

Barbour County Commission Meeting  
March 7, 2022  
5:00 pm

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

Kim Lewis, Cherri Sturm, Kaytee Thorne, Jennifer Whetzel, Jedd Schola, Deb Dadisman, Dylan Harper, Leroy Stanley, Paul Baker, David W. Bolyard, Jr.

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

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, meeting minutes from February 18, 2022 and February 23, 2022 was approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by David Strait and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, two (2) final settlements were approved. 3/0

STEVE HALL SINSEL, CONNIE M. SKARYA

A budget revision was presented for approval to make adjustments to the following line items- Statewide Computer Network, Data Processing, Federal Grants, and Sheriff's Department. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the budget revision was approved as presented. 3/0

Cherri Sturm discussed the Belington City Park. Upgrades have been made to the pavilions, bathrooms and basketball court. She discussed their playground initiative that will include a new playset, swing set with handicap swings and benches. The total cost of the upgrade is \$34,777.00. They have received \$7,000 in grants and \$16,111.99 in community donations. She delivered a County Commission grant application requesting the remaining balance. The application will be reviewed and appear on the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for funding consideration.

She also updated the Commission on the license plate reader cameras. The City is in the process of upgrading outlets, then the cameras will be functioning.

Paul Baker provided an update on Save the Tygart and reported that over 1,000 ton of limestone has been purchased over the last 5 years. He also reported that insects are beginning to have a presence at Beaver Creek. He is requesting that the County Commission continue supporting their efforts by allocating \$3,000.00 to Save the Tygart. This request will be considered at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dylan Harper, Barbour 911 Director, reported on the 911 outage with Frontier that affected most of West Virginia over the weekend. Cameras at the Tower sites and the gate entrance have been installed and are functioning.

Deb Dadisman was present to discuss the Union Community Center. She explained their active programs and also noted the site is an Election Polling place and considered an Emergency Shelter. COVID-19 has caused their fundraising efforts to be limited and is requesting assistance with their Insurance payment of \$1,648.01, due in April. She noted that events are now being scheduled each month. She was directed to contact Shana Frey for a funding request application. Upon receipt of the application, the request will be considered for funding.

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The Fairgrounds Park & Recreation board is actively updating bylaws. Revisions are not yet finalized; however, it was agreed to allow the park to open on March 1 to the public.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Susie Cvechko, Executive Session was entered at 5:39pm to allow attorney discussion regarding the Opioid MOU agreement/partial settlement. 3/0

Regular Session was resumed at 5:54pm on a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding agreement for partial settlement in the Opioid litigation was approved. 3/0

David Bolyard provided a presentation of "Take Back Our Community" with a local online portal. His presentation explained how funds are lost to nonlocal business who scrape information provided on local websites. The purpose of the local online portal is to help local businesses profit from their online presence, rather than someone else. The portal would allow businesses and agencies to know who is accessing their public information, local people would be employed to monitor and manage ads and ultimately the portal would be able to put local funds back to the local community. There would be no cost to be a member of the portal and funds generated from ad revenue is expected to pay for the cost of the portal. Mr. Bolyard's goal is to launch a pilot program with a focus on economic development authorities and local chamber of commerce programs. He intends to hold Town Hall meetings to engage communities.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2022 at 9:00am.

Connie Kaufman requested a special meeting to approve an order to change the location of Precinct 12's polling place. This meeting is scheduled for March 10 at 4:00pm.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm. 3/0

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Susie Cvechko, President

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