

Barbour County Commission Meeting

April 7, 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, Margie Mayle, Ira Sam Mayle, Rhett Dusenbury, Aaron Bostel, Natasha Kosously, Sheila Riggs, Barrett Ammons, Gavin Knotts, Valen Falls, Isabella Croston, Madisen Tallman, Heather Bowen, Shayla Jackson, Tom Wright, Keith knight, Lisa Knight, Drew Phillips, Corey Brandon,

David Strait called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and led the pledge.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Bob Richardson, meeting minutes from March 21, 2025 was approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

Final Settlements were presented and approved on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

JOSEPH MICHAEL MOCKUS, JERRY DONALD RAMSEY, PEGGY ANNE EDWARDS

Sheriff Carpenter and Chief Tax Deputy, Sheila Riggs, presented the 2023-24 Sheriff Settlement for approval. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, the Sheriff Settlement was approved as presented. 3/0

FBLA members gave a presentation about their upcoming National competition trip to California, discussing the cost of travel and registration expenses. They thanked the commission for their support in previous years and requested consideration for the cost of hotel expense in the amount of \$6,000.00. Nine FBLA members will be participating in the competition. On a motion by Jedd Schola, second by Bob Richardson, \$6,000 was approved to cover hotel expense. 3/0

Barbour County Girls Softball submitted a request for \$731.97 for the purchase of Turface and field marking. On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Bob Richardson the request was approved. 3/0 It was also mentioned that Battlers Knob donated the first layer of field dirt to the fairgrounds field and also the AB Battler Baseball scoreboard to Philip Barbour Baseball.

The Barbour County Health Department provided an update on their financial status and billing. Following a lengthy discussion, the Barbour County Health Department requested additional funds in the amount of \$53,898.00 to cover past due accounts payables. Following deliberation, David Strait made a motion to approve \$34,445.25 to cover PEIA, BRIM, Retirement and City Net; Jedd Schola seconded based on approving funds for expenses obligated by state code. Commissioner Richardson abstained. 2/1

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Commissioner Strait highly suggested to the Health Department Board to engage in conversations with Vandalia Health sooner than later to identify collaborations and areas of support.

Corey Brandon and Dylan Harper gave an update on OEM/911 operations. Telecommunicator week is the week of April 14. They have several upcoming safety exercises planned throughout the county.

Commissioner Strait recognized and welcomed Aaron Bostel, Barbour County Ambulance Authority Director.

The Barbour County Fairboard replaced the fencing around the Open Arena at the fairgrounds. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, the quote from LED Light Experts in the amount of \$3,389.94 was approved to upgrade lights around the arena, utilizing Coal County Reallocation funds. 3/0

The Barbour County Livestock Association requested a contribution of \$15,000.00 for concrete installation in the old steer and new overflow barn. Commission agreed this would be community improvement that would provide many benefits. On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, the request was approved, utilizing Coal County Reallocation funds. 3/0

A permanent structure for the Barbour County Farmer's Marker was discussed. On a motion by Jedd Schola, second by David Strait, a 20'x30' building was approved from Garage Buildings in the amount of up to \$10,000.00, utilizing Coal County Reallocation funds. 3/0

The July 5th Community Independence Day Celebration was discussed. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, a \$10,000 budget was approved for the event, utilizing the Park and Recreation Fund. 3/0. Events include an ATV Race, Mud Run, Parade, Crafters, Food Vendors, Kids Activities, Live Music with Electric Blue and Fireworks.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2025 at 9:00am. A special meeting will be held on April 15, 2025 at 4:00pm.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm. 3/0

David W Strait, President

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