

Barbour County Commission Meeting  
April 18, 2025  
9:00am

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

Keith Knight, Thomas Wright, Marjorie George, Ira (Sam) Mayle, Corey Brandon, Calvin Elmore, Kim Lewis, Kelley Flaherty, Daniel Barcus, Aaron Bostel, Sandra Marfield

David Strait called the meeting to order at 9:00am and led the pledge.

On a motion by Bob Richardson, seconded by Jedd Schola, meeting minutes from April 7, 2025 and April 15, 2025 were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

Final Settlements were presented. David Strait recused himself from voting due to a personal interest in the Wilford D. Marsh estate. The final settlements were approved on a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Bob Richardson. 2/0

PAUL DUER ADAMS, STEPHANIE C. DURR, CLYDE V. EMIGH, BRYAN MARTIN HEADLEY, WILFORD D. MARSH

Deputy Barcus presented an animal control report.

The revised cruiser quote was tabled until the next meeting.

Kelley Flaherty shared an update on the Tygart Valley Watershed in Beaver Creek. She announced that the Buckhannon & Tygart Valley Water Trail has received approval for its water trail designation. Additionally, she mentioned plans to install signage and purchase first aid kits using the remaining funds from their 2024-25 contribution.

Corey Brandon submitted road names for consideration. Battlers Knob submitted a request to name a road for the Blue/Gold University housing. Jedd Schola made a motion to approve the road name, Battler's Lane; David Strait seconded. 3/0

New Vision requested a road name for the New Vision Tiny Homes Village. Approval was delayed for clarification.

Calvin Elmore discussed the Belington Revitalization Committee's plans for live entertainment at the Belington Town Square. The BRC is working on the funds application and will be considered at the next meeting.

Sandra Marfield presented a proclamation to declare April as Sexual Assault Awareness month.

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After further review, the design and location of the Farmer's Market building have been reevaluated. It has been decided that the existing exhibit building will be extended to dimensions of 40'x40'. Insulation and interior finishing will be added to the current structure. The new addition will allow for either one large rental space or two smaller rental spaces; both climate controlled. The Barbour County Farmer's Market will have priority use every Friday and for other market-related events. Once construction is completed, the Quonset Hut will be converted for equipment storage.

A motion was made by David Strait and seconded by Jedd Schola to approve up to \$60,000 for this improvement, utilizing Coal County Reallocation funds. 3/0

Additionally, David Strait made a motion to rescind the Farmer's Market motion made during the meeting on April 7th, which was seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to renew the Courtroom Improvement CDARS CD with a 52-week option at 3.970% at People's Bank, Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

Corey Brandon received clarification on New Vision's road name request. Jedd Schola made a motion to approve New Vision Way for the New Vision Tiny Home Village community, Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

Aaron Bostel, BCAA EMS Director, reported that EMT classes have begun and has thirteen students. Hiring opportunities will be available for successful completers.

The floor was open for public comment by order of the sign-in sheet.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2025 at 5:00pm.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26am. 3/0

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David W Strait, President

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