



MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
January 2, 2024

The special meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday January 2, 2024, for the purpose of reorganization with the following present: Commissioner Sharon S. Laverdure, Commissioner David C. Parker, Chief Clerk/Administrator Greg Christine, Administrative Secretary Cindy Cook, Commissioner John D. Christy attended virtually.

Chief Clerk/Administrator Christine called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chief Clerk/Administrator Christine asked if there was any public comment on agenda items. There was no public comment received.

Chief Clerk/Administrator Christine called for a motion to appoint a Chairman to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

**M-2024-01** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Commissioner Parker to appoint John D. Christy as Chairman to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners. Chief Clerk/Administrator Christine called for a vote on the nomination. The motion carried to appoint John D. Christy as Chairman to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Laverdure stated this is a three-partner process and some Counties in Pennsylvania even rotate Chairs throughout the term.

Chairman Christy called for motion to appoint a Vice-Chairman to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

**M-2024-02** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Chairman Christy to appoint David C. Parker as Vice-Chairman to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners. The motion carried to appoint David C. Parker as Vice-Chairman to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Christy presented a list of Commissioner appointments for approval.

**M-2024-03** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the following Commissioner appointments:

- a. Chief Clerk/Administrator – Greg Christine / Bob Gress effective 1/16/24
- b. County Solicitor – Weitzmann, Weitzmann & Huffman LLC
- c. Assistant County Solicitor/Prison Board – James Fareri, Esquire
- d. Deputy Solicitor/Tax Claim – Scott Amori, Esquire
- e. Deputy Solicitor/Assessment Board – Jeffrey Durney, Esquire
- f. Public Defender – Jason LaBar, Esquire
- g. Chief Assessor – Cindy Treible
- h. Solicitor/Children and Youth Services – Elizabeth Bensinger Weekes, Esquire
- i. Planning Commission Solicitor – James Fareri, Esquire
- j. County Open Records Officer – Greg Christine / Bob Gress effective 1/16/24

**M-2024-04** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to conduct all Commissioners' Meetings following Roberts Rules of Order.

Vice-Chairman Parker requested that Chairman Christy ask for nay votes and then state motion carries.

**M-2024-05** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to Adopt Rules for Public Participation at County meetings.

Commissioner Laverdure stated in her prior experience that a policy like this is helpful in maintaining the integrity of the meeting and gives everyone the same opportunities to speak.

**M-2024-06** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to ratify the adoption of the meeting schedule and holiday schedule for 2024 for the following Boards:

- a. Commissioners Meetings
- b. Election Board
- c. Salary Board
- d. Assessment Board
- e. Prison Board
- f. Retirement Board

Chairman Christy presented appointments for various county boards.

**M-2024-07** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to appoint a Commissioner Representative to the following Boards:

- a. Children and Youth Advisory Board – John D. Christy
- b. Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health & Developmental Services Advisory Board – Sharon S. Laverdure
- c. Monroe County Conservation District - Sharon S. Laverdure
- d. Local Emergency Planning Committee - David C. Parker
- e. AmeriCorp Seniors RSVP Advisory Board – David C. Parker

Chairman Christy requested approval of appointments to the Pleasant Valley Manor Board of Trustees.

**M-2024-08** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to appoint the members to the Pleasant Valley Manor Board of Trustees:

- a. Commissioner John D. Christy (membership mandated in By-Laws)
- b. Commissioner David C. Parker (membership mandated in By-Laws)
- c. Commissioner Sharon S. Laverdure (membership mandated in By-Laws)
- d. Community Member – Robert Shebelsky
- e. Community Member – Dr. Peter Casale

**M-2024-09** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to acknowledge the membership of the Monroe County Prison Board of Inspectors as follows:

- a. Commissioner John D. Christy
- b. Commissioner David C. Parker
- c. Commissioner Sharon S. Laverdure
- d. District Attorney Mike Mancuso
- e. Controller Erik A. Diemer
- f. Sheriff Nick Cirranello
- g. President Judge Margherita P. Worthington

Chairman Christy presented a request to approve the appointments to the Assessment Board of Appeals.

**M-2024-10** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to appoint the following as members of the Auxiliary Board of Assessment Revision:

- a. Tom Hill
- b. Erica McCabe
- c. Beth Werkheiser

Chairman Christy presented the County Position Listing for 2024 for approval.

**M-2024-11** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to adopt the County position listing for 2024. (Attached)

Chairman Christy presented depositories for 2024 approval.

**M-2024-12** Motion by Vice-Chairman Parker, seconded by Commissioner Laverdure and carried to approve the following bank depositories, as requested by the Monroe County Treasurer:

- a. ESSA Bank & Trust
- b. First Keystone Community Bank
- c. First National Bank of PA
- d. Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)

Chairman Christy presented a request to appoint engineers for approval.

**M-2024-13** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the following as Engineers for the FY2024 for the Monroe County Planning Commission:

- a. Nate Oiler, PE – UTRS, Inc. - Prime
- b. Brick Linder, PE Linder Engineering – Alternate

Chairman Christy asked if there was any public comment. Theresa Pesce asked a question about the Rules for Public Participation at County Meetings. Solicitor Todd Weitzmann answered her question and stated he would provide documentation to her regarding the Sunshine Act after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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Robert J. Gress, Chief Clerk/Administrator

**M-2024-01 thru M-2024-13**