

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Chairman David Vensel called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call by County Clerk, Annamarie Osment, as follows:

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

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Lamour led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

County Clerk, Annamarie Osment led the Opening Prayer.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda with the removal of agenda item one, subpart a, under Operations.

Discussion was held regarding this item removal.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, supported by Commissioner Lamour to add discussion under New Business regarding data centers.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (03/17/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Vice-Chairman Lamour to approve the minutes as presented for the March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT —

1. Kimberly Cooley-Dusseau: Shared her concerns with a romantic relationship between a prosecuting attorney and a probation officer and stated it is a significant conflict of interest.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of Cycle 8 Certification of Accreditation of Monroe County Public Health Department

Laura Rambelje, Division Director for the MDHHS, explained she is here to present this certification to recognize the hard work of the Health Department. Ms. Rambelje elaborated on the works of the Health Department and thanked everyone for all their support as they continue to work in the community.

2. Presentation of 2025 Monroe County Sheriff's Office Annual Report by Sheriff Troy Goodnough

Discussion was held regarding Flock Safety cameras as well as Drone First Responders.

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to accept the 2025 Annual Report on Monroe County Sheriff's Office and place the report on file.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Payment of the 04/08/2026 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$1,008,757.53

Discussion was held.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the

04/08/2026 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$1,008,757.53
and approve the Claims for the date and amount presented.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims

- Check Register dated 03/27/2026 in the amount of \$377,581.75
- Check Register dated 04/03/2026 in the amount of \$422,237.69

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

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter Operations Committee – Report of Committee Chairman from 04/01/2026 Meeting. Link to Operations Committee 04/01/2026 Agenda Packet: [HERE](#)
 - Letter dated March 24, 2026 from Mr. William Dobson Jr, requesting the ability to purchase his previous years of service towards his retirement.

This Board removed this agenda item to receive further information before voting.

- Letter dated March 25, 2026 from Ms. Jamie Dean, Public Health Department Director requesting approval to create a School Age Health Screening Coordinator position and eliminate the current Hearing & Vision Technician II (H&V Tech II) position at a cost of up to \$9,458.00 with no additional General Fund allocation necessary.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lamour, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file, and approve the creation of a School Age Health Screening Coordinator job description and eliminate the current Hearing & Vision Technician II (H&V Tech II) into the position at a cost of up to \$9,458.00 with no additional General fund allocation.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

2. Letter dated March 30, 2026 from Detective Lieutenant James Jarrett, Michigan State Police, Monroe Area Narcotics Team and Investigative Services (MANTIS), requesting to submit an application to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) for a Narcotics Team grant included in PA 166 of 2022 for up to \$19,536.03 to bolster the teams' activities to address drug related issues and the violent crime that comes along with it. There is no local match required.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Vice-Chairman Lamour to approve the submission of an application to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) for a Narcotics Team grant included in PA 166 of 2022 for up to \$19,536.03. There is no local match required.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

3. Letter dated March 26, 2026 from Mr. Michael Preadmore, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office, requesting approval to apply and accept the funding allocation from the Bureau of Justice Administration as part of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for up to \$14,854.00 of approved costs to be used in community policing programs. There is no local match required.

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the application and acceptance of the JAG Grant in the amount of \$14,854.00 of approved costs to be used in community policing programs. There is no local match required.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

4. Letter dated March 27, 2026 from Mr. Michael Preadmore, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office, requesting approval to apply for a Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Grant application to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) that would support a portion of the cost associated with a comprehensive pistol system upgrade for sworn personnel, in the amount of up to \$89,555.40. There is a 50 percent match of \$44,777.70 that will be funded within the Sheriff's Office budget.

Discussion was held.

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the application of a Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Grant application to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) that would support a portion of the cost associated with a comprehensive pistol system upgrade for sworn personnel, in the amount of up to \$89,555.40. There is a 50 percent match of \$44,777.70 that will be funded within the Sheriff's Office budget.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated March 31, 2026 from Mr. Michael Woolford, Equalization Director submitting the 2026 Monroe County Equalization Report with an equalized value of \$10,988,355,660.

Click to view the [2026 Equalization Report](#)

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lamour, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication and approve the 2026 Monroe County Equalization Report as submitted and authorize the Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign Form L-4037 and Form L-4024 and transmit the same to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated March 24, 2026 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Human Resources Director requesting approval of a Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff, and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Corrections Officers.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lamour, supported by Commissioner Lievens to accept the communication and approve the Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff, and the POAM Corrections Officers.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

David Vensel	David Swartout				
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Motion carried.

