

Barbour County Commission Meeting

May 19, 2023

9:00 am

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

Abby Barnes, H. David Talbott, Dylan Harper, Bob Richardson, Kim Lewis, Phil Bowers, Chris Phillips, Drew Phillips, Bill Hamilton, Robert Karnes, Melissa Hollen, Corey Brandon, Paige Newman, Derick Spencer, Brett Carpenter, Rhett Dusenbury

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:00am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Dave Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the May 1, 2023 meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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

JOSEPH P. COONEY, CHARLES RAYMOND PHILLIPS, THOMAS FREDERICK EVIX

County Clerk, Laurie Austin, presented an objection to the Minnie Mae Mayle estate from Alicia Flynn with a request to appoint a fiduciary to the estate. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, Patricia Proudfoot was appointed to the estate. 3/0

Senator Bill Hamilton, Senator Robert Karnes and Delegate Phillips presented a LEDA check in the amount of \$8,760.00 for the cleaning and preservation of the World War I Dough Boy Statue. An additional \$1,000 will be received from Delegate Phillips. Shana Frey reported work is scheduled to begin during the week of June 26th. The Commission thanked the Senators and Delegate for their support on this project.

Derick Spencer, Assessor requested to appoint Melissa Hollen as a Deputy Assessor as she has acquired the skill necessary to carry out functions of a Deputy Assessor and will be able to sign off on documents. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, Melissa Hollen's appointment was approved. 3/0

Prosecutor Drew Phillips submitted a consent to hire Paige Newman as his Administrative Assistant. She will transfer from the Sheriff's Tax Office. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, this request was approved. 3/0

Matt Kerner, Director of Opportunity House, expressed concerns on property located in Century that appeared on the Delinquent tax list. Assessor Spencer explained a code section regarding non-profits and usage of the property. During the review of the property activity was noted that did not qualify the property to be tax exempt; Mr. Kerner disagreed.

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The County Commission is prohibited to rule on taxability or change tax class, therefore, a request will be made to the WV Tax Commissioner for a determination ruling and the Assessor will follow up with the outcome.

Corey Brandon discussed preparation for upcoming events. Barbour and Upshur Emergency Management has a meeting scheduled to discuss the upcoming WAMSB event that will take place July 17-24. Bands from Switzerland and Costa Rica are expected to be lodged on the Alderson Broaddus University campus.

Arch Coal will be participating in NIMS training. OEM/911 has been working with Allegheny Met of their safety plan implementation.

Several Floodplain/Development permit applications have been received.

Dylan Harper provided a 911 update. He requested consent to hire Marissa Schiefelbein and Justin Campbell to fill fulltime vacancies. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the request was approved. 3/0

Sheriff Carpenter reported the two new deputies will begin the police academy in June. Deputy Kennedy and Deputy Mayle are now the K9 handlers. Applications are being accepted for a PRO officer and Sheriff Tax Deputy.

He reported the three cruisers on order will be ready for delivery once the cages are installed.

City of Philippi Mayor, Phil Bowers submitted a request for continued support of the Summer Concert Series. He reported the city has contributed \$9,000 and requesting \$5,000 from the County. The events saw success last year and brought economic benefit to the city. 17 North will be utilized during weather events. On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, \$5,000.00 was approved for the City of Philippi Summer Concert Series. Mayor Bowers appreciates the collaboration and partnership with the county to make the Summer Concert Series a success. 3/0

Mayor Bowers also asked the commission to consider purchasing blinds for the Gazebo. Further discussion will be held.

Philippi Middle School Basketball submitted a request to purchase a High-Rep Shot trainer and basketballs. This request was tabled.

The Philip Barbour Skills USA team submitted a request for support toward their National Leadership Conference trip. Twelve students from the Fred Eberle Technical Center will be participating on the National Level. Philip Barbour students, Andrew Morris, Taran Thomason and Logan Shriver is the first Junior class to win at States in the welding division. They will go on to compete on a National Level where they will be allotted 6 ½ hours to build a charcoal grill.

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Combined, the teams have raised \$10,000.00. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, \$1,500.00 will be contributed to the Philip Barbour SkillsUSA team. 3/0

Shana Frey presented a Host Agency agreement for the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Senior Community Service Employment Program is a community service and work-based job training program for older Americans. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the Host Agency agreement was approved. 3/0

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2023 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President

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Laurie L. Austin, Clerk
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