

Barbour County Commission Meeting

September 20, 2024

9:00 am

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

Ben Propst, H. David Talbott, Mark Stuart, Kim Lewis, Bob Richardson, Elise Jones, Lisa Knight, Chasity McGill, Jorelyn D. Ferber, Corey Brandon, Brett Carpenter, Scott Gillis, Joey Bolyard, Jennifer Cloonan, Drew Phillips, Melissa O'Brien, Dylan Harper

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:00am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the August 30, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, three (3) final settlements were approved. 3/0

JAMES WILLIAM KYLE, WILLIAM ROY HINEY, GROVER CURTIS HARRIS

The appointment of Mary Ward to the Barbour County Park & Recreation Board was approved, and the resignation of Dee Dee Shrader was accepted, with a motion by Jedd Schola and second by David Strait. 3/0

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, Sam Wright was reappointed to another term on the Century Volga PSD board, as requested. 3/0

A request submitted by Chasity McGill to allow Philip Barbour Football to deliver and retrieve Election machines for a team donation of \$1,000.00. Jamie Carpenter made a motion to approved the request, Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

County Fire Protection funds were received in the amount of \$26,063.36. After speaking with all support three Fire Departments, they preferred to split the funds equally. Jamie Carpenter made a motion to distribute \$8,687.78 from the County Fire Protection Funds to Junior Volunteer Fire Department, Belington Volunteer Fire Department and Philippi Volunteer Fire Department; David Strait seconded. 3/0

Dylan Harper presented a resolution to oppose continued intervention in Public Safety and Cellular/Wireless Communications by the National Radio Quiet Zone. Current restrictions require a decreased output power resulting in having dead zones in parts of the county. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the resolution was passed. 3/0

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Mark Stuart and members from the Barbour County Farmer’s Market attended to discuss the desire and need to have a permanent structure at the Fairgrounds. Potential locations and structures were discussed, with a goal of having the new facility in place by spring 2025.

The West Virginia Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (WVBEAD) program is accepting applications for broadband projects across the state. While support letters from local governments are a required, match commitments are not requested at this time. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the commission agreed to provide letters of support for any and all projects that will increase broadband deployment in Barbour County. 3/0

Jody Carpenter submitted a request to increase their office space at the Tygart Soil Conservation District office. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola an additional 300 sq. ft. space resulting is a monthly rent of \$920.33 was approved

A \$24,000.00 grant was approved from the Federation of Humane Organizations of West Virginia (FOHO) to install chain link fencing for a free-running enclosed space; heavy-duty kennels on concrete slabs, dog houses and shade covers. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the project is accepted and can proceed. 3/0

A \$15,390.00 State and Local Cyber Security Grant Award was approved to install additional network security equipment. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, the grant was accepted and can proceed. 3/0

A resolution to submit an application to the Justice Assistance Grant Program for continued Prevention Resource Officer coverage at PBHS, Manpower Resolution, and 2024-25 PRO/Board of Education Agreement was passed on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2024 at 9:00am. There will not be a meeting held on October 7, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President

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