

MINUTES

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Board of Commissioners for Monroe County, Tennessee was begun and held at the Monroe County Courthouse in Madisonville, Tennessee, in Regular Session, August 26, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. Present and presiding was Chairman Summey. The following Commissioners were present and answered roll call.

<u>1st DISTRICT</u>	<u>2nd DISTRICT</u>	<u>3rd DISTRICT</u>	<u>4th DISTRICT</u>
DJ Seiler	Brian Harrill	Roger Thomas	Paulette Summey
Travis Wade	David Winters	Danny Everhart	
	William Cross	Kraig Miller	

****Absent Adam Reynolds****

ALSO PRESENT, were Mayor Mitch Ingram, County Clerk Larry C. Sloan, Attorney Reed Dixon, & Finance Director Gail Sensibaugh. The board of Commission was officially opened by Captain Jane Mason. The invocation was given by Commissioner Winters. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Harrill.

**08/26-1 Commissioners Minutes for July 22, 2025 meetings.
Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas and Harrill.
Voice 9**

08/26-2 Notary Public Applications

Kim Lee Carroll	Tonya Loveday	Jennifer K. Geiger
Karen M. Martin	Tyler Jason Taber	Ennio E. Cavuoto
Cristina Lyn Walsh	Beverly Powell	Brian K. Phillips
Lisa Gail Dotson	Oceana Richards	

Motion was made by Commissioner Everhart, seconded by Commissioner Harrill to accept as presented. **Aye 9**

Resolution No: 0826-6

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, August 26th, 2025, that the following amendment be made in the Monroe County General Fund Other Government Projects Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *To bring in grant funds for a Broadband Grant previously approved and we are collaborating with the East Tennessee Development District. No match*

Increase Revenue

101-47590-BROAD

Federal through the State

Debit

\$100,000.00

Credit

Increase Expenditures

101-91190-309-BROAD

Contract With Gov Agencies

\$6,000.00

101-91190-312-BROAD

Contract With Private Agencies

\$58,125.00

101-91190-499-BROAD

Other Supplies and Materials

\$35,875.00

\$100,000.00

\$100,000.00

PASSED, this 26TH of August, 2025.


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Harrill, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

RESOLUTION NO. **0826-6A**

**A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AN ITEM FROM THE JUSTICE CENTER KITCHEN AS
SURPLUS PROPERTY AND SELL ON GOVDEALS**

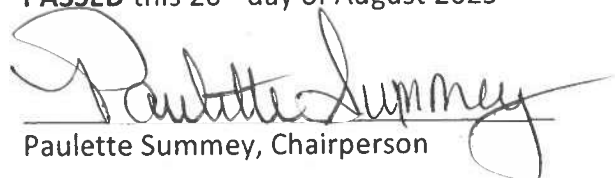
WHEREAS, Monroe County has the authority to declare items as surplus that are no longer deemed necessary or adequate to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department desires to declare as surplus property the deep fryers in the Justice Center kitchen and replace it with a tilt skillet, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff, Tommy Jones, requests approval to declare the current deep fryers surplus and sell on govedeals, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session this 26th Day of August 2025, that this Commission hereby approves the surplus property and any other items which may have been inadvertently omitted and declared surplus by agreed collective consent of the respective department head, Director of Finance and the County Commission.

PASSED this 26th day of August 2025


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

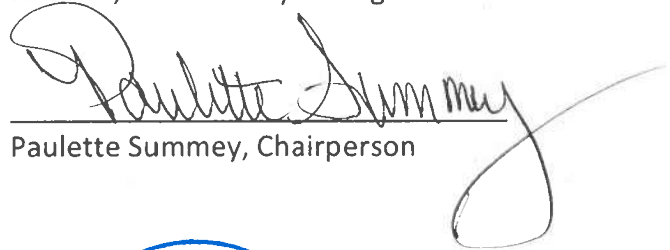
It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded
by Commissioner Harrill, that this resolution
be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

RESOLUTION NO. **0826-6B**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, on August 26th, 2025, that the following amendment for the Other Economic Development budget in the General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *To bring money in from the Young Professionals of Monroe County to the Other Economic Development budget for the Young Professionals Program.*

		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
<u>Increase Revenue</u>			
101-48130-MCYP	Contributions	\$2,743.98	
<u>Increase Expenditures</u>			
101-58190-599-MCYP	Other Charges		\$2,473.98

PASSED, this 26th Day of August 2025


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Seiler, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

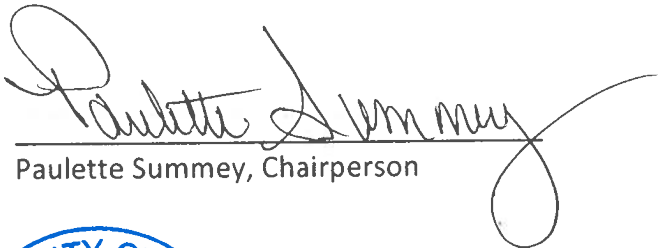
Resolution No: 0826-6C

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, on August 26th, 2025, that the following amendment for the Election Commission Budget in the Monroe County General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *To pull funds from fund balance to purchase desks and furniture for the election commission after security upgrade renovation.*

