

BARBOUR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

September 3, 2019

5:00 pm

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

Ruston Seaman, John Cutright, Betty Daugherty, Kim Lewis, John Armentrout, Tammy Narog, Kent McVicker, Hunter Beall, Donetta McVicker, Dana L. Gould, Robin Humphreys, Nancy Stewart, Holly McDermott, Danny Lee Franke, Linda Durrett, Jaycie Blankenship, Lindsay Penwell, Tiffany Ridgeway, Natalie Wiethe, Jacob Seech, Kim Seech, Ron Skidmore

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

On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting minutes from August 1 and August 23, 2019 were approved.

Exonerations were presented.

Connie Kaufman presented nine (9) final settlements. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the following final settlements were approved.

ELVIN LEE GIBSON, SAMUEL GLENN FELTON, JUDITH CAROL FREEMAN, DAVID LEE COLE, MAMIE BERNETTA FINNEY, MICHAEL DALE POLING, LAYMAN LYNN WARE, DEBORAH TRADER, DENVER EUGENE TALLMAN.

Shana Frey presented a cancelled order request regarding a check issued to Attenti. The company did not receive the check dated for June 14, 2019 in the amount of \$1,462.40 and it has not cleared the bank. It is being presumed lost. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the cancelled order was accepted and a check can be reissued.

A proclamation was presented to proclaim September as Suicide Prevention month. Several members from Broadus Hospital was in attendance, showing support. Statistics were provided that suicide is the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in West Virginia and West Virginia is the 8<sup>th</sup> most prevalent state for suicide.

A proclamation was presented by John Armentrout to proclaim the week of September 23-27 as WV Association of Retired School Employees and Barbour County Association of Retired School Employees month.

Philip Barbour Band submitted their yearly fundraising campaign. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, "Drum Major's Level" for \$500 was approved.

Barbour County Youth Football submitted a request for \$337.50 to cover the cost of helmet stickers, showing support to Barbour County. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Tim McDaniel, this request was approved. The check is to be made to Sports-n-Spokes.

The Barbour County Development Authority submitted a request for \$5,000 to be used toward obtaining a \$25,000 county wide housing market study. Woodlands Development Group and

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Natural Capital Investment Fund have committed \$10,000 each through grants. The study is needed due to the expansion of two coal mines in the county and to help support developers who would like to obtain funding to build new housing in the area. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and second by Susie Cvechko, this contribution was approved.

Barbour County Economic Development Authority presented a participation and cooperation resolution for their 2020-2021 LED grant program. They are asking for a commitment of \$24,000 from the County Commission. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, this request was approved.

Tammy Narog provided an update on the Community Corrections program and discussed the case load and community service. She is applying for a Recovery Coach and a Telehealth Coordinator grant. She also mentioned being awarded the \$120,000 grant for daily operations. This amount is consistent to last year's funding. Susie Cvechko mentioned that she appreciated the extra help participants provided to the Senior Center during the time their elevator was out of service. Tim McDaniel also mentioned positive feedback regarding their help at the Fair.

Gerald Fogg requested consideration for employment of Bradley Allen, temporary part-time, to do record projects in his office. The commission was in approval of this request.

Hunter Beall was in attendance to express concerns regarding the washed-out culvert on Mansfield Drive. It has been washed out for two years and has had a negative effect on river recreation and limited access to emergency vehicles. The City of Philippi and the WV DNR originally installed the culvert; Mr. Beall has been in contact with numerous state agencies trying to get funding assistance. Ron Skidmore with OEM suggested that he contact Lynn Phillips, the Governor's Liaison. A visit will be scheduled in the near future.

Susie Cvechko provided an update on public service districts. She recently attended a Chestnut Ridge PSD meeting and they are working with Thrasher Engineering on a \$3 million project application that will include valve and line replacements, equipment, and other maintenance needs. They are also meeting with Region VII to begin work on GIS mapping of their system.

Century Volga is moving forward with the Century Sewer project. The contractor anticipates beginning work in September. Customers have asked about hooking their homes to the system. This will take place toward completion of the project in 2020. They also recently installed a 2" meter for a new campground at Audra Park for Kick Back-n-Camp.

Ruston Seaman provided a brief overview from findings with Bright Futures project. He explained the approach Iceland is taking that has proved successful and encouraged extra funds be allocated toward organized youth activities that are ran by professional youth leaders. A more in dept presentation will be organized at a later date.



A 911 report was provided prior to the meeting. A lengthy discussion was held.

Ron Skidmore, OEM discussed items including the success of the command trailer at the Fair; finalization of the after-action report for the Slurry Pond exercise; upcoming GIS meeting with Region VII; and trainings.

The Dog Warden provided a report for August. Discussion was held for the purchase of a weed eater for the Dog Kennel grounds. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and second by Jamie Carpenter, a Heavy Duty 430LS trimmer was approved from Pap's Saws in the amount of \$399.95. The commission also approved the repair of the driver side door on the Dog Warden truck.

Discussion was held regarding mulch at the playground area. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and second by Tim McDaniel, the purchase of two additional loads were approved.

The fall employee picnic is scheduled for September 20 from 11:30-1:30.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2019 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm on a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter.

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Susie Cvechko, President