



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, July 15, 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.

Commissioner Christy asked if there was any public comment on agenda items.

Theresa Pesce asked for more information about the Cornerstone Community Initiative to the PA Commissioner on Crime and Delinquency for a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant listed under the Fiscal/Grants department.

Chairman Christy said that he would have Ashley Kerrick, Grants Manager provide more information when it was time to be voted on.

M-2026-198 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to amend the posted agenda to include Assessment Corrections to the duplicate which was not included due to a scrivener's error .

M-2026-199 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the minutes of July 1, 2026, Commissioners' Meeting.

M-2026-200 Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to amend Motion **2026-160** dated 06/03/2026 to reduce the payment amount for Ross Township demolition project 2025-02 from \$10,000.00 to \$9,000.00 due to the project being under budget, as requested by the Redevelopment Authority.

M-2026-201 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to defer action until the 08/05/2026 meeting concerning the Request for Proposals for Drug & Alcohol and Counseling Services at the MCCF opened 06/18/2026.

M-2026-202 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to present The Growing Place Child Care Centers with a certificate of special recognition for being in operation for fifty (50) years (approved at 06/17/2026 meeting).

Commissioner Laverdure presented the certificate of special recognition to Lisa Eick, Executive Director and Linda Barney, HR and Communications Director, at The Growing Place Child Care Centers.

M-2026-203 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to present the following certificates of special recognition:

Tyler John Alonge – Eagle Scout
Eggs Up Grill – Grand Opening

M-2026-204 Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve the actions listed below:

a) Personnel Agenda:

FIRST NAME	DEPARTMENT:	POSITION:	STEP:	DATE:	REASON:
NEW HIRES:					
Frost, Yusuf	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Did not Start
Kwasnica, Eli	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Did not Start
McKillop, Madison	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	7/6/26	New Hire
Meneses-Salazar, Michael	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Did not Start
Sanchez, Aylanie	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Did not Start
Wells, Ja'Miyah	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/22/26	Did not Start
Gupko, Christopher	District Attorney	17 Detective/DA	N/A	7/20/26	New Hire/Replacement
Pirozzi-Miller, Elizabeth	District Justices	7 Technician-Floater	N/A	7/20/26	New Hire/Replacement
Zarzecki, Colin	Probation- Adult	16 Probation Officer Trainee	N/A	7/27/26	New Hire/Replacement
Rafikia, Emily	Treasurer	Office Assistant- TEMP	N/A	7/20/26	New Hire/Temp
SEPARATIONS:					
Gonzalez, Yamilka	Aging	37 Care Manager 3	N/A	7/9/26	Non-Retained
Hess Tyminski, Joan	Aging	29 Sr Ctr Mgr - PT	N/A	7/27/26	Resigned
Burrows, Dwayne	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	7/2/26	Resigned
Storey, Xavier	CareerLink	Laborer	N/A	6/30/26	Terminated
Bush, Samara	Courts	16 Court Recorder/Transcriptionist	N/A	7/14/26	Resigned
CHANGES:					
Braxton-Cannon, Beverly	Aging	35 Care Manager 2	N/A	7/6-9/6/26	Correction- CM3 Out of Class Rate
Amoroso, Jamie	C&Y	37 Casw 3	N/A	7/21-9/15/26	LOA
Lerro, Morgan	C&Y	33 Casw I	N/A	7/1-7/7/26	LOA
Rodriguez, Makayla	C&Y	33 Casw I	N/A	6/26/26	975 hours complete
Pilato, Michael	Commissioners	4 Non-Court Armed Security	2	6/4-7/6/26	LOA
Abdul-Khaleeq, El-Amin	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	12/22/25-12/21/26	Updated End Date- Intermittent LOA
Dancy, Cheryl	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	7/9-7/13/26	LOA
Kofler, Silvia	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	7/1-7/21/26	Extend LOA
Martynowicz, Arkadiusz	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	6/23-7/28/26	Extend Mod Duty
McManus, Samantha	Correctional Facility	3 Administrative Specialist II	3	6/17/26	Correct Grade- Anniversary Step Increase
Silvius, Ryan	Correctional Facility	7 Corrections Counselor	1	7/26/26	Probation Complete
Polnasek, Christopher	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	7/4-7/20/26	Extend LOA
Stasulli, Vincent	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	6/25-7/5/26	LOA
Stasulli, Vincent	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	7/6-7/27/26	LOA
Wise, James	Correctional Facility	CO II	N/A	7/1-8/7/26	Extend LOA
Reale, Kelley	Courts	10 Admin Asst/Courts	N/A	7/12/26	Probation Complete
Genest, Jacqueline	Fiscal	8 Fiscal/Grants Supervisor	1	7/26/26	Probation Complete
Paul, Atisha	Fiscal	11 Accountant*	1	7/26/26	Probation Complete
Hoyt, Sean	Maintenance	6 Tradesworker Supervisor	1	1/21/26	Probation Complete
Quintero Perez, Jose	Maintenance	1 Tradesworker I (Night)	1	7/21/26	Probation Complete
Dempsey, Adele	Register & Recorder	4 Records Technician	10	7/21-8/18/26	LOA
May Silfee, Sara	Voter Registration	19 Director Voter Reg*	10	6/22-7/20/26	Updated End Date- LOA
MISCELLANEOUS:					
Adopt the new JD for Chief Detective and the regrade as a 15					

