



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 7, 2025

A special meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 7, 2025, 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, Chief Clerk/Administrator Robert J. Gress and Administrative Secretary Cindy Cook. Also present: Controller Erik Diemer, Adelaide Grace, Children and Youth Administrator, Melissa Snyder, Assistant Children and Youth Administrator and Jennifer Barclay, Fiscal Director.

Vice Chairman Parker opened the meeting at 9:31 a.m. with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Adelaide Grace, Children and Youth Administrator presented the Monroe County Children and Youth 2025/2026 Implementation Plan, and 2026/2027 Needs Based Plan and Budget.

Discussion took place about various funding issues concerning this year's budget as well as next year's budget. Discussion also took place about expenditure overspending which included Institutional Placements and Youth Detention Center/Youth Forestry Camp (YDC/YFC) being the two biggest drivers. Another factor is the three (3) contracted beds at Northampton County Detention Center.

Vice-Chairman Parker asked if the Probation department could contribute towards the cost of the beds at the Northampton County Detention Center.

Adelaide Grace stated that Children and Youth must pay for the beds.

Adelaide Grace stated her department is planning to request a 15% increase in the budget and special grants in the needs based year which starts on July 1, 2026, and ends on June 30, 2027. The needs based portion of the budget is not due until September 1, 2025, and there may be updates between now and the submittal.

**M-2025-226** Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to authorize Adelaide Grace, Children and Youth Administrator to submit the 2025/2026 Implementation Plan and 2026/2027 Needs Based Plan and Budget to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. Chairman Christy was not present for the vote.

Chairman Christy asked if Children and Youth is being affected by the state not passing the budget at this time.

Adelaide Grace stated C&Y will be affected by the lack of a state budget when July invoices are due.

Controller Diemer stated all the June invoices for C&Y have been paid to date.

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Robert J. Gress, Chief Clerk/Administrator