

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
BUDGET PRESENTATION
November 26, 2025

A special meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, for the purpose of presenting the proposed Monroe County Budget for 2026 with the following present: Chairman John D. Christy, Vice-Chairman David C. Parker, Commissioner Sharon S. Laverdure and Chief Clerk/Administrator Robert J. Gress.

Chairman Christy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Chairman Christy introduced Fiscal Director Jennifer Barclay to present the Monroe County 2026 Budget for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

Jennifer Barclay, Fiscal Director stated the 2026 Budget for Monroe County is in the amount of \$150,910,999, including a general fund budget of \$89,327,702.

Fiscal Director Jennifer Barclay highlighted the following:

The county millage rate will remain at 5.4773mills; 4.9177 mills will be utilized for general purposes and the .5596 mills is designated for debt service obligation. The library tax will remain at .185914 mills.

- Seventeen full-time positions are approved in the following departments: Commissioners, Conservation District, Courts, District Attorney, Planning, Public Defender, and Tax Assessment, four of which are fully funded with sources other than the General Fund. One temporary internship position is approved in the Archives Department.
- The current Long Term Debt obligation at 12/31/2025 is \$110,231,408 (P - \$83,330,000; I - \$26,901,408) and estimated to be \$102,126,565 at 12/31/2026 (P - \$78,435,000; I - \$23,691,565).
- Retirement costs are budgeted at \$4,725,000, \$175,000 less than budgeted in 2025. This is \$223,677 more than the actual 2025 contribution.
- Computer Capital \$344,210, Capital Equipment, including contingency items \$299,930, Total Capital Budget \$ 644,140.
- Budgets for Capital Reserve & Projects total \$8,752,623

Chairman Christy stated that there is no tax increase for 2026. He provided specific details on the budget changes from 2025. The 2026 proposed budget will be presented for public review until the budget adoption meeting scheduled for 12/17/2025 @ 10:00am and there can be changes to the budget during this period. Chairman Christy explained that the 2026 Liquid Fuels budget totals \$467,500. The money is for the repairs/maintenance to county owned bridges.

Under public comment, Controller Eric Deemer asked when the hotel tax allocations will be provided. Fiscal Director Barclay stated after the adoption of the budget.

M-2025-331 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker to present the Proposed Monroe County 2026 Budget in the amount of \$150,910,999 and the 2026 Liquid Fuels Budget totaling \$467,500 for public review and comment for twenty (20) days prior to adopting the budget, as follows:

Proposed 2026 County millage rates as follows:

- a. 4.9177 for General purposes
- b. 0.5596 for Debt Service obligation
- c. 5.4773 Total County Millage Rate for 2026
- d. 0.185914 for the Library Millage Rate

Motion carried, Commissioner Laverdure and Chairman Christy vote yes, Vice-Chair Parker voted no.

The budget will be available for public inspection until the scheduled adoption at the meeting on December 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Robert J. Gress, Chief Clerk/Administrator