

Barbour County Commission Meeting  
January 15, 2021  
9:00am

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

Kim Lewis, Derick Spencer, Brett Carpenter, Corey Cox, Corey Brandon

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order at 9:30am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by David Strait, the January 4, 2021 meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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

MARION JOANN GOODMAN, JIMMIE FRANKLIN KNIGHT, DALE CHAPMAN, KATHLEEN PEARL RICHARDS

The following committee appointments were approved on a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

David Strait: Philippi Professional Building Unit Owners Assoc., Inc, Philippi/Barbour Airport Authority

Jamie Carpenter: Park and Recreation Board, 4H Extension, Corridor H Authority

Susie Cvechko: Community Corrections Board, Region VI Workforce, Region VII Planning and Development Council, Barbour County Economic Development Authority

Commissioner Cvechko also discussed the Fairgrounds Committee and hoping to get these meetings resumed.

Susie Cvechko explained the delay for starting the commission meeting was due to a Ceremonial Oath for Secretary of State Mac Warner. Secretary Warner has deep roots within Barbour County and requested to pay tribute to this legacy with an Oath of Office ceremony in the Barbour County Courthouse Courtroom and administered by Sheriff Carpenter.

Sheriff Carpenter discussed upcoming needs in the Sheriff's Department including bullet proof vests and Sheriff Cruisers. The bullet proof vest quote was delayed so this item was tabled until the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Discussion was held on various options for Sheriff Cruisers. Additional information will be gathered and presented at a later meeting.

Sheriff Carpenter requested the consent to hire Phil Ferguson part-time for Process Serving and Court Security needs.

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Sheriff Carpenter requested the Commission to freeze his leave time earned as the Chief Deputy. His balance as of December 31, 2020 was 46 days of vacation leave and 91.5 days of sick leave. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Susie Cvechko, this request was approved.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by David Strait, an order was approved to allow Circuit Court to be held at a location other than the courthouse. The full order can be viewed in the County Clerk's Office, Miscellaneous Records and County Commission Minutes Book.

Following discussion, the renewal of the Rainy Day CDs is tabled until the February 1 meeting.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Susie Cvechko, the yearly IT Support Contract with Global Science Technology (GST) was approved at \$1,592.00 per month for the period of 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021.

Cory Cox provided an update for 911. The new phone system went live on January 13 successfully and with a smooth transition. He thanked the commission for their support with this necessary upgrade.

Commissioners Cvechko, Carpenter and Strait recognized Mark Fink, Levi Gillis and Ethan Knight for their outstanding performance as 911 dispatchers. Cory Cox commented that on December 20 at 6:53am, 911 dispatch took a structure fire call from a disabled citizen that was entrapped. As a result of quick action from these dispatchers, Fire and EMS were able to locate the occupants quickly.

Corey Brandon provided an update for OEM. He received notification that the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of their radio grant was approved in the amount of \$55,000 to replace Sheriff Department Radios. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of this project will be submitted, when the opportunity opens, to replace Municipal radios.

As of today's meeting Barbour is currently in Red on the DHHR map. Weekly COVID-19 conference calls continue. Those involved with vaccine distribution carry on with discussion. There are currently four free COVID-19 test sites and offered five days per week. The saliva-based test pilot program has been a success and is now being offered in other counties.

He provided an update on vaccinations. The state has reallocated vaccinations to regional sites rather than to local health departments. Currently, the nearest sites are located in Randolph and Harrison counties. Barbour County has requirements in place and capable of becoming a vaccination site, just waiting for a vaccination supply.

Additional research is needed for the animal chip reader and tabled at this time.

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On a motion by Susie Cvechko and second by Jamie Carpenter, resolutions to apply for grants from the WV Department of Agriculture for spay and neuter services and FOHO for capital building improvements was approved.

Susie Cvechko mentioned that she attended the ribbon cutting for the Assisted Mountain Living Community facility in Belington and commented what a nice facility it is and an asset for Barbour County.

Commissioner Carpenter mentioned a new business, Deep Freeze Meats, will be opening on Point Pleasant Road. Their expected opening date is scheduled for February 20.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2021 at 5:00pm

Board of Review and Equalization dates are

Friday, January 29- 3pm-4pm

Tuesday, February 2- 3pm-4pm

Friday, February 5- 9am-10am

Wednesday, February 10- 3pm-4pm (minerals)

Tuesday, February 16- 3pm-4pm

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16am.

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Susie Cvechko, President

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