

May 12, 2021

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was held at the Roscommon County Municipal Building, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653 and was accessible online via ZOOM. Chairman Robert E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

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

Present: Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Russo, Melvin

Absent: None

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

Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Russo, to approve Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2021 and April 28, 2021 and Special Meeting Budget & Finance Committee of the Whole on April 28, 2021. On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Schneider, Muckenthaler, Melvin, Russo. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Melvin, Second by Muckenthaler, to approve Class A bills in the amount \$273,224.85. On Roll Call: Ayes: Melvin, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Schneider, Russo. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Russo, Second by Melvin, to approve Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$96,676.49. On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Muckenthaler, Schneider, Russo, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Emil Bellenbaum spoke regarding the COA. Leroy Johnston spoke regarding the hybrid meeting.

Administrator/Controller's Report: Administrator/Controller Valentino shared that a brief was filed by our attorney in the Ostergren et al v Roscommon County lawsuit. Zielke v Roscommon is slated for pretrial in late 2021 with depositions and fact finding likely to happen in 2022. An official notice was filed regarding the POAM Arbitration. Valentino applied for an extension of the current EGLE permit for the Houghton Lake – Lake Level Control Structure and submitted a liability claim for the initial emergency repair and the engineering bid packet is complete. The 2020 Audit is in progress. Valentino received an update on the American Rescue Plan Funds and was provided with a link to the Final Rule that she will need to review. Treasurer Ragan has created a separate bank account for funds to be placed once received. Gypsy Moth Lead and Human Resources have updated job descriptions and there is a part time E911 position being created. The Gypsy Moth 2021 spray will likely start May 20th and continue until finished. Gerrish Township Supervisor Udy has been in contact regarding the Higgins Lake sewer project and engineering firm Fleis & Vandenbrink are available to present to the commissioners at the May 26 work session. Valentino attended Michigan Virtual Legislative Issues and caution is advised regarding the American Rescue Plan. There are several federal bills that would expand broadband grants to rural areas. It is strongly suggested to research the spending of the funds to make sure there isn't another way to fund the projects. Public participation is advised for the planning, review and decision making to ensure transparency. The property exchange agreement for the Blodgett Memorial Airport Runway 36 may enter final agreement stage by May 31st. The CDC has updated recommendations for fully vaccinated people.

Correspondence:

- A. Mid-Michigan Medical Examiner Group – Letter of Interest
- B. American City & County – Government Update
- C. National Association of Counties (NACo) – Coronavirus Resources for Counties
- D. Michigan.gov – J&J Vaccine update
- E. Rethinking Homelessness – Can the Stimulus Finally Solve Homelessness
- F. Bay County BOC – Resolution # 2021-58
- G. National Association of Counties (NACo) – New Counties at Work Report
- H. DEQ – Public Notice Permit re: Markey Township, HP6-60DR-Z258D
- I. US Dept of Homeland Security – Real ID Extension
- J. Alger County BOC – Resolution #2021-03
- K. Iron County BOC – Resolution #2021-004
- L. Iron County BOC – Resolution #2021-005
- M. Berrien County BOC – Resolution B104213
- N. Huron County – Resolution #21-56C

Monthly Department Reports: Central Dispatch/911, Road Patrol, MSUE, ECD Director's Report

Visitors: Shawn Petri was present.

Unfinished Business/New Business: None

Motions and Resolutions:

1. Motion by Russo, Second by Muckenthaler, to appoint Wendy Engle to the Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation for a three (3) year term beginning May 12, 2021 through May 11, 2024.

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

2. Motion by Melvin, Second by Russo, to appoint Shawn Petri to the Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation for a three (3) year term beginning May 12, 2021 through May 11, 2024.

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

Committee Reports:

Russo: Claims & Accounts, Airport, 911 Authority Board. Houghton Lake is currently 4” higher than summer level.

Milburn: Airport

Muckenthaler: Claims & Accounts, NMRE, EMCOG

Melvin: Agenda

Schneider: Agenda

Public Comment: Clerk Stevenson informed the Board there will be an election on August 3, 2021. Au Sable and Nester Townships will be participating in the election.

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