

Barbour County Commission Meeting
August 15, 2025
9:00am

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

Reg Trefethen, Dylan Harper, Bernard Gillis, Kim Lewis, Wendy Madden, Hunter Mullens, H. David Talbott, Corey Brandon, Drew Phillips, Kelsea J. Gross, Rebecca Kropf, Brendan Bates, Jennifer Burner

David Strait called the meeting to order at 9:05am and led the pledge.

Bob Richardson made a motion to approve minutes of August 4, 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

HOUSTON BOOTH, GEORGE JONATHAN FREEMAN, RICHARD FORREST WARE, RALPH WALDO DURRETT, WILLIAM B. FERGUSON, GARY WAYNE SHAFFER, DONNA JUNE LAWRENCE, RUBY MAURINE JOHNSON, TONDA JO SPEAR

Jedd Schola made a motion to accept the resignations of Sharon Jean Clark, Geneva Mayle and Barbara Lyle from the Board of Health, effective August 31, 2025; David Strait seconded. 3/0

Brendan Bates presented a resolution to support Black Lung benefits. David Strait made a motion to adopt the resolution; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Hunter Mullens provided an update on Opioid Settlement funds. Per counsel recommendation, David Strait made a motion to opt in on all National Settlements as presented; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

OEM/911 provided an update. Commissioner Richardson requested them to look into adding flashing caution lights around the EMS station.

A discussion took place about reallocating funds from the Splash Pad project. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, the LATCF funds, totaling \$100,000, were voted to be deobligated from the Splash Pad project, making them available for other purposes in the General County Fund. 3/0

Wendy Madden provided an update on the Health Department and her involvement so far.

Commissioner Strait noted Since October 2023, the County Commission has allocated \$324,266.37 to the Barbour County Health Department and authorized the withdraw of a CD in the amount of \$153,726.93; a total of \$477,993.30.

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On a motion by Jedd Schola, seconded by David Strait, Executive Session was entered at 9:55am to discuss legal matters with counsel. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to resume Regular Session at 10:34am; seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to provide funding support to the Barbour County Health Department in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the General County fund for the purpose of sustaining the Barbour County Health Department and will be distributed with the oversight and recommendations of Wendy Madden; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

A discussion was held regarding the Office of Emergency Medical Services funding award in the amount of \$90,909.09. The allowable use of funds is the purchase of equipment for EMS purposes or training purposes directly related to patient care. Funding structure and reporting requirements were discussed. David Strait made a motion to accept and submit documentation for the EMS Equipment Grant in the amount of \$90,909.09; Bob Richardson seconded.

David Strait made a motion to submit an application to the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority for upgrades to the interior HVAC equipment; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Jonathan Liston gave a presentation on Globe Life. The commission will review the documents and suggested he returned to the September 19 meeting.

A discussion was held regarding a partnership with the Barbour County Fairboard to install security cameras at the Fairgrounds. Additional information will be gathered and revisit the discussion following the fair.

Options were provided for the Rainy Day CD maturity renewals. Bob Richardson made a motion to request BC Bank to match Peoples Bank rate and keep the investment at BC Bank; otherwise move to Peoples Bank; David Strait seconded. 3/0

A discussion was held regarding Drug Rehab and Drug Free Housing in Barbour County. Commissioners will be reviewing ordinances that are in place throughout the state that require certification and oversight for such facilities.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2025 beginning at 5:00pm due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday of September.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38am. 3/0

David W Strait, President

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