## Barbour County Commission Meeting May 21, 2021 9:00 am

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

Kim Lewis, James Sandy, Brett Carpenter, Cory Cox, Sherman Wilkinson, Michael Rexroad, Tammy Narog, Wesley Gray, Derick Spencer, Corey Brandon, Phil Sandy, Gerald Fogg, April Sinsel

Susie Cvechko called the meeting to order at 9:00am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The commission meeting was held with in-person attendance and via conference call.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by David Strait, the May 3, 2021 meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were provided.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, eleven (11) final settlements were approved. 3/0

JEFFREY CRAIG EVIX, ROBERT LEE GREATHOUSE, ROBERT PAUL BOLINER, JR., WILLIAM L. COONTZ, TAMMY RANA ZEBLEY, STEVEN LEE LANTZ, JAMES FRANKLIN DELAUDER, MARLEEN KAY CARPENTER, ARNOLD LEE CARPENTER, COLEEN MINER, CLIFFORD MINER SR.

Tammy Narog provided a Community Corrections report and discussed community service. Their grant review on May 13 went well. Exterior building improvements were discussed.

April Sinsel provided updates for the Fairgrounds. Fireworks will be held on July 2 with a rain date of July 9. On a motion by Dave Strait and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, \$5,000 was approved for the fireworks show by Little Big Shots. Other activities are also being scheduled. 3/0

Discussion was held regarding athletic teams performing community service hours at the fairgrounds for a monetary contribution. Commission requested a plan to be developed and have further discussion.

Connie Kaufman, County Clerk requested consent to transfer Chasity McBee from the Assessor's office to the County Clerk's office.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the engagement with Claytor Enterprises was approved for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 Financial Statement preparation in the amount of \$4,500.00. 3/0

James Sandy provided an Animal Control report. He confirmed the LED light bar, discussed previously, had a five-year warranty and free shipping with a cost of \$278.98. On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, this purchase was approved and will be expensed from the Animal Control budget. 3/0

A discussion was held regarding a level 1 Professional Animal Cruelty Investigator training that will be held in Kearneysville, WV July 19-July 23. On a motion by David Strait and seconded by Susie Cvechko, this training was approved in the amount of \$600.00, plus travel and will be expensed from the Animal Control budget. If registered early, a 10% discount applies. 3/0

Corey Brandon provided an OEM update. The HVAC units are installed and functioning properly at the state police tower site. COVID-19 vaccines are offered Monday-Friday at various locations in the county.

Address and Mapping is in the process of replacing road signs.

American Legion Post 44 submitted a letter requesting the Commission to take control of the Memorial Day Flag placement at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, which would involve storing and upkeep of the flags and organizing volunteers to place and remove the flags. Plans are in place to dissolve Post 44 in September 2022. The commission will take this request into consideration and will discuss further.

Phil Sandy expressed concerns regarding the Volga and Century communities and asked if anything can be done to clean up the area. Currently, no ordinances are in place regarding dilapidated properties. Attempt will be made to contact DEP, DNR, and DOH regarding a specific complaint. Commissioner Cvechko also suggested he contact community members about interest with a clean-up day and the date could be coordinated with Community Corrections for a community service project.

Bids were reviewed for groundskeeping at the Fairgrounds Park area. Following discussion, it was determined to retain the groundskeeping for this area in-house at this time.

Barbour 911 update was provided and a report on the Motorola radio system quote. At this time, the state SIRN committee is revising regulations regarding firewall requirements. Motorola is delaying their quote until this is finalized.

Executive Session was entered at 10:31am on a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by David Strait.

Regular Session was resumed at 11:01am on a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter.

Following guidance received from the State Auditor's office, Jamie Carpenter made a motion to amend the American Rescue Fund account to be an interest-bearing account, David Strait seconded.

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Commissioner Cvechko and Shana Frey attended an informational session at Flatwoods regarding the American Rescue Funds and U.S. Treasury guidance. A work session is scheduled for June 3 at 4:00pm to begin local discussion and collaboration of Barbour County's American Rescue funds.

The next commission meetings are scheduled for June 7th at 5:00pm and June 18th at 9:00am.

Commissioner Cvechko reported that former Commissioner, Steve Sinsel, passed away. He served two terms from 1999 thru 2010 and gave condolences to his family.

Discussion was opened regarding the trees on the Courthouse lawn. Gerald Fogg expressed emphasis on the benefit and value of having shade trees and requested that this be taken into consideration. The Commission thanked him for his concern and interest.

Sheriff Carpenter presented the Delinquent tax list.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by David Strait, Executive Session was entered at 11:28 am.

On a motion by Susie Cvechko and seconded by Jamie Carpenter, Regular Session was resumed at 12:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01pm on a motion by David Strait and seconded by Jamie Carpenter.

Susie Cvechko, President