

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Chairman David Vensel called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call by Deputy Clerk, Grace Miles, as follows:

PRESENT			EXCUSED
J. Henry Lievens	Brian Lamour	David Swartout	
David Hoffman	David Vensel	Jay Heinzerling	
Greg Moore, Jr.	Dawn Asper		

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to conduct business.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Grace Miles led the Opening Prayer.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Vice-Chairman Lamour to approve the May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens				

Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (05/05/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lamour, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the minutes as presented for the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	Brian Lamour			
David Swartout	Dawn Asper	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens				

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT —

1. Ned Birkey: Provided the Board with agriculture updates. Explained farmer sentiments

being low although crop prices are more expensive. Shared what he did for Agriculture Awareness Day and elaborated on this information. Stated Norman Borlo is considered the father of the green revolution and explained why. Discussed biosolids, sludge, solar energy, drones, pipes, wells, and sink holes.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Payment of the 05/20/2026 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$1,012,488.50.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the 05/20/2026 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$1,012,488.50 and approve the Claims for the date and amount presented.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	David Vensel	Dawn Asper	J. Henry Lievens		
David Swartout	Brian Lamour				
Jay Heinzerling	Greg Moore Jr.				

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 05/08/2026 in the amount of \$ 432,945.71
 - b. Check Register dated 05/15/2026 in the amount of \$ 923,681.04

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to confirm the non-claims payments as presented on the agenda for the dates and amounts listed.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter Operations Committee – Report of Committee from 05/14/2026 Meeting. Operations Committee 05/14/2026 Agenda Packet included.
 - a. Letter dated May 7, 2026 from Jesse Stanford, County Treasurer, requesting the addition of a new part-time Foreclosure Specialist position at an estimated cost of \$15,737.00 for 2026, with sufficient funds in the Foreclosure fund to absorb the anticipated costs.

Mr. Stanford explained how this position would be utilized and stated it is mainly for extra coverage and training.

Discussion was held regarding the timeline and payment of this position addition.

Commissioner Lievens noted the treasurer comes to every meeting whether he has business on the agenda or not. Stated he can't think of a more dedicated elected official.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lamour, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file, and approve the addition of a new part-time Foreclosure Specialist position at an estimated cost of \$15,737.00 for 2026, with sufficient funds in the Foreclosure fund to absorb the anticipated costs.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

- b. Letter dated May 7, 2026 from Mr. David Vensel, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, requesting a comprehensive cost analysis be done regarding the Defined Benefit pension plan. This analysis would be conducted by Danielle Winegardner from Nyhart with a proposed fee of \$8,500.00.

Commissioner Asper shared her concerns with the overall process and cost. Stated if it wasn't for Commissioner Swartout, we wouldn't have the analysis.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Vice-Chairman Lamour to accept the communication, place it on file, and approve a comprehensive cost analysis be done regarding the Defined Benefit pension plan. This analysis would be conducted by Danielle Winegardner from Nyhart with a proposed fee of \$8,500.00.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

- c. Letter dated March 30, 2026 from Stacey McCoy, requesting the addition of a Career Development Facilitator Position fully funded from the grant dollars awarded by SEMCA.

Ms. McCoy stated how helpful this addition would be and explained the job description.

Discussion was held.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file, and approve the addition of a Career Development Facilitator Position fully funded from the grant dollars awarded by SEMCA.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

d. Fairview Census Discussion

Tabled for further review with more information to come on 8/13/2026.

e. Boards and Commissions Per Diem Discussion

Tabled for further review with more information to come at a later date.

f. Personnel Committee Discussion

Tabled for further review with more information to come at a later date.

g. Sheriff's Office Drone Program Discussion

No discussion or action was necessary. Chairman Vensel explained Sheriff Goodnough is out of town tonight but will present on this at a meeting in the near future.

- Letter dated May 12, 2026 from Ms. Holly Flint, Community Corrections Coordinator, requesting approval to submit the FY 2027 Community Corrections Grant Application in the amount of \$376,073.80 with an approximate local match of 25-30%.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Moore to approve the submission of the FY 2027 Community Corrections Grant Application in the amount of \$376,073.80 with an approximate local match of 25-30%.

Commissioner Hoffman stated he sits on this board and Ms. Flint is very confident in what she does. Stated she does a great job saving the County money with these grants.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

- Letter dated May 13, 2026 from Mr. Bradley Smith, Interim Director, requesting approval to accept the FY 2025 EMPG funding in the amount of \$4,758.00 with no match required.

Mr. Smith provided more information of the grant.

Commissioner Hoffman stated he sits on the 911 Board and Mr. Smith is at every meeting with reports. Stated he is doing a great job jumping in on a hot plate.

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the acceptance of the FY 2025 EMPG funding in the amount of \$4,758.00 with no match required.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

- Letter dated May 6, 2026 from Mr. Chris Westover, Environmental Health Director, requesting approval of the recommended appointment (Chase Lindecker) to the Materials Management Planning Committee for an unexpired term.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommended appointment (Chase Lindecker) to the Materials Management Planning Committee for an unexpired term.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

- Letter dated May 7, 2026 from Ms. Holly Flint requesting approval of the recommended appointments to the Monroe County Community Corrections Advisory Board as Business Community and Service Area representatives.

Commissioner Hoffman stated he sits on this Board and they went through the applicants thoroughly and stated they're good applicants.

Commissioner Asper gave a shout out to Belinda and Mary for being appointed.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommended appointments to the Monroe County Community Corrections Advisory Board for Belinda Cunningham and Mary Holbrock as Business Community and Service Area representatives.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Greg Moore, Jr.	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour	Jay Heinzerling			
David Vensel	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS — None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS — None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Michael Davison: Shared his concerns with Commissioner Lamour's comments at the last meeting. Stated he would have all the facts if the County didn't hide behind attorney client privilege. Asked Commissioner Heinzerling and Chairman Vensel specific questions and asked the board what they are hiding.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS — None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME –

Commissioner Asper – Shared it is Mental Health Awareness month and Spinal Health month. Discussed geological issues going on in the County. Shared her health concerns with data centers and stated she has been collecting articles if anyone in the public is interested.

Commissioner Moore – Stated he loves the great information provided by Mr. Birkey and explained he would never rush him; he was just checking a notification on his watch. Appreciated the Treasurer, Health Director, Finance, and other employees/elected officials that attend these meeting when it isn't a requirement.

Commissioner Swartout – Passed.

Commissioner Heinzerling – Passed.

Commissioner Lievens – Passed.

Commissioner Hoffman – Stated Jesse does a great job and told Ned to keep coming, they appreciate his updates. Reminded the public to watch for ticks when working outside. Shared this season already has a high number of ticks compared to previous years.

Vice-Chairman Lamour – Explained what he meant when he said Mr. Davison didn't have all the facts is he did not finish his statements. Explained the AG rejected the information sent by our Sheriff as not supporting wrong doings on his or Commissioner Heinzerling's behalf.

Chairman Vensel – Passed.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Vensel adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. with no further business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted by:



Grace Miles
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Monroe County Board of Commissioners