

**Barbour County Commission Meeting**

**June 2, 2025**

**5:00pm**

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

Rhett Dusenbury, Marjorie George, Ira Mayle, Kim Lewis, H. David Talbott, Drew Phillips, Natasha Kosowsy, Aaron Bostel, Corey Brandon, Dylan Harper

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

Commissioner Richardson requested the May 16, 2025 minutes to be revised to reflect the initial cost of the Splashpad at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. Bob Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections; David Strait seconded. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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

MARYN GAY SHAW, HARRISON CLON HARRIS

Invoices were presented for approval. Included were invoices against the previously approved Barbour County Health Department contribution of \$34,445.25 from the April 7, 2025 meeting. Per recommendation of the Prosecuting Attorney, through best practice guidance received from the WV State Auditor's office, David Strait made a motion pay invoices on behalf of the Barbour County Health Department by line item as presented directly to the vendor; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Corey Brandon submitted a request to purchase a truck for OEM to assist with transporting their towable units. The state bidding process was explained. On a motion by David Strait, the purchase of a 2025 Dodge Ram 2500 from Stephens Auto in the amount of \$46,352.00, through the WV State bid was approved and to be paid from EMPG funds; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0 The OEM Dodge Durango will remain in county fleet and utilized as needed.

Aaron Bostel, BCAA Director, shared that they will begin a first ever new recruit academy for nine new hires. He also reported that the EMS training class is progressing well. Commissioners offered comments from the community and first-hand experiences that reflect improvements occurring in the ambulance service.

Shana Frey discussed a quote from GST for cloud storage of county operation backups in the amount of \$840.00. Approval was tabled to clarify the 1-year reference on the quote.

Through research of livestreaming equipment, contact with counties who livestream and review of county's video footage, a recommendation was made to purchase Logitech Mevo start 3-pack wireless live streaming cameras. Bob Richardson made a motion to purchase this equipment option, up to \$1,150.00; seconded by David Strait. 3/0

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Belington Board of Parks submitted a funding request to assist with playground improvements at the Mill Creek Reservoir (Belington Reservoir). Bob Richardson made a motion to support the Belington Board of Parks project in the amount of \$5,000.00; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Jedd Schola made a motion to contribute Coalbed Methane funds in the amount of \$2,586.00 to Philippi Public Library and Belington Public Library, split evenly; David Strait seconded. 3/0

Commissioner Strait discussed a project with the Teter Lake Neighborhood Watch group to add lighting near the boat dock and parking area at Teter Creek Lake. A recommendation is to install two solar 9,000 Watt, 180,000 lumens dusk to dawn and motion detection lights. Commissioner Richardson discussed conversations with Delegate Chris Phillips regarding the same project. Action is tabled until written approval is received from the proper agencies.

A discussion was held regarding the Barbour County Recycling Center. Commissioner Richardson will follow up with Beaver Stewart, Barbour County Solid Waste Authority.

A discussion was held on the Philippi/Barbour County Airport Authority covering bylaws, quorums, grant signatories and projects. The grant presented is to cover the final phase of the Pilot Lounge project to complete the sidewalk construction. Bob Richardson made a motion to accept the grant application, allowing the Commission President to sign off, and contribute the full match of this application in the amount of \$4,583.00; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0.

A discussion was held regarding the use of Lipitor Settlement funds for an exercise trail at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. Equipment ideas, set up and locations were discussed. A work session at the fairgrounds will be scheduled to determine the location and preferred set up.

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

Congratulations to the Philip Barbour Baseball team for advancing to the State Baseball Tournament for the first time in 50 years.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2025 beginning at 5:00pm due to the WV Day holiday on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm. 3/0

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David W Strait, President

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