

Barbour County Commission Meeting

January 2, 2024

5:00pm

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

Kim Lewis, Valerie Minor, Dylan Harper, Drew Phillips, Corey Brandon, April Sinsel

Jamie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The election of Commission President was held. Jedd Schola nominated Jamie Carpenter as president for the 2024 term. David Strait seconded the nomination and Jamie Carpenter accepted. Passing unanimously, Jamie Carpenter is the Barbour County Commission President for the 2024 term.

Jamie Carpenter made a motion to allow Commissioners to teleconference in the event they are unavailable to attend in person, David Strait seconded and passed unanimously.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola and passed unanimously, holidays, as defined by the State of West Virginia, and any additional proclamations made by the West Virginia Governor, as outlined in WV Code 2-2-1, will be observed by the Barbour County Courthouse.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by David Strait, regular commission meetings will be held on the 1st Monday of each month at 5:00pm and the 3rd Friday of each month at 9:00am. Meetings are held in the County Commission Chambers at the Barbour County Courthouse.

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the December 15, 2023 meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, two (2) final settlements were approved. 3/0

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On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, the Sheriff was appointed to the William Lee Smith estate due to the passing of Mathew Kelley. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, Raymond Eddy was reappointed to the Chestnut Ridge PSD Board for another term, as requested. 3/0

The following appointments were approved on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

Park & Recreation, Philippi Professional Building, 4-H Extension- Jedd Schola
Corridor H Authority, Philippi/Barbour County Airport Authority- David Strait
Barbour/Taylor Community Corrections, Region VI Workforce, Region VII Planning and Development Council, Barbour County Development Authority- Jamie Carpenter

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Hunter Mullens presented the first distribution of Opioid Settlement funds in the amount of \$265,392.40. These funds will be placed in Fund 40- Opioid Settlement and must follow the West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding for eligible uses.

SCARS presented a revision to the Public Safety Consulting contract to also include management duties. The additional services will include oversight of existing agencies and any newly formed merger of the current two agencies. SCARS will collaboratively act as the administrator of EMS services within Barbour County. The fee for additional services is \$15,000 for 90 days of service. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, the contract revision to include managerial duties was approved. 3/0

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, a letter will be submitted to the WV State Tax Department allowing the Barbour County Assessor and the WV State Tax Department to make changes to the property assessments through the month of February 2024. 3/0

Board of Review and Equalization dates were determined as the following.

Thursday, February 1: 5pm-6pm	Monday February 12: 4pm-5pm
Monday, February 5: 3:30pm-4:30pm	Thursday, February 15: 4pm-5pm
Wednesday, February 7: 4pm-5pm	Wednesday, February 21: 4pm-5pm
	Monday, February 26: 4pm-5pm

The date to hear Minerals is TBD.

Discussion was held with April Sinsel, Fairgrounds Event Coordinator, regarding events and upcoming ideas for the fairgrounds.

On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait, a resolution was passed to resubmit a grant application for Land and Water Conservation Fund program. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the yearly IT Support Contract with Global Science Technology (GST) was approved for the period of 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024. 3/0

OEM/911 provided an update on grants and vacant positions.

Commissioner Carpenter opened the floor for public comment in order of the sign-up sheet.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2024 at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm on a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

Jamie Carpenter, President

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Laurie L. Austin, Clerk
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