

Barbour County Commission Meeting

September 15, 2023

9:03am

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

Dylan Harper, Michael Rexroad, Kim Lewis, Katie Wolpert, Wesley Gray, Cheryl Crouse, Andrew Walker, Corey Bradon, Derick A. Spencer, H. David Talbott, Andrew Phillips, Josh Allen, Keith Nuzum

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:03am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The third and final reading was held for the Barbour County Enhanced 911 Ordinance amendment. The amendment is to update fees imposed on local exchange service lines to finance the projected costs of capital improvement and maintenance costs of the Enhanced Emergency Telephone System and associated Emergency Dispatch Equipment - Residential from \$3.15 to \$3.64; Business from \$4.00 to \$4.25; Centrix from \$0.25 to \$0.50. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the Barbour County Enhanced 911 Ordinance amendment was approved and will be effective January 1, 2024. 3/0

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, the August 18, 2023 regular meeting, August 24, 2023 special meeting, and September 1, 2023 special meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, eight (8) final settlements were approved. 3/0

EVANGELINE MYERS POLING, JOHN J. GRAHAM, CAROLINE ROSALIE ALLEN, MICHAEL WARREN WHITE, DAVID LEE TUSING, RUSSEL CARL BUMGARDNER, LONA MARLINE KEENE, DANNY RAY STONE

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, Cheryl Wolfe, Director of Barbour County Economic Development Authority was appointed to the Region VII Planning and Development Council board to fulfill the vacant private sector seat. 3/0

Andrew Walker, Executive Director of the Mountaineer Trail Network, provided an overview and update on the Network and requested Katie Wolpert to be appointed to the board. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the appointment was approved. 3/0

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the resignation of Susie Cvechko from the Board of Health was accepted. 3/0

A notice of Lis Pendens was received from Nelson Steve Marteney that he has filed a civil lawsuit to establish the validity of the Nov 24, 2021 will of Ervin Severn McVicker. At this time, the commission has no action to take.

Josh Allen, Barbour Community Health Association, provided a briefing on opioid settlement task force meetings being held in Randolph County. He will keep abreast and provide updates to the commission.

Upon recommendation from Sheriff Carpenter, Deputy Daniel Barcus is appointed as Humane Officer in accordance to WV Code 7-10-1 and will undertake the duties of Animal Control on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola. As a result, a budget revision is necessary to move \$14,500 from contingencies to the animal control budget.

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A discussion was held on Deputy Barcus' vehicle. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, a truck topper was approved for an existing F150 from High Mountain in the amount of \$4,426.00, paid from the Coal Severance Fund. 3/0

Sheriff Carpenter requested the consent to hire and permission to begin Civil Service testing procedures. The request was approved on a motion by Jamie Carpenter seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

In September 2021, Barbour County 911 signed a Motorola Lifecycle and Maintenance contract. Since the signing of the contract, Motorola standardized the pricing for WV SIRN connected dispatch centers, reducing the cost of the full-term contract by \$62,014.82. Dylan Harper presented a change order to accept the revised pricing. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the change order was accepted. 3/0

Dylan Harper presented the First Amendment to 'Tower Lease Agreement' dated November 11, 2008 with Verizon Wireless. The amendment reduced the monthly rent to \$1,240.00 for a 5-year term. Discussion was held. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the amendment was approved 3/0

A discussion was held regarding a 911 vehicle. It was determined a retired cruiser will be repurposed to 911.

Mike Rexroad presented Certificates of Appreciation for having the World War I Dough Boy cleaned. He also talked about the 100th anniversary celebration that will be held on November 4th.

The Philippi Christmas Committee submitted a request for funding in the amount of \$1,500 that will purchase additional decorations and Christmas lights. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the request was approved. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to allocate \$135,000 of ARP funds to be used for the purpose of purchasing maintenance equipment for the fairgrounds, Jedd Schola seconded. A budget revision to be prepared accordingly. 3/0

Maintenance staff did research and sought bids on equipment necessary for maintenance needs at the fairgrounds. Bids were reviewed. Jamie Carpenter made a motion to purchase the following equipment utilizing ARP funds: John Deer 60P Excavator with a 30EX-DH brush mower- (Leslie Equipment \$104,000); 16k 83x20 hydraulic tilt trailer- (Newlons \$11,121.20); Ferris ISX 3300 72" cut mower- (Varner's Outdoor Powersports \$17,500), Jedd Schola seconded. Several projects are pending that can be accomplished in house with the equipment and these purchases are considered long-term investments. 3/0

The purchase of a mower for the courthouse and county properties was tabled for additional information.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the quote from Designer Concrete & Curbing in the amount of \$4,932.00 was approved to install epoxy flooring to the remaining basement areas (old deputy area) 3/0

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One bid was received from Exterior Services SWV, Inc. in the amount of \$56,600.00 for Tennis Court Resurfacing. The project was tabled and will be put to bid again in an attempt to receive additional responses.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the Court Security grant agreement was accepted, signed and approval to proceed with project scope. 3/0

A discussion was held regarding the permanent use of the front doors.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 2, 2023 beginning at 5pm.

Commissioner Schola reported that he attended the Flag dedication at the Philip Barbour Athletic Complex. It was a nice program and the commission's contribution was well spent.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.
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Jamie Carpenter, President

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