

Barbour County Commission Meeting

April 3, 2023

5:00pm

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

David Talbott, Dylan Harper, Bob Richardson, Robert W. Guthrie, Rob Jones, Kris M. Jones, Derek Hart, Kim Lewis, Corey Brandon, Brett Carpenter, April Sinsel, Jill Taylor-Phillips

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the March 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes and March 21, 2023 special meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, four (4) final settlements were approved. 3/0

LURA BELLE SPOTLOE, JAMES PATRICK HART, RONALD JESS CORLEY, MARY JO HICKMAN

County Clerk Austin reported updates to the William Smith, Franklin Hayes, Sevrine McVicker and Harold Marteney estates. James Varner is reviewing documents on the Harold Marteney estate and will be corresponding with all parties of this estate.

A request was received from the Barbour County Board of Health to reappoint Susie Cvechko to the board. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the appointment was approved. 3/0

A budget revision was presenting to include revenues from Coal Bed Methane severance tax in the amount of \$8,197 and Auction proceeds in the amount of \$23,844. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the revision was approved. 3/0

Commissioner Strait recused himself from voting on the MOU Addendum with Broaddus Hospital concerning their 340B Drug pricing program. He explained the 340B program is a federal program that allows Broaddus Hospital to purchase medicine locally at a discounted price for outpatient services. To participate, the hospital must provide care without the ability to pay. The addendum is to acknowledge the desire to continue with the original MOU. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the addendum was accepted. 2/0

Quotes were presented for a zero-turn mower at the Fairgrounds. Discussions were held. On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, a Scag Tiger Cat was approved from PASS, Inc utilizing Sourcewell pricing in the amount of \$10,469.00. 3/0

Discussion was held regarding closed arena footing. This item will be tabled until later in the meeting if questions can be clarified.

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Discussion was held regarding Coal Bed Methane funds. \$8,197 was received in 2022-23. Jamie Carpenter made a motion to split these funds in half to Belington and Philippi Public Libraries, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Quotes were presented for equipment necessary to connect the Sheriff Annex to the Courthouse. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the GST quote was approved for \$2,200.00 and Citynet for \$6,808.82. These items will be purchased with Coal Severance funds. 3/0

Law Enforcement mutual aid agreements were presented for local municipal police agencies to allow them to report outside their jurisdictions when necessary. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the mutual aid agreements were approved. 3/0

Sheriff Carpenter reported that five applications were received for the Sheriff Deputy vacancy but only three of them attended the testing. Law Enforcement applicant pool is low throughout the state and after receiving news that Deputy Gonzales will be leaving in July, Sheriff Carpenter is requesting the consent to hire two individuals from the current list of eligible applicants. All applicants are not currently certified. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, consent to hire of two deputies was approved. 3/0

Shana Frey reported that USDA granted an award of \$7,900.00 toward Law Enforcement body worn cameras. Grant funds were awarded at 35% of the total project cost. The following forms were presented for adoption and execution:

- a. Form RD 442-7- Operating Budget
- b. Form RD 1940-1- Request for Obligation of Funds
- c. RD 3570-3- Community Facilities Grant Agreement
- d. Form RD 400-1 Equal Opportunity Agreement
- e. Form RD 400-4- Assurance Agreement
- f. Form AD 1047- Certification Regarding Debarment- Primary
- g. Form AD 1049- Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace
- h. Form RD 1942-46- Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions
- i. Conflict of Interest policy; Drug Free Workplace as described in employee handbook

On motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter all forms presented for the USDA Community Facilities grant have been adopted and approved for execution and approval of transferring \$14,720.00 from the County Commission Capital Projects fund for the local match. 3/0

Dylan Harper presented a quote to replace the aging firewall at 911. The Assessor's office also utilizes for backups and agreed to split the cost with 911. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the quote was approved.

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Harper also reported that Cummins approved the generator installation at the 911 Tower Site.

SBA Communications will be performing antenna upgrades on the tower behind the dog kennel and will be utilizing a helicopter.

The Event Coordinator was able to join the commission meeting to answer questions regarding the arena footing. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter delivery of 50 ton of sand for \$900.00 by Brian Delauder was approved. 3/0

A special meeting is scheduled for April 18 2023 at 4:10pm to Lay the Levy.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 21, 2023 at 9:00am.

A discussion was held regarding broadband.

Robert Guthrie asked the commission how they made their decision on the Prosecuting Attorney appointment. Commissioner Strait provided an explanation.

Belington and Barbour County EMS provided a brief update on coverage. The EMS Directors and Dylan Harper, 911 Director will schedule a meeting to discuss mutual aid agreements, first due areas and dispatch protocols.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President

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