

Barbour County Commission Meeting

May 20, 2022

9:00 am

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

Thomas Hoxie, Corey Brandon, Brett Carpenter, Phil Bowers, Dylan Harper, Lauren Norman, Wesley Gray, Kim Lewis

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order at 9:00am and led the pledge of allegiance.

The third reading was held for the Barbour County Enhanced 911 Ordinance amendments. The amendment is to update fees imposed on local exchange service lines to finance the projected costs of capital improvement and maintenance costs of the Enhanced Emergency Telephone System and associated Emergency Dispatch Equipment - Residential from \$3.00 to \$3.15; Business from \$3.00 to \$4.00; Centrix from \$0.00 to \$0.25.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the Barbour County Enhanced 911 Ordinance amendments were approved. 3/0

Two corrections were included in final revision of meeting minutes which include: 1) The Wireless Map fund is held at People's Bank, not Freedom Bank as discussed in the meeting. 2) ARP-8- HVAC system was not removed from the project but reduced funding was requested for the HVAC system. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, meeting minutes from May 2, 2022 were approved with noted corrections. 3/0

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, four (4) final settlements were approved. 3/0

ETHEL LOUISE RIGHMAN, ROGER ALAN POLING, JAMES ALBERT FOX, VIRGIE GENEVA MCLEAN

A cancelled order was presented from the Sheriff's Tax Office for two checks due to having the wrong routing number on the checks. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the cancelled order was approved and checks will be reissued. 3/0

Prosecutor Hoxie discussed the Sheriff's Department body camera deficiencies. The video works sufficiently, however audio is insufficient and causes some footage to be ineligible for trials. The cameras are approximately ten years old. Sheriff Carpenter reported that grants have been applied for. Prosecutor Hoxie is requesting the Commission to go through with the purchase of new body cameras if the grants do not get approved for funding. Sheriff Carpenter desires to get fifteen cameras. Commissioners recognize the need for the body cameras and requested the Sheriff to get a quote for the body cameras and present it at a June meeting.

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Prosecutor Hoxie report that his VOCA grant funded Victim Advocate resigned from her position. He is recommending to accept the reinstatement of Charlene Stemple for this position. He will request this as an agenda item for the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sheriff Carpenter and Chief Tax Deputy Lauren Norman presented the 2021 Delinquent tax list that became delinquent on April 1, 2022. She also discussed that Tax Offices will no longer be conducting land sales. Unpaid taxes as of October 31 will now be certified to the state.

A scope change on the Sheriff's Department's USDA grant was discussed. There continues to be a delay on the availability of the Dodge Ram truck as approved. Discussion was held to change the scope to purchase a Dodge Durango with these funds. Susie Cvechko made a motion to table this action until the quote for the Dodge Durango is received, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0 Sheriff Carpenter indicated he would have the quote by the next meeting.

Dylan Harper, 911 Director provided an update on County Road signs. They have audited approximately 30% of the county and 25 signs and 15 posts need to be replaced so far. After this year's full review, they plan to divide the county in thirds and review every third year.

He discussed Text to 911 and will be getting more information for further discussion.

The Mobile Command trailer is scheduled to be shipped May 20<sup>th</sup> and plan to utilize it during the Blue & Gray Reunion. Identifying wrap/decal options were discussed. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the basic wrap option was approved in the amount of \$750.00. 3/0

The consent to hire a Deputy Assessor is tabled.

Corey Brandon, OEM Director, discussed the repair to the Comm Center generator. This quote has been tabled until further review.

He reported on the recent high-water event, upcoming training exercises, conferences, trainings and grants. He also discussed current COVID-19 conditions in the county.

Senator Randy Smith was successful with obtaining \$6,000.00 in state funds for capital improvements at the Tacy Community Center. The funds are being passed through the County Commission. A budget revision will be sent to the State Auditor's Office for approval, then a check will be written to the Tacy Community Center in this amount. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, the budget revision was approved. 3/0

Commissioner Cvechko mentioned that Senator Smith also obtained funds for the Union and Mt. Liberty Community Centers. She received word that Delegate Chris Phillips obtained \$3,000.00 in state funds for the Tacy Community Center. Union and Mt. Liberty Community Centers also submitted a request to Delegate Phillips, however the status is not known at this time.

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A Records Management and Preservation Board grant was awarded to the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$10,000.00 and County Clerk in the amount \$1,430.00 for digitizing records. Susie Cvechko made a motion to accept the grant agreement, David Strait seconded. 3/0

City of Philippi Mayor Bowers discussed plans for their Municipal Event grant funds that were previously approved. The City of Philippi has also committed \$8,500 to their event. They will be organizing a Summer Concert Series with weekly music events. The City Manager plans to seek grant funding for following years. They intend to plan their events on evenings that compliment other activities occurring within the City.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2022 at 5:00pm.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36am. 3/0

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Susie Cvechko, President

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