

Barbour County Commission Meeting
October 6, 2025
5:00pm

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

Kim Lewis, Larry McGill, Jonathan Liston, Dylan Harper, Paulette Rowan, David Rowan, Lauren Rogers, Aaron Bostel, Natasha Kosowsky, Corey Brandon, Jody Carpenter, Rebecca Kropf, Drew Phillips

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

Commissioner Strait opened the meeting with an announcement regarding meeting conduct while live streaming. The platform is used to conduct county business and will not be tolerated if used otherwise.

He also addressed the Chestnut Ridge Public Service District generator project and bidding requirements. CRPSD requested funding from the County Commission at a previous meeting to assist with the generator purchase. Additional quotes were obtained in an effort to assist the PSD with finding the best pricing and not as a County Commission project requiring a bid process.

Jedd Schola made a motion to approve minutes as presented; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

Exonerations were presented.

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

VERONICA CARROLL JENKINS, PAMELA SUE PHILLIPS

Invoices were presented.

Barbour County Sheriff's Department had nothing to report.

The Belington Middle School Youth Leadership Academy submitted a request for funding to sponsor two students at the academy. Jedd Schola made a motion to approve \$1,050.00 to sponsor three students; David Strait seconded. 3/0

Dave Rowan talked about the Annie's Smiles program, active fundraisers and their mission. On a motion by Bob Richardson, seconded by Jedd Schola a \$1,500.00 contribution to the "Annie's Christmas Wishes" initiative was approved. 3/0

Corey Brandon and Dylan Harper provided updates from conferences. The recorder that was damaged by a lightning strike in June is scheduled to be installed. Dylan announced that a Homeland Security grant was approved to install security cameras at the Barbour County Fairgrounds.

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Aaron Bostel acknowledged that five of seven students in the EMT class passed the National Registry Exam. The other two are scheduled to take the exam. Seven new staff members were onboarded as a result of the first training class. He also announced Barbour County Ambulance Authority won the Best Equipped BLS Unit at the Mountain State Forest Festival.

Jody Carpenter recognized National 4-H week. He presented office space availability at Battlers Knob that consists of 1,483 sq. ft. for \$1,500.00 per month and an additional 1,040 sq. ft. for \$500.00; water, electric and trash included. David Strait made a motion to pursue the lease with Battlers Knob for the purpose of Barbour County Extension Service office space; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Jonathan Liston followed up on County participation with Globe Life. Due to a lack of motion, Globe Life will not be an approved optional benefit.

Commissioner Strait discussed additional damage to Charles Nestor's poultry. It was noted that modifications and improvements are being completed in an effort to prevent future occurrences. Commissioner Strait appreciates his willingness to discuss the matter with him and noted that Mr. Nestor has donated the first \$250.00 in damage reimbursement to the Shop with a Cop program. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, reimbursement of \$500.00 was approved to Charles Nestor for the loss of additional poultry as a result of a dog escaping from the county shelter. 3/0

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2025 beginning at 9:00am.

On a motion by Bob Richardson, seconded by David Strait, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm. 3/0

David W Strait, President

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