

Barbour County Commission Meeting

November 6, 2023

5:00pm

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

Kim Lewis, H. David Talbott, David P. Daugherty, Brian Kilgore, Cheryl Wolfe, Tony Smith, Brandi Pickens, Kimberly Johnson, Pam Winans, Mandy Hedrick, Bob Richardson, Nancy K. Dotson, Suzanna Skidmore, Derek Hart, Dylan Harper, Corey Brandon, Drew Phillips, Wesley Gray, Terry Gould, Cory Cox, Kristy Kline

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

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, the October 23, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, five (5) final settlements were approved. 3/0

RANDALL EUGENE FITZWATER, MARTIN DUPONT, SHELBY J. MORELAND, DONNA M. MORGAN, WILLIAM FRANCIS POLING

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, a cancelled order was approved for a presumed lost check to Stewarts Sanitation. 3/0

No comments were made during the public comment period.

Nancy Dotson presented a proclamation to declare November as the National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

Barbour County Economic Development Authority submitted a participation and cooperation resolution for their 2023-24 LED grant program, with a commitment of \$30,000 from the County Commission. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded David Strait, this resolution was approved. 3/0

Mrs. Wolfe provided an update on Prodigy Broadband project. Prodigy was awarded a \$7 million grant that will serve 803 households from Preston County to almost Belington; Route 38 to Dan Town Bridge; Valley Furnace to Tucker County line. The grant agreement has been executed and they received a Notice to Proceed. Once permits are acquired from Mon Power, construction will begin.

Barbour County Ambulance staff presented questions and concerns to the commission in regards to reorganization plans, staffing, salary and benefits. The commission responded based on a variety of circumstances.

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On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, a Public Safety Consulting Contract was approved with SCARS, specifically Dylan Oliveto, to provide consulting services on processes, operations, administrative guidance and recommendations for redevelopment of SOPs for Barbour County Ambulance Service. 3/0

April Sinsel, Barbour County Event Coordinator, discussed ideas and projects at the fairgrounds.

Terry Gould, Hodgesville PSD, requested support for a Murphy Station water extension project to Auvil Road that would serve 6 families and potentially 14 more. Following discussion, David Strait made a motion to contribute \$49,910.00 from Coal Reallocation funds; Jedd Schola seconded and passed unanimously. Further discussion was held. The commission requested Mr. Gould to have a cost available at the next meeting to enlarge the water line so additional capacity was available for future growth.

Discussion was held regarding community facilities in the county. Jamie Carpenter made a motion; Jedd Schola seconded, to allocate \$20,000.00 from Coal Severance funds to the following community facilities: Arden Community Building, Belington Civic Center, Brownton (Helping Hands) Community Building, Brushyfork Community Building, Camp Barbour, Chestnut Ridge Community Building, Junior Community Building, Mt. Liberty Community Building, Nestorville Community Building, Tacy Community Building, Talbott Community Building, Union Community Building; along with the necessary budget revision. 3/0 Discussion was held regarding eligible uses and reporting requirements. Each facility will receive this documentation.

Bryan Kilgore provided information about the Fraternal Order of Police Seneca Trail Lodge #104 Christmas initiative. On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, a \$2,000 contribution was approved. 3/

Dylan Harper requested to table the consent to hire request.

Corey Brandon provided an OEM update.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, Fund 40- Opioid Settlement and Fund 41- County Fire Protection Fund (as required by SB1021) was approved. 3/0

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2023 at 9:00am.

Dave Daughtery was recognized to provide comment. He expressed concerns regarding the condition of Porterfield Drive and requested the commission's assistance with communication to DOH and Governor's Office to get the road resurfaced and widened.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President

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