



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room at the Monroe County Administrative Center with the following present: Chairman John D. Christy, Vice-Chairman David C. Parker, Commissioner Sharon S. Laverdure, Solicitor Todd W. Weitzmann, Chief Clerk/Administrator Robert J. Gress and Administrative Secretary Cindy Cook.

Chairman Christy opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Christy asked if there was any public comment.

Susan Didrichsen asked if Ring Central was for cameras.

Chairman Christy stated Ring Central is the phone system now being used in the County.

Chairman Christy recessed the regular meeting at 9:32 a.m. and opened an Assessment Board meeting for corrections to the duplicate.

**M-2026-164** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the corrections to the duplicate as follows, as requested by Deborah Storman, Chief Assessor:

Additions-	\$0
Subtractions-	<u>\$13,880.00</u>
Total-	(\$13,880.00)

Chairman Christy closed the Assessment Board meeting at 9:34 a.m. and continued with the regular meeting.

**M-2026-165** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to amend **Motion 2026-163** dated 06/03/2026 to reflect a change in vendor from T-Mobile to Premier Wireless Business Technology Solutions Inc. for the Everlink Mobility Kit for the Office of Emergency Management with no change in price.

**M-2026-166** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve the minutes of June 3, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting.

**M-2026-167** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice Chairman Parker and carried to present the following certificates of special recognition:

- Lisa Eick – Recognize forty (40) years as Director The Growing Place Child Care Centers
- Gary Embich – America250PA Keystone Art Initiative
- Nancy Embich – America250PA Keystone Art Initiative
- The Growing Place Child Care Centers – Fifty (50) years in operation
- Carolyn Lange – Master Watershed Steward
- Cindy Lou Morris – America250PA Keystone Art Initiative
- Pocono Chamber of Commerce- Grand Opening
- Bernadette Sabatini – America250PA Keystone Art Initiative
- Linda Stockman-Connors – America250PA Keystone Art Initiative
- Aida Weinstein – America250PA Keystone Art Initiative

Commissioner Laverdure presented the Master Watershed Steward certificate to Carolyn Lange.

