

Barbour County Commission Meeting

February 17, 2023

9:00am

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

Bob Richardson, Kim Lewis, Melanie Koon, Rhett Dusenbery, Brett Carpenter

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:00am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the January 27, 2023 special meeting minutes and February 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

Laurie Austin, County Clerk presented a request from Bartlett Funeral Home to appoint the Sheriff to the Margaret Robinson estate. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, this request was approved. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, five (5) final settlements were approved. 3/0

ELMER GRANT THOMPSON, JORETTA JUNE RADABAUGH, ROSE MARIE SALESKY, HATTIE JEAN WILSON, JIMMY STURM

Melanie Koon read a proclamation declaring February as Teen Dating Violence and Prevention Month. President Carpenter signed the proclamation.

Thomas Hoxie submitted a letter of resignation to his elected position of Barbour County Prosecuting Attorney to serve as the next Circuit Judge for Barbour and Taylor counties effective February 22, 2023 at 8:30am. David Strait made a motion to accept Mr. Hoxie's resignation, Jamie Carpenter seconded. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to appoint Keith Skeen as the temporary Barbour County Prosecuting Attorney, effective on February 22, 2023 at 8:30am for up to 30 days, David Strait seconded. 3/0

Shana Frey provided an update on the Dough Boy memorial project. Discussion was held. The Commission requested to obtain a quote for a bronze plaque.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait an update to the Hart Office copier lease containing four gently used copiers was approved in the amount of \$686.50 per month. 3/0

Sheriff Carpenter discussed his current cruiser situation. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, one 2023 Dodge Durango cruiser will be purchased from John Jones Automotive in the amount of \$64,262.00, fully equipped. 3/0

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Sheriff Carpenter also has an auction scheduled. Following the conclusion, further discussion will be held on purchasing additional cruisers.

Commission unanimously agreed to transfer a retired 2017 Dodge Durango cruiser to the Town of Junior police department.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, Executive Session was entered at 9:45am to discuss a property acquisition. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to return to Regular Session at 10:04am, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Commissioner Carpenter reported that the commercial inspection and certified title search has been completed on property located at 206 South Main Street, Philippi with no significant findings. The asking price for the property was \$360,000.00. Negotiations concluded with the final price of \$340,000 and includes select office furniture and gym equipment. Jamie Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Jedd Schola, to proceed with the purchase of the 206 South Main Street, Philippi property for the purpose of relocating the Barbour County Sheriff's Department. The earnest payment of \$1,000 will be deducted from the price, thus approving payment of \$339,000.00, plus closing costs, from Coal Severance funds. 3/0

Commission thanked the Sheriff for the work he and the department are doing in the County and feel this step is long overdue. The Sheriff thanked the commission for their support.

Sheriff Carpenter presented a call for service report for January. A total of 652 calls were received including 3 Assaults, 1 Burglary, 2 Drug Offenses, 1 Larceny, 1 Fraud, 1 Sex Crime, 1 Child Neglect, 3 DUI, 2 Driving Suspended, 3 Animal Neglect, 1 Destruction of Property, 6 Motor Vehicle Crashes, and 187 Traffic Stops.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2023 at 5:00pm.

A special meeting is also scheduled for February 23, 2023 at 4:00pm to discuss a potential broadband project.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16am on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President