Barbour County Commission Meeting March 4, 2024 5:00pm

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

Judie Frey, Ronnie Frey, Dylan Harper, H. David Talbott, David P. Daugherty, Brett Carpenter, Dylan Oliveto, Corey Brandon, Bob Richardson, Kim Lewis, Tony Smith, Jessica Bryzek, Drew Phillips, Judy Larry, Kelley Flaherty, Misty Schola, Rod Kimble, Suzanne Skidmore, Bryan Murphy, Henry McDonald, Kimberly Johnson, Kayla Dodd

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait the February 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

Laurie Austin discussed a letter received on the Minnie Mae Mayle estate.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, five (5) final settlements were approved. The Geraldine Mae Wright estate was approved with revised settlement documents as discussed during the February 16, 2024 meeting. 3/0

GERALDINE MAE WRIGHT, ADRIAN JEWELL BURNER, DOROTHY LEE HALLER, PAUL DOUGLAS LEMASTER, WINNIE MAE HUNT

Commissioner Schola discussed a funding opportunity with the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water and Drinking Water State revolving funds program. Areas to consider include Hacker Creek Road and Shooks Run. Commission will further discuss with the City of Philippi and Region VII Planning and Development Council for possible projects.

Dylan Oliveto provided Ambulance Service updates. The addendum to the MOU and Managerial Agreement has been sent to Belington Emergency Squad to exempt renovations currently in progress. It was requested for the MOU to be returned by March 15. A list of debts from Barbour EMS is being reviewed. The current oxygen supplier will no longer offer customer delivery after March 31. Discussions are being held among agencies for the best option.

Ambulance equipment was discussed. A special meeting will be held on March 6 to consider purchasing necessary equipment that is urgent to operations.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, Philippi Library's request for \$2,000 toward their Book Return project was approved. 3/0

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Dylan Harper and Corey Brandon presented Homeland Security grants for a Radio Cache-\$40,000 and a towable message board sign-\$18,000 to be accepted and approved for purchase. On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, the grant agreements were approved an additional \$2,000 for the towable sign and \$1,613.19 for the radio cache was approved. 3/0

A discussion was held on other grant statuses and are preparing for the next round of Homeland Security applications.

The consideration of purchasing LynxWV equipment for internet connectivity at the fairgrounds was tabled until further discussion with the Barbour County Fair Board.

Kelly Fluarty provided an update that the DEP AML program will take over the Beaver Creek limestone treatment project. For several years, the County Commission help support the Beaver Creek project.

She reported that Save the Tygart has partnered with the Buckhannon Watershed Association to file an application for official designation as a water trail that covers 45 miles from Buckhannon to Philippi, ending just before Arden.

They requested County Commission support by considering a resolution adoption and a contribution toward start-up costs to cover website development, maps, promo stickers and signage. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, \$630.00 and the resolution was approved. 3/0

The floor was open for public comment in order of the meeting sign-up sheet.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2024 at 9:00am.

A special meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2024 at 4:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President