

Barbour County Commission Meeting
March 2, 2026
5:00pm

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

Ira Mayle, Marjorie George, Kim Lewis, Judy Buckner Larry, Elaine Benson, Chasity McGill, Aaron Bostel, Rhett Dusenbury, Dylan Harper, Brett Carpenter, Corey Brandon, Sabrina Holbert, Jocelyn Holbert, Olivia Turner

David Strait called the meeting to order at 4:59pm and led the pledge.

David Strait made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Sheriff Department personnel at 5:00pm; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Regular Session resumed at 5:23pm.

At a recent meeting, Chasity McGill presented the I Voted Sticker Contest winners for Barbour County. Students in attendance included Joselyn Holbert, who placed 3rd, and Alivia Turner, who received an Honorable Mention.

Students who were unable to attend included 1st place winner Avery Shaffer, 2nd place winner Elizabeth Bowles, and Honorable Mention recipient Natalee Holt.

A list of Republican and Democratic poll workers was presented for approval. It was noted the Republican party provided their recommendations and the Elections Clerk created a Democratic list in the absence of an active committee. On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Jedd Schola, the list was approved as presented. 3/0

David Strait made a motion to approve the February 20, 2026 meeting minutes as presented; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

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

DORIS LORRAINE MARSHALL-MCDANIEL

Invoices were presented

Chasity McGill submitted a funding request on behalf of the Philippi Lions Club in the amount of \$200.00 to assist with their upcoming Easter Egg Hunt in Barbour County. Bob Richardson made a motion to approve; seconded by Jedd Schola. 3/0

Philippi Public Library submitted their FY27 budget request and a funding request to assist with replacing the metal doors to the library basement. The requests will be considered.

Corey Brandon, OEM discussed upcoming classes he is hosting.

A discussion was held on repurposing the use of the OEM/911 Durango.

There were no objections to establishing the road name of Huffman Hallow Lane.

Dylan Harper was notified of a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice secured, by Shelley Moore Capito. to support first responder upgrades, including the purchase of new radios with encryption capabilities.

Aaron Bostel discussed EMS fleet. The CPR and advanced instructor equipment was delivered and training is being scheduled. An EVOC class is also scheduled.

A discussion was held on heaters at the Barbour County Fairgrounds for the Quonset Hut and the new building. Specs will be determined and heaters will be put out for bid.

The new building interior was tabled.

An employment ad will be posted for seasonal groundskeeping at the Fairgrounds.

David Strait made a motion to approve the MOU with Golden Rule/Woodland Development Group to install the America250 Mural; seconded by Bob Richardson. 3/0

Jedd Schola explained the benefits of fire departments having electric vehicle immobilizers. He then made a motion to approve the purchase of three immobilizers compatible with Tesla and other electric vehicles at a cost of \$1,499 each, to be paid from previously allocated funding for fire department equipment. David Strait seconded the motion.

The \$1.6 million Congressionally Directed Spending project for the construction of an Ambulance Authority station was awarded to the County Commission. The Commission plans to attend a Board of Education meeting to inquire about the vacant property where the State Police facility was previously located as a potential site for the project.

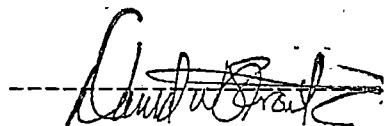
David Strait made a motion to submit the Community Facilities Grant application in order to acquire the CDS grant funds; Jedd Schola seconded. 3/0

Jedd Schola made a motion to reassign the OEM/911 Dodge Durango to the Process Server department; Bob Richardson seconded. 3/0

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

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2026 at 9:00am.

On a motion by David Strait, seconded by Bob Richardson, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm. 3/0



David W Strait, President

MAR 20 2026

Barbour County
Laurie L. Austin, Clerk
Instrument 287572
03/23/2026 @ 11:39:45 AM
COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
Book 29 @ Page 83
Pages Recorded 2