

Barbour County Commission Meeting  
 August 8, 2022  
 5:00pm

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

Brett Carpenter, Dylan Harper, Laurie Austin, Jedd Schola, Marsha Felton, Derick Spencer, James Sandy, Jennifer Burner, Jean Clark, Bill Bowers, Kim Lewis

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order at 5:03pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, meeting minutes from July 15, 2022 and was approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, fourteen (14) final settlements were approved. 3/0

HARRY JAMES STOUT, II, SHIRLEY RAE MILLER, MARY K. MOSESSO, PHILIP GRANT MOORE, MOODY COLLETTE, DANIEL RAY ANDRICK, MILDRED PEARL NESTOR, RACHEL IRENE GRAGG, LUCILLE SMITH, GARY RICHARD PROUDFOOT, COLLEEN MARIE CASTO, JACQUELINE MORAN HADDIX, DOROTHY LOUISE DAUGHTERY, GARY LYNN HUFFMAN

Invoices were presented.

Assessor, Derick Spencer, submitted a consent to hire request for an office assistant to fill a vacancy. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, this request was approved. 3/0

Barbour County Health Department presented findings to an ongoing complaint regarding raw sewage on a property. Discussion was held regarding next steps and enforcement. Legal counsel advised that the County Commission needs an ordinance in place before additional enforcement efforts can take place. Barbour County Health Department representatives asked the commission to consider this as the next step. Similar ordinances will be reviewed from other counties, then additional discussions will take place.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, updating the Barbour County Board of Health's Certificate of Deposit terms from 15 months to 30 months was approved. The Board of Health also approved this term update. 3/0

James Sandy provided an Animal Shelter report. The county shelter is currently full and he has been working with Barbour County Animal Friends on transfers to rescue organizations. He reported that all the Spay and Neuter Vouchers have been spoken for; this year's grant provided

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108 \$75.00 off vouchers for spay and neuter services. Operating hours were discussed and advised to inform the public when there are changes. Currently, Animal Control is on duty from 12pm-8pm.

Sheriff Carpenter requested to purchase a 2022 Dodge Charger at a cost of \$41,825.00 using funds from the Sheriff Reserve for Capital Project's fund. He asked consideration from the Commission to fund the equipment on the vehicle at a cost of \$17,239.00. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, this request was approved and will be paid from CARES Act reimbursement funds. 3/0

He discussed various grants that have been applied for. So far, all submitted applications to the state's Homeland Security program has been denied.

The Sheriff's Department was approved for an additional \$2,800 in subsequent USDA funds, in addition to the \$10,800 award, for a Sheriff Cruiser. There has been delay with this project due to vehicle availability, however Sheriff Carpenter indicated the dealership is finally expecting delivery of the vehicle soon. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the subsequent funds are accepted and Commission President will sign necessary documents. 3/0

Barbour 911 gave an update on Homeland Security grants. So far, all applications have been denied. Install of the radio system equipment is scheduled for the end of August.

Barbour OEM gave an update on the recent Arch Coal mock disaster drill for the slurry impoundment at Leer South. Sixteen agencies participated and overall went very well. MSHA and DEP indicated that Leer South is the only mine that has conducted a mock disaster drill of this caliber to test their safety plan.

911/OEM are working with the Fair Board on a full-scale exercise of a person to ensure their plan is adequate.

OEM discussed the interest from Climavision to establish a weather radar system in Barbour County to help fill gaps in coverage. A potential site is the Philippi/Barbour County Airport. Further discussion with the Airport Authority will be held.

Discussions have been held with the National Weather Service to install cameras on river gauges in Tygart River to help monitor flood events. West Virginia currently does not have this availability and Barbour County would be a pilot for the project.

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Marsha Felton discussed upkeep concerns of local cemeteries, Overfield Cemetery specifically. She came with several thoughts and ideas for the commission to take into consideration. The Commission recognizes the importance of cemetery upkeep and are open for suggestions that could become viable solutions.

The request from New Vision was tabled on a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of ARP applications was discussed. The September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a Work Session only meeting to discuss the process/timeline and hear from organizations about their projects. This meeting will begin at 5:30pm.

The next regular meetings will be held on August 26 at 9:00am; September 16 at 9:00am with a work session for after-action discussions about the Barbour County Fair beginning at approximately 11:30am.

Updates were provided on the CCAWV / State Auditor conference. Discussion was held regarding Amendment Two that allows the State Legislature to gain authority to exempt certain county property tax. The amendment and current proposed plans cause great concern to County Commissions that causes Barbour County Commission to be in opposition. Further discussions will be held as additional information is provided by County Associations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm on a motion by Jamie Carpenter seconded by David Strait. 3/0

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Susie Cvechko, President

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