

**Barbour County Commission Meeting
June 16, 2025
5:00pm**

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

H. David Talbott, Ira Mayle, Marjorie George, Bill Renzelli, Ron Schoonover, Shannon Wetzel, Tommy Dent, Dylan Harper, Chris Callas, Wayne Delapas, Corey Brandon, Joey Bolyard, Chelsea Lopez, Clay Frey, Quade Frey, Kent Rowan, David Rowan, Drew Phillips, Jonathan Carpenter, Harper Carpenter, Nathan Baldwin, Pickle Baughman, Grant Harris, Landyn Carpenter, Rick Mouser, Kale Wolfe, Robbie Jones, Parker Fincham, Jackson Wilson

David Strait called the meeting to order at 5:10pm and led the pledge.

The County Commission recognized the Philip Barbour Baseball team for their season accomplishments and making it to the State Championship for the first time in school history.

Team members include: Grant Harris, Tyler Sisson, Nick Gonzales, Jackson Wilson, Jacob Gray, Kale Wolfe, Dayton Morrison, Clay Frey, Maddox Satterfield, Cameron Bennett, Konner Humphrey, Kent Rowan, Slaton Harris, Landyn Carpenter, Anthony Mosesso, Tommy Dent, Robbie Jones, Parker Fincham and Quade Frey. Coaching staff- Jonathan Carpenter, Rick Mouser, Pickle Baughman, Nathan Baldwin

On a motion by Bob Richardson, seconded by Jedd Schola, meeting minutes from June 2, 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

DANIEL JOSEPH O'BRIEN, HELENA BLANCHE PRICE

Invoices were presented.

An update was provided on the AES Lauren Mountain Battery Storage Facility. Plans are underway to decommission the battery storage facility, which is two times past its end of life. Beginning July, the units will not be producing energy for the PGM market, batteries will be recycled and complete the decommission phase. A HVAC company will remove the freon from the HVAC units. The control house will remain and the wind mills will operate as normal.

OEM/911 presented quotes for vehicle upgrades that include lighting, sirens, and cell booster with a total cost of \$11,319.51 from Fubar Enterprises. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, the upgrades were approved as presented and paid from EMPG funds. 3/0

Corey Brandon reported that 2023 EMPG reimbursement is expected to be in the amount of \$29,362.00

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Jedd Schola made a motion to sponsor free City of Philippi pool days on Saturdays in July in the amount of \$1,000; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to accept the FY 26 WVCORP renewal proposal in the amount of \$135,815.00; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to purchase playground mulch from Builder Center in the amount of \$852.00 and playground border from BSN Sports in the amount of \$1,709.82; Bob Richardson seconded. Both will be paid from the County Commission Capital Projects fund. 3/0

Commissioner Richardson discussed the need for bylaws from organizations that are involved with the County Commission. This process will begin with organizations the commission is appointed to, then boards the commission appoints members to, then organizations that uses the Fairgrounds in a regular basis.

Joey Bolyard inquired about concrete around the building addition and maintenance shop. The Commission requested a quote for each location.

A discussion was held on the exercise trial project at the fairgrounds. Input will be taken into consideration.

On a motion by Bob Richardson, seconded by Jedd Schola, cloud storage with GST was approved for an annual cost of \$840.00. 3/0

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2025 beginning at 5:00pm.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. 3/0

David W Strait, President

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