

**Barbour County Commission  
Agenda- Amended  
May 4, 2026 (5:00pm)  
Barbour County Circuit Court Room**

*The County Commission meeting can be accessed on-conference call by:  
Dial Number: 304-848-6940                      Conference Number: 1315791*

1. Approve minutes and corrections
2. Discuss exoneration/estates/settlements/appointments/cancelled orders/budget adjustments/resolutions/invoices
  - a. Mountain Heart Community Services- Childcare Provider Appreciation Day
  - b. Community Action Month Proclamation
3. Barbour County Sheriff Department
  - a. Law Enforcement, Sheriff Tax Office consent to hire
  - b. K9 Training – Opioid funds
  - c. Animal Control Report and discuss / consider ventilation in the overflow building
4. Barbour OEM/911/EMS
5. Barbour County Fairgrounds
  - a. Barbour County Fairgrounds Natural Gas Service Agreement with Creston Oil Corporation
  - b. Policy and Procedures
  - c. July 4<sup>th</sup> Event
6. Philip Barbour FBLA Presentation
7. Contribution request
  - a. Tygart Valley United Way
  - b. Belington Revitalization – Music on the Square
8. Discuss and consider purchase of AEDs for youth sports
9. Discuss and consider General Legal Counseling
10. Discuss and consider copier lease agreement
11. Discuss ValleyLink Transmission line
12. Consider Courtroom CD Renewal
13. Public Comment
14. Setting of Next Regular Meeting
15. Adjournment

FINAL SETTLEMENTS  
GOING TO COUNTY COMMISSION  
MAY 4, 2026

LEO G BOYLEN JR Deceased, by JULIE K BIBBY, Administratrix  
Affidavit and Waiver of Final Settlement

JOHN HAROLD BAKER Deceased, by STEVEN LEE BAKER, Administrator  
Affidavit and Waiver of Final Settlement

LONNIE LEE MOORE SR Deceased, by CLAYTON D MOORE, Executor  
Affidavit and Waiver of Final Settlement

MONZELL GENE STALNAKER Deceased, by ERIC EUGENE STALNAKER, Executor  
Affidavit and Waiver of Final Settlement

**Barbour County Commission Meeting**

**May 4, 2026**

**5:00pm**

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

Kim Lewis, Rhett Dusenbury, Dylan Harper, Heather Bowen, Majliya Rodgers, Barrett Ammons, Valen Falls, Jocelyn Daugherty, Rabekha Kennedy, Jenna Stalnaker, Jaime Daugherty, Madisen Tallman, Alan Propst, Joseph Barcus, Candi Travis, Aaron Bostel, Nancy Keller, Rachelle Channell, Ram Dodds, Art Dodds, Douglas Thomas, Corey Brandon, Lacey Kelley, Kevin Kelley, Cheryl Kelley, Drew Phillips, Nichol Harris, Summer Harris, Brett Carpenter, Jessie Lambert, Linda Sponaugle, Hadley Sponaugle, Peggy Poling, Carrie Boyles

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

Bob Richardson made a motion to approve the April 17 and April 21, 2026 meeting minutes as presented; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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

LEO G BOYLEN JR., JOHN HAROLD BAKER, LONNIE LEE MOORE SR., MONZELL GENE STALNAKER

Proclamations were presented to declare May as Mountain Heart Community Services Month and Community Action Month.

Sheriff Carpenter submitted a consent to hire to fill vacancies in the Sheriff Tax Office and Law Enforcement. David Strait made a motion to approve the following: Sheriff Tax Office- Jane Price, Carissa Saffle. Law Enforcement- Ricky Hymes, Lars Gould and Aaron Gould; Jedd Schola seconded: 3/0

David Strait made a motion to approve K-9 officer training for two officers in the amount of \$6,280, to be funded from the Opioid Fund; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

Deputy Barcus presented the Animal Control report. He reported that a grant application for ventilation improvements at the overflow building was unsuccessful. Deputy Barcus requested approval to purchase a ventilation fan in the amount of \$509.99 using funds from the Dog & Sheep Fund. On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Bob Richardson, the purchase was approved. 3/0

A discussion was also held regarding volunteer opportunities at the county Animal Shelter.