<u>Decrease Fund Balance</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
101-39000	Fund Balance	\$12,107.58	

<u>Increase Expenditures</u>			
101-51500-499	Other Supplies and Materials		\$12,107.58

PASSED, this 26th Day of August 2025


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

Resolution No: 0826-6D

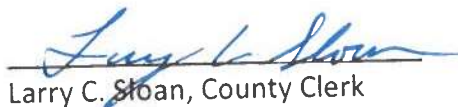
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, on August 26th, 2025, that the following amendment for the Opioid Budget in the Special Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *To re-allocate year two of the BEST GROUPS funding through the Juvenile Services Department.*

<u>Decrease Fund Balance</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
121-34530	Fund Balance	\$99,981.98	
 <u>Increase Expenditures</u>			
121-58500-189	Other Salaries and Wages		\$46,350.00
121-58500-201	Social Security		\$2,873.70
121-58500-204	Retirement		\$2,706.84
121-58500-205	Medical		\$27,444.00
121-58500-212	Medicare		\$672.08
121-58500-355	Travel		\$3,000.00
121-58500-499	Other Supplies and Materials		\$16,935.36

PASSED, this 26th Day of August 2025


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Seiler, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

Resolution No: 0826-6E

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, on August 26th, 2025, that the following amendment for the Public Safety Projects Budget in the Monroe County General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *To pull funds from reserve to reimburse the Town of Tellico for their portion of TDEC funds.*

Decrease Reserve

Debit

Credit

101-34790-TELL

Assigned For Other Purposes \$134,768.79

Increase Expenditures

101-91130-599-TELL

Other Charges

\$134,768.79

PASSED, this 26th Day of August 2025


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

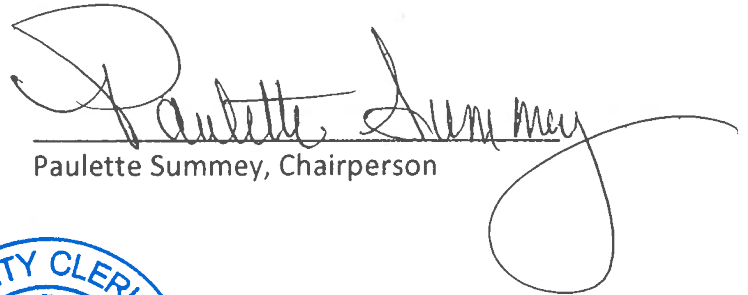
It was moved by Commissioner Everhart, seconded by Commissioner Miller, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

Resolution No: 0826-6F

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, on August 26th, 2025, that the following amendment for the Health Department Budget in the Monroe County General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *To bring in additional grant funds for the ARP renovation project.*

<u>Increase Revenue</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
101-47590-ARP	Other Federal through the State	\$100,000	
<u>Increase Expenditures</u>			
101-55110-707-ARP	Building Improvements		\$100,000

PASSED, this 26th Day of August 2025


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Cross, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

RESOLUTION NO. 0826-6G

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT APPROVAL FOR THE MONROE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO NORFOLK SOUTHERN-THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT

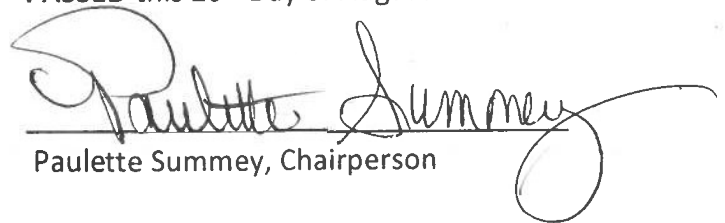
WHEREAS, the Monroe County Economic Development Department through the Monroe County Government requests permission to apply to the Norfolk Southern for Monroe County Economic Development, and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Economic Development Department will follow proper procedures for this application, which will fund 100% up to \$50,000, and

WHEREAS, Monroe County meets all qualifications to participate in this grant to support the Monroe County Economic Development Department's Monroe Works Program and Young Professionals Program, our workforce development initiative, to recruit and retain local talent. This program works with groups from pre-k through retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 26th Day of August 2025, that this Commission does hereby approve the application of the Monroe County Economic Development Department to the Norfolk Southern.

PASSED this 26th Day of August 2025


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Harrill, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

RESOLUTION NO. **0826-6H**

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT APPROVAL FOR THE MONROE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

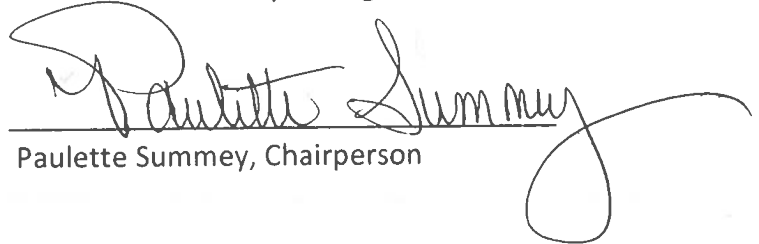
WHEREAS, the Monroe County Economic Development Department through the Monroe County Government requests permission to apply to the Tennessee Association of Museums for Monroe County Economic Development, and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Economic Development Department will follow proper procedures for this application, which will fund 100% up to \$100,000, and

WHEREAS, Monroe County meets all qualifications to participate in this grant to support the Monroe County Economic Development Department to update the stone building to accommodate Hiwassee College memorabilia and house Monroe County artifacts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 26th Day of August 2025, that this Commission does hereby approve the application of the Monroe County Economic Development Department to the Tennessee Association of Museums.

