



**Monroe County Museum System Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, 11 December 2024 @ 6 pm
126 South Monroe Street
Monroe, Michigan 48161

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of 13 November 2024
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Old Business
 - A. County Museum Addition, Second Round Comments
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Board Comments
- IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 8 January 2024 @ 7 pm
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Mission Statement of the Monroe County Museum System

At the Monroe County Museum, we fuel and cultivate our visitors' curiosity through the exploration of Monroe County's reach and varied stories, joining together to unearth meaning and illuminate relevant connections between the past, present, and future.

2024 Monroe County Museum System Board of Trustees

(All terms expire 31 December 2024)

Officers	Trustees
Chair Brian Egen, County District 6	Trustee Emeritus Richard Micka
Vice Chair Jeremy Potter, County District 1	Trustee Vacant, County District 2
Secretary Michael Humphries, County District 8	Trustee Sue Wagers, County District 3
Immediate Past Chair Hobby Nels	Trustee L William Conner, County District 4
	Trustee Michelle Lavoy, County District 5
	Trustee Anne Noland, County District 7
	Trustee Nick Guthrie, County District 9

2024 Board of Trustees Committees

(Appointed annually by the board chair)

Executive Committee	<i>Chair:</i> Brian Egen <i>Members:</i> Jeremy Potter, Michael Humphries, Hobby Nels, Andrew Clark, and JJ Przewozniak
Awards Committee	<i>Chair:</i> Michelle Lavoy <i>Members:</i> Thomas Heywood, Anne Noland, and Andrew Clark
Markers Committee	<i>Chair:</i> Jeremy Potter <i>Members:</i> Brian Egen, Nicholas Guthrie, Micheal Humphries, Lynn Reaume, and Andrew Clark
Projects Committee	<i>Chair:</i> Michael Humphries <i>Members:</i> Bill Conner, Brian Egen, Nick Guthrie, and Andrew Clark

MONROE COUNTY MUSEUM SYSTEM
BOARD of TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
November 13th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Monroe County Museum, 126 South Monroe Street, Monroe

Present: Brian Egen, Chairman	Michael Humphries, Secretary
William Conner, Member	Michelle LaVoy, Member Hobby Nels, Past Chairman
Richard Micka, Emeritus	Anne Noland, Member Sue Wagers, Member

Excused: Nick Guthrie, Member Jeremy Potter, Vice-Chairman

Museum Staff: Director Clark J.J. Przewozniak, Deputy Director Lynn Reaume, County Historian

Guest: Jeanne Micka, Sawyer Homestead David Hoffman, County Commissioner
Elizabeth Rubel

The meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., roll was called, and there was a quorum. It was noted by the Chairman that Member Tom Heywood relinquished his seat due to the absence of County Board Commission Mark Grant who appointed him.

Approval of the Agenda: motion was made to accept the agenda by M. Humphries, seconded by M. LaVoy, and passed.

Approval of Minutes of September 18th, 2024 Meeting: W. Conner made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as published, seconded by M. Humphries, and passed.

Public Comment #1: none

Old Business: Review of Updated Museum addition

Director Clark updated the board on the most recent architect proposals with images of the plan floor layouts and building visuals. The proposal is by the company Ply+ of Ann Arbor, MI. Currently the museum occupies approx. 23,000 square feet; the addition would be approx. 35,000 square feet. Notable: the front, back entrances & old handicapped ramp would be directed to a new side of the building main entrance, facing the River Raisin Centre for the Arts. The front of the addition is reminiscent of the open, storefront look of downtown. Discussion ensued about the bricked-in arched windows of the design and uses of the new third floor event and terrace spaces. The plan has included the use of space- public space, staff space & offices, storage and multi-use spaces. This is also an investment in downtown, with generational improvements and other possible added benefits.

The visuals definitely added to the trustees' understanding of the addition and led to good conversation. Cost and grants and/or bonds were discussed. The next step will be continuing conversation with the Central Office and possible ideas to keep costs down.

Director Clark will send out the presentation to the board for more review at the December meeting.

Other business to consider: There has not been an appointment yet to Tom Heywood's position. Vice-Chairman Potter has a new time-consuming position in Ida schools and intends to resign. A. Noland also has some possible limiting situation after the New Year.

Public Comment #2: Commissioner D. Hoffman thanked the trustees and enjoyed viewing the plans.

Board Comments: Several of the trustees remarked that the progress for the new addition feels positive and the momentum needs to continue with plans.

M. LaVoy reminded the board that the downtown Monroe Tree Lighting is next week and thanked the Museum for its continued involvement.

Director Clark announced that he had the paperwork ready now for the trustees' signatures for their reappointments. Though the county board of Commissioners has gone to a 4-year term, the Historical Trustees will stay at 2-year appointments.

Before adjournment, M. Humphries made a motion to accept the Staff Reports as presented to be accepted; seconded by R. Micka and passed.

With no other business to discuss, motion was made by Secretary M. Humphries to adjourn and the meeting was concluded at 8:33 p.m.

The next scheduled Trustee meeting is Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum.

Lynn W. Reaume
Acting recording secretary
14 November 2024