7. Letter dated March 24, 2026 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Human Resources Director requesting approval of a Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County 911 District Board, and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) 911 Dispatchers.

Commissioner Swartout inquired is there are any actuarial impact statements for these amendments.

Mr. McBee stated there was not.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication and approve the Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County 911 District Board, and the POAM 911 Dispatchers.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

8. Letter dated March 24, 2026 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Human Resources Director requesting approval of a Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the 38th Judicial Circuit Court/Family Division and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Youth Center employees.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Vice-Chairman Lamour to accept the communication and approve the Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the 38th Judicial Circuit Court/Family Division and the POAM Youth Center employees.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

9. Letter dated March 24, 2026 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Human Resources Director requesting approval of a Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff, and the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) Correctional Supervisors.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lamour, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to accept the

communication and approve the Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff, and the COAM Correctional Supervisors.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

10. Letter dated March 24, 2026 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Human Resources Director requesting approval of a Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County 911 District Board, and the Monroe County Central Dispatch Supervisors Association.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Vice-Chairman Lamour to accept the communication and approve the Letter of Agreement amending the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County 911 District Board, and the Monroe County Central Dispatch Supervisors Association.

Roll call by County Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS — None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS— None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—

1. Data Center Discussion

Commissioner Asper shared her concerns with Data Centers. Stated they are being placed on good agricultural land when they should be placed on industrial land or a brown field. Stated the frequency of the sound waves from the data centers can travel up to five miles in any direction and low frequency sounds waves are associated with many different health problems. Stated she is putting together a resolution and is planning on attending the planning commission meeting coming up on the 20th. Stated she wants to make sure people are informed and protected if they do indeed build them.

Commissioner Moore advised members of the public interested in this subject to go to their local Planning Commission. Explained these employees have been working with this information for over two (2) years and are very open to discussion.

Commissioner Asper stated the importance is that the local township or city is approached

before a proposal is made. Commissioner Asper explained once the proposal is made, it limits how certain documents can be worded.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT— None

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS — None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME –

Commissioner Asper – Stated the reports tonight were excellent and she can see the County performing at a good level. Explained she was disappointed when asked to vote for something with no amount of money. Stated she believes when making decisions for constituents, she has to know what she is voting for. Also explained her disappointment in the negotiation process. Stated these contracts were just finished and now they're open again. Elaborated when there is a contract we go with that contract until it is the next time for contracts to be open.

Commissioner Moore – Thanked Jamie Dean for coming and congratulated her and the department as well as the Sheriff. Appreciated all the good things they're doing in the County. Appreciated Mike Woolford's Report and explained as a realtor, it is always fun looking at that report.

Commissioner Swartout – Thanked everybody for the great presentations.

Commissioner Heinzerling – Go Wolverines.

Commissioner Lievens – Stated the Mental Health Authority Board is serving the community the best they can with their resources. Explained this authority has a solid fund balance. Stated the Retiree Health Care Fund is funded at 141% and the pension is at 93%. Explained the hiring and retention in the Sheriff's Office Report shows a driving factor of attracting talent and keeping talent is that this board has taken affirmative action of having a pension for these members. Stated it is disingenuous to say there is no number; there were multiple closed session meetings with amount details. Explained maintaining this system will actually save the County money.

Commissioner Hoffman – Stated Commissioner Lievens has good words. Explained the data centers are already happening but there is a battery storage coming. Appreciated the new members of public that spoke and stated we can actually see the light at the end of the tunnel now. Stated it is up to the Attorney General to get it in order. Recognized Dale Biniecki in the audience and stated it is getting easier for the Board since the Attorney General is taking a big pressure off the Board's plate.

Vice-Chairman Lamour – Thanked all the people that presented tonight. Congratulated the Health Department on all their accomplishments. Stated the contract negotiations was a very educational process and all members were provided with numbers. Explained he wants employees to feel warm and welcome here. Stated one way to do that is to pay them and reward them for their efforts. Explained he is in full favor of what was done tonight.

Chairman Vensel – Stated he concurs with both of his colleagues (Lievens and Lamour) regarding the reestablishment of pensions tonight. Explained if one talked to Sheriff Goodnough a year ago, they would sense the urgency to retain and recruit employees. Truly

believes this will create a sense of loyalty. Stated he is very pleased reestablishing pensions across the board. Stated Phase One of the Independent Investigation has been posted on the County Website for about two (2) weeks now and encouraged the public to read it. Stated he looks forward to discussion of recommendations from Phase One with this board regarding what can be done related to policies, bylaws, procedures, contracts, which will safeguard us from this happening again.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Vensel adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. with no further business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grace Miles". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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