



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

William Santos
Chairman

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2026

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) was held on February 26, 2026, at 3:30pm, in person, via Zoom, and live streamed on YouTube.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair (via zoom); Dave Watson, citizen member; Tyrese Bryant, citizen member (joined 3:38); Elizabeth McDade, citizen member; Milton Pichardo, citizen member; Victor Sanchez, citizen member (joined 3:35); Robert Colby, Legislator (via zoom); Rachel Barnhart, Legislator; Adrienne Green, Assistant Co. Exec.; Sean Murphy, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Mgmt Dept. of Environmental Services

Alternates Present: Conor McMahon (for Deputy Co. Exec. Amy Grower); Joe Taddeo, Finance (for Dir. Jennifer Cesario); Kristina Daugherty (for Dir. of Public Safety, Richard Tantalo);

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

Others Present: Law Department: Josh Pheterson, Sr. Deputy County Attorney; Parks Department: Patrick Meredith, Director; Robert Kiley, Deputy Director; Thomas Morrissey, Senior Staff Assistant; Ashlee Long, Parks Administration Manager (all via zoom); Department of Aviation (Airport): Andy Moore, Director Monroe County Hospital: Darren Vogt, Associate Executive Director; Robert Cammilleri, Supervisor of Building Maintenance

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

APPROVAL OF THE January 29, 2026 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: Legislator Barnhart

Seconded: Mr. Watson

Vote: Motion Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Yixuan Lin shared an update that Planning Board member Millie Sefranek was elected to the Henrietta Town Board and began her new role in 2026. As a result, she is no longer serving on the Town of Henrietta Planning Board. She submitted her resignation this month, and the Board has requested a new appointment to fill the vacancy. The Board thanks Ms. Sefranek for her time and service.

ACTION ITEMS:

- a) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to increase funding for the project entitled “Parks Replacement Vehicles” by \$120,000, from \$380,000 to a total authorization of \$500,000, and decrease funding for the project entitled “Parks Heavy Duty Equipment” by \$120,000, for a total authorization of \$1,667,000.

Presenter: Robert Kiley, Parks Department

Discussion: Mr. Kiley explained this amendment would move \$120,000 from “heavy duty equipment” to the passenger vehicle line. This will allow for acquisition of two new Ford F250s or equivalent such as Chevy Silverado and one new Ford Escape to replace a 2007 Chevy Express van with 180,000 miles, a 2011 Chevy Express van with 165,000 miles, and a 2010 Blazer with 98,000 miles.

Motion: Mr. Murphy

Seconded: Ms. Daugherty

Vote: Motion Approved

- b) Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to add a capital project entitled “Airport Property Acquisition” at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport in the amount of \$500,000.

Presenter: Andy Moore, Department of Aviation (Airport)

Discussion: Mr. Moore shared that Airport would like to reactivate the capital account which had recently been deactivated due to three years of inactivity. This account was available as needed to acquire property around the airport for safety purposes, compatibility and control of future development near the airport. Currently they do not have an immediate need for the funds; however, they would like to have it accessible if property were to become available for purchase.

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

- The most recent appropriation of property was approximately six years ago.
- Some properties become available in the approach and departure corridors. These can be beneficial to acquire, not for increasing runway length but for safety.
- Once acquired, they typically look to demolish the property and return it to raw land. In the past properties have been voluntarily presented to the airport by owners and eminent domain has not been utilized.
- The property has to be beneficial for the airport to purchase.

Motion: Mr. Watson

Seconded: Ms. McDade

Vote: Motion Approved

- c) Amend the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program and the 2026 Capital Budget to expand the scope and increase the funding for the Roof Improvements project in the amount of \$3,000,000, for a total project authorization of \$5,500,000

Presenter: Sean Murphy, Environmental Services

Discussion: Mr. Murphy explained the Monroe County Hospital (MCH) is a critical community asset, serving residents of all ages and providing a comprehensive range of health care services. It is important the infrastructure and the envelope are secure and currently the buildings are in need of

roof replacement. A capital project was already in place however in order to accelerate and complete the roofing, they are asking for additional funds. The total roof is approximately 107,000 square feet. The project will include engineering evaluation of existing roofs and to develop a plan for repair and replace. It will be a multi-year project with the goal of replacing the highest priority sections of roof before winter 2026-2027.

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

- Based on current cost estimate, the requested budget will have about 50% of the roof completed.
- They will be looking at roofs that provide different benefits and will be reviewing the options after the evaluation. They will adhere to the NY State energy code.

Motion: Ms. McDade

Seconded: Mr. Sanchez

Vote: Motion Approved

Action Item 3.d to 3.p: The following 13 action items, labeled from “d” to “p” pertain to amendments to the 2026 Capital Budget for Pure Waters Projects.

