

BARBOUR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday February 5, 2018
AT 5:00 P.M.

**PRESENT: PRESIDENT PHIL HART, COMMISSIONER SUSIE CVECHKO,
COMMISSIONER TIM MCDANIEL, COUNTY CLERK CONNIE KAUFMAN, COUNTY
COORDINATOR BEN PROPST, AND SHANA FREY COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR**

John Cutright, Dennis Burner, Kelly Stadleman, Ann Baldwin, Bucky Poling, Raymond Bolyard, Paul Baker, Fran Baker, Tammy Narog, Reg Trefethen, Shane Whitehair, Marija Ilic, Carrie Boyles, Hadley Sponaule, Ron Skidmore, Corey Brandon, Hunter Mullens

Phil Hart called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge.

On a motion by Susie Cveckho and seconded by Tim McDaniel, January 2 and 25, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

John Cutright presented exonerations.

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

Ms. Kaufman also reported the Republican Ballot Commissioner as Linda Moats and Democratic Ballot Commissioner as Jude McConnell.

The Proclamation was read declaring Barbour County as a Purple Heart County on a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Susie Cvechko.

Tammy Narog gave the Community Corrections report. She was proud to report that a participant was recently hired at AB University as a full-time employee. Three participants will be testing for their GED.

The Community Corrections grant application is due on March 14 and she is requesting the approval of the budget and cash match of \$50,000, same as last year. She noted that all matches and line items are split evenly between Barbour and Taylor counties. She requested a letter of support. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Susie Cvechko, the match and letter of support was approved.

Phil Hart pointed out that the program has saved \$64,650.00 in jail fees for January.

Representatives from Chestnut Ridge PSD along with Shane Whitehair from Region VII Planning and Development Council was present. Phil Hart discussed how Chestnut Ridge has been faced with some major issues and the Commission has worked diligently with them including a \$48,000.00, 2,000 foot water line replacement on Route 92 and \$17,000 in valves. He also noted the Chestnut Ridge board members have not been accepting pay during this financial

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struggle. Water loss in December was 50%+ and January was 36%. The Commission has also been looking at options to interconnect PSD systems to prevent water outages.

Mr. Whitehair has worked with the PSD over the last couple years on the County Sponsored-Small Cities Block Grant. A Recent project for line replacement did not get funded.

CRPSD reported that three valves were dysfunctional. Replacing these would help regulate pressure, prevent line breakage and lessen the time pumps run. A lot of water loss was due to line breakage due to older pipes and pressure not regulated.

In December, they had two main line breaks in the Morral Hallow area.

Phil Hart reported that the commission was supposed to have a meeting with a representative from Senator Shelly Moore Capito's office, however it was cancelled due to sickness. They plan to discuss water infrastructure with them in the future.

The Barbour County Economic Development Authority submitted a request for \$15,000 to continue with improvements and securing jobs in current open buildings. This request was approved on a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Phil hart and unanimously voted to be taken from the Coal Reallocation fund.

A representative from Save the Tygart presented positive pH improvement in Beaver Creek. They requested for the Commission to continue participating in the project with funding three truckloads of limestone sand. This request will be taken into consideration during budget preparations.

John Cutright reported that he received one bid for Aerial Photography in the amount of \$27,000. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and Susie Cvechko, the quote from Atlas was approved. Further discussion was held regarding the difficulty of using current maps and how beneficial new maps will be to the Assessor office and the public.

Kelley Stadleman was present from the Run for It program. The event will be on September 29 this year. Last year there were six Barbour County teams that participated and 141 racers. Barbour County Commission has invested \$16,500 in the last five years and has seen a return on investment of almost \$200,000. She requested the same level of funding to be considered as last year at \$3,500. The Commissioners all agree this is a great program and will take the request into consideration during budget planning.

Ann Baldwin expressed concerns with recent arsenic activity in the Carrolton Road area. She is interested in establishing a Community Watch program. The Commission provided her with contact information and to keep them informed of the progress.

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Animal Friends submitted a request for \$1,000 per month in funding for operating expenses. This request will be considered during budget planning.

It was reported Barbour County Animal Control was awarded a \$5,000 grant for Spay/Neutering from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. Vouchers will be provided upon request to cover half the cost of spay or neutering services.

Phil Hart read the Animal Control Report

Mr. Sponaugle stated that Dennis Burner and Mike Ervin are both highly thought of by the folks from Animal Friends.

A training request for Evidence Law and Animal Abuse was submitted for Dennis Burner and Mike Ervin to attend. The cost is \$125.00 per session plus overnight accommodations. On a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the training was approved.

Ron Skidmore provided an update on the 2017 EMPG grant. It has been submitted with a total of \$119,722.00. He was advised that the reimbursement would be approximately 5% less than what was received in 2016- \$45,897.00. He has received an award letter for the 2016 grant.

On a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Susie Cvechko, Executive Session was entered at 6:25pm.

Regular Session resumed at 7:10pm on a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Susie Cvechko.

Barbour County's 4H agent was discussed and would need to decide if they want a part-time county employee or a Mountaineer Temp. Tim reported there was meeting coming up on Wednesday 2-7-18 and he would report how it went.

On a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Susie Cvechko, Executive Session with Hunter Mullens was entered at 7:17 pm.

Regular Session was resumed at 7:37pm on a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Susie Cvechko.

A unanimous vote with a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Tim McDaniel, the Barbour County Commission gives permission to Mullens and Mullens to precede with all litigation on the Prescription Drug case.

The Commission approved a handbook revision regarding annual and sick leave sections and now states that one day is equal to 8 hours. This will become effective March 1, 2018 on a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Susie Cvechko.

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Tim McDaniel received seven different vehicle prices for the Maintenance vehicle. The vehicle that best fits the needs is a 2009 Dodge Ram with towing and trailer packages and 35,000 miles. This truck will also be used in the event OEM has to haul trailers for emergencies. Discussions were held regarding maintenance and mileage logs. A budget revision is required to move funds from Contingencies to Purchasing. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Susie Cvechko, the purchase of a 2009 Dodge Ram truck for maintenance / OEM from Town and Country and the Budget revision was approved.

Discussions were held on a Fiduciary Commissioner fee schedule. This was tabled until further research.

On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Phil Hart, the certification for Animal Euthanasia will not be renewed.

Connie Kaufman reported a grant award of \$4,000.00 from the Division of WV Culture and History through the RMPB Grant program to digitize oil and gas and deed book indices and also a color document scanner. On a motion by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Susie Cvechko, matching funds are approved for this grant.

On a motion by Phil Hart and second by Tim McDaniel, the purchase of a Watchdog Firebox T30 for the 911 dispatch center was approved.

Additional information was provided on two Throne's Towing invoices. On a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Susie Cvechko, the invoices were approved.

Board of Reviews will reconvene on February 6, 2018 at 4:00pm.

The next Regular Commission meeting will be held on March 5, 2018 at 5:00pm.

The following final settlements were approved on a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Tim McDaniel.

RICK WAYNE KITTLE, ELEANOR JEAN MARSH, NEVA LANHAM, JAMES W. RUSSEL, JR., CLARIS MCDANIEL, OLIVIA S. LAMBERT, LEANNA GRACE LANDIS, MARY DARLENE PINGLEY, ORVIE L. RAMSEY

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm on a motion by Phil Hart and seconded by Tim McDaniel.

Phil Hart