

**May 26, 2021**

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, May 26, 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 10:12 a.m.

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

**Present:** Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Melvin, Russo

**Absent:** None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to approve the Board Agenda with the addition of motion #2. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment:** Lyon Township resident Sam Boodoian Jr. spoke regarding the sewer project.

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** Administrator/Controller Valentino updated the Board on the lawsuits that involve Roscommon County. An appellate brief was filed on May 20<sup>th</sup> regarding CHLL v Roscommon County and the Plaintiffs have until June 1<sup>st</sup> to reply. There is a new case, Choice Plus v Roscommon County Treasurer. The Treasurer was served on May 13<sup>th</sup> and counsel has been assigned. The Mauck v Roscommon County has no status change to report and the POAM Sheriff's Arbitration is in the selection of arbitrator stage. Valentino mentioned a forged check and the tampering of the Higgins Lake – Lake Level Control Structure being investigated by the Sheriff Department. An agreement between the COA and Roscommon County has expired and Valentino would like guidance to decide whether she should contact counsel for advice. The Wage and Salary Committee will meet to review 3 job descriptions. The EGLE permit for the Houghton Lake – Lake Level Control Structure repair has been extended. The 2021 Gypsy Moth spray is almost finished, with very few areas left to spray, postponed because of weather. Valentino has been working with the 911 Director and Assistant Director regarding improvements to the 911 Authority & Tech Board processes and will meet with the board in June. Valentino updated the board on NMCA, the Audit and that Airport. Nick Johnson is here full-time to head the Maintenance Department. Trish Becker in Equalization is retiring this Friday. There has been a request from members of the COAM Sheriff's Office to look into creating funding to allow for 'loans' to members in good standing to purchase time toward retirement.

**Correspondence:**

- a. Alpena County – Resolution #21-09, State of Michigan – County Assessor approval recommendation
- b. Livingston County – Resolution #2021-05-070
- c. MI Dept. of Agriculture – Confirmation of Receipt of Application
- d. University of Michigan – 2021 Sustainability Conference
- e. MI DNR – Wildlife Division's Strategic Plan update
- f. Menominee County – Resolution 2021-15
- g. Dickinson County – Resolution 2021-11
- h. MI Assoc. of Counties – Legislative update
- i. MAC & NACo – U.S. Flag Etiquette Initiative
- j. Chippewa County BOC – Resolution 2021-07
- k. Muskegon County BOC – Resolution 2021-01

**Monthly Department Reports:** Animal Control, Sheriff

**Visitors:** None

**Unfinished Business/New Business:**

- a. Interim Final Rule/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Interim Final Rule/Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Administrator/Controller Valentino summarized the rules regarding funding. Money and interest spending is specific to COVID-19 impact. The first half of the money has been received. Questions and clarifications are to be directed to the Department of Treasury. The first report is due August 31, 2021. As grant administrator, every request should come to the Board. By 12/31/2024 funds must be incurred and obligated and by 12/31/2026 funds must be diminished.
- b. Commissioner's Paperless Meetings – Board Secretary Julie Nordquist gave a presentation regarding the use of Acrobat Professional for Agenda preparation and tablets for the Board of Commissioners.

**Motions and Resolutions:**

- 1. Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to authorize a \$5,000.00 appropriation to the Airport Fund for the purpose of funding the Assistant Airport Manager position.

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

2. Motion by Melvin, Second by Milburn, to accept the request for proposal from GEI Consultants of Michigan, P. C. regarding the Houghton Lake –Lake Level Control Structure Repair and Improvements 2021 for engineering costs in the amount of \$89,900.00.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Russo: Houghton Lake’s Lake Level Control Structure bid opening, HLIB

Milburn: COA, NMCAA

Muckenthaler: Collaborative Board, Recycling Committee, Solid Waste Committee

Melvin: Agenda

Schneider: Agenda, Houghton Lake’s Lake Level Control Structure bid opening

**Public Comment:** Clerk Stevenson spoke regarding the Secretary of State Resolution and ARP funds.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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