

Barbour County Commission Meeting

April 4, 2022

9:00 am

SUSIE CVECHKO COMMISSION PRESIDENT, JAMIE CARPENTER COMMISSIONER, DAVID STRAIT COMMISSIONER, CONNIE KAUFMAN COUNTY CLERK, SHANA FREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Kim Lewis, Dylan Harper, Jedd Schola, Mike Hart, Todd Lawrence, Thairon Holler, Bernie Corley, Phil Hart, Jennifer Whetzel, Jennifer Collier, Corey Brandon

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, meeting minutes from March 25, 2022 were approved. 3/0

No exonerations were presented.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, twelve (12) final settlements were approved. 3/0

PATRICIA FELTON, RHONDA PAULINE DAVIS, GENEVA W. GREEN, JOSEPH BERNARD SERAFIN, CHARLES RAY "DIGGER" SCHOLA, INA JEAN HOLBERT, KEVIN DAVID MOORE, WANDA R. THOMPSON, CYNTHIA MAY SWICK, PATSY CARMAN RICOTTILLI, CONSTANCE JO WEESE, HOWARD CURRY MARTIN

A resolution was presented to authorize the President of the County Commission to file an application to the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant Program. The grant application period covers October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023 with a request of \$32,453.00. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the resolution was approved to submit the VOCA grant application. 3/0

County Clerk, Connie Kaufman, presented a list of Democratic and Republican poll workers to be appointed for the 2022 Primary Election. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the poll worker list was approved as presented. 3/0

Belington Volunteer Fire Department was in attendance, Thairon Holler as the spokesperson, to present and explain the need for an equipped side by side at their station. Discussion was held with questions and answers. Funding attempts for the \$57,000.00 request were discussed. The commission requested BVFD to review their request and remove unnecessary items from the quote and apply for a USDA Community Facilities Grant that could cover 35% of the cost. If approved, it was agreeable the county could support the remaining cost. A request of Six (6) AEDs was also submitted with a cost of \$13,000, however BVFD requested this consideration to be tabled.

A grant contract was presented from West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History approving a grant award of \$3,600.00 for the purpose of hiring a certified consultant to prepare

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a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination for the Valley Furnace- Old Iron Furnace. The consultant will prepare the nomination and required supplemental documentation in accordance with the requirements of the National Register of Historic Places and WV State Historic Preservation Office. The county commission will provide a local match of \$2,400.00. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the grant contract was approved. 3/0

Dylan Harper, 911 Director, presented officer nominations and membership appointments for the 911 Advisory Council. Officers include Derek Hart- President, Doug Cutlip- Vice President, Mike Fink- Secretary. The membership list was amended to make Commissioner Cvechko a non-voting member and noted that Commissioner Strait will serve on the council representing Broadus Hospital. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Susie Cvechko, the nominations, appointments and amendments were approved. 3/0

Harper discussed road improvements to the 185 Antenna Drive and Fairgrounds tower sites. A discussion was held regarding the fence re-location at the 911 Center to allow for more parking. This will be discussed further.

Corey Brandon, OEM Director, gave a report on the Antenna replacements on the Comm Center's communication tower. He discussed upcoming grants and is working with county agencies to submit projects to the Homeland Security grant program. As of April 4, COVID-19 cases are recorded at zero (0) cases and reported that OEM has a stockpile of PPE if an agency is in need.

Maintenance items at the fairgrounds including, but not limited to, rental equipment and material to perform drainage repairs, roof replacements and other necessary repairs was approved on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

Recent complaints on the tennis courts were discussed. Commissioner Cvechko commended the maintenance department and community corrections participants on their 100+ hours of work spent cleaning the courts. A root cause analysis will be scheduled for the tennis court situation. While the direct issue has been taken care of, the goal is to prevent and solve underlying issues before they become a problem in the future.

It was noted that the Barbour County Commission is participating in the Hazard Mitigation Program with Region VII Planning and Development Council and will also participate in the Hazard Mitigation Planning process.

A work session is scheduled for April 13, 2022 at 3:30pm. Andrew Cohill of Design 9 will be making a presentation and answering questions about the results of the Barbour County Broadband Study.

A work session is scheduled for April 19, 2022 at 4:00pm to discuss the Fairgrounds and hear updates from the Fairgrounds Event Coordinator.

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Commissioner Cvechko asked if anyone in the audience had questions, concerns or comments and there were none.

The next regular commission meeting will be held on April 19, 2022 (instead of April 15th) to meet WV Code 11-8-10a requirements.

ARP applications will be on the May 2, 2022 agenda for consideration.

Commissioner Cvechko reported that local organizations- Barbour County Senior Center, Heart and Hand, Brownston Helping Hands, and New Vision Renewable Energy received grant funds from the Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon.

She also reported that the Here and There Transit is working with the State to offer free transportation to addiction treatment. More updates will be provided as they are available.

Commissioner Carpenter provided an update from the Corridor H Authority Meeting.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm. 3/0

Susie Cvechko, President

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