**M-2026-168** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve the following actions:

a) Personnel Agenda

FIRST NAME	DEPARTMENT:	POSITION:	STEP:	DATE:	REASON:
<b>NEW HIRES:</b>					
Bobcomb-Oladapo, Ameliah	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Brubaker, Raina	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Callender, Devin	CareerLink	Supervisor	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Cardona, Robert	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Castaneda, Peter	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Castro, Liam	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Chapman, Jasmine	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Chapman, Karen	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Clement-St. Louis	CareerLink	Supervisor	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Coolley-Perkins, Christopher	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Cooper, Samuel	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Cruz, Janacia	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Dewitt, Rhnessa	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Diaz, Tyler	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Drew, Dwayne	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Felipe, Jaelynn	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Ferraro, Ian	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Frost, Yusuf	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Groff, Elijah	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Hoop, Payton	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Ingram, Aayanah	CareerLink	Supervisor	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Kee, Jayson	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Kwasnica, Eli	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Leon, Francesca	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Macedon, Kayla	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Macedon, Keith	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Martinez, Donovan	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Mautone, Antonio	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Salazar, Michael	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Molina, Jarran	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Morales, Kayla	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Munian, Liam	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Negron, Mason	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Nyeem, Muhammad	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Otasowie, Marvelous	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
O'Toole, Aidan	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
O'Toole, Samantha	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
O'Toole, Tristan	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Plunkett, Ava	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Plunkett, Lea	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Roninson, Jaylen	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Sanchez, Aylanie	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Smalls, Tahnyssa	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Soto, Ariel	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Soto, Leah	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Storey, Xavier	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Thomas, Ariel	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Torres, Sebastian	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Von Broock, Madison	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Watson, Isa-kareem	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Rehire
Wells, JaMiyah	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Williams, Adonis	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Williams, Apollo	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Williams, Kalani	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire
Hessek, Autumn	Conservation District	Laborer	N/A	6/18/26	New Hire
Machala, Gabriel	Conservation District	Supervisor	N/A	6/18/26	New Hire
Staples, Micah	Conservation District	Laborer	N/A	6/18/26	Rehire
Holiday-Jones, Kassem	Courts	16 Court Recorder/Transcriptionist	N/A	6/29/26	New Hire/Replacement
Dowland, Alex	District Attorney	20 Law Clerk*	N/A	6/22/26	New Hire/Replacement
Williams, Christine	Maintenance	1 Tradesworker I	1	6/15/26	Did not Start
Resteira, Olga	Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts	4 Records Technician (C)	1	6/30/26	New Hire/Replacement
Dominguez, Norberto	Sheriff	8 Deputy Sheriff	1	6/29/26	Rescinded Offer
Tremarco, Rachel	Sheriff	8 Deputy Sheriff	3	6/29/26	New Hire/Replacement
<b>SEPARATIONS:</b>					
Salaski, Sandra	Aging	33 Fiscal Technician	N/A	6/18/26	Resigned
Greene, George	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	5/19/26	Retired
<b>CHANGES:</b>					
Clement-St Louis, Michelle	Aging	35 Care Manager 2	N/A	5/18-11/17/26	Intermittent LOA
Altamirano, Edwin	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	2/18-12/2/26	Intermittent LOA
Geist, Steven	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	5/17/26-5/16/27	Intermittent LOA
Jones, Ariel	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	5/16-5/28/26	LOA
Knight, Elizabeth	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	6/3-12/2/26	Intermittent LOA
Ortiz, Diana	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	6/3-6/16/26	Extend Mod Duty
Shay, Jennifer	Correctional Facility	7 Records Administrator	1	6/3-6/16/26	Mod Duty
Stasulli, Vincent	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	5/27-6/24/26	Extend LOA
Thompson, Deborah	Correctional Facility	8 HR Specialist*	7	5/18-11/18/26	Intermittent LOA
Wise, James	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	5/23-6/30/26	Extend LOA
Meehan, Kristen	Courts	6 Judicial Assistant	1	6/15/26	Probation Complete
Luces, Maiya	District Justice	7 Technician	N/A	6/8-6/12/26	Unpaid Suspension
Glovas, Kevin	Planning	8 Community Planner*	N/A	5/14-5/18/26	LOA
Navarro, Madeline	Probation- Adult	9 Probation Secretary	N/A	6/8/26	Probation Complete
Richardson, Jill	Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts	4 Records Technician (P)	2	6/23/26	Anniversary Step Increase
Batiste, Ezekiel	Sheriff	4 Armed Bailiff	1	6/1-6/16/26	LOA
Tuohy, Samantha	Voter Registration	6 Administrative Coordinator	5	6/8-8/2/26	LOA- Updated Dates
<b>MISC:</b>					
Approve request from Director of Tax Claim, Mindy Knitter for 4 accounting technicians & 1 supervisor to work 5hrs/wk OT, starting 7/18-8/31/26					
Approve request from Chief Assessor, Deborah Storman for Susan Sebring to work 5hrs/wk of OT, from 6/22/26 until 10/31/26					

- b) Approve/Ratify Requests to work additional hours:
  - i) Sheriff's Overtime Report for pay period ending 05/31/2026:
    - (1) Deputies – 64.50 hours
    - (2) Security – 45.25 hours
    - (3) Clerks – 6.00 hours

**M-2026-169** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve/ratify the actions listed below:

- a) Vouchers Payable:
  - i) Dated 06/05/2026 in the amount of \$927,324.15
  - ii) Dated 06/09/2026 in the amount of \$2,829,040.33
- b) Gross Payroll:
  - i) For Pay Period ending 05/31/2026 in the amount of \$1,563,548.48
- c) Healthcare Benefits Payments:
  - i) Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield:
    - (1) Dated 06/02/2026 in the amount of \$146,112.77
    - (2) Dated 06/09/2026 in the amount of \$96,331.83
    - (3) Dated 06/09/2026 in the amount of \$5.15
  - ii) Geisinger:
    - (1) Dated 06/08/2026 in the amount of \$61,908.95
    - (2) Dated 06/11/2026 in the amount of \$2,548.26
  - iii) Dental Claims:
    - (1) Dated 06/09/2026 in the amount of \$7,685.70
  - iv) Flexible Spending Account:
    - (1) Dated 06/05/2026 in the amount of \$1,731.45

**M-2026-170** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve/ratify the Travel Requests for the following : Assessment, Children & Youth Services, Conservation District, Controller, Emergency Services, Juvenile Probation, Planning and Voter Registration/Elections.

**M-2026-171** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice Chairman Parker and carried to ratify amended adoption assistance agreement for L.J. as requested by Children and Youth Services.

