



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

William Santos
Chairman

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, December 18, 2025

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on December 18, 2025, at 3:30pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Millie Sefranek, citizen member (via zoom); Tyrese Bryant, citizen member; Elizabeth McDade, citizen member; Milton Pichardo, citizen member (via zoom); Victor Sanchez, citizen member; Rachel Barnhart, Legislator; Jennifer Cesario, Dir. of Finance; 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); Kristina Daugherty (for Richard Tantalio, Dir. of Public Safety); Joe Taddeo, Finance

Planning Staff Present: Yixuan Lin, Sr. Planner, Secretary to the Board; Grace Sherburne, Planner II

Others Present: Department of Aviation (Airport): Allison Lia, Associate Engineer
Monroe County Hospital: Desmond Jackson, Deputy Director; Darren Vogt, Associate Executive Director
Monroe County Office of the Sheriff: Jennifer Curley, Sr. Police Planning Specialist; Chief Deputy Michael Fowler
Department of Public Safety: George Markert, Asst. Probation Director; Kristine Durante, Chief Probation Officer; Fred Moore, Finance Administrator
Law Department: Josh Pheterson, Sr. Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE November 20, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Mr. Bryant

Seconded: Ms. Cesario

Vote: Motion Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Baggage System Improvements” at the Frederick Douglass – Greater Rochester International Airport in the amount of \$6,500,000.

Presenter: Allison Lia, Department of Aviation (Airport)

Discussion: Ms. Lia stated that this project will reconstruct the four baggage claims on the public facing side and seven tracks in the baggage makeup area. These are all original with some maintenance performed on them but they are due for reconstruction as well as widening. This is a federally funded project, which FAA grant will cover 90% of the cost.

Ms. Lia provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- The building was completed in the early 1990s and the baggage claims have not been replaced since that time, only repaired.
- The remaining 10% local share will be paid by Airport Authority, an enterprise fund.
- The scope of the project includes the baggage room and public baggage claim carousels, not the entirety of the conveyor system.

Motion: Legislator Barnhart

Seconded: Mr. Wiedemer

Vote: Motion Approved

- b) Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Renovation and Revitalization of the Friendship Building and Grounds” at Monroe Community Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$10,175,0000.

Presenter: Darren Vogt, Monroe Community Hospital

Discussion: Mr. Vogt, explained MCH received a grant through the New York State Healthcare Transformation Program. They were one of 55 projects awarded from the program. MCH is the only long-term care provider of pediatrics in our area. The goal is to expand from five pediatric beds currently to upwards of 30. The pediatrics unit would move to another area in the building. There will also be an expansion of the ventilator unit which includes creating more private rooms for some patients. Additionally, there is an outdoor portion to the project which includes a handicap accessible playground on the side of the building.

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

- Currently, both the 20 ventilator beds and 5 pediatric rooms are on Friendship East.
- The ventilator rooms have to be electronically set up to pipe in oxygen.
- The work is anticipated to begin in 2027 at the earliest and the grant is in place through 2030.
- The dollar amount was based on the cost per square foot of renovation on previous projects.

Motion: Mr. Murphy

Seconded: Ms. McDade

Vote: Motion Approved

c) Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to advance the “Sheriff’s Office Active Shooter Firearm and PPE Replacement” Project from 2027 to 2026 in the amount of \$175,000.

Presenters: Jennifer Curley and Chief Deputy Fowler, Monroe County Sheriff’s Office

Discussion: Ms. Curley explained funds of \$350,000 were already planned for 2027. At this time, they would like to advance \$175,000 of those funds for the current purchase of vest protection plates. The vests and plates were originally purchased in 2017 and the manufacturer warranty expired in 2022. Currently, there are only enough sets to put one in the car and officers need to share, so they are not individually sized and not maintained the way they should be. The replacement product is made of Polymer material that won’t crack as easily as the current ceramic plates. These vests are for general patrol use.

Ms. Curley and Chief Deputy Fowler provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- Each vest/carrier holds two plates, which slide into a pouch, one each for front and back. These work in conjunction with the soft body armor worn underneath the vest.
- Purchasing up to 300 sets would give each officer their own individually sized vest and they would be responsible for maintaining them.
- The new plates are made of a more durable material and are also lighter in weight.

Motion: Legislator Barnhart

Seconded: Mr. Weidemer

Vote: Motion Approved

d) Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Probation Body Worn Cameras & Less Than Lethal Devices” in the amount of \$600,000.

Presenters: George Markert and Kristine Durante, Public Safety

Discussion: Mr. Markert shared information on less lethal devices and the need to update and increase the quantity they currently have in the Probation Department. The goal is to provide the probation officers with the necessary equipment and develop a plan for replacement going forward. The version of devices they are looking to purchase are best in class and offer more safety features and better analytics.

Mr. Markert also provided information on body worn cameras (BWC). They are currently in the process of preparing to deploy 30 shared units to be utilized during field work. They would like to get these into a replacement cycle as they are expected to last about five years, in part because the technology is changing so quickly.

Mr. Markert and Kristine Durante provided the below information in response to questions from the Board:

- The new less lethal devices should last about 10 years. Often, it’s the charging battery that diminishes and therefore need replacement.
- Probation officers are peace officers and their primary focus is community safety and enforcement of court orders. There is not an expectation of privacy. If privacy is needed, the officer can make a referral for a one-on-one appointment with a therapist.

- The county has a robust enough network to handle the additional data from the BWC.
- Video retention time is based on state law but do need to be saved at least one year. Some may be saved longer dependent upon the circumstances.

Motion: Mr. Bryant

Seconded: Ms. McDade

Vote: Motion Approved

OTHER BUSINESS:

NONE

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- January 29, 2026 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Mr. Taddeo

Seconded: Mr. Sanchez

Adjournment: 4:10 pm