Chairman Santos proposed that these action items be presented consecutively, with a single vote to be held at the end of the presentation.

Chairman Santos requested a motion to group items 3d through 3p as one single action.

Motion: Legislator Barnhart

Seconded: Mr. Pichardo

Vote: Motion Approved

- d) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District entitled “NWQPWD - General Pump Station, Interceptor and Treatment Plant Improvements” in the amount of \$950,000.
- e) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District entitled “NWQPWD - NWQ WRRF Electrical improvements” in the amount of \$7,200,000.
- f) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District entitled “NWQPWD - Aeration Improvements” in the amount of \$3,000,000.
- g) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District entitled “NWQPWD - Preliminary Treatment Improvements” in the amount of \$800,000.
- h) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Rochester Pure Waters District entitled “RPWD FEV WRRF - Biosolids Handling” in the amount of \$2,000,000.
- i) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Rochester Pure Waters District entitled “RPWD - CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements” in the amount of \$4,800,000.

- j) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Rochester Pure Waters District entitled “RPWD - General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements” in the amount of \$2,500,000.
- k) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District entitled “GCOSD - General Collection System Improvements” in the amount of \$350,000.
- l) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Rochester Pure Waters District entitled “FEV - Primary Scum Collection Improvements” in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- m) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District Entitled “IBSCPWD - General Pump Station and Interceptor Improvements” in the amount of \$450,000.
- n) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District entitled “IBSCPWD - Thomas Creek Pump Station Improvements” in the amount of \$400,000.
- o) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District Entitled “IBSCPWD - Irondequoit Bay Pump Station Improvements” in the amount of \$1,500,000.
- p) Amend the 2026 Capital Budget to add a project to the Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District entitled “IBSCPWD - South Central Trunk Sewer Improvements” in the amount of \$1,800,000.

Presenter: Sean Murphy, Department of Environmental Services

Discussion: Mr. Murphy shared maps of the various sewer districts in Monroe County. He stated that although DES oversees the Division of Pure Water, each district is its own financial and operational entity. Mr. Murphy discussed each project individually and provided presentation slides as well.

Mr. Murphy provided the below project information to the Board:

- “NWQPWD - General Pump Station, Interceptor and Treatment Plant Improvements”: This funding generally includes various smaller scale collection systems, pump stations and treatment plant improvements.
- “NWQPWD - NWQ WRRF Electrical Improvements”: Originally constructed in the early 1970s and have been in service for over 50 years. Will accommodate aeration and preliminary treatment projects.
- “NWQPWD - Aeration Improvements”: Replacement will be fine bubble diffuser system with turbo blowers and will provide improvement in more efficient operation and energy savings.
- “NWQPWD - Preliminary Treatment Improvements”: Mechanical equipment has been in service since 2008. High-wear equipment replacement will provide improvements in operations and maintenance.

- “RPWD FEV WRRF - Biosolids Handling”: Replacement of PLCs as solids handling is a high moisture environment which damages equipment. Original equipment is currently in use.
- “RPWD - CSOAP Tunnel System Improvements”: Replacement of old hydraulic gates will now be electrically operated gates. Additionally, will be replacing the bar screens to keep large items out of the system. Current bar screens are from the 1980s.
- “RPWD - General Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements”: Smaller scale improvements for the over 700 miles of storm sewers (separate and combined), pump stations, CSOAP and ancillary facilities.
- “GCOSD - General Collection System Improvements”: Upgrades are required to retain the reliability and continuity of sanitary sewer service of over 300 miles, as well as pump stations and ancillary facilities.
- “FEV - Primary Scum Collection Improvements”: Design and construction costs needed to replace the old system. No additional money to be requested beyond 2026.
- “IBSCPWD - General Pump Station and Interceptor Improvements”: Funding includes various smaller scale collection system and pump station improvements.
- “IBSCPWD - Thomas Creek Pump Station Improvements”: Project will upgrade: wet well, pumps, electrical equipment, HVAC and controls.
- “IBSCPWD - Irondequoit Bay Pump Station Improvements”: DES’s largest pump station. Need to replace and relocate some motor control centers.
- “IBSCPWD - South Central Trunk Sewer Improvements”: Project will consist of working on sections of sewer which currently restricts flow. Also want to allow for increased capacity to prevent sanitary sewer overflows.

Motion: Mr. Watson

Seconded: Legislator Barnhart

Vote: Motion Approved

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

- March 5, 2026 at 3:00 pm (Special Meeting for the CIP)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ms. McDade

Seconded: Mr. Sanchez

Adjournment: 4:29 pm

