

## Barbour County Commission Meeting

December 2, 2024

5:00pm

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

Kim Lewis, Tom Freeman, Derek Taylor, McKinsey Taylor, Drew Phillips, Larry Gore, Bob Wilkins, Mark Stewart, Corey Brandon, Dylan Harper, Larry McGill, Jody Carpenter

David Strait called the meeting to order at 5:20pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission presented the 2024 Emergency and Crisis Management Exemplary Community Award to Arch Resources-Leer South Mining Complex; Larry Gore and Tom Freeman accepted the award. Through this award, the Barbour County Commission is recognizing the work being done in Barbour County to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters. Their progressive planning, emergency preparedness exercises and implementation of mock drills with community collaboration is making way for their emergency plans to be flawless and effective. They also prepared a hype video that illustrates this collaboration well. The County Commission thanked them for their commitment to our community and creating a precedence in emergency preparedness.

McKinsey Taylor was recognized for winning the state 4-H poster contest. Her poster will be displayed at extension offices throughout the state.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the November 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, one (1) final settlement was approved. 3/0

ELIZABETH ANN MAYLE

Corey Brandon requested to table the road name request.

Dylan Harper requested acceptance of grant 21-SHS-62 for a radio encryption project in the amount of \$8,000.00. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the grant was accepted. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the equipment quote from Motorola for grant 21-SHS-62 was approved in the amount of \$7,384.08. 3/0

Philip Barbour Volleyball was recognized for their State Championship win along with Coach Halfin for her years of dedication and success.

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Commissioner Schola discussed the Fairgrounds Splash Pad project. Two responses were received from the request for engineering services notice; however, one response was received after the deadline. An interview was conducted with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. was selected for engineering services on the splash pad project. 3/0

Jedd Schola made a motion to set the budget for this project at \$300,000.00, seconded by Jamie Carpenter. Funds will be allocated from the Coal Severance Fund (\$100,000), Coal County Reallocation (\$100,000) and LACFT Funds (\$100,000). 3/0

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

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the EMS Director position at 6:08pm, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to resume Regular Session at 6:39pm, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to move forward with posting the EMS Director position as a County Commission employee and will work with legal counsel on an agreement between the County Commission and Barbour County Ambulance Authority with employment details; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2024 at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

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Jamie Carpenter, President

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