**M-2026-172** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the actions listed below:

- a) Approve the Budget Adjustment Report dated 06/17/2026 totaling \$444,054.00
- b) Approve payment of \$6,700.00 to Read & Associates for Geologist Services at new well at MCCF
- c) Approve the following payments from the Hotel Tax Fund:
  - i) MCTA in the amount of \$450.00 for shuttle service for Brinker's Mill event
  - ii) Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fireman's Carnival additional \$1,000.00 (original budget \$3,000.00) for security services at carnival
- d) Approve/Ratify the following Opioid Grants from the Opioid Settlement Funds consistent with the uses allowed under the Opioid Settlement Agreement, Exhibit E:
  - i) Memorandum of Understanding with NAMI Keystone Pennsylvania/Carbon-Monroe-Pike PA in the amount of \$4,400.00 to provide six mental health educational classes to residents with opioid use and co-occurring disorders
  - ii) Memorandum of Understanding with Cornerstone Community Initiative in the amount of \$235,025.00 to support the implementation and expansion of coordinated reentry initiative in Monroe County
  - iii) Approve the following program budgets with Kudu Creative for the period ending 12/31/2026:
    - (1) Video, Cable & Radio totaling \$14,400.00
    - (2) Digital Advertising totaling \$81,933.00
  - iv) Payment in the amount of \$7,525.67 for three (3) LETI coordinators to attend RISE training program
  - v) Payment in the amount of \$2,700.00 to the BPOE #319 for the Elk Antlers #319 Drug Awareness Event being held on July 11, 2026
- e) Approve the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budgets as follows:
 

Grants Administration Dept.	\$ 240,389
State Food Purchase Program	\$ 256,573

Human Service Development Fund	\$ 94,507
Homeless Assistance Program	\$ 63,764
Emergency Solutions Grant 24-26 (expires 7/31/26)	\$ 35,316
MCTA	\$ 973,053
Career Link	<u>\$1,222,299</u>

**Total 2026/27 Fiscal Year Budgets** **\$2,885,901**

f) Add the following Vendors to the County List of Approved Vendors:

- i) Sheriff:
  - (1) Scenario Trainer Inc.

**M-2026-173** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve agreement with Carbon-Monroe-Pike D&A for additional Level of Care Assessments at \$150.00 per assessment as requested by the Correctional Facility.

**M-2026-174** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the actions listed below as requested by the Fiscal/Grants department:

- a) Ratify authorization for Ashley Kerrick, Grants Manager, to electronically submit the FY 2025 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) for the period 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024 in the amount of \$50,000.00 (approximate – to be finalized after submission)
- b) Ratify authorization for Ashley Kerrick, Grants Manager, to electronically submit the BJA FY25 De-escalation and Crisis Response Training Program for the period 10/01/2025-09/30/2028 in the amount of \$700,000.00 to provide increased training and any associated overtime for MCCF
- c) Authorize Ashley Kerrick, Grants Manager, to electronically sign the FY2025-26 Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 (JRI-2) Contract for the period 04/01/2026 – 03/31/2029 in the amount of \$302,905.00 to support Probation and Treatment Court
- d) Approve the Emergency Solution Grant 2025-27 Sub-recipient Contracts as follows:

Emergency Shelter & Street Outreach -	RHD-Street 2 Feet	Operations & Essential Services	\$ 73,847.81
Emergency Shelter -	Family Promise	Operations	\$ 24,615.94
Emergency Shelter -	Safe Monroe	Operations	\$ 6,713.44
Emergency Shelter-	Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church	Operations & Essential Services	\$ 29,091.56
Rapid Rehousing -	Pocono Area Transitional Housing	Services, Financial & Rental Assistance	\$ 51,469.69
Rapid Rehousing & Homeless Prevention-	Pike County Human Services (Pike County Commissioners)	Services, Financial & Rental Assistance	\$ 38,042.81
Total			<u>\$223,781.25</u>

**M-2026-175** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve the actions listed below as requested by Information Technology and Services:

- a) Ratify agreement with Norstar Networks to provide sixteen (16) hours of assistance with Ring Central migration at no cost to county
- b) Ratify submittal of Microsoft enterprise update statement for volume licensing
- c) Approve Privacy Statement regarding protection of personal data

**M-2026-176** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to execute a Service and Maintenance Agreement with KFT Fire Trainer, LLC in the amount of \$32,027.00 for a one year period as requested by the Office of Emergency Management.