Corey Brandon provided an update regarding the Active Threat Drill. He reported that both participating groups were successful. Feedback is currently being gathered to identify strengths and areas needing improvement. Coordination with the Board of Education will continue as planning progresses for the next phases of the drill.

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FBLA students in attendance also provided valuable feedback based on their personal experiences.

Aaron Bostel reported on EMS's involvement with the Active Threat Drill, stating it was a positive and valuable experience. He also reported that Medicaid billing is finally being processed, although deficiencies with Blue Cross Blue Shield billing are still being addressed. The Ambulance Authority has hired two new employees. He also noted that EMS Week is approaching.

A discussion was held regarding events requiring EMS services.

The Prosecuting Attorney drafted a Natural Gas Service Agreement between Creston Oil Company and the Barbour County Commission for gas usage at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. The agreement was also reviewed by legal counsel. David Strait made a motion to approve the agreement as presented; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

A work session was held prior to the commission meeting to discuss policy and procedures at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. Comments and direction were provided to move the process forward. Further discussion will be held at a later date.

Bob Richardson made a motion to approve the Performance Agreement Contract with Tennessee Outlaw Country for music entertainment at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Community Event at a cost of \$1,000.00; Jedd Schola seconded. Music Entertainment will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-9pm at the Barbour County Fairgrounds. 3/0

FBLA students presented information regarding their accomplishments, community service efforts, and upcoming National Conference participation. The students requested financial assistance in the amount of \$10,000.00 to assist with conference expenses. The Commission requested that a formal funding application be submitted for consideration at the next meeting.

Candi Travis presented a funding request for Tygart Valley United Way in the amount of \$3,000.00 to help support the WV 211 program. Jedd Schola made a motion to approve funding in the amount \$1,500.00; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

Belington Revitalization Committee submitted a request for Music on the Square 2026 in the City of Belington in the amount of \$5,000.00. Bob Richardson made a motion to approve \$4,000; David Strait seconded. 3/0

The Youth Sports AED Project was discussed. Dylan Harper acquired a sample enclosure box for the Commissioners to inspect. The proposed enclosure is large enough to hold an AED, Narcan, and a Stop the Bleed kit. Proposed locations for the equipment include Belington Youth Soccer, Philippi City Gym, Belington Civic Center, Philippi Baseball Field, Belington Baseball Field, Barbour County Softball, Barbour County Youth Football practice field/tennis courts, and the Upper Barbour County Fairgrounds. The AEDs will be owned and maintained by the Barbour County Commission.

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David Strait made a motion to approve the purchase of eight AEDs and enclosures in the amount of \$24,616.00, to be funded through the Opioid Settlement Fund. Jedd Schola seconded the motion. 3/0.

The project originated from a funding request submitted by Belington Youth Soccer, which will serve as the first installation site.

Notice was received that the law firm Pullin, Fowler, Flanagan, Brown & Poe PLLC was dissolving, and the Commission must determine whether to continue legal services with Attorneys Keith Gamble and/or Johnnie Brown or seek other legal counsel. Discussion was held.

Jedd Schola made a motion to continue legal services with Attorney Keith Gamble through Litchfield Cavo LLP; David Strait seconded the motion. 3/0.

Due to a lack of motion, continued legal services with Johnnie Brown will not be pursued.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Bob Richardson, the Hart Office lease agreement was approved to replace the County Administrator and County Clerk copiers while retaining the existing copiers in the mail room and record room, at a monthly cost of \$832.50. 3/0.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Valley Link Transmission Line.

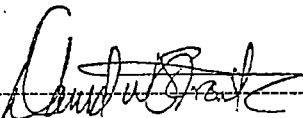
Residents were present to voice concerns and express opposition to the proposed Valley Link Transmission Line. They requested that the Commission consider adopting a resolution opposing the project in support of affected landowners. Following discussion, the group was asked to submit a draft resolution reflecting their position for the Commission's review and possible consideration.

The Certificate of Deposit for the Courtroom Renovation Fund, in the amount of \$47,732.21, is due for renewal. Jedd Schola made a motion to renew the CD with People's Bank for a 26-week term at an interest rate of 3.29%; Bob Richardson seconded the motion.

The floor was open for public comment.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2026 at 9:00am.

David Strait made a motion to adjourn at 7:49pm; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

  
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David W Strait, President

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Laurie L. Austin, Clerk  
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