

January 11, 2023

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was held at the Roscommon County Municipal Building, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653. Chairman David Russo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Present: David Russo, Eric Ostergren, Rex Wolfsen, Marc J. Milburn, Darlene Sensor

Absent: None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to approve the Board Agenda.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Ostergren, Sensor, Wolfsen, Russo, Milburn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Sensor to approve Minutes for Regular Meetings December 7, 2022, December 21, 2022, and Organizational Meeting January 3, 2023.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Ostergren, Milburn, Sensor, Wolfsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Russo, Second by Milburn move to approve Class A bills in the amount of \$635,309.37.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Ostergren, Wolfsen, Sensor, Milburn, Russo. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to approve Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$297,240.40.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Sensor, Wolfsen, Ostergren, Russo, Milburn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Brenda Bachelder, BRA and Katherine Metner, EDC introduced themselves. Clerk Stevenson spoke regarding cost of an election. Julie Darnton, MSUE District Director explains how MSUE is still able to provide services even though funding was eliminated. MSUE is working to bridge funding to continue 4H programs.

Administrator/Controller's Report: Lawsuit update: Kurich v Roscommon County Treasurer-no change, CHLL v Roscommon County-no change, Ostergren v Schneider & Roscommon BOC, Oral argument for appeal set for February 8, 2023, Ostergren v Schneider et al-no change, Ostergren et al v Melvin-no change, Ostergren v Board of Canvassers et al-no change, Opioid Suit-response to Ottawa County appeal submitted. Special Assessment Projects: Houghton Lake-beginning data collection for lake level review study, Lake St Helen-Spicer's completed preliminary studies of access and should move forward with assessment quickly with hearing in net few months depending on Circuit Court schedule, Higgins Lake: began review of plats and planning to meet regarding platted access. Spicer's compiling engineering proposal and is planning for an opening webinar for information gathering. No new Legislative updates.

Closed Session: A decision was made not to go into closed session.

Motion by Ostergren, Second by Wolfsen to waive Confidentiality of the Legal Opinion received from Attorney Stacy Hissong to the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Milburn, Sensor, Wolfsen, Ostergren. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Attorney Hissong reviewed her legal opinion to the Board of Commissioners regarding Roscommon County Lake Levels and that the Delegated Authority has sole authority to take action. Also, Hissong's opinion on the conflict-of-interest law and how it pertains to Commissioner Ostergren abstaining from any deliberations or votes related to maintaining the lake level of Higgins Lake until his litigation against the County is complete.

Correspondence:

- A. M. Smolka – Email request
- B. Roscommon County DHHS – 11/09/2022 Minutes
- C. MSU Extension – January 2023 Virtual Learning Programs
- D. Alcona County – Resolution #2022-18

Monthly Department Reports:

- A. Roscommon County Animal Control/Shelter – December 2022 Stats

Visitors: None

Unfinished Business/New Business

- A. Board Rules

Motions/Resolutions: None

Committee Reports:

Russo: 911 Authority Board, Airport, Claims & Accounts

Ostergren: None
Wolfsen: None
Milburn: Airport
Sensor: Substance Use Disorder

Public Comment: None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

David Russo, Chairman

Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk/Register of Deeds