

BARBOUR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

February 4, 2020

5:00 pm

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

John Cutright, Joyce Frey, Kim Lewis, Sharon Miller, Shane Whitehair, Steve Haynes, Raymond Eddy, Carol Bush, Donna Phillips, Brett Carpenter, Cory Cox, Todd Lawrence, Hannah Mallow, Wesley Gray, Erasmo Rizo, Holly McDermott, Kinsley McDermott, Jim Kines, James Sandy, Emily Starks, Danielle Rush, Tammy Smith, Mike Smith, Angie Stalnaker, Trista Dalton, Kenneth H. Varner, Sandy Varner, Jessica Varner, Ron Skidmore, Gary Freeman II, Dylan Harper

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the January 15, 2020 and January 17, 2020 meetings were approved on a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Tim McDaniel.

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.

JAMES E. MILLER, JOANN MILLER, BETTY L. HARRIS, PEGGY LEE DAVIS, SCOTT PHILLIPS, ALAN DUAINÉ MCKINNEY, JOHN ALLEN CALIFF, BETTY HELEN POE, RANDALL EARL WATSON.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the following appointments were approved. Cheri Sturm- Barbour County Park and Recreation Board; Barbara Lyle- Barbour County Board of Health.

Barbour County is one of 10 counties that are included in the Mountain Trail Network Authority and shall appoint two members. One member must be a landowner who plans to participate. The other must be someone from the recreation, tourism, or other relevant industry within the county. An advertisement will be placed in the Barbour Democrat and on the Barbour County Commission website seeking interested persons.

Chief Deputy Brett Carpenter provided an update that the PRO position at Philip Barbour High School has been filled. Craig Cross was hired with the Barbour County Sheriff's Department on December 31, 2019 and began PRO duties on February 3, 2020. He is a certified officer with 10 years' experience.

Connie Kaufman presented the ballot commissioners to be approved for the 2020 election. The Republican Executive Committee appointed Linda L. Moats and Patricia A. Proudfoot as the alternate. The Democratic Executive Committee appointed Leann Golden. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the ballot commissioner appointments were approved.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Tim McDaniel, executive session was entered at 5:10 pm for an update with Mullens and Mullens on opioid litigations and general authorization.

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Regular session was resumed at 5:25pm on a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter.

On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the Barbour County Commission grants full authority to Mullens & Mullens, PLLC and The Chafin Law Firm, PLLC to act on the Barbour County Commission's behalf in the opioid litigation pending before the West Virginia Mass Litigation Panel in matter 19-C-9000.

Shane Whitehair, Region VII Planning and Development Counsel and Steve Haynes, The Thrasher Group provided an update on a \$5.3 million dollar project that has been submitted to West Virginia Infrastructure Jobs Development Council. The project will include a leak detection study; maintenance needs to booster pump stations and tanks; telemetry installation; meter replacements; radio read system; and remote tank monitoring. Funds will be allocated toward deficiency repairs following the results of the leak study. Valves will also be installed throughout the system to reduce the number of customers affected by a leak. If the funding is approved, the project could begin during the Fall of 2020. Audience questions were entertained.

Tammy Smith, Belington Library, asked the commission to consider the Library in their 2020-2021 budget. She stressed the importance of tax-based matching funds for their state funding and that the Library Commission approved a waiver to their shortfall of tax-based funds; however, it cannot be extended. She requested the 2019-2020 funds be released to them. Susie Cvehcko mentioned that the Belington High School Alumni in interested in making a donation to the Belington Library and that it can be passed through the County Commission to earn tax-base credit. Donna Phillips, member of the Board of Trustees, was also in attendance. The commission will take Belington Library's needs into consideration during budget preparations.

Susie Cvehcko reported that the audits for the Barbour County Health Department and Barbour County Commission are underway. She also mentioned that the Immunizations and Homeland Security grants have been audited and the Health Department Board is waiting on the review.

