

MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 3, 2026

The Commission met according to adjournment with Curt Wheeler, Presiding Commissioner, and Associate Commissioners David Hays and Justin Edwards present, and among other proceedings, the following orders were had:

1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on July 30, 2026, as presented. The Commission also approved all purchase orders submitted for payment.
2. The Commission received a second call from FEMA. The following information has been requested and will be answered by the Commission:
Approximately how many tons or cubic yards of debris have been or will be collected during cleanup? Or provide measurements of the collected debris piles (Length, Width and Height)
 - What is the address/GPS location of the stumps/root balls?
 - Confirm there will be no stump grinding and no staging?
 - How many debris pile locations are there? GPS/Address of each pile.
 - GPS of final disposal or burn pile.
 - Force Acct Labor and Force Acct Equipment used during cleanup.
3. The Commission is researching the best option for purchasing a new vehicle for the Sheriff's department. When can Emergency Funds be used, what documentation is necessary to make this purchase. Please see the following page of information, as requested by the Commission.

Election day is Tuesday, August 4, 2026

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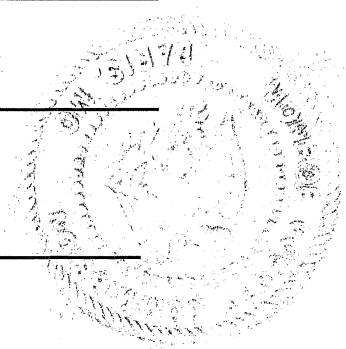

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**Title VI COUNTY, TOWNSHIP AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION GOVERNMENT****Chapter 50**

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50.780. Commissioners may permit officers to purchase supplies direct — liability therefor — preference in bids — waiver, when (second class and certain first class counties). — 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any county or township officer in any county to which sections 50.760 to 50.790 apply to purchase any supplies not contracted for as provided in sections 50.760 to 50.790 for the officer's official use and for which payment is by law required to be made by the county unless the officer shall first apply to and obtain from the county commission an order in writing and under the official seal of the commission for the purchase of such supplies, and in all cases where the supplies requested by such officer have been contracted for by the county commission as provided in sections 50.760 to 50.790, the order shall be in the form of a requisition by said officer addressed to the person, firm, company or corporation with whom or which the county commission has made a contract for such supplies, and presented to the county commission for approval or disapproval; and unless approval be given such requisition shall not be filled and any such requisition filled without such approval shall not be paid for out of county funds. The county shall not be liable for any debts for supplies except debts contracted as provided in sections 50.760 to 50.790. The best price and the quality of supplies shall be considered and supplies of a higher price or quality than is reasonably required for the purposes to which they are to be applied shall not be purchased or contracted for. Preference to merchants and dealers within their counties may be given by such commissioners, provided the price offered is not above that offered elsewhere.

2. The county commission may waive the requirement of competitive bids or proposals for supplies when the county commission has determined that there exists a threat to life, property, public health, or public safety or when immediate expenditure is necessary for repairs to county property in order to protect against further loss of, or damage to, county property, to prevent or minimize serious disruption in county services or to ensure the integrity of county records. Emergency procurements shall be made with as much competition as is practicable under the circumstances. After an emergency procurement is made by the county commission, the nature of the emergency and the vote approving the procurement shall be noted in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The primary Missouri State statutes governing this action are RSMo Section 50.540 and **RSMo Section 50.630**, which dictate how a county commission can legally transfer and spend money from a county emergency fund. Additionally, RSMo Section 49.276 gives specific authority to commissions in third-class counties (like Monroe County) to provide law enforcement vehicles. [1, 2, 3, 4]

Rules for Using the Emergency Fund

To use emergency funds for a sheriff's department vehicle, the Monroe County Commission must abide by the statutory requirements outlined in **RSMo 50.540(4)** and **RSMo 50.630**:

