



SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
2026 Budget Adoption
December 17, 2025

A special meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, for the purpose of adopting the Monroe County Budget for 2026 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 10:20 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 on agenda items.

Deborah Storman, Chief Assessor, asked a question about the new longevity bonus.

Jennifer Barclay, Fiscal Director, stated she would explain them as part of the budget adoption presentation.

Jennifer Barclay, Fiscal Director explained that the commissioners are prepared to adopt the 2026 Monroe County Budget in the amount of \$151,561,209.00 including a general fund budget of \$87,000,000.00.

Ms. Barclay stated the proposed 2026 budget's county millage rate remains unchanged from 2025. The millage rate will be set to 5.4773 mills with just over ninety (90) percent being utilized for general purposes and the balance being used to satisfy debt service obligation.

Ms. Barclay reviewed the revisions to the general fund budget which resulted in a net decrease of \$116,132.00 since the proposed budget was presented. Ms. Barclay highlighted the assorted line items for the difference between the proposed and adopted.

Anna Lopez asked questions about the correctional facility budget.

Chairman Christy, Ms. Barclay and District Attorney Mancuso answered her questions.

M-2025-365 Motion Commissioner Laverdure by, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to adopt the 2026 County Millage Rates as follows:

- a) 4.9177 for General Purpose
- b) .5596 for Debt Service Obligation
- c) 5.4773 Total County Millage Rate for 2026

M-2025-366 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to adopt of the 2026 Eastern Monroe Public Library Millage Rate at .185914 mills.

M-2025-367 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker to adopt the 2026 Budget in the amount of \$151,561,209.00. Commissioner Laverdure and Chairman Christy voted in favor of the budget, Vice-Chairman Parker voted no.

Chairman Parker stated that he could not vote for the budget, even though there is no tax increase. He felt that the county needs to rein in spending and there are assorted items that he felt should not be approved as he was not in agreement with them. He said he would be voting no on the county's 2026 budget.

M-2025-368 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to adopt of the 2026 Liquid Fuels Budget in the amount of \$467,500.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Robert J. Gress, Chief Clerk/Administrator

M-2025-365 through M-2025-368