

Barbour County Commission Meeting

August 4, 2025

5:00pm

DAVID STRAIT COMMISSION PRESIDENT, JEDD SCHOLA COMMISSIONER, BOB RICHARDSON COMMISSIONER, LAURIE AUSTIN COUNTY CLERK, SHANA FREY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Ira Mayle, Marj George, Lynda Ware, Joe Crites, Dylan Harper, Jennifer Burnier, Drew Phillips, Daniel Harris, Angela Stalnaker, Dana Alth, Ben Propst, Verle Brown, Brett Carpenter, Jean Clark, Karen Lewis, Kristy Stalnaker, Erica Weese, Rhett Dusenbury, Judy Marsh, Billie Metheney, Chasity McGill, Lois Jane McBee, Larry McGill, Kim Lewis

David Strait called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and led the pledge.

Commissioner Strait announced an employee recognition for Verle Brown, Courthouse Maintenance. Magistrate Stalnaker prepared a letter of recognition on behalf of herself and Magistrate Harris regarding Mr. Brown's selfless dedication to the county and community. Mr. Brown's commitment is evident not only in day-to-day operations but also in his willingness to assist with situations involving hearing-impaired individuals in Magistrate Court. On two recent occasions, Mr. Brown provided invaluable assistance by using sign language, demonstrating utmost professionalism, and ensuring that litigants felt relief and were able to conduct court business despite the communication barrier. His actions bridged the communication gap, providing immediate and fair access to the court system for individuals with hearing impairments.

The third and final reading was held for the Barbour County Enhanced 911 Ordinance amendments. The amendment is to update fees imposed on local exchange service lines to finance the projected costs of capital improvement and maintenance costs of the Enhanced Emergency Telephone System and associated Emergency Dispatch Equipment - Residential from \$3.64 to \$4.01; Business from \$4.25 to \$5.00; Centrix from \$0.50 to \$0.90. The proposed amendment would be effective August 15, 2025. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the Barbour County Enhanced 911 Ordinance amendment was passed. 3/0

Bob Richardson made a motion to approve minutes of July 18, 2025 as presented; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

Final Settlements were presented and approved on a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson. 3/0

JAMES A BROCKWELL, MICHAEL STEPHEN POLING, RANDY MICHAEL MOORE, LINDA JANETTE COFFMAN, DANNY CARL HOLBERT, WILMA LEE JENKINS

Board of Health vacancies were discussed. On a motion by Jedd Schola, second by Bob Richardson, Dana Gould is appointed to the Barbour County Board of Health. 3/0

August 4, 2025

Page#2

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, Stephen Collins' reappointment was accepted to the Barbour County Solid Waste Authority board and will expire on June 30, 2029.

Upon discussion and position title correction, David Strait made a motion, seconded by Bob Richardson, to hire Wendy Madden as a Transition Coordinator for the Barbour County Health Department at a rate of \$2,500 per month on a 6-month term paid by the County Commission General fund. 3/0

Kristy Stalnaker, spokesperson for the Barbour County Health Department, shared her concerns and the importance of the Health Department. Erica Weese included many important aspects of Public Health that are vital for Barbour County residents.

Jennifer Burner discussed her efforts as the Barbour County Health Department Director and her resignation.

Commissioner Strait emphasized that the commission is not considering closing or reducing services. With recent resignations, new leadership and providers are crucial for progress, and it is believed that Wendy Madden will be a valuable addition during this transition.

A discussion was held regarding the Barbour County Recycling Center. Commissioner Richardson reported that two tractor trailer loads were removed a short time ago, however new recyclables quickly replaced what was removed. Obtaining trucks for the recyclables have been challenging. Discussions are ongoing on ways to move forward while still offering a recycling.

Dylan Harper submitted a request to hire Chase Schoonover for a full time telecommunicator. Jedd Schola made a motion to approve; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

Lynda Ware inquired if the County Commission would be interested in the property beside the EMS station in Belington. It was recommended to present a written proposal to the commission for consideration.

Ms. Ross was not present for further discussion on her concerns.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, a contribution to the Barbour County Fair Board in the amount of \$18,700.00 for the Farmer's Market construction labor was approved. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to approve the purchase of eight 210,000 lumen lights for the lighting upgrade project 24-SHS-11 at the Barbour County Fairgrounds; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to approve the purchase of license plate reader cameras from Cardinal Cabling for grant 24-LE-18; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

August 4, 2025

Page#3

The Philippi/Barbour Regional Airport grant 79D 029 application to Rehabilitate Runway Lighting was presented for signature. A discussion was held regarding the unknown support from the City of Philippi on the project. No action was taken due to lack of motion.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, Executive Session was entered at 6:45 to discuss an undercover vehicle and personnel matters. 3/0

Regular Session resumed at 7:32pm on a motion by Bob Richardson, seconded by David Strait. 3/0

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, Executive Session was entered at 7:34pm to discuss County Clerk duties as defined in WV Code Chapter 44. 3/0

Regular Session resumed at 8:37pm on a motion by David Strait; seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2025 beginning at 9:00am.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. 3/0

David W Strait, President

Barbour County
Laurie L. Austin, Clerk
Instrument 205201
08/26/2025 @ 10:13:13 AM
COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
Book 29 @ Page 22
Pages Recorded 3