

Barbour County Commission Meeting

April 5, 2021

4:00 pm

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

James Sandy, Tracey Hershman, Sherry Whited, Brett Carpenter, Cory Cox, Kim Lewis

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The commission meeting was held with in-person attendance and via conference call.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by David Strait, the March 19, 2021 meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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

ELIZABETH ANN WHITE, SYLVIA G. CARNEY, GARY LYNN SAFFLE, JAMES W. PICKETT, BRENDA D. MARSH, FAX L. HILLYARD JR.

The Opioid update was tabled until the next meeting.

Leah Smith- NECCO was tabled until the next meeting.

Sheriff Carpenter requested an in-house revision to reallocate funds within his budget to provide Deputies with an additional \$0.50/hour pay increase. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by David Strait, this revision was approved. 3/0

The quote from 10-42 Tactical LLC for bullet proof vests was approved for up to \$7,600.00 on a motion by David Strait and seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

The Sheriff received the commission's consent to hire a full-time, certified deputy.

The commission tabled the Assessor's consent to hire request until the next meeting in order to clarify some questions.

The Animal Control report was presented. Discussion was held.

Following discussion, Jamie Carpenter made a motion, second by David Strait to install two security cameras at Fairground's Park with a cost of \$2,700.00. 3/0

Liberty National representation was not present.

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Corey Brandon made a recommendation to change the county-wide mass messaging system from Nixle to Hyper Reach. Discussion was held. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by David Strait, the quote from Hyper Reach was approved for \$4,950 per year with a 5-year agreement. 3/0

An agreement with Cummins for generator maintenance was discussed and tabled until a revised agreement is received to include the generator at the 911 Communications Center, State Police tower and the Fairgrounds tower.

Discussion was held regarding the failure of the cooling unit at the State Police tower site. Corey reported that this is a central hub for radio transmission and critical that equipment is kept cool. Quotes were received that included options to repair the unit or replace the unit. On a motion by David Strait and seconded by Jamie Carpenter the quote from Casto Technical Services was approved to replace (1) Bard 2-ton unit with a cost up to \$7,600.00.

Applications from Ryan's Recker Service, LLC and Thorne's Towing Service, LLC were submitted to be accepted to the 911 Tow Rotation. Following discussion, Jamie Carpenter made a motion to accept the applications, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Cory Cox presented quotes for (4) Black Box Units to be installed at dispatch stations to reduce the number of mice and keyboards required. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by David Strait, the quote from Provantage in the amount of \$2,143.32 was approved. 3/0

A discussion was held on broadband in Barbour County with Cheryl Wolfe, Barbour Economic Development Authority. She submitted a letter of request to begin procurement for a Barbour County Broadband Strategic Plan. This plan would define areas of Barbour County that has insufficient connectivity and project recommendations. Susie Cvechko made a motion for Cheryl to move forward with the procurement for a Broadband Strategic Plan and to continue working with Region VII, Jamie Carpenter seconded the motion. She will present cost estimates back to the commission for consideration. 3/0

Tracey Hershman expressed concerns regarding suspected drug and other illegal activity that she believes is occurring within her community. Further discussion was held. The commission will discuss her concerns with the appropriate agencies.

The insurance agreement from WVCORP is tabled until the next meeting to get clarification on commission's questions.

A meeting was held with Barbour County's Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources regarding the condition of three trees on the courthouse lawn. Accepting the recommendation for removal and replacement of these trees, David Strait made a motion to approve the low bid of \$2,125.00 from Pro V Tree, LLC, seconded by Susie Cvechko. Commission

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will work with the Extension Agent for recommendation on replacement trees and their location.
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Discussion was held regarding the American Rescue funds. Per Auditor requirements, a separate checking account must be opened to hold these funds. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Susie Cvechko, this account is to be held at Premier Bank and titled "American Rescue Plan Act-2021". 3/0

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Susie Cvechko, executive session was entered at 6:15 pm. 3/0

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by David Strait, regular session resumed at 6:28 pm. 3/0

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Susie Cvechko, \$2,500.00 was approved to the Corridor H Authority. 3/0

The contract for Records Management Preservation Board grants was approved on a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by David Strait. Awards include Circuit Clerk, \$10,000; Prosecuting Attorney, \$1,304 and County Clerk, \$3,000 all for record management projects. 3/0

The document scanner for Records Management was tabled.

A discussion was held regarding potential projects to submit for Community Project Funding through Congressman McKinley's office.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2021 at 9:00 am and a special meeting on April 20, 2021 at 9:00 am.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Susie Cvechko, President

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