

## Barbour County Commission Meeting

January 2, 2025

5:00pm

DAVID STRAIT COMMISSION PRESIDENT, JEDD SCHOLA COMMISSIONER, BOB RICHARDSON COMMISSIONER, LAURIE AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK, SHANA FREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Kim Lewis, Dylan Harper, Nina Daugherty, Mike Golden, Bernard S. Gillis, Corey Brandon, H. David Talbott, Helen Zirkle, Vivian Waugaman, Drew Phillips, Cheryl Wolfe, James Dean, Pat Dean

David Strait called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The election of Commission President was held. Jedd Schola nominated David Strait as president for the 2025 term. Bob Richardson seconded the nomination. David Strait abstained from voting and accepted the nomination. David Strait is the Barbour County Commission President for the 2025 term. 2/0

Jedd Schola made a motion to allow Commissioners to teleconference in the event they are unavailable to attend in person. Following discussion, David Strait seconded and passed unanimously. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson and passed unanimously, holidays, as defined by the State of West Virginia, and any additional proclamations made by the West Virginia Governor, as outlined in WV Code 2-2-1, will be observed by the Barbour County Courthouse. 3/0

Laurie Austin requested the commission to consider closing on Good Friday. The state code will be reviewed and determined at a later date.

On a motion by Jedd Schola and seconded by David Strait, regular commission meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 5:00pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 9:00am. Meetings are held in the County Commission Chambers at the Barbour County Courthouse. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the December 20, 2024 meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

A discussion was held on the Orville Cain estate. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the Cain estate will be referred to a Fiduciary to assist with the estate process. 3/0

The following appointments were approved on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

Park & Recreation, Philippi Professional Building, Barbour/Taylor Community Corrections Board- Jedd Schola

Corridor H Authority, Barbour County 4-H, Region VI Workforce, Region VII Planning & Development Council- David Strait

Barbour County Development Authority, Philippi/Barbour Airport Authority- Bob Richardson

Cheryl Wolfe, Economic Development Authority, requested support of a resolution to submit an application for up to \$340,000 in unmatched funds of Industrial Access Road funding through the West Virginia Department of Economic Development and West Virginia Department of Highways. Following discussion, the resolution was passed on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

Board of Review and Equalization dates were determined as the following.

Friday, January 31: 4pm-5pm

Wednesday, February 5: 4pm-5pm

Monday, February 10: 4pm-5pm

Thursday, February 13: 4pm-5pm

Tuesday, February 18: 4pm-5pm

Friday, February 21: 4pm-5pm

Wednesday, February 26: 11am (Minerals)

Friday, February 28: 4pm-5pm

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the yearly IT Support Contract with Global Science Technology (GST) was approved for the period of 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025. 3/0

OEM/911 provided an update on the winter weather system developing.

Nina Daughtery presented a request for funding to assist with building rent/remodel for Bless This Food, Inc. Commissioner Strait explained the funding request was not eligible and suggested to resubmit a request for a specific project or need.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Bob Richardson, a letter will be submitted to the WV State Tax Department allowing the Barbour County Assessor and the WV State Tax Department, with prior approval, to make changes to the property assessments through the month of February 2025. 3/0

Commissioner Strait opened the floor for public comment in order of the sign-up sheet.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2025 at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

David Strait, President

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