

Barbour County Commission Meeting

October 15, 2021

9:00am

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

Dylan Harper, Kim Lewis, Phil Bowers, Alexis Serback, Brett Carpenter, Corey Brandon, Katie Wolpert, Josh Hymes, April Sinsel

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

The commission meeting was also held via conference call.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the October 4, 2021 meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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

SALLY LOU MOORE, DENVER EARL HUNT, WILMA LORAIN HUNT, LINDA LOU PRICE, STEVE KURUCZ, Jr.

Alexis Serback read the proclamation to declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Corey Brandon discussed preliminary findings of the OEM/911 tower inspection. He explained the antennas are fiberglass with a coating on the outside. Over time, the coating has worn off and they are beginning to retain moisture. He will discuss necessary replacements at the November 1 meeting.

A quote for a structural engineering analysis at 185 Antenna Drive from Premiere Construction Group was approved in the amount of \$5,480.00 on a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

Dylan Harper presented a contract from Language-Line Services for interpretation services on 911 calls. The cost is \$1.95 per minute, as needed. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the contract was approved. 3/0

He also reported the radio equipment has been delivered and expecting a November installation.

The Sheriff's Department radios are programmed and ready for distribution after officers are provided training.

Discussion was held regarding 911 fees on landlines.

Mayor, Phil Bowers presented a funds request for the Philippi Christmas Committee in the amount of \$1,500.00 to help support their efforts. Events planned include Christmas trees on the Courthouse lawn and throughout Philippi, Christmas Parade, Play, Stroll and various other activities. Mayor

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Bowers explained that all donations collected through their efforts are donated back to non-profits in the county. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, this request was approved.

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The resignation of Terry Wilfong from the Parks & Recreation Board was accepted. Commissioner Cvechko noted that he started the Blue & Gray Reunion 30 years ago, served on the Fire Department and Fair Board for 20+ years and the Parks and Recreation board for 15 years. She commended his volunteerism to the county.

Commissioner Cvechko suggested placing an advertisement in the newspaper for board vacancies. All agreed.

Barbour County Economic Development Authority submitted a participation and cooperation resolution for their 2021-2022 LED grant program, requesting a commitment of \$24,000 from the County Commission. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded Jamie Carpenter, this request was approved. 3/0

Connie Kaufman updated the commission on the ExpressPoll Tablets. After further discussion with ES&S, she would like to move forward with purchasing two tablets for early voting. At this time, grant funds are not available from the Secretary of State, however there is a possibility for future funds to become available. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the quote from ES&S for two ExpressPoll tablets, including necessary software, printer and services, was approved in the amount of \$9,644.00. 3/0

April Sinsel provided an update on events at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. She reported a low turnout for the Fall Fest and has noted things to change for next year. The Fair board's Demolition Derby was successful and had good attendance. A Big Truck Cruise-In is scheduled for October 30. April and members of the Park & Recreation board are planning a drive through Christmas Light display and has been working with the Philippi Christmas Committee.

She also reported that policy and procedures for the Fairgrounds are being developed and Park & Recreation bylaws are being reviewed.

Shana Frey presented grant resolutions for the following programs: Barbour Community Foundation-Fairgrounds Park improvements; Land and Water Conservation Fund-Fairgrounds Park improvements; Records Management Preservation Board- County Clerk and Circuit Clerk digitizing projects; SHPO Survey and Planning – Valley Furnace property. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, the resolutions to file for funding was approved. 3/0

Sheriff Carpenter and Chief Hymes, Belington PD, presented a quote from Advantage Technologies to purchase 2 license plate reader cameras and necessary licenses and installation in the amount of \$14,959.63. Discussion was held regarding placement and the multiple benefits. The City of Belington is requesting funding assistance for this purchase. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, \$10,000 from CARES reimbursement funds will be contributed toward this project. 3/0

The Sheriff requested to table the deputy body cameras for further research.

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On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, executive session was entered at 10:30am.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, regular session was resumed at 10:45am.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, \$10,000 from CARES reimbursement funds was approved to purchase a used vehicle for the Sheriff's Department.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2021 at 5:00pm.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50am. 3/0

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Susie Cvechko, President

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