Danielle Rush was in attendance to represent the Belington Elementary 5K race fundraiser, the largest fundraiser for Belington Elementary School. The race will be held on June 6 with registration at 7:00am and the race beginning at 8:30am. The preregistration cost is \$15.00 or \$20.00 after the deadline and \$10.00 for Barbour County School students. Last year, 32 businesses contributed and raised \$3,500 in sponsorships and \$2,500.00 in registration fees. All proceeds from this fundraiser go toward the students in some fashion including the successful Ag lab, playground equipment, trips, ect. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, their \$100.00 request was approved.

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Emily Starks provided a presentation about the Barbour County Barracuda Swim team and their need for new swim blocks. The team submitted a request for \$21,000.00 for 6 swim blocks and anchors. The commissioners thanked her for the presentation and will look into options on how to help.

Wesley Gray and Erasmo Rizo introduced themselves and provided their qualifications along with a presentation on services that Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. provides and their company background.

Cory Cox provided a 911 report and recognized dispatchers Sherry Mayle and Todd Lawrence for doing an outstanding job during the recent standoff incident involving law enforcement. He also requested consent to hire Hannah Mallow. The Commission thanked the dispatchers for their good work and welcomed Hannah Mallow.

Susie Cvechko discussed the personnel restructuring of 911/OEM. The commission received an employment resignation from the 911 director and held interviews with the 911 Deputy Director, OEM Director and OEM deputy director. On a motion by Susie Cvechko, the commission is making the recommendation to restructure the 911/OEM operations by designating Ron Skidmore as 911/OEM Director, Cory Cox as Assistant 911 Director and Corey Brandon as Assistant OEM Director. This will make 911/OEM remerge with one leader and two support staff. As budget preparations are taking place, pay restructuring will also be considered. Tim McDaniel seconded her motion and it passed unanimously.

Ron Skidmore and Corey Brandon provided an OEM update. Ron reported that computers are ordered and scheduled to be installed from the EOC grant. Four floodplain applications were received and reviewed from January. Corey reported that the GIS project with Region VII is now under their review and they plan to begin the Fairground's pilot project in the spring. Once complete, OEM plans to communicate with PSDs for their projects. They assisted with the Stop the Bleed training at Philip Barbour High School, and reported that it went very well. Legislative bills were also discussed.

First Out EMS, LLC provided an update that mutual aid agreements were proposed to Belington EMS and Barbour County EMS, however they have not been returned. Discussions were held regarding the impact concerns to Belington EMS and Barbour County EMS.

James Sandy provided the animal control report. He commented that Animal Friends is his biggest help with the number of transfers that take place. He reported that calls are increasing and he has received a lot of help and support from Law Enforcement.

A request for statements of qualifications from engineering/qualified consulting firms to provide engineering for skylight replacement and as needed roof repairs for the Barbour County Courthouse was sent to four companies. The Thrasher Group is the only company to respond to the request. An interview was conducted with Craig Baker and supporting staff of

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The Thrasher Group. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the commission agreed to move forward with The Thrasher Group's services. This project is being funded by the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Fund.

A part-time event coordinator position was discussed for the Barbour County Fairgrounds. This position would be responsible for reservations, public relations and event coordination at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by Tim McDaniel, placing an advertisement in the newspaper and on the county website was approved.

Carol Bush provided a Census update and stressed that it's important for all people to get counted during the Census because it affects that amount of money available to our state for vital services like education and transportation. Information provided to the census is secure and is not shared.

The next regular meeting is February 21, 2020 at 8:30am. Susie Cvechko reminded that the commission is now meeting twice a month. The 1st Monday at 5:00pm and the third Friday at 8:30am.

Shana Frey mentioned that the Prosecuting Attorney's office and County Clerk's office received a grant award for their applications to the Records Management and Preservation Board. Their projects can begin on July 1, 2020

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm on a motion by Susie Cvechko and second by Tim McDaniel.

Susie Cvechko, President