

**January 25, 2023**

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, January 25, 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.

**Public Comment:** Lyon Township Supervisor Larry Maduri spoke regarding the Camp Grayling expansion. Gerrish Township Trustee Mary Jo Oppy spoke regarding the Camp Grayling expansion. Lyon Township resident John Barta spoke on the Camp Grayling expansion. Lyon Township resident, retired Army Lt. Col. Kurt Kehoe spoke regarding the Camp Grayling expansion. Neil Wallace spoke about the Camp Grayling expansion. County Clerk Stevenson asked the Board for clarification on who they expect to make changes to the Board Rules. Lyon Township resident Martha Barta spoke regarding the Camp Grayling expansion. Monty Bolis spoke regarding the Camp Grayling expansion.

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** Kurich v Roscommon County Treasurer – 1.11.23 Panel hearing, CHLL v Roscommon County – Last action 7.20.22, Ostergren v Schneider & Roscommon BOC – Oral argument scheduled for 2.8.23, Ostergren v Schneider et al – Offer to Stipulate to Judgment was submitted. Ostergren et al v Melvin – no change, Opioid Suite – Ottawa County's appeal was denied, Ostergren v Board of Canvassers – no change. Houghton Lake – review of contract for Phase One of Lake Level Study, Lake St. Helen – Continued assessment of parcels, Higgins Lake – Crawford County approved Resolution naming the Roscommon County Administrator/Controller as the delegated authority for Higgins Lake. Legislative Update – State General Fund expected to stay near \$15 billion through fiscal 2025. None of the increase is anticipated to be placed toward increasing the shared revenues owed to counties.

**Correspondence:**

- A. Michigan Association of Counties – 01/06/2023 Legislative Update
- B. Branch County – Resolution #2023-01
- C. MSU Extension – Report to Our Partners
- D. Michigan Association of Counties – 01/13/2023 Legislative Update
- E. Email received – Re: Higgins Lake Recommendation
- F. Email received – Re: Past history Higgins Lake
- G. Bremer letter received – Re: Camp Grayling Proposed Expansion

**Monthly Department Reports:**

- A. December 2022 Sheriff, Village and Extra Village Reports
- B. December 2022 Jail Revenue Report

**Visitors:** None

**Unfinished Business/New Business**

- A. Phillip L. Ellison Legal Opinion - Commissioner Ostergren read the opinion of his attorney and spoke on the legal opinion of Attorney Hissong from the 1/11/23 Regular Meeting.
- B. County Directory - Discussed the past printing of the directory and Clerk Stevenson's suggestion to utilize an online directory.

**Break:** Chairman Russo adjourned for short break at 11:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order again at 11:10 a.m. Roll Call not taken, all present.

**Motions/Resolutions:**

1. Motion by Milburn, Second by Wolfsen to appoint the following Roscommon County employees to the Wage and Salary Committee for calendar/fiscal year 2023: Noelle Martin-Human Resources, Heather Pratt-Clerk, Aaron Grace-Corrections, Nathan Droptiny-Road Patrol, Michael Edwards-Prosecutor's Office, Allison Thompson-Equalization, Heather Balcom-Register of Deeds, Vanessa Varner-Emergency Management.

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

2. Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to reappoint Jodi Valentino, in position of Administrator/Controller for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

\*Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to reappoint Jodi Valentino, in position of Administrator/Controller to the Airport Advisory Committee for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Sensor, Wolfsen, Russo. Nays: Ostergren. Motion Carried

3. Motion by Milburn, Second by Wolfsen to reappoint Bill Leeson to the Airport Advisory Committee for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

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

4. Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to appoint Mark Eiteuner to the Airport Advisory Committee for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Russo: Agenda Meeting

Ostergren: None

Wolfsen: MSU

Milburn: COA

Sensor: Houghton Lake Improvement Board

**Public Comment:** None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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David Russo, Chairman

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Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk/Register of Deeds