

Barbour County Commission Meeting

July 7, 2025

5:00pm

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

Kim Lewis, Marj George, Ira Mayle, Rhett Dusenbury, Dorcas Moore, Michael Shaw, H. David Talbott, Rebekha Kennedy, Heather Bowan, Joeseeph Bowan, Barrett Ammons, Isabella Croston, Dennis J. Riccio, Jacqueline Henderson, Corey Brandon, Katie Wolpert, Drew Phillips, Shayla Jackson

David Strait called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and led the pledge.

The first reading was held for the Barbour County Enhanced 911 Ordinance amendments. The amendment is to update fees imposed on local exchange service lines to finance the projected costs of capital improvement and maintenance costs of the Enhanced Emergency Telephone System and associated Emergency Dispatch Equipment - Residential from \$3.64 to \$4.01; Business from \$4.25 to \$5.00; Centrix from \$0.50 to \$0.90. The proposed amendment would be effective August 15, 2025.

The County Commission recognized the Philip Barbour FBLA team and they provided a presentation of their trip to Nationals.

On a motion by Bob Richardson, seconded by Jedd Schola, meeting minutes from June 16, 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

CHARLES SHAWN SHANNON, RONALD JOSEPH WOTRING

Invoices were presented.

A Coal Severance budget revision was approved as presented on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson. 3/0

Wendy Madden provided information and updates with the Mountaineer Trail Network. The Network's goal is to enhance nonmotorized trails, which include the Lil Moes Trail and the Buckhannon Tygart Valley River Water Trail.

Katie Wolpert gave an update on the Mud Run that was held during the Independence Day celebration event at the fairgrounds. The run was a fundraiser for Barbour County Soccer and Cross-Country teams and was successful for the first year and looking forward to next year's plans.

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Corey Brandon presented a request to purchase a brush guard bumper from Chassis Unlimited in the amount of \$2,895.75 from EMPG funds. David Strait made a motion to approve; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

He also reported the Independence Day Celebration was a success.

Jaqueline Henderson spoke on behalf of Camp Hope regarding concerns of Kitchen Permit fees assessed at \$400.00 which is inconsistent with previous years. The Commission will get clarification from the Prosecutor, WV Code sections and Health Department for proper fee schedules and will follow up with Ms. Henderson.

Dennis Riccio submitted a funding request on behalf of the Blue & Gray Reunion for the purchase of Bounce Houses and expenses for transporting and storage of the bounce houses. Discussion was held. The commission suggested reaching out to additional funding options to assist with the cost and revisit the request at a later time.

No action was taken on the Belington Little League funds request.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2025 beginning at 9:00am.

On a motion by Bob Richardson, seconded by Jedd Schola, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm. 3/0

David W Strait, President

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