

Barbour County Commission Meeting
March 17, 2023
9:00am

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

Jay Nitz, Kim Lewis, Dylan Harper, Jennifer Burner, Jean Clark, Drew Phillips, Corey Brandon, Rhett Dusenbury, Jeremy Drennen

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

On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by Jamie Carpenter, the March 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes and March 10, 2023 special meeting minutes were approved. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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

MICHAEL EDWARD BOWERS

County Clerk Austin reported the certified letter has been sent to Mathew Kelley regarding the William Smith estate.

A dispute was received on the final settlement of the Harold Marteney estate. Upon guidance from Prosecutor Phillips, when any controversy arising regarding an estate, it can be referred to a special fiduciary commissioner to hear proof from parties, make findings and to advise the county commission. On a motion by Jedd Schola, the Harold Marteney estate will be referred to James Turner as the Special Fiduciary, if he is unavailable, the next available Harrison County Attorney will be utilized; David Strait seconded. 3/0

Selena Fagons was not present to discuss her questions and concerns regarding the Prosecutor appointment.

Jeremy Drennen, Philippi City Manager, provided an update on the Little Laurel Run Dam project. The project was scaled back to a 30-day water supply with a cost of \$15,000,000. \$10,000,000 was received in grant funds and \$5,000,000 in an IJDC loan. At the January 17, 2020 regular commission meeting, \$230,000 from the Coal County Reallocation fund was dedicated toward land acquisition for this project. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by Jedd Schola, these funds will be released to the City of Philippi in a lump sum. Land acquisition information will be provided to the County Commission for documentation. 3/0

Corey Brandon submitted a road name request for Bear Skin Lane. On a motion by Jamie Carpenter, seconded by David Strait the request was approved. 3/0

Quotes were tabled for the Sheriff Annex building.

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The commission reviewed the proposed merit system presented by the Barbour County Board of Health. Commissioner Strait suggested areas that need additional review by the board. Clarification was provided for the desire to separate from the Division of Personnel. Reasoning included the difficulty in hiring, recruiting, retention, posting of job vacancies, wages through DOP are low, IT requirements. The negatives were having to manage an HR system internally and more oversight will be needed. Overall, the board felt the separation from DOP is a positive move. David Strait made a motion to adopt the Barbour County Health Department's merit-based personnel management system and to separate from the WV Division of Personnel; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Jedd Schola made a motion to contribute the final \$2,000 to Belington VFW to complete the flag project at the Philip Barbour athletic complex, David Strait seconded. 3/0

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2023 at 5:00pm.

A special meeting will be held on March 21, 2023 at 4:30pm to consider approving the 2023-24 Levy Estimate.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am 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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