b) Approve/Ratify Requests to work additional hours:

i) Sheriff's Overtime Report for pay period ending 06/28/2026:

- (1) Deputies – 47.25 hours
- (2) Security – 106.25 hours
- (3) Clerks – 6 hours

Chairman Christy recessed the regular meeting at 9:35 a.m. and opened the Assessment Board meeting for corrections to the duplicate.

M-2026-205 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>\$155,850.00</u>
Total	(\$155,850.00)

Chairman Christy closed the Assessment Board meeting at 9:36 a.m. and continued with the regular meeting.

M-2026-206 Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve/ratify the actions listed below:

a) Vouchers Payable:

- i) Dated 07/03/2026 in the amount of \$1,342,164.07
- ii) Dated 07/10/2026 in the amount of \$672,747.21

b) Gross Payroll:

- i) For Pay Period ending 06/28/2026 in the amount of \$1,627,391.41

c) Healthcare Benefits Payments:

- i) Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield:
 - (1) Dated 06/30/2026 in the amount of \$181,909.43
 - (2) Dated 07/07/2026 in the amount of \$59,838.12

- ii) Geisinger:
 - (1) Dated 07/06/2026 in the amount of \$157,892.04
 - (2) Dated 07/10/2026 in the amount of \$2,495.61
 - (3) Dated 07/13/2026 in the amount of \$115,280.17
- iii) Dental Claims:
 - (1) Dated 07/06/2026 in the amount of \$4,341.30
 - (2) Dated 07/10/2026 in the amount of \$3,953.08
- iv) Flexible Spending Account:
 - (1) Dated 07/06/2026 in the amount of \$1,071.07
 - (2) Dated 07/10/2026 in the amount of \$1,365.25

M-2026-207 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve/ratify the Travel Requests for the following: Assessment, Domestic Relations, Public Defender and Vector Control.

M-2026-208 Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve the actions listed below as requested by Children and Youth Services:

- a) Execute the following Purchase of Service Agreements for the period 07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027:
 - i) Bethany Christian Services of the Greater Delaware Valley with a contract limit of \$75,000.00 (foster care services)
 - ii) Pure Lux Homes, LLC with a contract limit of \$150,000.00 (residential group home)

M-2026-209 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the actions listed below:

- a) Ratify the Budget Adjustment Report dated 07/15/2026 totaling \$15,100.00
- b) Approve the Budget Adjustment Report dated 07/15/2026 totaling \$169,373.00
- c) Approve the request from Monroe Farmers Market to continue to use Sheriff's Parking Lot for two (2) Standard Porta Potties and one (1) Handicap Accessible Porta Potty for the months of September 2026 and October 2026 (contingent upon receiving hold harmless agreement and certificate of insurance)
- d) Authorize/Ratify the Chief Clerk/Administrator to advertise the following:
 - i) Reschedule August 5, 2026, Commissioners' meeting to 3:00 p.m. and Reschedule August 5, 2026, Salary Board meeting to 3:30 p.m.
 - ii) Public Hearing on the 2026-2028 Emergency Solutions Grant Program Request for funding
 - iii) Availability of the Request for Funding Proposal for the 2026 Emergency Solutions Grant
- e) 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 Nehemiah Sober Living, Inc. in the amount of \$45,250.00 for recovery house rental assistance and transportation
- f) Approve the following payments for items from the Hotel Tax funds:

i) East Stroudsburg Marching Band	\$2,000.00
ii) Stroudsburg Marching Band	\$2,000.00
iii) Pins By Design	\$3,703.86
iv) Gotta Go Potties	\$ 640.00
v) Pocono Soap	\$ 600.00
vi) Dutch Hill Preserves	\$1,100.00
- g) Add the following Vendors to the County List of Approved Vendors:
 - i) Information Technology and Services:
 - (1) Kofile Technologies, Inc
 - ii) Sheriff:
 - (1) Flylock Security Solutions

