

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

Kim Lewis, Thomas Hoxie

By conference call: Cheryl Wolfe, Reggie Trefethen, Corey Brandon, Jim Kines, Ruston Seaman

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

On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting was approved.

Connie Kaufman presented seven (7) final settlements. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the following final settlements were approved.

CHARLES DAVID SCHEICK, CORY MCDADE-PASCOE, RAMONA SHIMP FRIES, DANNIE MURL MAYLE, RALPH DENNIS SIGLEY, AUBREY WARREN WRIGHT, VIOLET VICTORIA HYMES

The Commission noted the change in Election Day from May 12, 2020 to June 9, 2020. Connie Kaufman reviewed the deadline to register to vote or change their party is May 19th, Early Voting is May 27-June 6, Absentee ballots must be requested by June 3. Public voting machine testing will occur on May 20, 2020. The Clerk's office has mailed out 2,120 ballots and have received 483 back, so far.

The Barbour County Development Authority discussed the multi-tenant building at the Belington Industrial Park and the need for the fire system to be brought up to code. Cheryl Wolfe provided background of how the Development Authority acquired the building and some of its history. She reported that the building currently has three tenants, the first time it's been fully occupied. It was discovered the building's fire system is not to code and the system has become obsolete. The newest tenant, First Out EMS, cannot begin operations until the system is brought to code and their additional monitoring requirements are installed. Several discussions were held and it was determined that Barbour Economic Development Authority has the responsibility to provide a working fire alarm system throughout the whole building.

Discussion was held as to why the fire system on a \$1.8 million building was not factored into their budget. Mrs. Wolfe expressed the financial burden the multi-tenant building has on their operating budget due to tenants paying minimal rent fees, the building's upkeep costs, and the continued budget cuts from state funding. Previous system failures have resulted in \$5,000 - \$10,000 added expense to fix the system problems- now the system has become obsolete and nonrepairable.

The Economic Development Authority obtained an estimate of \$15,892.00 from Electronic Specialty Company and requested that the County Commission financially assists them in getting the fire system back to code. The County Commission asked several questions to Cheryl Wolfe and Reggie Trefethen and determined that it was necessary to provide assistance. Susie Cvechko made a motion to approve up to \$16,000 to the Barbour County Development Authority for the purpose of installing an updated

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fire system at the multi-tenant building in the Belington Industrial Park, Tim McDaniel seconded the motion and all were in favor.

An update was given regarding the online payment option for taxes. The online option has been well perceived and user friendly. To date, tax collections are comparable to past years.

Discussions were held regarding the State of WV COVID-19 Block Grant. Susie Cvechko commented that these funds have raised a lot of questions with little answers. It was discussed to draft a letter to the Governor's Office in regards to Barbour's intentions of using COVID-19 Block Grant funds in an attempt to seek written approval. These expenditures include: County-wide stockpile of PPE supplies that would be managed by OEM and can be requested by county agencies and county healthcare facilities; controlled environment storage facility to store all supplies; COVID-19 sanitizing kits; transport ventilator; countertop safety barriers; First Responder overtime in direct relation to COVID-19; additional 3d printers to self-produce face masks and shields; and COVID-19 test kits when they become available. Based on guidelines that were received with the block grant, these expenditures should fall within allowable expenditures and best benefit the community.

Discussions were held with Corey Brandon on immediate needs, which include isolation gowns, surgical masks, cleaning supplies. All commissioners agreed to pursue purchasing immediate need items.

Corey Brandon inquired about supplies for the Election. Connie reported that County Clerks were able to make requests to the WV Secretary of State for supplies and she is waiting on delivery.

Corey Brandon provided an OEM update. OEM is continuously monitoring the COVID-19 situation and participating in endless conference calls. The National Guard provided a supply vendor list that is being vetted through. He also mentioned the services that are being offered by the National Guard to communities. He reported the state supply allocations have not been a sufficient supply and he is recommending agencies to seek out their own supply options as well. Weekly Tuesday and Friday conference calls are successful.

The County Commission commended Corey for the way he is handling situations.

The next regular meeting is May 15, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Susie Cvechko asked if anyone on the call had additional comments. Ruston Seaman requested to provide an update of the grant application being submitted by the Bright Futures Coalition. He is requesting the County Commission to be an active participator with the Coalition. Susie Cvechko stated she plans to continue working with the Coalition either as an individual or as a County Commission representative. Further discussion will be placed on the May 15th agenda.

Susie Cvechko reported that a part time RN is planned to be hired at the Health Department and billing is getting better. The next Board of Health meeting is on Wednesday at 3:00pm.