

Barbour County Commission Meeting

October 16, 2020

8:30 am

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

Kim Lewis, Chasity McBee, Larry McGill, James Sandy, Brett Carpenter, Stephanie Gomez, Cory Cox, Corey Brandon, Deanna Allen, Alicia Bosely

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order at 8:30am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to COVID-19 circumstances, the commission meeting was also held via conference call.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Tim McDaniel, October 5th meeting minutes were approved.

Exonerations were presented.

Grant applications will be submitted to the Records Management Preservation Board. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Susie Cvechko, a resolution to authorize the President of the Commission to submit these applications was approved.

Connie Kaufman discussed options to provide live Election results outdoors on Election night. A quote was received from Advanced Solutions Koncepts to develop a program to generate live results and project on a TV screen; location is to be determined. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the quote in the amount of \$375.00 was approved pending Connie confirming with Secretary of State that no restrictions are in place that disallows this.

Alicia Bosely read a Proclamation to declare October as Domestic Violence Month in Barbour County. She reported that this proclamation is a joint effort between the Centers Against Violence and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office-Charlene Stemple. Susie Cvechko signed the proclamation.

Barbour County Economic Development Authority submitted a participation and cooperation resolution for their 2020-2021 LED grant program, requesting a commitment of \$24,000 from the County Commission. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded Tim McDaniel, this request was approved.

The Barbour County Sheriff's office submitted a consent to hire Annette Lach as a full-time Tax Deputy in the Sheriff's Tax Office. Her employment is to begin October 21. All were in agreement for consent to hire.

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Chief Deputy Carpenter submitted a letter on behalf of Barbour County Sheriff Deputies requesting the Commission to consider a policy addendum to allow Deputies to receive a cash payout, or at a minimum, to carry over vacation days in excess of allowable carryover per civil service code. While the commission understands the department is short staffed, discussions were held that as the current policy is written, this is not allowable. If found that this can be accomplished, the commission will take the request under consideration. Further discussion revealed that no vacation requests were made between January and June and it was also noted that vacation requests have not been denied.

Further discussion was held on the Wireless Mapping vehicle. The state bid contract on the Jeep Trail Hawk expires on October 30th. Discussions with dealerships determined that typically state bids increase 4-5% in cost each year. Stephens Auto Center provided a quote of \$29,745.00 for a 2021 Jeep Cherokee Trail Hawk under the state contract and delivery is expected 60-90 days from ordering, however holidays could further delay. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the vehicle was approved for purchase.

On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, a quote from DC Computers was approved in the amount of \$1,275.00 for radio programming cables.

The Pitney Bowes postage machine contract is up for renewal. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter the contract was renewed with a five-year agreement at \$995.46 quarterly. It was noted that the new machine will not have color capability since color isn't utilized and it is also a cost savings.

One bid was received for the Fairgrounds Restroom project from J. Foy Construction in the amount of \$83,654.93. \$37,500 will be paid with the Land and Water Conservation grant. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Tim McDaniel, this bid was approved.

Lateral inspection for the Century No. 1 project was discussed and tabled. Two quotes were received; however, one was for a full-time inspector and the other was priced per lateral. A revised quote from CEC will be requested reflecting a full-time inspector.

James Sandy provided a report for Animal Control. The overflow building is nearing completion. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the purchase of a Big Maxx workshop unit heater was approved for the overflow building.

Animal Control training will be held at the Quonset Hut October 19-23.
Spring maintenance projects were discussed.

Shana Frey gave an update on COVID-19 funding and reported that a reimbursement was approved for a portion of OEM and 911 Director salaries and for the live streaming equipment.

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Following the October 5th commission meeting, Stephanie Gomez submitted a memo addressing concerns and disagreements to her employment discharge. She requested the status of these complaints and what action would be taken. The Commission advised that her memo would be reviewed and all reasonable action taken, and that the Commission would advise Ms. Gomez upon the completion of its review.

Deanna Allen made comment in regards to an exoneration for H3 LLC and asked for consideration before the Tax Sale on October 20th. The State Tax Department would have to provide documentation to show an over charge in order for an exoneration to be prepared. The County Commission requires this information prior to exoneration approval.

The next meeting will be held on November 2nd at 4:00pm.

Susie Cvechko made note that the Census count was complete and is pleased with the response.

She also noted that Adaland hired a new part-time Executive Director, Jo Lynn Powers.

Dr. Holbert is now the Medical Director for the Health Department.

Flu Shots for employees were discussed and a date will be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am on a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter.

Susie Cvechko, President