Carpenter had nothing to report. Mr. Bob Richardson thanked Sheriff Carpenter for his attendance at the Stringtown/Huntersfork Neighborhood watch meeting. The next step to formation is to meet again in 4-6 weeks and complete the structure paperwork.

OEM and 911 provided an update on EMS call response times, grants and training.

The Commission requested Sheriff Carpenter to provide them with a request proposal for cruisers.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Wendy Madden attended the meeting via conference call to check in and offer assistance where needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

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Jamie Carpenter, President

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