

Barbour County Commission Meeting

December 18, 2020

8:20 am

SUSIE CVECHKO COMMISSION PRESIDENT, TIM MCDANIEL COMMISSIONER, JAMIE CARPENTER COMMISSIONER, CONNIE KAUFMAN COUNTY CLERK, SHANA FREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Kim Lewis, John Cutright, Hunter Mullens, Hunter D. Mullens, Brett Carpenter, Thomas Hoxie, Cory Cox, Wesley Gray, Tom Freeman, Mike Devilder, Corey Brandon

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order at 8:30am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to COVID-19 circumstances, the commission meeting was held via conference call.

On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the December 7th meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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

MARCELINE MAE CARPENTER, WILLIAM JOHN CEBIK, JANE CROSSEN MCDERMITT, ARLINE TALLMAN

The Barbour County Commission announced the 2020 winner of the Emergency and Crisis Management Exemplary Community Award to Wolfe Run Mining, LLC-Leer South. The decision panel, comprised of the County Commission, Sheriff, LEPC, OEM and Barbour County Development Authority, met on November 18. Wolfe-Run Mining, LLC-Leer South was chosen due their progressive planning, preparedness exercises and community collaboration to make the Little Hackers Creek Slurry Impoundment emergency plan flawless and effective. The commission thanked them for their continued efforts and appreciate their preparedness. Mr. Tom Freeman, on behalf of Leer South, thanked the commission and all the agencies who participated in the creation of their plan. 2020 brought forth challenges but didn't stop progress. In 2021, plans are to start testing and implementing the plan.

Susie Cvechko recognized and thanked the four Courthouse retirees. Tim McDaniel is completing three terms of dedicated service to the citizens of Barbour County as County Commissioner. Phil Ferguson is retiring with 28 years of dedicated service from the Barbour County Sheriff's Department, and as the current Sheriff. John Cutright is retiring with over 40 years of dedication to the citizens of Barbour County in various roles, including two terms as Sheriff and 3 terms as Assessor. Ron Schoonover is retiring with over 10 years of service as the Sheriff Chief Tax Deputy. Jamie Carpenter thanked them all for their faithful service and recognized the tremendous amount of knowledge that will be going with them.

Mullens & Mullens provided an update on the Opioid Litigation. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting went into Executive Session at 8:50am.

At 9:10am, Regular Session resumed on a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter.

Hunter Mullens discussed an opportunity to partner with grant writers for applications to the State's Cares Act funding. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Tim McDaniel, entering in agreement with Mullens & Mullens, PLLC and The Chafin Law Firm, PLLC to submit COVID-19 related grant applications.

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On a motion by Susie Cvechko and second by Jamie Carpenter, the JAG grant contract was accepted and approved for the PRO officer at Philip Barbour High School in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Shana Frey presented a proposed COVID-19 policy for employees returning to work after testing positive. Discussions were held and on a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the policy is approved upon discussed revisions and approval for Prosecutor Hoxie.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the Chestnut Ridge Broadband project request is tabled until January 4th meeting.

Tim McDaniel mentioned an email he received regarding the RMAP grant program from USDA and suggested the opportunity be sent to New Vision.

Cory Cox provided a report for 911. The phone system is being installed and the Go live date is scheduled for January 13.

Corey Brandon provided aa OEM COVID-19 update. Susie Cvechko thanked him for his great job handling COVID-19 and will continue supporting his efforts.

Discussions were held regarding supplies/equipment to purchase with COVID-19 funds. Discussions were held. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Susie Cvechko, the recommendation for purchasing Aridea fever monitors for the courthouse and family court and I-wave air purifying units for the heating and cooling system at the Courthouse were approved. These purchases will be included on the December CARES Act reimbursement request.

The City of Philippi submitted a letter for collaboration and funding consideration to help fund the bridge replacement at the Blue & Gray Park that washed out during flooding. The City of Philippi has pledged \$10,000 and the Mennonite Disaster Services organization has pledged \$5,000. The project is projected to cost \$40,000. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, \$10,000 was pledged toward this project.

The purchase consideration for Magistrate doors is tabled until quote is received.

The next regular commission meeting will be held on January 4, 2021 at 5:00pm.

On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19am.

Susie Cvechko, President