

BARBOUR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

August 1, 2019

5:00 pm

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

John Cutright, Kim Lewis, Corey Brandon, Ron Skidmore

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the meeting minutes from July 1 and July 11, 2019 were approved.

Exonerations were presented.

John Cutright discussed an upcoming case with a pipeline company, Graylock, regarding their assessment sheet value. This same issue is affecting six other counties in the same way. Cutright discussed that Jerry Knight and Randall Saunders is willing to represent all seven counties and divide costs evenly. They will work with an attorney to be a mediator for all the cases. The commission is in favor of joining with the other counties and have taken Assessor Cutright's explanations under advisement. The CCAWV conference is being held August 4-6 and they would like to have a discussion with fellow commissioners regarding this case. Susie Cvechko made a motion to table on how to respond until meeting with fellow commissioners; Tim McDaniel seconded.

Connie Kaufman presented seven (7) final settlements. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the following was approved.

FOREST EDWIN KELLEY, GENEVA BELLE HEDRICK, DANIEL S. BOWES, ROBERT RUSSELL UNCAPHER, MONROE MILLER, JEFFREY BRENT PHARIS, LEWIS HENRY BECK, JR.

Connie Kaufman presented a request from four heirs from the Lang estate for the Sheriff to be appointed. They each wrote letters explaining their reasoning. The Sheriff reported he secured the house and removed liquidable assets to keep them secure. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter this request was approved.

Shana Frey presented a budget adjustment to include a reimbursement from North Central Regional EMS, Inc (NCREMS) in the amount of \$4,244.75. This board has dissolved and is returning contributions to agencies. Their intentions with these funds were to provide education, training, and EMS related equipment. They requested allocations being returned to be used in the same manner. Shana Frey will send a letter to Barbour County EMS and Belington EMS requesting a priority list of equipment and training needs and distribute the funds equally toward their needs. Also included in this revision is moving some expenses from Other Buildings line items to Park and Recreation line items. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Tim McDaniel, this revision was approved.

Jeremy Drennen, City Manager for the City of Philippi submitted a contribution request in the amount of \$25,000 for an environmental study on the City's Newman Bottom property. If this study shows positive results, it can provide the Little Laurel Run Dam project with a multimillion-dollar savings in mitigation costs and will largely determine the feasibility of the Little Laurel Run Project. The commission thanked Mr. Drennen for his leadership and interest in pursuing valuable projects. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter this request was approved. Tim McDaniel also noted that about

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twelve years ago, the commission provided funding for a site determination study for the Little Laurel Run project.

Donna Jones was approved for full time employment as the Records Clerk.

The Sheriff's Settlement was submitted timely in accordance to WV Code 6-8-1.

The Community Corrections program received approval for their grant and received good ratings. Tammy Narog will provide additional information at the Community Correction board meeting.

OEM provided additional information regarding their FirstNet phone proposal. They were able to use a temporary phone to test service against other providers and it was comparable. Ron Skidmore reported that enough fees from the floodplain permit would cover the costs. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, a two-year contract at \$46.98 per phone/per month and the \$0.99 cent phone option was approved.

Corey Brandon noted that there will be a Rabie Drop in Barbour and surrounding counties August 22–September 9.

Executive session was entered on a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Tim McDaniel at 6:15 pm.

Regular Session resumed at 6:50 pm on a motion by Susi Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter

Tim McDaniel reported that the County Extension agent position has been posted

Ethics and Open Meetings training is being held on August 20.

Next Regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:00 pm due to Labor Day being on Monday September 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Susie Cvechko, President