Barbour County Commission Meeting December 17, 2021 9:00 am

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

Thomas Hoxie, Kim Lewis, Jeremy Drennen, Chris Calles, Corey Brandon, Dylan Harper, Shayne Brown, Wayne Delapas, James Sandy

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 December 6, 2021 meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by David Strait, four (4) final settlements were approved. 3/0

BETTY JEAN WILSON, RAYMOND DWIGHT MOATS, GERTRUDE VIRGINIA RICHARDS, OPAL MARIE SHERIDAN

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the General County budget adjustment was approved as presented. 3/0

The Commission presented to the 2021 Emergency and Crisis Management Exemplary Community Award to Corey Brandon, Barbour County Office of Emergency Management. Through this award, the Barbour County Commission recognizes Corey's progressive planning, continued emergency preparedness and community collaboration during the ongoing Corona-Virus pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, Corey went above and beyond ensuring the citizens and frontline workers of Barbour County had the appropriate resources to do their job, hosting of mass testing and vaccination events, and provided our community with pertinent, up to date correspondence regarding COVID-19. The County Commission thanked him for his commitment to our community.

Shane Whitehair, Region VII Planning and Development Council was tabled until a future meeting date.

Chris Callas, Jackson Kelley- representing AES, presented a resolution to approve Stantec Consulting Services Inc for evaluation of decommissioning of the AES Laurel Mountain, LLC wind power project. The purpose of this study is to determine if the cost of decommissioning the project is in excess of the salvage value, as required by their PSC Siting Certificate. Discussion was held. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the resolution was approved. 3/0

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Sheriff Carpenter will be purchasing holsters and lights for each officer to maintain compliance. This purchase was approved from the Concealed Weapons fund for up to \$3,000.00 on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Commissioner Carpenter discussed the possibility of utilizing the front doors of the courthouse as the main entrance. Shana Frey explained that when the Court Security grant was received, a single entry and exit was required and this was switched to the side door for handicap accessibility. She will reach out to the grant agency and confirm restrictions.

Sheriff Carpenter also reported that they had 26 kids for Shop with a Cop and it went very well.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the Animal Control vehicle wrap was approved in the amount of \$521.97 by Mt. State Designs. 3/0

James Sandy has requested for Barbour County Animal Control to host the Animal Control Officer 1 training in February and Animal Control Officer 2 training in April. Each class would require ten attendants. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, approval was given to James Sandy to schedule the training. 3/0

Susie Cvechko made a motion to enter Executive Session at 10:05am, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Regular Session was resumed at 11:05am on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to approve the quote from Jarco for a maintenance truck bed in the amount of \$8,672.00, David Strait seconded. 3/0

Discussion was held regarding the EMPG Supplement reimbursement grant. This grant will cover 50% up to \$25,000.00 of COVID-19 related expenses. Options were presented. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the EMPG-S grant funds will purchase nine (9) CAPRs and supplies, surgical and N95 masks up to \$20,000.00. 3/0

Remaining funds of the COVID-19 Block grant in the amount of \$18,659.54 were discussed and options presented. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, seconded by David Strait, the following purchases were approved. One (1) big screen TV for the courtroom to present evidence photos, a conference phone for commission meetings to provide better sound to conference callers; and two (2) new ventilators for the EMS Agencies. 3/0

Discussion on the Solid Waste Authority was tabled.

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The next regular meeting is January 3, 2022 at 5:00pm.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04pm. 3/0

Susie Cvechko, President