

HOMELESS & ADDICTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 11, 2025

5:00 P.M.

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

- Item 1. Public Comments**
- Item 2. Billboard Update and Discussion**
- Item 3. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 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
NOVEMBER 13, 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 5:00 p.m. on November 13, 2025 with Chair Sheila Crunkleton presiding.

Present: Chair Sheila Crunkleton, Member Joseph Quinto, Member Myles Kuly

Absent: Member Gray Biber

City Staff: Doug Britt, Lt. Renee Hower, Lisa Hollowell, Lisa Kerner

Others: Susan Sganga and Luisa Covington

Chair Crunkleton called the Homeless and Addiction Committee Meeting of November 13, 2025 to order at 5:03 p.m. She reminded everyone there are only a few more meetings on the schedule, so the committee really needs to make some progress.

Item 1. Public Comments

Councilman Gary Anderson stated the City Council was very actively involved in finding solutions to the homeless problem, and is pleased with the forward motion and hard work Lisa Hollowell and staff are doing in collecting the homeless census data. He also stated council was on board with the idea of the billboard addiction awareness, and is eager to see the billboard design. Council wanted staff to shop around to find some lower cost locations for placement of the billboard.

Item 2. Homeless Census and Community Event Update

Lisa Hollowell showed the slide presentation she presented to City Council at their last meeting, summarizing the homeless census and event. She started with the introduction to the project, background and objectives, census methodology and approach and then key findings and a data summary. A brief question and answer session ensued with Committee members asking questions.

Member Kuly asked if there was a number of how many children were in the homeless community. Lisa stated they saw some children, all in a family unit, but had no specific number. Chair Crunkleton asked if any of those encountered were veterans, however the question was not asked.

Chair Crunkleton stated next steps would be another roundtable discussion. A brief discussion regarding the best times, possibly meeting from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to make it easier for some members and get as many to the table as possible. The earliest would be December, but early January is also an option due to the upcoming holiday schedule. Doug stated he would get with the City Clerk to see about possible dates.

Member Kuly wanted to know if those encountered shared what led up to their becoming homeless. Lisa replied they never asked that question and no one elaborated on reasons. Member Kuly said in order to tackle the problem of homelessness, we need to know the causes. Having this data in the next censuses would be very helpful to know so we can address the problem itself, and focus on what we can actually do.

Chair Crunkleton stated it would be helpful to find those in our community with experience on mental health issues, addiction issues to come to the next roundtable discussion for help and guidance on those issues. It would also be beneficial to have local nonprofits present to help in knowing what resources are available.

Item 3. Billboard Update

Doug Britt stated Lisa Kerner, who does the grants for the city, is trying to find money to fund the billboards without using money from the city general fund. He is working with our communication department to come up with a billboard design. He wanted suggestions as to what specific information should be on the billboard. After a brief discussion with suggestions given, Doug stated after legal approval, he would bring a couple mockups of the billboard back to the committee at the next meeting. Chair Crunkleton suggested just one mockup to keep things simple.

Item 5. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2025

Motion: Member Quinto made a motion to approve the September 11, 2025 Minutes as presented

Second: Chair Crunkleton

Action: The motion to approve passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chair Crunkleton adjourned the Homeless and Addiction Committee Meeting of November 13, 2025 at 6:06 p.m.

Attest:

Sheila Crunkleton, Chair

Heidi Bumgarner, Clerk