PASSED this 26th Day of August 2025


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Harrill, seconded by Commissioner Cross, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

RESOLUTION NO. 0826-8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MONROE COUNTY TO JOIN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN AMENDING THE TENNESSEE STATE-SUBDIVISION OPIOID ABATEMENT AGREEMENT AND APPROVING THE RELATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities in the United States, the State of Tennessee, and Monroe County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Monroe County has suffered harm and will continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and some Tennessee local governments have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, including many federal lawsuits by Tennessee counties and cities that are pending in the litigation captioned in re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the MDL case is referred to as the "Opioid Litigation");

WHEREAS, Monroe County has previously joined settlements with multiple pharmaceutical distributors, manufacturers, and retail pharmacies;

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement has been reached that would address claims in the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy case and resolve claims against the Sackler family, owners of the company (the "Purdue Settlement");

WHEREAS, proposed settlements have also been reached with eight other manufacturers: Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus ("Eight Manufacturer Settlements");

WHEREAS, Monroe County finds the Purdue Settlement and Eight Manufacturer Settlements acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee legislature enacted Public Chapter No. 491 during the 2021 Regular Session of the 112th Tennessee General Assembly, and it was signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on May 24, 2021, which addresses the allocation of funds from certain opioid litigation settlements;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee legislature enacted Public Chapter No. 302 during the 2025 Regular Session of the 114th Tennessee General Assembly and it was signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on May 2, 2025, which would apply the statutory provisions passed in 2021 to the Purdue Settlement and settlements with several additional manufacturers, if the agreements become effective;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, non-litigating counties, and representatives of various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have adopted a unified plan for the allocation and use of certain prospective settlement and bankruptcy funds from opioid-related litigation ("Settlement Funds");

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement (the "Tennessee Plan"), attached hereto as "Exhibit A," sets forth the framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of the Settlement Funds;

WHEREAS, amendments to the Tennessee Plan, attached hereto as "Exhibit B," would extend its terms to the proposed Purdue Settlement and Eight Manufacturer Settlements and would

clarify some language concerning the allocation of certain settlement funds and Purdue estate distributions; and

WHEREAS, participation in these settlements by a large majority of Tennessee cities and counties will materially increase the amount of settlement funds that Tennessee will receive from the pending proposed opioid settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE,

Section 1. That Monroe County finds that the amendments to the Tennessee Plan are in the best interest of Monroe County and its citizens because they would ensure an effective structure for the commitment of Settlement Funds to abate and seek to resolve the opioid epidemic.

Section 2. That Monroe County hereby expresses its support for a unified plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds as generally described in the Tennessee Plan.

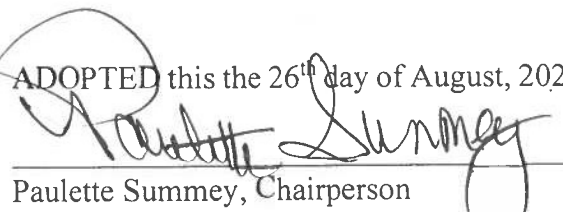
Section 3. That the Monroe County Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute the amendments to the Tennessee Plan in substantially the form attached as Exhibit "B" and the County Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements necessary to implement a unified plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds that is substantially consistent with the Tennessee Plan and this Resolution.

Section 4. That the Monroe County Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute any formal agreement and related documents evidencing Monroe County's agreement to the settlement of claims [and litigation] specifically related to the Purdue Settlement, the Eight Manufacturer Settlements, and any other settlement of opioid-related claims that Tennessee has joined.

Section 5. That the Monroe County Mayor is authorized to take such other action as necessary and appropriate to effectuate Monroe County's participation in the Tennessee Plan and these settlements.

Section 6. This Resolution is effective upon adoption, the welfare of Monroe County, Tennessee requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of August, 2025.


Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 26th day of August 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Seiler, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 9 Nay

08/26-3 Trustee Monthly Report

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Seiler to accept report as presented. **Aye 9**

08/26-4 Director of Finance Reports

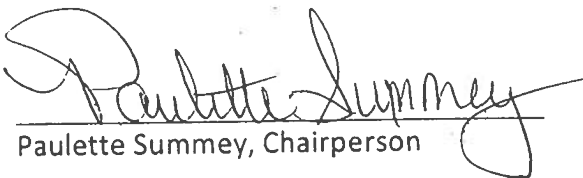
Motion was made by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Harrill, to accept report as presented. **Aye 9**

08/26-5 Public Comment: NONE

08/26-6 to 08/26-10

SEE ACTUAL Resolutions

Adjournment


Paulette Summey, Chairperson


County Clerk Larry C Sloan