

Barbour County Commission Meeting

February 18, 2022

9:00 am

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

Judy Buckner Larry, Kim Lewis, Katie Wolpert, Jeff Fellers, Brett Carpenter, Dylan Harper, Derick Spencer, Corey Brandon, Mike Fink, Tony Smith, Terry Kittle, Carol Talbott

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

The commission meeting was also held via conference call.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Susie Cvechko, the February 1, 2022 meeting minutes were approved. 2/0

Exonerations were presented.

Assessor Spencer requested a Special Commission Meeting for the purpose of approval consideration to purchase a vehicle for his appraisal department. February 23, 2022 will be the Special Meeting at 4:00 pm.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, six (6) final settlements were approved. 2/0

SHARLENE GORDON, VIOLET LUCILLE KINES, PAUL LEWIS MCLEAN, THEODORE B. LEACH, CLARENCE DAVID CAIN, JR., BLANCHE VIRGINIA KNIGHT

Sheriff Carpenter requested hiring two full time employees for Court Security and Service of Process to fill vacancies. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter hiring of Bryan Ressler and Chris Mullens was approved. 3/0

Dylan Harper, 911 Director, presented quotes for security equipment upgrades. He explained that recent equipment failures created a breach of security and needs addressed as soon as possible. A gate opener replacement was approved in the amount of \$4,870.00 from Micrologic on a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0 Upgrade of security cameras was approved in the amount of \$4,654.00 also from Micrologic on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Corey Brandon, OEM Director, reported that Barbour OEM/911 and WV Office of Emergency Management provided CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event) training and a refresher course on Stop the Bleed kits to Barbour County Schools staff. He also provided an update on grants and COVID-19.

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Belington Volunteer Fire Department submitted a request for \$875.00 toward the purchase of two AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillator). They received promissory funding for the remaining funds. The request explained that the use of an AED can double, or even triple, survival rates. The AEDs will be stored on their apparatuses. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, this request was approved. 3/0

Woodlands Development Group, in partnership with the Belington Revitalization Committee, submitted an application for funds in the amount of \$10,000 to support economic development initiatives at the Golden Rule. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait and passing unanimously, this request was approved and will be allocated from the Coal Reallocation Fund. 3/0

Judy Buckner Larry submitted the Philippi Public Library's funding consideration request for the 2022-23 budget in the amount of \$20,000. She discussed services, historical funding levels, sources of funding and funding needs. The county commission will take the information presented into consideration during budget preparations.

Jeff Fellers presented a funding consideration request in the amount of \$3,500.00 to support the Tucker Community Foundation Run For It program. He reported that since 2013, the County Commission has provided \$30,500 in funding to this program and \$328,000 has gone back to Barbour County non-profits. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, \$3,500 is pledged to the Run For It program. 3/0

Carol Talbott submitted the Barbour County Animal Friends funding consideration request for the 2022-23 budget in the amount of \$2,000 per quarter. She explained the cost of obtaining health certificates for animals, general increase in supplies, vet costs, and staffing. She also explained how Barbour County Animals Friends benefit the County Animal Control shelter. The county commission will take the information presented into consideration during budget preparations.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, permission is granted to install a Hanger Amputation historical sign on the Courthouse lawn near the Baptist Church. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Susie Cvechko, executive session was entered for legal discussion of the Opioid Litigation at 10:40 am. 3/0

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, regular session resumed at 11:16 am. 3/0

Consideration to approve the Opioid MOU agreement is tabled until the final draft is received and reviewed.

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Upcoming County Commission meetings include: March 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm, March 25, 2022 at 9:00 am, April 4, 2022 at 5:00 pm, and April 19, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Board of Review and Equalization hearings have been extended to include hearings on February 23, 2022 at 3:00 pm and February 28, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

Budget meetings with Elected Officials will be held on February 28, 2022 beginning at 4:00 pm, March 4, 2022 beginning at 9:00 am, and March 7 beginning at 3:00 pm.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am. 3/0

Susie Cvechko, President

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