



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

William Santos
Chairman

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2025

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on May 22, 2025, at 3:30pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Sam Trapani, citizen member; Andrew Hollister, citizen member; Orlando Rivera, citizen member; Dave Watson, citizen member; Millie Sefranek, citizen member; Robert Colby, Legislator; Richard Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety; Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Mgmt Dept. of Environmental Services

Alternates Present: Adrienne Green, Law Dept. (for Deputy Co. Exec. Jeff McCann); Conor McMahon (for Asst. Co. Exec. Amy Grower); Joe Taddeo, Finance (for Robert Franklin Dir. of Finance);

Planning Staff Present: Yixuan Lin, Sr. Planner, Secretary to the Board; Lisa Huntoon, Asst. to the Secretary to the Bd.

Others Present: Board of Elections: David Reilich, Deputy Commissioner; Rosemary Rivera, Financial Analyst
Law Department: Josh Pheterson, Sr. Deputy County Attorney
Finance Department: Vincent Piscitelli, Debt Management Coordinator

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE April 24, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Murphy

Seconded: Mr. Rivera

Vote: Motion Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Yixuan Lin announced that a Land Use Decision-Making training workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, at MCC from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM. There is high demand for the session but there are still a few seats available. The topic of this training session is "Communities for All Ages: Integrating Age-Friendly Principles into Local Planning and Zoning."

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to increase funding for the project entitled “Replacement of Voting Machines” by \$2,000,000 from \$0 to \$2,000,000, and to decrease funding for the project entitled “Voting Equipment” by \$2,000,000 from \$2,000,000 to \$0.

Presenters: David Reilich, Monroe County Board of Elections

Discussion: Mr. Reilich shared the county purchased 1,000 ExpressVote XL voting machines and have them in stock. There is a need to order an additional 175 machines to cover early voting and to be prepared for the upcoming primary vote. The money previously allotted for iPads (poll pads) would be reallocated to pay for the additional voting machines.

Mr. Reilich provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- These are the same machines which were presented to the board in 2024.
- Monroe County is the first county in New York State to utilize the machines.
- The new machines are designed to be fully compliant with the ADA.

Motion: Legislator Colby

Seconded: Mr. Hollister

Vote: Motion Approved

- b) Amend the 2025 Capital Budget to increase funding for the projects entitled “CityPlace Electrical & Mechanical Improvements” by \$1,100,000, from \$2,000,000 to \$3,100,000, for a total authorization of \$3,100,000.

Presenter: Sean Murphy, Department of Environmental Services

Discussion: Mr. Murphy shared the need to replace the HVAC System in the computer server room at CityPlace. The current system is almost 30 years old and nearing the end of its useful life. Additional improvements include new batteries for uninterrupted power supply and upgraded generator connection among other items.

Mr. Murphy provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- If primary power were to go out the system would allow approximately 45 minutes to get a generator hooked up.
- Current code requires having a portable connection. The current system has one but there is a need to have one that is more robust.

Motion: Mr. Tantalo

Seconded: Mr. Watson

Vote: Motion Approve

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- June 26, 2025 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Mr. Hollister

Seconded: Mr. Wiedemer

Adjournment: 3:51 pm