

HOMELESS & ADDICTION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Thursday, January 12, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
300 West Crowell Street, Monroe, NC**

- Item 1. Public Comments**
- Item 2. Homeless and Addiction Discussion**
- Item 3. Approval of Minutes – December 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
DECEMBER 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 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2025 with Chair Sheila Crunkleton presiding.

Present: Chair Sheila Crunkleton, Member Joseph Quinto, Member Gray Biber and Member Myles Kuly

Absent: None

City Staff: Doug Britt, Lisa Hollowell, Lisa Kerner

Others: Luisa Covington, Nathan Reed, Michael Biber

Chair Crunkleton called the Homeless and Addiction Committee Meeting of November 13, 2025 to order at 5:10 p.m.

Item 1. **Public Comments** – None

Item 2. **Billboard Update and Discussion**

Doug Britt presented four mock-up billboards that City Communications Dept put together based on previous committee suggestions. After a brief discussion about each of the potential billboard designs, one in particular was chosen with suggestions for changes and additions to content for a final mock-up:

- Reversing the yellow and white on the chosen billboard mock-up
- Adding more faces to the billboard
- Use more diverse selection of pictures
- Adding first names and the ages of those in the pictures to increase emotional focal point (Member Biber gave an example for beneath her son's picture - Paul Forever 23)

Members also agreed flyers could be made and distributed at the post office, restaurants, gas stations, etc. Member Biber will contact others she knows who may agree to using pictures of their children on the billboard. She will give Doug Britt the contact information so he can get the proper legal releases to them and make arrangements to receive digital pictures of their family member for the billboard.

Discussion ensued regarding the next Roundtable Meeting. Possible dates were January 14th or 22nd from 3 – 5pm. Lisa Hollowell stated Councilman Anderson is the liaison between the committee, mayor and other councilmembers interested in attending. She will discuss dates with him and get back to the committee.

Chair Crunkleton recapped the committee's suggestions from prior meetings about adding mental health and addiction components to the roundtable, inviting groups such as Ground 40,

Operation Reach Out, someone with experience working with homelessness, Bridge to Recovery, House of Pearls, and Cause for Tea were identified. Chair Crunkleton and Member Biber offering to either contact or get contact information to Doug Britt once a date is established.

Lisa Hollowell stated Chair Crunkleton could facilitate the roundtable discussion with support from city staff. The goal is to reinform at the roundtable, going over the homeless census data, options, get roundtable recommendations with associated costs for the next FY budget process. She will work on an agenda after speaking to Councilman Anderson.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2025

Motion: Member Biber made a motion to approve the November 13, 2025 Minutes as presented

Second: Myles Kuly

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 December 11, 2025 at 5:55 p.m.

Second: Member Quinto

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Sheila Crunkleton, Chair

Heidi Bumgarner, Clerk