**M-2026-177** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve the actions listed below as requested by the Planning Commissioner:

- a) Reappoint the following individuals to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance MPO Technical Planning Committee, for the term of 07/1/2026 through 06/30/2028:

- i) County Representative: Christine Meinhart-Fritz
  - ii) County Representative Alternate: Nate Staruch
  - iii) At-Large Representative: Vacant
  - iv) At-Large Representative Alternate: Eric Koopman
  - v) Urbanized Area Representative: John Christy
  - vi) Urbanized Area Representative Alternate: Robert Gress
- b) Acknowledge Roger Christman end of service from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance MPO Technical Planning Committee

**M-2026-178** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the following actions as requested by the Treasurer's Office:

- a) Ratify establishing bank accounts at First Keystone Community Bank for the following:
  - i) Liquid Fuels Account
  - ii) Liquid Fuels Account - Act 44-2007
  - iii) Liquid Fuels Account - Act 89-2013

**M-2026-179** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the actions listed below:

- a) Ratify the Capital Purchases Report dated 06/17/2026 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	QTY	ITEM	Vendor	AMOUNT
<b>APPROVED CAPITAL:</b>						
<b>TOTAL APPROVED CAPITAL</b>						<b>\$ -</b>
<b>REQUESTS WITH TRANSFER: (see Budget Adjustment Report)</b>						
<b>TOTAL REQUESTS W/TRANSFER</b>						<b>\$ -</b>
<b>GRANT FUNDED &amp; OTHER:</b>						
Public Defender	101.4152.8800.0001	Grant Expenses	1	Office Furniture	Office Service Co - State Contract	\$ 51,047.63
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDED &amp; OTHER</b>						<b>\$ 51,047.63</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL REQUESTS</b>						<b>\$ 51,047.63</b>

- b) Approve the Capital Purchases Report dated 06/17/2026 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	QTY	ITEM	Vendor	AMOUNT
<b>APPROVED CAPITAL:</b>						
<b>TOTAL APPROVED CAPITAL</b>						<b>\$ -</b>
<b>REQUESTS WITH TRANSFER: (see Budget Adjustment Report)</b>						
Sheriff	101.4197.9575.0000	Capital Expenditure	2	Ballistic Panels, Concealable Carriers, and Trauma Plates	Starr Uniform - State Contract	\$ 2,516.90
Sheriff	101.4197.9575.0000	Capital Expenditure	1	Ballistic Panels and Trauma Plate, Laser Cut Vest and ID Placards	Starr Uniform - State Contract	\$ 1,787.59
<b>TOTAL REQUESTS W/TRANSFER</b>						<b>\$ 4,304.49</b>
<b>GRANT FUNDED &amp; OTHER:</b>						
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDED &amp; OTHER</b>						<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL REQUESTS</b>						<b>\$ 4,304.49</b>

Vice-Chairman Parker provided assorted updates on America 250 events in the county over the next few weeks and that there now 4 active PassportTrails. The parade is scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at Stroudsburg High School and ending at Dansbury Park.

Commissioner Laverdure announced upcoming chorus and musicals for America 250 and there will be auditions held in August for the play "1776" in October at Notre Dame High School.

Chairman Christy mentioned that the 2027 Community Night is less than 11 months away.

Chairman Christy asked if there was any public comment.

Thersa Pesce spoke on her concerns on the assorted student surveys conducted by the state and the gun safety survey. She felt the surveys, though anonymous, asks personal questions that she felt were inappropriate and could possibly allow the individual to be identified.

Tim Saunders had a question on a grant award, Chairman Christy and Grants Manager Ashley Kerrick provided the answers.

Susan Diedrichsen had questions on Flock camera locations on the streets in the county. She wanted to know who has information on them, specific locations and contracts on where the information is being stored or sent. Chairman Christy explained that she would need to contact each organization/municipality. Vice-chairman Parker mentioned that there is an application that allows the user to find the Flock Cameras in the county or locations.

Nicholas Testaccio spoke on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights of the people.

John Gerhardt spoke on the Pride Festival and the success of it, but was disappointed that the Pride flag wasn't hung on the administrative building as in prior years.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Robert J. Gress, Chief Clerk/Administrator

**M-2026-164 through M-2026-179**