- **Budget Officer Recommendation:** For second-, third-, and fourth-class counties, the transfer must be formally recommended by the county budget officer. [1, 2]
- **Unforeseen Emergencies Only:** The statute dictates that transfers from the emergency fund are strictly limited to "unforeseen emergencies" (such as a totaled patrol vehicle or an unexpected breakdown of existing law enforcement infrastructure). [1]

49.276. County commission may provide law enforcement vehicles (third and fourth class counties). — County commissions of third and fourth class counties may provide motor vehicles for the use of law enforcement personnel who are county employees. Such motor vehicles shall be used by authorized personnel only, and each sheriff shall prescribe rules and regulations for the use of the motor vehicles. The county commission may acquire title to such vehicles in the name of the county and may purchase insurance on the vehicles. County commissions may sell or otherwise convey such vehicles and may do all acts consistent with maintenance and operating costs of the vehicles at county expense. The motor vehicles authorized herein shall be of such size, type, make and horsepower as is determined by the county commission. The county commission and the Missouri state highway patrol may cooperate in the purchase and disposal of such vehicles, either pursuant to the provisions of sections **67.330 to 67.450** or otherwise. Costs incident to the purchase of such vehicles, other than the purchase price, shall be paid by the county commission.

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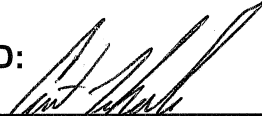
July 23, 2026

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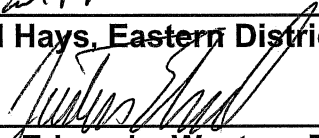
1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on July 20, 2026, as presented. The Commission also approved all purchase orders submitted for payment as well as payroll
2. The Commission reviewed the MEC draft ordinance. It will be renewed in September 2026.
3. Tricia Jackson from Melahn Insurance reviewed our policy information. Curt Wheeler made a motion to begin our Insurance for property and liability with Melahn Insurance Agency, January 2027. Justin Edwards seconded this motion; all voted in favor; motion passed.

The SEMA Grant application was submitted on Friday, July 24, 2026, with assistance from the SEMA Coordinator, Jacob Nacke.

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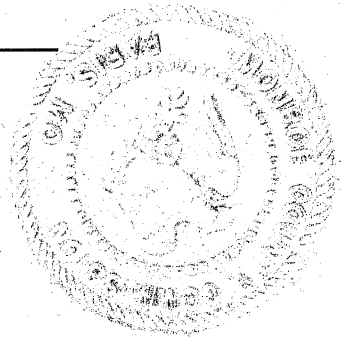

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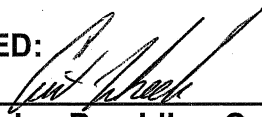
August 6, 2026

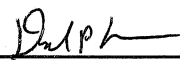
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1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 3, 2026, as presented. The Commission also approved all purchase orders submitted for payment.
2. The Commission worked with Road & Bridge supervisor Jake Allison to gather the information necessary to complete the survey for the FEMA grant.
3. Monroe County Sheriff Joe Colston approached the Commission regarding the Jail budget. With increases in boarding expenses, his budget will be exhausted before year-end. May consider using emergency funding for this expense. Commission to contact Travis Elliott to determine how to document the spending of emergency funds. RSMO has been reviewed.
4. The Monroe County Public hearing will be scheduled for Thursday, August 20th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to announce the 2026 tax rate for Monroe County General Revenue and Monroe County Road & Bridge.

No Afternoon Session

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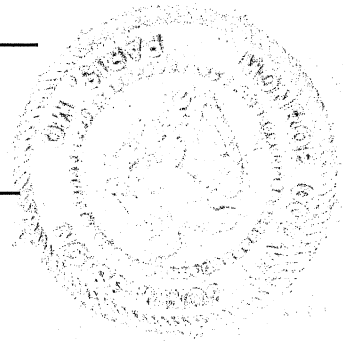

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MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 10, 2026

The Commission met according to adjournment with Curt Wheeler, Presiding Commissioner, and Associate Commissioners David Hays and Justin Edwards present, and among other proceedings, the following orders were had:

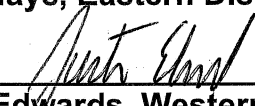
1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 6, 2026, as presented. The Commission also approved all purchase orders submitted for payment.
2. The Commission worked with Road & Bridge supervisor Jake Allison to gather the information necessary to complete the survey for the FEMA grant. Commission received a phone call from FEMA administrator Keisha Kimbrel. She is assisting Monroe County with the filing for the grant funding.
3. Monroe County Commission approved the removal of old devices that are no longer used by Monroe County Courthouse. MTRCOG provides a recycling service and accepts items that contain a cord or battery, and we have no other way to dispose of these items.
4. The Commission reviewed the tax levy and will consider taking the tax roll back. More details to follow. Public hearing is scheduled for August 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

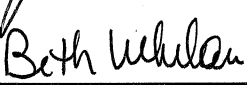
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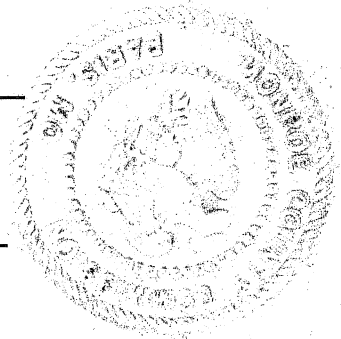
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MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 13, 2026

The Commission met according to adjournment with Curt Wheeler, Presiding Commissioner, and Associate Commissioners David Hays and Justin Edwards present, and among other proceedings, the following orders were had:

1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 10, 2026, as presented. The Commission also approved all purchase orders submitted for payment.
2. The Commission reviewed the tax abatements from the Collector's office.
3. Matt Walker from Hutchison Engineering presented the Commission with BRO projects for FY 2027.
4. John Hickman from HIC provided a year-to-date update for the Health Insurance mid-year report.

No Afternoon Session

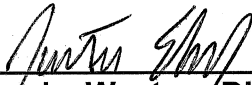
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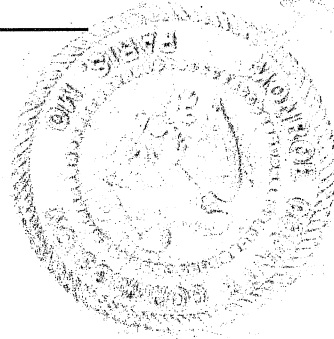


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MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 17, 2026

The Commission met according to adjournment with Curt Wheeler, Presiding Commissioner, and Associate Commissioners David Hays and Justin Edwards present, and among other proceedings, the following orders were had:

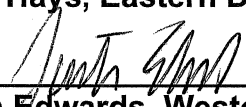
1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 13, 2026, as presented. The Commission also approved all purchase orders submitted for payment.
2. The Commission reviewed the tax rollback for the 2026 tax levy. The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
3. The Monroe County Tax Collector, Chrissy Graupman, has scheduled the tax sale for Monday, August 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

No Afternoon Session

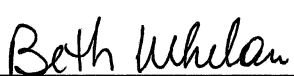
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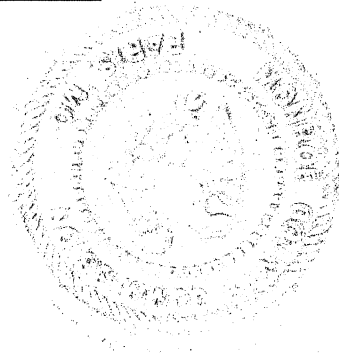

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August 20, 2026

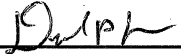
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1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 17, 2026, as presented. The Commission also approved all purchase orders submitted for payment as well as payroll.
2. The Commission reviewed the tax rollback for the 2026 tax levy. Justin Edwards made the motion to accept the Tax levy for Monroe County General Revenue at .2402 and take the rollback. Road and Bridge Tax levy is set at .2671. Curt Wheeler seconded the motion; all voted in favor, motion passed.
3. Curt Wheeler opened the Public hearing. Those present were Chrissy Graupman, Melinda James, Beth Whelan, Justin Edwards, Curt Wheeler, and David Hays. Curt Wheeler announced the tax rate for General Revenue is .2402, and for Road & Bridge .2671.
4. Caleb Bish and Monroe County Sheriff Joe Colston met with the Commission to discuss the use of the FLOCK cameras throughout Monroe County. No action was taken.

