

BARBOUR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

March 2, 2020

5:00 pm

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

Robert Guthrie, Joseph G. Charnoplosky, Tiffany Davis, Samantha George, Brenda Cain, Aneta Farris, Reg Trefethen, Cheryl Wolfe, Dave Clark, Nathan Sandruck, Sherry Sandruck, James Sandy, Kim Lewis, Ruston Seaman, Richard Campbell, Phil Hart, Cory Cox, Corey Brandon, Ron Skidmore, Dylan Harper, Jim Kines

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the February 21, 2020 meeting was approved on a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter.

Exonerations were presented.

Four (4) final settlements were presented. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Susie Cvechko, the following final settlements were approved.

DON LEE MORAN, JR., THEODORE C. RANDS, MARCUS MAYLE, LYNNE LLEWELLYN

Connie Kaufman received a request to appoint the Sheriff to the Randy Coontz, Susan Coontz and Randall Coontz estates. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the Sheriff was appointed to these estates.

Vivian Parsons provided a presentation and update on WVCoRP. WVCoRP provides insurance coverage to 50 of the 55 counties in West Virginia and 112 +/- other entities and owned by its members. The County Commission has been members since its inception. She reported that rates are expected to remain stable. She mentioned the various training programs that are offered, of which several has been utilized in the county.

Cheryl Wolfe, Barbour County Development Authority, and Dave Clark, Woodlands Development, provided an update to the Housing Study that is underway. Information will be gathered to determine what type of homes are available and what type are needed in order to attract people to reside in Barbour County. This study is needed with the influx of jobs by the larger local employers. The Barbour County Economic Development Authority is also partnering with VA Tech and WVU on the study.

Cheryl Wolfe submitted a request for approval to use \$2,400.00 of Coal Bed Methane funds to install a restroom facility in the multi-tenant building at the Belington Industrial Park. The tenant has agreed to donate construction labor. The multi-tenant building is 25,000 sq. ft. and built in 2007. By adding the additional restroom facility, the whole building will have usable space. This improvement is within the guidelines of this fund. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, approval was granted to the Barbour County Economic Development Authority.

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Phil Hart expressed concerns regarding First Out EMS running vehicles inside their bay, creating exhaust build up and a safety hazard to the other tenants. Reggie Trefethen, Barbour County Development Authority, said he would ensure that they have a system for exhaust removal.

Phil Hart, Belington Fire Department, requested to update Ordinance 14-3d-01 to adjust fees allowed by state code 7-1-3d. This change would allow fire departments to charge reasonable reimbursement fees for personnel and equipment used in performing firefighting services, victim rescue, or cleanup of debris of hazardous materials by department personnel. The state code allows for a maximum fee for any single incident or accident not to exceed \$1,500.00. The ordinance, currently, sets the fee at \$500.00. A motion was made by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Susie Cvechko to amend the maximum fee in Ordinance 14-3d-01. The original ordinance passed in 2014.

Phil Hart also gave an update on the Audra water recovery incident. He wanted to recognize Mike Fink and Dylan Harper for a good job during the incident at Audra, as well as the rest of the dispatchers. Over 1,000-man hours were put in by the Junior, Belington and Philippi Departments. Every emergency agency in the county except for the municipal police departments were involved. OEM's command center was also successful and helpful with the efforts. A post incident briefing is scheduled with WVDNR and agencies involved.

The commission complimented Phil Hart on his professional coordination and assisting with the recovery plan. They also thanked Sherry Daugherty for her food donation to the emergency agencies as well as any other person who donated. They heard many complimentary remarks regarding good working relationships among all departments.

Ruston Seaman, Bright Futures Prevention Leader, presented a request to create a budget line item for Youth Prevention/Substance Prevention and allocate \$10,000 in funding to be used for summer initiatives in Philippi, Belington/Junior, Brownton/Galloway, Chestnut Ridge/Arden areas. Brownton Helping Hands community volunteers were also present to describe what their volunteers have been doing to make their community a better place to live. Discussion was held and comments were heard from the audience regarding concerns of drug problems and the importance of prevention.

Bright Future's request will be taken into consideration. While the commission is willing to help, the plan isn't clear to them on where and what the funds would be used for.

Susie Cvechko thanked the Brownton Helping Hands for their attendance and positive efforts in their community and supporting Bright Futures.

A request has been received from the Belington High School Class of 1959 alumni group to make a donation through the County Commission that would be earmarked for the Belington and Philippi Public Libraries, helping the organizations to meet match requirements. The donation of \$650.00 is requested to be divided into \$325.00 for each library. The Ethics Commission and

Auditor's Office has previously been consulted and the donation is allowable. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Susie Cvechko, the budget revision for this request was approved.

Cory Cox provided a 911 report. Included in this discussion was the recognition of not only Mike Fink and Dylan Harper, but all dispatchers. They all did a great job over the course of the Audra water recovery. They will be hearing presentations with phone system vendors over the next couple weeks. The driveway culvert repair has been completed and EOC computer set up is complete.

Ron Skidmore mentioned that a revised quote for an additional cost of \$1,150.00 was received for the relocation of the camera outside the building due to the change over from analog to digital. The commission was all in agreement to approved the revised quote.

OEM participated in a full-scale exercise at Broaddus Hospital and was successful.

Animal Control provided an update for the animal shelter.

Sherry Sandruck was in attendance regarding a proposed resolution declaring Barbour County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary county. Ms. Sandruck asked if the commission would consider adopting the resolution. While the commission is in support of this constitutional amendment, as they are of the whole constitution, they want further review and input from the Prosecuting Attorney before approving. Shana Frey is to let Ms. Sandruck know when the resolution appears on the agenda again.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2020 at 8:30am.

Shana Frey provided an update on the Land and Water Conservation Grant application. An updated boundary map was requested and provided. Feedback is positive and waiting on award announcements.

Comments were heard from the audience regarding gun control and gun problems locally, and nationally.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm on a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Susie Cvechko.

Susie Cvechko, President