M-2026-210 Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to execute a Title IV-D Contract with Bernard A. Anderson, Esquire, for the period October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2030, subject to the availability of federal funds as requested by Domestic Relations.

M-2026-211 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) Acknowledge notification from the Department of Community & Economic Development approving the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) total award amount of \$663,596.00
- b) Ratify submitting a certification in connection with the application of the Cornerstone Community Initiative to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for a Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (PCCDJAG2026-27) Program funding

M-2026-212 Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve agreement with BMC Helix Offerings, Inc. for the renewal of Track-It licenses in the amount of \$22,089.05 for the period 07/29/2026 – 07/28/2027 as requested by Information Technology and Services.

M-2026-213 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to accept quote from MCM Consulting Group, Inc. in the amount of \$10,950.00 (lowest responsible quote) to complete a Commodity Flow Survey with funds from the HMEP grant as requested by the Office of Emergency Management.

M-2026-214 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the Capital Purchases Report dated 07/15/2026 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	QTY	ITEM	Vendor	AMOUNT
APPROVED CAPITAL:						
TOTAL APPROVED CAPITAL						\$ -
REQUESTS WITH TRANSFER: (see Budget Adjustment Report)						
Sheriff	101.4197.9575.0000	Capital Expenditure	14	Firearm holsters	Tedder Industries - Lowest Quote	\$ 2,124.36
TOTAL REQUESTS W/TRANSFER						\$ 2,124.36
GRANT FUNDED & OTHER:						
TOTAL GRANT FUNDED & OTHER						\$ -
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUESTS						\$ 2,124.36

M-2026-215 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the Computer Capital Purchases Report dated 07/15/2026 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	QTY	ITEM	Vendor	AMOUNT
APPROVED CAPITAL:						
TOTAL APPROVED CAPITAL						\$ -
REQUESTS WITH TRANSFER: (see Budget Adjustment Report)						
Aging	760.4011.0430.8800.0001	Grant Expenses	1	Laptop	SCW - Lowest Quote	\$ 1,253.44
TOTAL REQUESTS W/TRANSFER						\$ 1,253.44
GRANT FUNDED & OTHER:						
Prothonotary	601.4195.3750.0000	Program Revenues	1	PC and Dock Station	Dell - State Contract	\$ 1,579.90
TOTAL GRANT FUNDED & OTHER						\$ 1,579.90
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUESTS						\$ 2,833.34

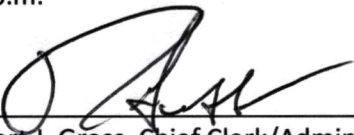
Vice-Chairman Parker thanked everyone who marched in or came out to watch the Independence Day parade. Vice-Chairman Parker announced that July 20, 2026, is National Pennsylvania Day which celebrates Pennsylvania being the second state to join the Union. Stroudsburg Borough will be recognizing National Pennsylvania Day with a cleanup day and Vice-Chairman Parker directed anyone interested in volunteering to go to the America250PA website. Vice-Chairman Parker reminded everyone about the Passport Trails and announced an additional trail titled the Open Space Passport Trail.

Commissioner Laverdure reminded everyone about the summer chorus concert that she will be participating in on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Church on North Ninth Street in Stroudsburg. The concert is under the direction of Dr. James Maroney and will feature patriotic music.

Chairman Christy asked if there was any public comment.

Jane Gagliardo thanked Commissioner Parker for all the work he has done on the America250PA projects and events. Ms. Gagliardo announced the Women's Military Museum has moved to 107 N. 7th Street in Stroudsburg and will open on Labor Day weekend but invited everyone to stop by and say hello while boxes are being unpacked.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.



Robert J. Gress, Chief Clerk/Administrator

M-2026-198 through M-2026-215