



MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room at the Monroe County Administrative Center with the following present: Chairman John D. Christy, Commissioner Sharon S. Laverdure, Solicitor Deborah L. Huffman, Chief Clerk/Administrator Robert J. Gress, Administrative Secretary Cindy Cook. Vice-Chairman David C. Parker attended the meeting virtually.

Chairman Christy called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Christy reiterated the Rules for Public Comment at all Public Meetings of the County.

1. At the end of each meeting, the public is invited to express their views on matters that they feel should be brought to the attention of the Board.
2. Each member of the public who wishes to speak will have a total of three minutes to speak.
3. Speakers shall have one three-minute period to speak.
4. Speakers may not give their time to other speakers.
5. The Board will not be required to participate in any discussion during the public comment period.
6. Any person making offensive, insulting, threatening, insolent, slanderous or obscene remarks or who becomes boisterous or who make threats against any person or against public order and security during a meeting shall be barred from further comments and removed from the meeting at the discretion of the Board and possibly barred from further attendance at meetings.
7. The Board of Commissioners reserve the right to amend this policy at any time.

This policy was adopted January 2, 2024, Motion 2024-05.

M-2024-137 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to recess the regular meeting and open a Public Hearing for 2022 Community Development Block Grant Budget Modification on behalf of East Stroudsburg Borough at 9:32 a.m.

Martha Robbins, Executive Director, Monroe County Redevelopment Authority stated the purpose of this public hearing is to obtain citizen input on the Modification to the Monroe County's FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program. The proposed modification involves the deletion of East Stroudsburg Borough's single-family housing rehabilitation activity, in the amount of \$141,859.00 and reallocating these funds to a new activity known as Street/Road Improvements for their already approved East Broad Street Improvements Project which is to begin in June. Pursuant to approval by East Stroudsburg Borough Council and the Monroe County Commissioners on behalf of the Borough, the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Monroe, will submit said budget modification documentation to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for their review and approval of the new activity. Commissioner Christy asked if the public had any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments from the public.

M-2024-138 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to close the Public Hearing for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Budget Modification on behalf of East Stroudsburg Borough and continue with the regular meeting at 9:40 a.m.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Gabrielle Ferrara, Records Archivist, announced that the Monroe County Archives Department in partnership with the Monroe County Planning Commission have received a grant from the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission to conduct a feasibility study on the old jail building and the old assessors building. She explained a study has been done to make sure the buildings are structurally sound, and the next step is to determine what should be done with them. Ms. Ferrara asked the entire Monroe County community for their assistance in completing a survey that is being conducted through Wednesday, May 8, 2024. The survey is available on Monroe County's Facebook page or through the QR code on the exhibit that will be in the Monroe County Administration Building as well as in front of the

Monroe County Courthouse. The survey is being conducted by a third party and at the end of the survey they will present the County with three (3) options for utilizing the buildings.

M-2024-139 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the minutes of the 4/17/2024 Commissioners' Meeting.

M-2024-140 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to adopt the following proclamations and certificates of special recognition:

Proclamation

WHEREAS, mental health is a key component of every individual's overall physical health and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental illness affects people of all ages, races, ethnicities and income levels; and

WHEREAS, only fifty percent of individuals with a serious form of mental illness seek treatment because of feelings of personal shame, social stigma and discrimination which prevent many with mental illness from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, untreated mental illness leads to higher rates of emergency department visits, hospitalization, school dropouts and suicides; and

WHEREAS, greater public awareness about mental illness can positively transform attitudes about, and towards people with mental illness, making it easier for citizens to seek help.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Monroe County do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" to raise public awareness and understanding of mental health, available resources within the community and to reduce the stigma faced by people with mental illness.

-End of Proclamation-

Proclamation

WHEREAS, On December 16, 1953, the Delaware Water Gap Toll bridge was opened joining Monroe County, Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania and Warren County, Hardwick Township, New Jersey providing a Gateway from the eastern metropolitan area to the Pocono Mountains Recreational area; and

WHEREAS, this location is a part of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, where the bridge offers motorists a spectacular view of the Delaware Water Gap and Delaware River; and

WHEREAS Structures 380 and 390 as they are affectionately referred to as they are two structures, that are 2,465 feet in length, with 17 East bound spans and 16 West bound spans, this steel riveted plate girder bridge provides safe and efficient travel through a difficult landscape; and

WHEREAS, The Northern Division of the Delaware Joint Toll Bridge Commission is considered the best Division in the Delaware Joint Toll Bridge Commission by the Northern Division Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, we waited until the weather was warmer and to fit other's schedules.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe County Commissioners acknowledge the 70ish Birthday of the Delaware Water Gap Toll Bridge and thank them for keeping traffic moving through the Delaware Water Gap.

-End of Proclamation-

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania began as a colony of religious tolerance and has treasured the Liberty Bell as testimony to that freedom and all others enshrined in the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County was founded by persons seeking freedom of religion and has long cherished a legacy of interreligious cooperation and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman declared in 1952 "In times of national crisis when we are striving to strengthen the foundations of peace...we stand in special need of Divine support."; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States officially resolved that "The President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

WHEREAS, the Pocono Interfaith Council has nurtured our common religious traditions by participation in events such as a Thanksgiving Service, the Good Friday Walk and many other civic commemorations; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Pocono Interfaith Council is to unite voices from diverse faith communities in prayer, reflection, and music, emphasizing the interconnectedness of our care for each other, for the nation and for the planet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe County Board of Commissioners proclaim May 2, 2024, as a Day of Prayer in Monroe County and invites all communities in the Monroe County to join this important event.

-End of Proclamation-

2024 Pocono Chamber of Commerce Youth Appreciation Award

- a.) Grace Mingora – CareerLink
 - b.) Chelsea Colonna – Commonwealth Charter Academy
 - c.) Matthew Wall – MCTI
 - d.) Angelique Smalls – East Stroudsburg High School North
 - e.) Alyze Cappablanca-Sanchez – Notre Dame Jr-Sr High School
 - f.) Michael Pomillo – Pleasant Valley High School
 - g.) Sharaya Joemmanbaks – Stroudsburg High School
 - h.) Jenesis Bermudez – Pocono Mountain West High School
 - i.) Carlynichia (Carly) Cetoute – Pocono Mountain East High School
 - j.) Cora Duncan – East Stroudsburg High School South
- Jacob Allan Greene – Eagle Scout
St. Luke's Monroe Campus – Expansion
Enid Logan – Retirement from Family Promise

Commissioner Laverdure presented the Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation to representatives who were present from National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

M-2024-141 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the actions listed below:

- a) Agenda:

NAME:	DEPARTMENT:	POSITION:	DATE:	REASON:
NEW HIRES:				
Ashley Heller	DA	8 Secretary	4/29/24	New Hire/Replacement
Leah Evans	DR	7 Office Asst Sr	5/6/24	New Hire/Replacement
Carl DeSimone	Jail	3 Grounds Custodian Temp	4/24/24	Rehire/Replacement
Jennifer Condron	MDJ 43-4-02	7 Tech	4/29/24	New Hire/Replacement
Kristin Santiago	MDJ 43-2-01	7 Tech	4/29/24	New Hire/Replacement
Andrew Ricks	Planning	14 Vector Tech Temp	4/29/24	New Hire/Replacement
Emily Foster	Planning	Intern	5/8-8/23/24	New Hire - Intern
SEPARATIONS:				
Jeannie Hartenfels	Aging	35 Comm Hlth Nurse I	4/8/24	Terminated
Osa Hearthstone	Conservation	19 Res Cons Spec	4/19/24	Resigned
Jeanette Gilbo	Courts	16 Court Recorder & Transcriptionist	5/10/24	Resigned
Patricia Juarbe	DR	7 Office Asst Sr	4/8/24	Resigned
Elena Bentzoni	Prob - Adult	9 Secretary	5/10/24	Resigned
CHANGES:				
Jessica Muehleisen	Courts	13 Exec Asst	4/3-5/25/24	Update LOA Start Date
Melissa Schmidt	DR	10 Intake & Locate Spec	4/22/24	Correct Title
Maryellen Keegan	Emer Services	29 Director	4/18-10/17/24	Intermittent LOA
Maryellen Keegan	Emer Services	29 Director	4/10-4/17/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	11/15-11/17/23	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	11/22/23	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	11/29-12/1/23	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	12/5-12/8/23	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	12/11-12/15/23	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	12/18-12/22/23	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	12/27-12/29/23	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	1/12/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	1/19/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	1/22/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	1/23/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	1/26/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	1/30/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	2/2/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	2/9/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	2/16/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	2/23/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	2/27/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	3/1/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	3/5/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	3/8/24	LOA
Blake Schiller	Jail	18 Sergeant	5/26-6/15/24	LOA
Corey Keida	Jail	CO	4/1-4/15/24	LOA
Gregory Reese	Jail	CO	5/1-5/18/24	LOA
James Wise	Jail	CO	2/26-5/20/24	Extend Mod Duty
Mathew Magnin	Jail	CO	4/15-10/12/24	LOA
Mathew Magnin	Jail	CO	3/21-4/14/24	Extend LOA
Stefan Leonard	Jail	CO	1/31-4/9/24	Extend LOA
Stefan Leonard	Jail	CO	4/10-5/2/24	Extend LOA
Stephane Viera	Jail	22 Lieutenant	5/13-6/24/24	LOA
Tara Doyle	Jail	CO	2/16-5/10/24	Extend Mod Duty
Yessica Clase	Jail	CO	5/4-5/5/24	LOA
William Teada	MDJ	16 Audit & Training Coord	3/10/24	Extend Probation Until 5/10/24
William Teada	MDJ	16 Audit & Training Coord	4/8-4/14/24	LOA
Ryan Poust	Planning	19 GIS Analyst/Planner	4/23-25/24	Unpaid Suspension
Aron Goschillo	Sheriff	8 Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
Carmelo Benincasa	Sheriff	16 Bailiff Supervisor	3/20/24	Title Change
Christopher Kintz	Sheriff	10 Armed Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
Christopher Magee	Sheriff	8 Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
Gail Fouda	Sheriff	11 Real Estate Clerk Supervisor	4/15/24	Early RTW
Ian Rosario	Sheriff	10 Armed Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
Jose Jimenez	Sheriff	8 Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
Matthew Ertle	Sheriff	8 Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
Michelle Prosowski	Sheriff	8 Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
Michelle Prosowski	Sheriff	8 Office Assistant Sr - Firearms	4/22/24	Lateral Transfer
Peter Macri	Sheriff	8 Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
Peter Macri	Sheriff	8 Bailiff	4/15/24	Shift Change - Nights
Sean Hoyt	Sheriff	10 Armed Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
Timothy Sullivan	Sheriff	8 Bailiff	3/20/24	Title Change
William Teada	Sheriff	10 Pers Prop/Criminal Ct Clerk	5/13/24	Transfer
MISCELLANEOUS:				
Approve the request by the Sheriff to add 3 Constable Temps to his complement to assist in coverage of Ramsey and 701 evening classes				
Adopt the following revised employee policies:				
Longevity				
Compensatory Time				
Leaves of Absence				
Telephone Calls				
Policy Interpretation				
Approve the job description and grade (20) for the Court's new Executive Administrative Assistant position				

- b) Approve/Ratify Requests to work additional hours:
 - i) Sheriff's Office Overtime Report for the period ending:
 - (1) Deputies 62.25-hours
 - (2) Security 29-hours
 - (3) Clerks 7 -hours

M-2024-142 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the actions listed below:

- a) Vouchers Payable:
 - i) \$2,240,424.50 for week ending 4/19/2024
 - ii) \$3,479,876.98 for week ending 4/26/2024
- b) Gross Payroll:
 - i) \$1,347,132.90 for week ending 4/21/2024
- c) Healthcare Benefits Payments:
 - i) Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield:
 - (1) \$72,333.66 on 4/16/2024
 - (2) \$62,378.61 on 4/23/2024
 - ii) Geisinger:
 - (1) \$56,535.02 on 4/15/2024
 - (2) \$6,005.30 on 4/22/2024
 - (3) \$246,630.04 on 4/23/2024
 - iii) Dental Claims:
 - (1) \$5,322.61 on 4/19/2024
 - (2) \$9,574.98 on 4/26/2024
 - iv) Flexible Spending Account:
 - (1) \$151.25 on 4/15/2024
 - (2) \$1,186.91 on 4/19/2024
 - (3) \$939.76 on 4/26/2024

M-2024-143 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve/ratify the Travel Requests for the following: Aging, Children & Youth Services, Commissioners, Planning, Public Defender, Vector Control, Veterans Affairs.

M-2024-144 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to acknowledge receipt of the Independent Auditor's Report, prepared by Maher Duessel, for the period ending 6/30/2023 as requested by Carbon/Monroe/Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services.

M-2024-145 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the submission of the following 2023/2024 Title IV-E Claim Reports for federal reimbursement of administrative costs as requested by Children and Youth Services:

- a) 1st Quarter - \$3,621.46
- b) 2nd Quarter - \$3,606.68

M-2024-146 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the actions listed below:

- a) Approve Budget Adjustment dated 04/26/2024 in the amount of \$102,919.00
- b) Ratify Chief Clerk to advertise availability of Requests for Funding Proposal (RFP) applications for the Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) and Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year
- c) Ratify Chief Clerk to advertise Notice of Public Hearing of the Monroe County Commissioners on behalf of the East Stroudsburg Borough Council for a budget modification to the county's FFY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- d) Authorize Chief Clerk to advertise for a TEFRA Hearing on May 15, 2024 @ 9:30am for the Lehigh Valley Hospital and Lehigh Valley Pocono Hospital Projects
- e) Recommend the reappointment of Chris Barrett to Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA) and the appointment of Debra Raneri (replacing Marynell Strunk) to terms beginning 7/01/2024
- f) Approve the following Change Orders for the Courthouse Renovation/Expansion Project:
 - i) PC-010 – LTS Plumbing & Heating, Inc. – Under Sink Filters totaling \$1,194.85
 - ii) EC-009 – Wind Gap Electric, Inc. – Remove Existing Data and Low Voltage Systems totaling \$32,456.24

- iii) HVACC-008 – Berkley Insurance Company – Added Wiring for Fire Dampers totaling \$46,340.00
- iv) HVACC-009 – Berkley Insurance Company – Wall Mounted Heaters totaling \$9,805.00
- v) GC-021 – Lobar Construction – Miscellaneous Work including historic attic insulation, detention hardware and sprinkler head removal totaling \$136,409.51
- g) Acknowledge ASI-053 NELSON Arch-Int, Inc. – Architect’s Supplemental Instructions
- h) Add the following Vendors to the County List of Approved Vendors:
 - i) Correctional Facility:
 - (1) Benco Dental Supply Co.
 - ii) Commissioners:
 - (1) Strunk – Albert Engineering, LLC

Chairman Christy reviewed the budget adjustments. Chairman Christy explained the Notice of Public Hearings. Chairman Christy also noted Stunk – Albert Engineering has been a vendor with the County for many years but is updating their business structure so the County must approve them to be a vendor again.

Commissioner Laverdure stated the TEFRA Hearing for Lehigh Valley Pocono Hospital will be held at 9:30 a.m. May 15, 2024. The Commissioner’s Meeting will be held immediately after the hearing.

Chairman Christy explained the Hospital Board, which is made up of local citizens, must approve any projects proposed by the hospital to make sure they are warranted for the community.

M-2024-147 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to accept a Planned Service Proposal from Johnson Controls for the Correctional Facility’s Metasys and Control Systems at a rate of \$17,669.00, for the first year, subsequent rates on Schedule A for a term starting 06/01/2024 and ending 05/31/2027 as requested by the Correctional Facility.

M-2024-148 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to acknowledge submission of the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$165,350.24, this grant is a 50/50 match as requested by the Office of Emergency Services.

M-2024-149 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the actions listed below as requested by the Grants Department:

- a) Approve the Continuum of Care Grant – Rapid Rehousing FY2022 Sub-Recipient Contracts for the grant period 10/01/2023 to 09/31/2024
 - i) Family Promise of the Poconos, Inc. – Services, Rental Assistance - \$213,280.00
 - ii) Pocono Mountains United Way – Supportive Services - \$30,000.00
- b) Ratify the ERAP2 Affordable Rental Housing Project Request for the Rehab of Gas Lines for 156 rental units for Housing Authority at an estimated cost of \$1,600,000.00
- c) Acknowledge Notification of Grant Application Funding Denial for the 2023 Paul Coverdell Grant due to not meeting eligibility requirements as set forth in the Coverdell Law

Chairman Christy stated the rehab of the gas lines project is a good use of remaining ERAP funds.

M-2024-150 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to appoint Troy Nauman to the Monroe County Planning Commission Board with a term to expire 12/31/2027 as requested by the Planning Commission.

R-2024-3 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to adopt a resolution approving a modification to the County of Monroe “on behalf of” East Stroudsburg Borough FFY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) totaling \$141,859.00 as requested by the Redevelopment Authority of Monroe County.

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS, the County of Monroe is the recipient of a grant (on behalf of the Borough of East Stroudsburg) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Pennsylvania CDBG Program for FFY 2022; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monroe has proposed a modification to its FFY 2022 CDBG Program; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the following FFY 2022 CDBG activity will be decreased: East Stroudsburg Borough “Housing Rehabilitation Program” – Decrease (-\$141,859) and the funding for the following activity will be added: East Stroudsburg Borough “Street/Road Improvement Project” – Increase (+\$141,859).

WHEREAS, the above project has been determined to be an eligible activity under the Community Development Block Grant Program;

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions regarding the FFY 2022 CDBG Program not affected by this modification, shall remain in full force and effect; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Monroe that the modification to the County’s FFY 2022 CDBG Program is hereby approved and the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the filing of the program modification with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

-End of Resolution-

M-2024-151 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the 2023/2024 Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) 3rd Quarter Report totaling \$184,091.97 as requested by the Monroe County Transportation Authority.

M-2024-152 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to ratify the Capital Purchases Report dated 4/19/2024 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	QTY	ITEM	Vendor	AMOUNT
APPROVED CAPITAL:						
TOTAL APPROVED CAPITAL						\$ -
REQUESTS WITH TRANSFER: (see Budget Adjustment Report)						
Human Resources	101.4160.5522.0000	Minor Equipment	1	Refrigerator	Lowes - Lowest Quote	589.05
Public Defender	101.4152.5522.0000	Minor Equipment	1	Mobile file cart	Amazon - Lowest Quote	301.04
TOTAL REQUESTS W/TRANSFER						\$ 890.09
GRANT FUNDED & OTHER:						
TOTAL GRANT FUNDED & OTHER						\$ -
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUESTS						\$ 890.09

Chairman Christy reviewed the capital purchases.

M-2024-153 Motion by Commissioner Laverdure, seconded by Vice-Chairman Parker and carried to approve the Computer Capital Purchases Report dated 4/26/2024 as follows:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	QTY	ITEM	Vendor	AMOUNT
APPROVED CAPITAL:						
TOTAL APPROVED CAPITAL						\$ -
REQUESTS WITH TRANSFER: (see Budget Adjustment Report)						
Voter Registration	101.4120.5522.0000	Minor Equipment	1	HP printer duplexer	SCW - Sole Quote	498.76
TOTAL REQUESTS W/TRANSFER						\$ 498.76
GRANT FUNDED & OTHER:						
PreTrial Services	101.4240.7850.0000	Other General Expenses	1	Adobe sign for enterprise	CDW - Lowest Quote	321.74
TOTAL GRANT FUNDED & OTHER						\$ 321.74
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUESTS						\$ 820.50

Chairman Christy reviewed the computer capital purchases.

Commissioner Laverdure commented that the Pocono Interfaith Council will hold a prayer service on Thursday May 2, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Courthouse Square to commemorate Day of Prayer.

Vice-Chairman Parker commented that he is attending the Opioid Symposium in Blair County.

Chairman Christy stated there is three hundred sixty four (364) days until next year's Community Night, he said there was a wonderful turnout at last night's Community Night and over 100 vendors were there.

Commissioner Laverdure thanked everyone for attending this year's Community Night.

Chairman Christy announced Children and Youth will be holding their annual flower sale on May 10, 2024, in Courthouse Square as well as at their location on Phillips Street in Stroudsburg.

Chairman Christy asked if there was any public comment. Don Kubik, an employee at the Correctional Facility asked a question about the revised employee policies. Chairman Christy stated the policies are not completed at this time. Mr. Kubik also restated his concerns about the parking lot lighting and a security gate at the Correctional Facility. Chairman Christy stated the lighting has been approved. Chairman Christy also noted no decisions were made on the security gate.

Tina Clymer, Administrator Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health and Developmental Services thanked the Commissioners for the Proclamation recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month. Ms. Clymer also asked businesses and individuals to consider lighting their properties with a green light which signifies support of mental health awareness.

Chairman Christy and Commissioner Laverdure wanted to thank Judge Jon Mark, Kate Croll, Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau and Erin Ward, Northampton Community College for all their hard work in organizing Community Night.

Robert J. Gress, Chief Clerk/Administrator

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