

Barbour County Commission Meeting
June 15, 2022
9:00am

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

Kim Lewis, Dylan Harper, Cheryl Wolfe, Joe Hughes, Jody Carpenter, Mike Fink, Tony Smith, April Sinsel

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order at 9:05am and led the pledge of allegiance.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Susie Cvechko, meeting minutes from June 6, 2022 were approved. 3/0

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, three (3) final settlements were approved. 3/0

ALDA HAMMACK, JOHN HENRY HOLSEY, WOODROW (NMI) CORLEY

A cancelled order was presented for check #35742 written on 5/25/2022 in the amount of \$383.36. The customer reported losing the check. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, this cancelled order was approved. 3/0

A budget revision was presented for General County and Coal Severance. The Coal Severance revision moved funds from contingencies and adjusted other accounts to increase the Regional Jail line item by \$27,000. The General County revision made revenue adjustments and increased the Sheriff Law Enforcement Budget by \$32,000 and the Regional Jail line item by \$22,000. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Susie Cvechko, the budget revision was approved. 3/0

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the appointment of Mary Poling to the Chestnut Ridge Public Service District was approved 3/0 Mrs. Poling submitted a letter of interest following her husband's, William 'Bucky' Poling, passing. Chestnut Ridge PSD also submitted a letter requesting consideration of her appointment. The appointment will be effective 6/15/2022.

April Sinsel presented a budget request for the July 1-2 Independence Day celebration in the amount of \$9,698.68. The event will include a parade, cornhole tournament, lumberjack competition, food vendors, craft vendors and fireworks. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Susie Cvechko, up to \$9,700 was approved from the Park and Recreation fund. 3/0

Fairgrounds maintenance submitted a request to install an AC unit in the maintenance garage. This request was tabled until the next meeting on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

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Jody Carpenter, WVU Extension Agricultural agent, submitted a funding request for a dual project focusing on garden-based learning. The first project will install raised geometrical garden beds at Junior Elementary, Belington Elementary, Belington Middle, Philippi Middle and Philippi Elementary schools. They plan to combine the garden-based learning with school curriculum, nutrition education and plant/soil science. The seconded project will install a demo garden with six 6'x4' raised beds for projects and hands-on workshops at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. They will be located near the fruit trees behind the Mouse Run School and the Grist Mill. He plans to collaborate with the Fair Board for events during the fair. He also noted that he received \$1,000 toward the school project from RC&D. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, \$2,421.96 was approved for these projects. 3/0

Cheryl Wolfe, Barbour County Economic Development Authority, discussed the WIN (Wireless Internet Networks) grant program that is part of the West Virginia Broadband Investment Plan. The primary focus of this grant program is to establish reliable, high speed internet connections to West Virginia State Parks and their surrounding areas. The program will fund extensions or upgrades of existing last-mile wireless broadband networks that can be constructed quickly. Audra State Park is #8 on the program's priority level. Lynx, WV is preparing to submit a project to the program that will supply Audra State Park and surrounding targeted areas with high-speed broadband internet. A letter of support from the County Commission is being requested for this project. As this time, a match commitment is not required. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, a support letter will be prepared for the grant application. 3/0

A discussion was held regarding publishing an RFQ for broadband projects in the county. Cheryl Wolfe suggested forming a committee to review responses and make recommendations to the County Commission. Susie Cvechko made a motion to move forward with publishing an RFQ that considers several areas in the county for broadband connectivity projects, Jamie Carpenter seconded. The Barbour County Economic Development Authority will draft the RFQ with the assistance of Region VII Planning and Development Council. 3/0

Dylan Harper, 911 Director reported that Barbour 911 will begin supporting text to 911 calls in July. The recent heavy rain weather event was also discussed.

A special meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2022 at 3:30pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2022 at 9:00am.

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

Susie Cvechko, President

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