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PRESS RELEASE

On April 13, 2026, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners and the Monroe County Sheriff agreed to extend the current settlement agreement until May 29, 2026 to avoid litigation with the ACLU over unconstitutional conditions at the Monroe County Jail.

The Commissioners want to make one point unmistakably clear: the conditions attached to that extension were imposed by the ACLU, not by the Commissioners.

Those conditions include requirements that both the Board of Commissioners and the Monroe County Council approve a purchase agreement on a particular property. The Commissioners did not negotiate those terms, create them, or impose them on the Council. Both bodies are subject to those stipulations and must satisfy them to avoid litigation.

Because the Commissioners and the Sheriff are parties to the lawsuit, they were the officials required to file the extension agreement directly with the ACLU. The County Council is not a party to the case. That procedural fact does not make the Commissioners the source of the extension terms.

Any claim that the Commissioners are trying to force these conditions on the County Council is false. Both Commissioner leadership and County Council leadership were on a call with attorney Falk the week before the extension was finalized, when those requirements were announced.

The Commissioners remain committed to securing, better, safer, and more constitutional conditions for the people housed in the Monroe County Jail while also protecting Monroe County from the financial and legal consequences of further delay.

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners.