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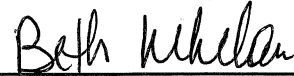
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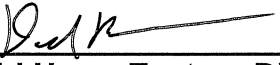
August 24, 2026

The Commission met according to adjournment with Curt Wheeler, Presiding Commissioner, and Associate Commissioners David Hays and Justin Edwards present, and among other proceedings, the following orders were had:

1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 20, 2026, as presented. The Commission also approved all purchase orders submitted for payment.
2. The Municipalities meeting took place with MTRCOG Devyn Campbell, Barb McCall, Melissa O'Bannon, Ronnie & Renee Bridgeman, and Emily Edgar from MODOT. Everyone gave a short update about their region. No action was taken.
3. Monroe County Collector, Chrissy Graupman, held the annual tax sale of properties. 2 properties were sold at the courthouse steps.
4. Philip Schopp visited with the Commission about Monroe Road 1039 & Y, requesting a pipe extension and rock. Jacob Allison will investigate the issue.
5. Matt Walker from Hutchison Engineering reviewed BRO funding with the Commission and will work with the City of Paris bridge project. The city has set aside ARPA funding for a bridge project. More details to follow.

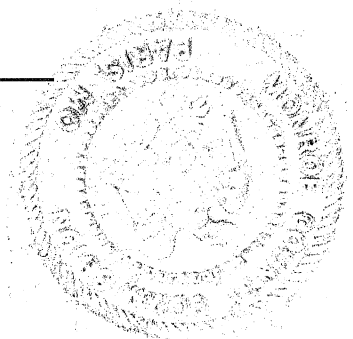
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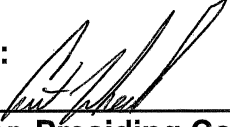
August 27, 2026

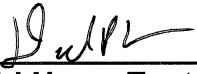
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1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 24, 2026, as presented. The Commission also approved all purchase orders submitted for payment as well as payroll.
2. Curt Wheeler moved to nominate Jacob Allison to the TAC Board; Justin Edwards seconded the motion. Jacob was asked if he was interested in the position, and he accepted. All voted in favor; the motion passed.
3. Robert Keller brought in the tax levy letter for Monroe Special Road District and visited with the Commission. No action was taken.
4. Rachael Grime visited with the Commission and brought swag for everyone. She gave an informative presentation about all the events that take place at the area libraries.
5. FEMA/SEMA cancelled the in-person meeting. They have rescheduled for next week. The meeting will now be a virtual TEAMS meeting.

No Afternoon Session

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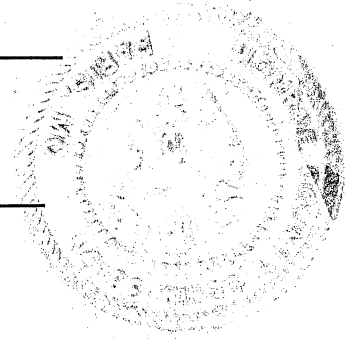

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MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 31, 2026

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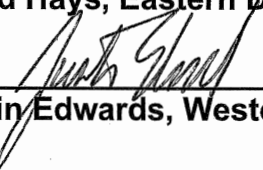
1. The Commission approved the minutes from the meeting held on August 27, 2026, as presented.
2. The Commission attended the FEMA/SEMA Webex call. More information will be provided as needed. Kaylee assisted with the call.

No Afternoon Session

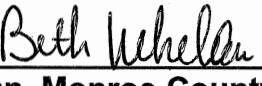
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