

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe, on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Chairman Randy Richardville called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT			ABSENT
David Hoffman	Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout	
J Henry Lievens	Randy Richardville	David Vensel	
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.		

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Swartout led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Grace Drewior led the Opening Prayer.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (11/12/2024 Rescheduled Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lievens, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the minutes as presented for the November 12, 2024 Rescheduled Meeting and then waived the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Shawna Farley: Spoke about all the wonderful things that the county is receiving from the dispensaries in Monroe: economic benefits, public services, funding community trust and safety, and so forth. Ms. Farley then shared her concerns with Mark Brant's charge. She stated that this is a conflict of interest and all the work that dispensary owners have to do to correctly open a dispensary. Mark Brant didn't have to do.

Chairman Richardville informed her that public comment is usually only three minutes. He asked for her contact information to make sure he could get a copy of the document she created for the Ad-Hoc Committee.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION— None.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Payment of the 11/20/2024 Accounts Payable Claims Report in the amount of \$825,981.81.

Chairman Richardville read the request into the record.

Sue Maier, Director of Fiscal Services, presented the Accounts Payable Claims Report.

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the 11/20/2024 Accounts Payable Claims Report for \$825,981.81 and approve the Claims for the date and amount presented.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims.
 - a. Check Register dated 11/15/2024 in the amount of \$260,442.88

Chairman Richardville read the request into the record.

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

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter dated November 13, 2024 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Human Resources Director recommending approval of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) (Deputy Sheriffs). The new collective bargaining agreement replaces the former agreement set to

expire on December 31, 2024. The new Agreement is for a period of three (3) years through December 31, 2027.

Chairman Richardville read the request into the record, and informed the Board that Mr. McBee was in the audience to answer any questions.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, and approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) (Deputy Sheriffs) for a three-year agreement through December 31, 2027 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

1. Consideration of Recommended 2025-2026 County of Monroe Annual Line Item Budget Resolution.

Click [Here](#) for the 2025-2026 Recommended Annual Line Item Budget, which is posted on the County website. County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer will provide a summary overview of the Recommended Budget.

Chairman Richardville read the agenda item and informed the public that the 2026 values are projected amounts and that line item detail will be adopted a year from now. He then welcomed Michael Bosanac to proceed with his presentation.

Michael Bosanac, County Administrator/CFO, presented a summary overview of the Recommended Budget. Mr. Bosanac explained this information was presented at the November 12, 2024 meeting so most of it was already discussed.

Chairman Richardville declared the public hearing of the 2025 Monroe County Michigan General Fund Budget now open for public comment.

Bill Lavoy: Mr. Lavoy asked if there was any kind of place for streaming and transparency in the budget. Mr. Lavoy then questioned if any information was being withheld that could affect the implementation of the budget or the operation of the Board.

Chairman Richardville called for public comment(s) a second time.

Chairman Richardville called for the public comment(s) a third and final time.

Chairman Richardville asked Deputy Clerk, Grace Drewior, if there has been any written comments provided regarding the recommended budget. She stated there has not been.

Chairman Richardville stated the recommended budget has been available for public inspection since Thursday November 12, 2024 on the website and at the offices of the County Clerk and Finance. If there are no further comments, then I will now close this public hearing.

Commissioner Vensel stated he wanted to table the budget adoption until the December 3, 2024 Board Meeting so he can get some questions answered. Stating his questions were about the succession plan of the administration and 1st District Courts budget.

Commissioner Hoffman stated he would second if needed.

Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Swartout, and Commissioner Asper shared their concerns with postponing the vote for the budget.

Michael Bosanac explained postponing the vote will shorten the window for his office to implement the budget but he said they can still accommodate that. Mr. Bosanac also asked Commissioner Vensel to give him a call and he will be happy to sit down and discuss his questions. Mr. Bosanac then explained he wants to make sure the Board is comfortable with the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Vensel, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to postpone the vote on tonight's budget for two weeks from now at the next scheduled Board Meeting on December 3, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS— None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Shawna Farley: Explained the documents she created are resolutions and wanted to talk about them. She finished her comment by speaking about the voting situation and how the outcome would have been different had the community known the whole story and known how to do a write in on a ballot. She then thanked the Board for their time.
2. Bill Lavoy: Stated that he believes being convicted of any felony while holding public office is a violation of public trust.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—

1. Copies of any Tributes or Certificates issued since the November 12, 2024 meeting: None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME –

Commissioner Moore – Passed.

Commissioner Swartout – Passed.

Commissioner Vensel – Passed.

Commissioner Heinzerling – Passed.

Commissioner Asper – Encouraged citizens to read the charges and articles to make sure the facts are correct because some of the statements made tonight were not accurate. She then thanked the citizens who participated in public comment and said she wants more people to come speak. Reminded the public that the Board represents the citizens, not the government. She finished her comment by stating if anyone wanted to speak to them directly, their contact information is on the website.

Commissioner Hoffman – Stated that the Board knows what Mark Brant did was wrong. He then thanked everyone for coming out.

Commissioner Lievens – Passed.

Chairman Richardville – Stated Commissioner Asper was correct when she said not everything said was a fact during public comment. Informed the public he can fill people in on that. He finished his comment by explaining streaming the meeting is being discussed and there will be action on it in a few weeks.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Richardville adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. with no further business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted by:



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