



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

City Hall - Large Conference Room
300 W. Crowell Street
Monroe, NC
May 4, 2026
4:15 PM

AGENDA

1. Minutes from April 13, 2026
2. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) Program Application
3. Donation from American Legion to Police Department

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2026**

The Public Safety Committee met on April 13, 2026, at 4:15 p.m. in the City Hall Large Conference Room.

Members Present: Chairman David Dotson, Council Member Julie Thompson, Council Member Gary Anderson

Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Mark Watson, Assistant City Manager Lisa Hollowell, Assistant City Manager Jeff Wells, Fire Chief Ron Fowler, Fire Administrative Assistant II Alice Withers, Police Chief Rhett Bolen, Police Assistant Chief T. J. Goforth, Police Major Shannon Huntley, Police Captain Monique Holt, City Attorney Richard Long, Senior Staff Attorney Terry Sholar, Staff Attorney William Hunt, Finance Director, Lisa Strickland, Engineering Director Sarah McAllister, Land Development Engineering Manager Will Auret, Planning & Development Director Lisa Stiwinter, Planning & Development Assistant Director Doug Britt, Director Parks & Recreation Tourism Pete Hovanec, Transportation Planner Bryson Hester

Guests:

Chairman David Dotson called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

Item 1: Minutes from March 2, 2026 Meeting

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of March 2, 2026. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Award of Fire Helmet for Engineer James Massey III

Fire Chief Ron Fowler presented to the Committee a request to forward to Council for approval of awarding Engineer James Massey III his fire helmet on the occasion of his retirement. Council Member Thompson made a motion to forward to Council for approval. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Retiring K9 Narco

Police Chief Bolen presented to the Committee a request to award retiring Police K-9 Narco to handler Sergeant Travis Furr and forward to Council for approval. Council Member Anderson

made a motion to approve the request and forward to Council for approval. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Ordinance for Special Events – Juneteenth, 4th of July, Patriot’s Day, Halloween Happenings and Christmas Tree Lighting

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Hovanec presented to the Committee an Ordinance for various NCDOT street closures for City events and requests that it is forwarded to Council for approval and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. Council Member Anderson made a motion to forward to Council for approval. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Bike Month 2026

Transportation Planner Bryson Hester presented to the Committee information on a proposed proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Bike Month in the City of Monroe. This item is for informational purposes only.

Item 6: Request for Street Improvement Deviation

Land Development Engineering Manager Will Auret presented to the Committee a request to deviate from the required street improvements for a proposed development on Secret Short Cut Rd. This deviation request would eliminate the curb and gutter requirements for the proposed 21-lot, single family subdivision. Council Member Thompson made a motion to approve and forward to Council for approval. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion which passed with the following votes: AYES: Council Member Thompson, Council Member Anderson. NAYS: Chairman/Council Member Dotson.

Item 7: Proposed Right-of-Way Abandonment – approximately 379 feet of unopened Windsor Street Right-of-Way

Engineering Director Sarah McAllister presented to the Committee a request to abandon a portion of the 38-foot right-of-way of Windsor Street starting at the eastern right-of-way of Harley Street to the eastern property line of Lot 10 of the Dr B. C, Redfern subdivision, approximately 379 linear feet in length. Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve and forward to Council for approval. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion which passed with the following votes: AYES: Council Member Anderson, Council Member Thompson. NAYS: Chairman/Council Member Dotson.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Council Member Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Withers – Committee Secretary



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee
VIA: Mark Watson, City Manager
DATE: May 4, 2026
FROM: Chief William Bolen
PREPARED BY: Lisa Kerner, Grant Administrator
SUBJECT: BJA FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) Program
– Local Formula

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Monroe Police Department is seeking approval of an application that was submitted to the BJA FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula for \$77,674 with an expected 25% match.

REVIEW

The Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S Dept. of Justice Office accepted applications for its BJA FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula through April 28, 2026. The Monroe Police Department is requesting funding for equipment for a Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC). The equipment includes additional Flock license plate readers, cameras, and professional services. The RTCC will integrate existing equipment and serve as a centralized hub for real-time intelligence and operational support. There is an expected 25% funding match.

The City of Monroe is eligible to apply for funding that was made available for FY25 in the amount of \$40,226, as well as \$37,448 that was made available in FY24 under the local allocation program.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Public Safety Committee approve the application made to the BJA FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula for \$77,674 and include this item on the Consent Agenda for City Council approval at its May 12, 2026 meeting.



STAFF REPORT

TO: Public Safety Committee
VIA: Mark Watson, City Manager
DATE: April 24, 2026
FROM: Rhett Bolen, Chief of Police
PREPARED BY: TJ Goforth, Assistant Chief
SUBJECTS: Budget Amendment for Donation to Police Department from American Legion

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Staff requests approval to accept the donation made by American Legion to the Monroe Police Department.

REVIEW

Staff have the opportunity to accept the donation of 1000.00 for the Monroe Police Department. This donation will be used towards our Citizens Police Academy.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests approval from the Public Safety Committee to accept this donation and forward it to the full Council for approval.

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**CITY OF MONROE
BUDGET AMENDMENT
BA-2026-06**

1. Amendment necessary to designate and appropriate funds received from American Legion and to appropriate and designate these funds to Police Department expenditures account:

General Fund:

Revenues:

Miscellaneous – Police	\$1,000
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Expenditures:

Police Department	\$1,000
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Adopted this the 12th day of May of 2026.

Robert A. Burns, Mayor

Attest:

Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk