

# **HOMELESS & ADDICTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, November 13, 2025**

**5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall Council Chambers  
300 West Crowell Street  
Monroe, NC**

- Item 1. Public Comments**
- Item 2. Homeless Census and Community Event Update**
- Item 3. Billboard Update**
- Item 4. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2025**

***ATTENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:***

**Please contact Heidi Bumgarner at 704.282.5770 to confirm your attendance. Thank you.**

**CITY OF MONROE  
HOMELESS AND ADDICTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 MINUTES**

The Homeless and Addiction Committee of the City of Monroe, North Carolina, met in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 300 West Crowell Street in Monroe, North Carolina at 10:00 a.m. on September 11, 2025 with Chair Sheila Crunkleton presiding.

**Present:** Chair Sheila Crunkleton, Member Joseph Quinto, Member Gray Biber

**City Staff:** Doug Britt, Lt. Renee Hower

**Others:**

Chair Crunkleton called the Homeless and Addiction Committee Meeting of September 11, 2025 to order at 10:02 p.m. She reminded everyone there are only the six meetings on the schedule, so the committee really needs to make some progress.

**Item 1.**           **Public Comments - none**

**Item 2.**           **Homeless Census**

Doug Britt stated members of the City went out a couple weeks ago on a trial run to count the homeless within the city limits of Monroe. They intend to do another run in a week or two for an official count at the “City Care Date” event still in the works. Our GIS are working on tracking the homeless to aid in locating them to assist the city’s effort to collect demographics for the homeless census. Lt. Hower gave a brief summary on what the group did on the trial run. Most of those encountered were comfortable, easy to talk to, and willingly gave the information asked. The group only went to two of the sixteen zones originally set up, collecting 52 names.

Doug Britt stated it would be a good idea to have Lisa Hollowell at the next meeting to go over the numbers collected. He is willing to bridge the gap and keep the committee informed of what is going on between the decisions made at the Council meeting and the numbers collected at the City event.

**Item 3.**           **“City Care Date” for Homeless Discussion**

Chair Crunkleton explained the City Care Date is on the agenda for City Council on September 16, so not officially adopted until then. The tentative date for the event is October 1, 2025. It is a City outreach to the homeless, with a cookout and care packages to hand out. A brief discussion ensued regarding what the committee would like to see at the event, such as having other resources available and to include other organizations, specifically the health department to be present. Doug said he would share the ideas and concerns brought up with Lisa Hollowell for consideration. He offered to email the committee members with what decisions Council makes regarding the date time and what they plan to do officially.

**Item 4. Finalize Billboard Awareness Discussion**

Chair Crunkleton reminded everyone where the last billboard discussion ended. The committee wanted a billboard with the hotline phone number to call for assistance and located closer to the QT - Morgan Mill area. Doug reiterated his original findings on a 4-week period for and electronic billboard at \$2500 and the static billboard at \$3500 to \$4000. The digital ones have a message that goes up for about 7 seconds and then moves on. However, the last he checked, the digital billboard was booked up for some time in advance. Decisions regarding any artwork and exactly the information to put on the billboard need to be finalized. The committee discussed the idea of having the hotline number centered on a message of “Fentanyl Kills every so many minutes” (whatever the National Average). Also including local names and possibly pictures of lost relatives from overdose, as it would have an overwhelming effect bringing the message closer to home. Doug offered to check on what might be okay and bring a mockup of the billboard to the next committee meeting.

**Item 5. Approval of Minutes – April 10, 2025 and June 18, 2025**

Motion: Member Crunkleton made a motion to approve the April 10, 2025 and June 18, 2025 Minutes as presented

Second: Member Quinto

Action: The motion to approve passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Member Biber made a motion to adjourn the Homeless and Addiction Committee Meeting of September 11, 2025 at 10:38 a.m.

Second: Member Quinto

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

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Sheila Crunkleton, Chair

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Heidi Bumgarner, Clerk