MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe, on Tuesday, May 5, 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	Jay Heinzerling
David Hoffman	David Vensel		
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 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (04/21/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lamour, supported by Commissioner Lievens to approve the minutes as presented for the April 21, 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		Jay Heinzerling	
David Swartout	Dawn Asper				
David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens				

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT —

1. Diane Longbeck: Explained she works for the Michigan State University product center and provided a handout to Commissioners. Discussed a client they have in Monroe County and offered their products to the Board. Ms. Longbeck elaborated on the work they do as

well as what their clients do.

2. Mike Davison: Explained he tried to make the County aware of the investigation issues. Discussed Commissioner Hoffman's comments from previous meeting and shared his concerns regarding the investigation and payment to Bodman. Mr. Davison also discussed the allegation of commissioners accepting Detroit Lion Playoff Tickets from a vendor.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Museum Expansion/Renovation Project Update Presentation

Michael Bosanac, Administrator, provided the history of this project and explained the excitement he has for the transformation this will bring to the County.

Brian Egen, Museum Board Chairman, provided further information regarding the need for this expansion and discussed the strategic plan they outlined for the next ten (10) years.

Andrew Clark, Museum Director, stated this project is very transformative and will benefit the museum, all of downtown, and the entire County. Explained this will be one of the largest County museums in the State of Michigan once completed.

Keith Kohler, Lead Architect with Kohler Architecture, explained the construction process, scope, site plan, and some of the challenges they've faced. Mr. Kohler provided detailed information regarding each floor plan, docking area, balcony area, and the signage.

The Chairman allowed comments from community leaders relating to this project.

Mayor Robert Clark: Acknowledged the work it took to get to this point and stated he appreciates the past and continued partnership. Elaborated on how transformational this will be for Monroe County. Thanked Andrew Clark for his efforts of getting the city through a recent project and thanked the Museum System Board and everyone involved.

Michelle Lavoy: Shared many are excited about the synergy continuing. Elaborated on other projects coming to the area and discussed the opportunity to capitalize. Explained this project shows respect for the past while embracing the future. Stated she looks forward to continuing the work as a board member. Thanked the Board.

Sue Vanisacker: Stated Lazy Boy will be celebrating 100 years in Monroe, next March. Elaborated on the history of the Museum buildings and acknowledged the Knabusch and Shoemaker families as well as her predecessor, Mr. Mika, for their help in continuously giving back. Stated she fully supports this economic development in our County.

Molly Lumpercoy: Shared she is the Regional Manager for DTE Energy and recognized the thoughtful and visionary work that's been done. Thanked Andrew Clark and the Museum Board. Elaborated on the opportunities this could bring to the County and shared her excitement for what the future has in store. Stated she looks forward to a continued partnership and applauds the efforts and visionary work. Thanked the board.

Shawn Stuby: Stated he is with the Monroe County Business Alliance and on behalf of the alliance, we support the expansion with the museum and feel it fits well with our continued push towards increased tourism and visitation draws. Thanked the Board for their time and continued support of economic development.

Michael Bosanac: Stated he is really excited about this project and it will be transformative for the downtown and hopefully it will do everything we have laid out in our vision. Stated he is confident with the team behind it.

Discussion was held regarding renovations for the existing building, the construction process, storage, and parking.

Vice-Chairman Lamour started on behalf of the County, thank you to all the collaborators. Thanked the efforts to make this the centerpiece of the County and stated this is a tremendously special project that he cannot say thank you enough about.

Commissioner Hoffman stated it is a very impressive project but explained we will have to make sure there are barriers on the upper roof. Inquired about allowing beverages at social events held there and stated this might be something we have to consider for liability.

Commissioner Lievens stated this is a good opportunity and a great thing that we're doing for the museum campus. Discussed the trading post and explained Andrew Clark, Brian Egen, and their respective teams, have put together amazing events and programming. Elaborated that many people are being positively touched and inspired by the museum.

Commissioner Swartout stated it was a great presentation and explained he has had the opportunity to hear a presentation from Kolar Architect many times and they always do a great job. Shared he is looking forward to see what happens with new events the County can hold on the terrace and the rest of the building.

Chairman Vensel stated this is a transformational project and the collaboration and willingness to partner with other entities says a lot about the community we live in. Stated the Arthur Lesow Community Center is another gem that is going to be a welcomed addition. Congratulated and thanked all involved for their hard work.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Payment of the 05/06/2026 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of $2,354,505.36

   Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Vice-Chairman Lamour to approve the 05/06/2026 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of $2,354,505.36 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		J. Henry Lievens	Jay Heinzerling	
David Swartout	Brian Lamour				
Greg Moore Jr.	Dawn Asper				

   Motion carried.

2. Letter dated April 29, 2026 from Mr. Michael Woolford, Equalization Director, recommending the 2026 County Government and other special purpose Millage Rates for summer and winter tax bills. Separate supporting letters provided for each millage rate.
   a. Letter dated May 5, 2026 from Mr. Jason Berry, Community Planning &

Engagement Director, providing the Commission on Aging's millage rate recommendation for Senior Services.

b. Letter dated May 5, 2026 from Mr. Jason Berry, Community Planning & Engagement Director, providing the Veteran Affairs' millage rate recommendation for the Indigent Veterans Millage.
c. Letter dated May 5, 2026 from Ms. Abbigail Adkins, Fairview Home Superintendent, providing Fairview's millage rate recommendation for Fairview County Home.
d. Letter dated April 29, 2026 from Mr. Andrew Clark, Museum System Director, providing the Museum System's millage rate recommendation for Museum services.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communications, place them on file, and approve the 2026 County Millage Rates as submitted and authorize the Chairman to sign the Michigan Treasury Form L-4029 for County General, Senior Citizen, Museum, and Veterans millage but reserve the Fairview millage for a separate motion.

