

Barbour County Commission Meeting

January 17, 2025

9:00am

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

H. David Talbott, Kim Lewis, Dylan Harper, Rhett Dusenbury, Chief Deputy S. Gillis, Kristy Kline, Sandra Marfield, Corey Brandon, Drew Phillips

David Strait called the meeting to order at 9:06am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Bob Richardson, the January 2, 2025 meeting minutes and January 5, 2025 emergency meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, one (1) final settlement was approved. 3/0

CAROL JUNE ROW

On a motion by David Strait, second by Bob Richardson, Henry Bender was reappointed to the Barbour County Solid Waste Authority, as requested, term ending June 30, 2028. 3/0

David Strait approved a cancelled order for presumed lost check #4612 in the amount of \$1,124.68; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Sandra Marfield presented a proclamation to declare January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness/Prevention Month.

Invoices were presented.

OEM provided an update on upcoming weather systems and necessary criteria to open emergency shelters. A discussion was held regarding the Leer South fire. OEM has been in communication with representatives and ready to assist where needed.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Bob Richardson, the 911/OEM CD will be renewed.

David Strait made a motion to enter executive session at 9:38am to discuss Sheriff Department staffing; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Regular session resumed at 10:33am on a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Bob Richardson. 3/0.

Bless This Food submitted an amended funding request for funds toward a food delivery vehicle. Bob Richardson made a motion to table the request, however the motion died. Following discussion, Bob Richardson made a motion to approve \$3,750.00 to assist with the purchase of a delivery truck vehicle upon receipt of the proof of purchase/bill of sale; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

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David Strait made a motion to pass a resolution to submit a grant application to the Department of Agriculture for spay and neuter services in the amount of \$7,500 using a \$75.00 off voucher system; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to pass a resolution to submit a grant application to the T-Mobile Hometown grant program for a synthetic ice rink to be incorporated on the planned splash pad project; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola the First Responded Coaching portion of the Crisis Response program was approved in the amount of \$8,500.00. This portion of the program was inadvertently left out when the Battalion 1 proposal was approved. Both services are essential for an effective program. Funds will be allocated from EMS Salary enhancement funds and Coal Severance. 3/0

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

Commissioner Schola expressed interest in implementing a controlled burn ordinance that would require reporting to prevent unnecessary response from first responding units. Information will be gathered.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2025 at 5:00pm. Board of Review and Equalization meetings will also be held during February.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

David W Strait, President

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