

Barbour County Commission  
Agenda- Special Meeting  
March 25, 2026 (4:00pm)  
Barbour County Commission Chambers

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1. Consider approval of Levy Estimate and General County/Coal Severance budgets for the fiscal year 2026-2027, which will be submitted to WV State Auditor's Office for review

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

Kim Lewis

David Strait called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

The 2026-27 Levy estimate was presented for approval. The General County Budget is \$5,540,654.00; Coal Severance \$450,000.00. Property tax revenues increased \$140,269.00 from FY26. The proposed Levy Rate is 12.43 down from 13.31 in FY26. Barbour County remains a Class III County.

The roll back mechanism was discussed and how it impacted new revenues.

Elected Officials and organizations presented their budget proposals to the commission over several days and considerations were made based on their requests and available funds.

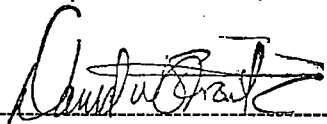
Budgeted allocations include Volunteer Fire Departments, Libraries, Animal Friends, Barbour County Economic Development, Extension Service, Community Corrections, Tucker Community Foundation Run For It program, Save the Tygart, Barbour County Recycling Center and Hero's Haven.

It also includes the Ambulance Authority Director salary and the Health Department Interim Director salary for FY 2026-27. The regional jail expense is set at \$815,000. The Levy Estimate will be sent to the Auditor's Office for approval.

Discussion was held.

David Strait made a motion to approve the Levy Estimate as presented and submit to the WV State Auditor's office for approval; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to adjourn at 5:13pm; seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

  
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David W Strait, President

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