County General	**4.7860**	**Summer Tax Bill**
Senior Citizen	**.4950**	**Winter Tax Bill**
Fairview	**.1800**	**Winter Tax Bill**
Museum	**.1497**	**Winter Tax Bill**
Veterans	**.0250**	**Winter Tax Bill**

Discussion was held regarding the reasoning for the separation as well as the increase in the Veterans millage.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Vensel asked for a motion to accept the millage recommendation for Fairview.

With lack of a motion, the Board moved on.

3. Letter dated April 30, 2026 from Mr. Jesse Stanford, Monroe County Treasurer submitting the Cash and Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept and place on file the March 31, 2026 Cash and Investment Report from the Monroe County Treasurer.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

4. Request for approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Monroe Charter Township for cost sharing of site improvements in the amount of $72,900.00 for the County's Solid Waste Recycling Program based at the Township Hall.

   Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Vice-Chairman Lamour to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Monroe Charter Township for cost sharing of site improvements in the amount of $72,900.00 for the County's Solid Waste Recycling Program based at the Township Hall.

   Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approval of Non-Claims
   a. Check Register dated 04/24/2026 in the amount of $ 601,113.85
   b. Check Register dated 05/01/2026 in the amount of $ 879,849.38

   Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Asper 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		Jay Heinzerling	
Dawn Asper	Brian Lamour				
David Vensel	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS
1. Letter dated April 30, 2026 from Mr. Bradley Smith, Interim Director, requesting acceptance of the grant funding on behalf of the Southeastern Michigan Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Planning Board in the amount of $219,257.00 with no local match required.

   Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Lievens to approve the acceptance of the grant funding on behalf of the Southeastern Michigan Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Planning Board in the amount of $219,257.00 with no local match required.

   Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

2. Consideration of Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate by and between the City of Monroe Michigan and County of Monroe Michigan in the amount of $50,000.00.

   Motion by Vice-Chairman Lamour, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file, and approve the Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate by and between the City of Monroe and County of Monroe Michigan in the amount of $50,000.00.

   Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

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

   Motion carried.

3. Consideration of Parking Rental Agreement between the City of Monroe, Michigan (Landlord) and County of Monroe, Michigan (Tenant) at a rental rate of $1,667.00 per year for 32 parking spaces for a term of 360 months.

   Motion by Vice-Chairman Lamour, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the Parking Rental Agreement between the City of Monroe (Landlord) and County of Monroe (Tenant) at a rent rate of $1,667.00 per year for 32 parking spaces for a term of 360 months.

   Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

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

   Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS — None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS — None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS — None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Mark Cochran: Thanked the Board for their cooperations and support of the two agreements voted on this evening. Shared City Council has accepted the support provided for the St. Mary Academy project. Also invited the Board and public to the Arthur Leslo Community Center Ribbon Cutting on June 1, 2026 at 4 p.m..

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS — None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME –

Commissioner Asper – Shared she enjoyed the presentation on the Museum and appreciate the collaboration. Reminded the public May 10-16 is Police Week so thank your local Officer/Sheriff and Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers. Stated she is working to prevent her area from having data centers since it is very damaging to the environment and human beings. Encouraged people to learn more about these centers.

Commissioner Moore – Shared he went to Vienna Park and explained how beautiful it is. Encouraged the public to stop by if they're in the area. Thanked the employees at the Museum that made this possible and stated he is very excited about it. Explained he will talk to Abbigail Adkins (Superintendent at Fairview). Shared his belief of this being a transitional facility. Stated hopefully it will get resolved, while being wise with taxpayer money, since it is a voter approved millage. Thanked Michael Davison for speaking.

Commissioner Swartout – Passed.

Commissioner Heinzerling – Excused.

Commissioner Lievens – Passed.

Commissioner Hoffman – Stated Commissioner Lievens did a great job catching the Fairview operations and hopes to get that addressed and straightened out. Explained everything is great with the Museum he was just worried about the liability of the balcony and wants to ensure there will be good barriers. Shared that the good will prevail and the evil will fail.

Vice-Chairman Lamour – Happy Mother's Day. Stated it is a very important day. Thanked Brian, Andy, and Keith for their presentation tonight and stated it was excellent and he looks forward to it. Acknowledged Mr. Smith's grant for emergency management and reminded the Board he working this hard as an Interim Director. Explained, regarding Mr. Davison's comment, he didn't present all the facts and asked for all facts to be provided next time.

Chairman Vensel – Echoed the many comments regarding the Museum and stated it is an exciting time to be a citizen in Monroe County. Explained multiple projects going on that demonstrate the ability to partner with other agencies. Stated the community is extremely fortunate to have leadership willing to do the hard work and get these projects done. Stated he is very thankful.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Vensel adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. with no further business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted by:

Grace Miles

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Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Monroe County Board of Commissioners