Barbour County Commission Meeting Special Meeting September 1, 2023 9:00am

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

Kim Lewis, Bryant Bowman, Brett Carpenter, Drew Phillips

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

The special meeting was called to discuss the Alderson Broaddus campus property. Commissioner Strait was part of a local interest group who recently toured the campus where several concerns and ideas were discussed. Alderson Broaddus University filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy on August 31, 2023. Due to the Chapter 7 filing, the property is now in the control of an appointed bankruptcy trustee. USDA encouraged to continue open discussions and forward any interested parties of the property to them for further review.

Sheriff Carpenter reported that law enforcement can enter buildings if there is reason to believe suspicious activity is taking place. The department has plans to increase patrols to the campus to help deter criminal activities.

Further discussion was held of concerns, ideas and general discussion. Commissioner Schola expressed that without having a concrete plan, the county can't have a realistic solution. There are too many unknowns to be able to make sound decisions.

Dave Strait made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:20am, Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Regular Session was resumed at 10:25am on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to give permission to Commissioner Strait to continue communications with USDA on the commission's behalf, Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the special meeting was adjourned at 10:45am. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President