

February 24, 2021

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was held online via ZOOM. Chairman Robert E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

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

Present: Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Melvin (from Alabama), Russo

Absent: None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Muckenthaler, to approve the Board Agenda. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Eric Jaroch, Airport Manager, informed the Board of the upcoming Airport Committee Meeting on March 4th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM. He also share that EA Chapter 1580 recently met to discuss the Annual Easter Egg Drop and Dawn Patrol Events. Eric is seeking guidance from the Board as to how the group should proceed with regards to these events. He was advised to continue with planning for those events. Emil Bellenbaum spoke regarding the COA and potential loss of NEMSCA funding should the current situation remain. Clerk/ROD Stevenson spoke regarding the proposed resolution on the agenda for consideration.

Administrator/Controller's Report: Administrator/Controller Valentino updated the Board on the four remaining lawsuits involving the county. Ziekle v County et al – the county has been assigned counsel through MMRMA, Haider Kazim – there is no current movement. Opioid Case is still in the review/test case phase. CHLL v Roscommon County – Court of Appeals has agreed to review the case. Roscommon County Courts have been approved to move back to phase three of the court plan to return to full capacity. This is based on the downward trajectory of the documented cases with a 14 day period, having no confirmed COVID positive cases in the facility and a seven day average of 5% or less for positive tests as a percent to total tests. Will still be required to maintain social distancing and masks, but will be open to the public and employees with self-screening protocols. Jodi is continuing to work with the Department of Treasury for audit of the COVID grants. She is slightly behind due to her office being short staff, but will have information submitted as soon as possible. Both the Sheriff's Department and Courts are continuing to submit for reimbursement of their MSP COVID grants. Maintenance Director, Charlie Aldrich, obtained an Energy Efficiency Program incentive payment from DTE for \$1395.00. Final interviews were held for the Director of Maintenance and Facilities, and the position was offered to Nicholas Johnson. This will be presented as a motion at the next meeting. Internal interviews were held for the Administration Secretary position, and the position was offered to Julie Nordquist from the Clerk/ROD office. The GIS Specialist position was offered to internal applicant, Brittany Baker. Brittany accepted the offer and will begin training March 1st. The office space previously occupied by the Sawmill will now be designated as the GIS office. The Animal Control Program has hired and is training a new ACO, Will Tarrant. A/C Valentino will work to update the IT Director job description and creating an RFP for "higher level" IT support. 911 and Corrections are currently seeking qualified applicants. 911 needs to fill several full time positions and Corrections is searching for part time officers. Gypsy Moth is working with residents, townships, associations and MDOT to add additional acreage for spraying. Currently, there is interest from AuSable, Backus, Higgins and Nester Townships. A/C Valentino attended EGLE training on grants for conducting energy audits for municipalities and will work with the new Maintenance Director this summer. Jodi attended the Michigan County Controllers meeting sponsored by MAC via ZOOM. Based on the proposed 2022 State budget there is an estimated Revenue Sharing increase of 2% in 2022. The 2nd COVID vaccine clinic was held for county employees designated as essential. Thank you to District Court Administrator Janisse for organizing and to all of those able to participate. A/C Valentino met with Director Stringham, Crawford County Sheriff, Undersheriff and Controller regarding the potential contract for 911 services. United Way is searching for a County Commissioner to sit on their Board of Directors.

Correspondence:

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| a. MSUE Local Government Codes of Conduct | g. Mecosta County Resolution 2021-05 |
| b. NLCMHA Board Member Reappointment | h. Iron County Resolution |
| c. 2021 Gypsy Moth Suppression Spray Blocks | i. Huron County Resolution No. 21-13C |
| d. Jackson County Resolution 06-21.19 | j. Huron County Resolution No. 21-19C |
| e. Menominee County Resolution 2021-06 | k. Rosc. Co. VA Hanson Hills Program |
| f. Missaukee County Resolution 2021-02 | l. NLCMHA Minutes and Agendas |

Monthly Department Reports: Animal Control, Animal Shelter, Jail

Visitors: None

Unfinished Business/New Business: None

Motions and Resolutions:

1. Motion by Russo, Second by Schneider, to approve adding one full time position to the Central Dispatch roster, to be utilized as a new Dispatcher position, as approved by the Roscommon County 911 Authority Board.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Schneider, Russo, Muckenthaler, Milburn, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Melvin, Second by Muckenthaler, to appoint Vijay Kumar to the Roscommon County Economic Development Committee for a three (3) year term beginning February 24, 2021 through February 23, 2024.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Schneider, Russo, Muckenthaler, Milburn, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Milburn, Second by Muckenthaler, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-02-01 “Resolution in Support of Local Businesses and COVID-19 vaccine”:

Resolution No. 2021-02-01
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES AND
COVID-19 VACCINE

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented the world with unprecedented health and economic challenges that have significantly affected our lives and our livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, we believe it’s important to both protect the public’s health and to protect civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that a person’s health can and does affect others; and

WHEREAS, our business community has suffered a loss of income due to the spread of the virus and reductions in business operations; and

WHEREAS, by following the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention infection guidelines we can reduce the number of infections and deaths from the virus; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 vaccine is a resource that can provide significant protection from COVID-19, and help rid our community of this disease; and

WHEREAS, we can assure more of us get vaccinated by giving encouragement as needed, providing assistance to those signing up, and offering transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners urges all leadership within the County, including township boards, health departments, and non-governmental organizations to support this resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners ask both residents and visitors to support local businesses who follow Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners urges residents of Roscommon County to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Schneider, Russo, Muckenthaler, Milburn, Melvin. Nays: None. Resolution Adopted.

Committee Reports:

Russo: Planning Commission, Maintenance & Secretary Interviews, Houghton Lake is currently at winter level

Milburn: COA

Muckenthaler: No Report

Melvin: Maintenance Interviews, Agenda

Schneider: Maintenance & Secretary Interviews, Agenda

Public Comment: None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk/Reg. Of Deeds