

May 27, 2020

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was held online via Zoom. Chairman Robert E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

Present: Schneider, Russo, Milburn, Muckenthaler

Absent: Melvin

Motion by Milburn, Second by Muckenthaler, to approve the Board Agenda with addition of item d. under New/Unfinished Business. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Administrator/Controller's Report: Controller Valentino stated that in person meetings will not happen for some time. Courts are open for scheduled appearances only. Supplies purchased to operate will not be reimbursed by FEMA because it is considered cost of doing business now. Julie Crick has been monitoring the Gypsy Moth hatch and everything seems to lineup for Gypsy Moth spraying. MSUE is not authorized to attend in person meetings until September 1, 2020 and they are unable to enter the office until July 2020.

Correspondence:

- A. Department of Treasury– Preliminary State Equalization Report 2020
- B. Notice of Treatment – Houghton Lake
- C. Markey Township Zoning Board of Appeals Notice
- D. Consumers Energy – Energy Efficiency Rebate

Monthly Department Reports: Economic Development

Visitors: None

Unfinished Business/New Business:

- a. Michigan State University Extension Update – Michelle Warner & Julie Darton – Michelle advised that when MSUE does open, it will be different. There will likely be staggered schedules. Michelle introduced Julie Darton, the Interim Director of MSUE.
- b. Solid Waste Plan Amendment – Barb Stauffer & Commissioner Muckenthaler – Commissioner Muckenthaler shared the Solid Waste Plan Amendment along with Vicki Gannon. Changes include authorization of additional counties to import/export within Roscommon County, ability to allow a processing plant within the county and provide access to four additional landfills. The Committee is asking the Board to accept the plan as presented. The Board needs to review, suggest changes, or reject the plan. Once approved by the Board of Commissioners at least 67% of the municipalities will need to approve then the plan can be sent to the State.
- c. Roscommon County COVID19 Preparedness and Response Plan – Controller Jodi Valentino reviewed the plan.
- d. Work Share Program – Controller Jodi Valentino – Employees have been kept on full pay/benefits during this time. The Work Share Program would allow the County to furlough employees. Employees will have a partial wage and hour deduction which will allow them to qualify for \$600 federal unemployment money. This will allow the county to recover some funds. Valentino spoke with Sheriff Stern on whether this may work for Corrections Staff. If they cannot participate, Valentino will request a 20% reduction in jail payroll. The unemployment money will not need to be reimbursed by the County. Employee benefits will not be effected.

Motions and Resolutions:

1. Motion by Russo, Second by Muckenthaler, to approve the submission of the Municipal Employee Retirement System ‘Alternate Transfer Rules’ to MERS for the purpose of correcting Board and POAM – Sheriff’s bargaining unit positions for negotiations and contract changes effective 01/01/2017.

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

2. Motion by Milburn, Second by Muckenthaler, to approve the “Roscommon County COVID19 Preparedness and Response Plan” as recommended by Controller Jodi Valentino. (See attached)

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

3. Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Milburn, to adopt Ordinance 6 “Animal Control Ordinance – Amended” effective July 1, 2020. Adoption date corresponds with statutory requirement for 30-day notification.

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

4. Motion by Russo, Second by Schneider, to approve the appointment of Jim Raschke to the Economic Development Corporation Board effective May 27, 2020.

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

Committee Reports:

Russo –HLIB

Milburn – District Health, COA

Muckenthaler – Solid Waste

Melvin – Absent

Schneider – Health Department weekly updates

Public Comment: Sheriff Stern discussed the busy holiday weekend. Stern has maintained staff requirements in the jail. He does not agree with being penalized if he is unable to reduce his staff for the Work Share Program. E-911 Director Vance Stringham said there have been some staffing changes. Animal Control Director DeeDee Mendyk is operating at full staff however staff can be reduced. Emergency Manager Mike Beaty shared that there has been 1 positive confirmed case in the last 2 weeks. With the influx of visitors and additional testing being available, we may see an increase of positive COVID19 cases.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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