

**August 9, 2023**

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, for a Regular Meeting. The hybrid meeting was held at the Roscommon County Municipal Building, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653 and was accessible online via Zoom. Chair David Russo called the meeting to order at 10:43 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, Russo, Wolfsen, Milburn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Russo to approve the minutes for July 26, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

Motion by Milburn, Second by Sensor to approve Class A bills in the amount of \$468,164.33.

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

Motion by Russo, Second by Milburn to approve Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$187,698.24.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** Lawsuit updates: Kurich v Roscommon County Treasurer – No Change. CHLL v Roscommon County – No update. Opioid Suit – Signed for Walgreens settlement. Special Assessment Projects updates: Houghton Lake – No change, and the assessor meeting has been rescheduled for next week. Higgins Lake – Hearing date scheduled for September 15, 2023. Lake St. Helen – Hearing date scheduled for December 15, 2023. Lake Levels: Lake St. Helen – 1.8 inches below with all boards in and flop gates closed. Higgins Lake – 5.04 inches below and all gates closed. A/C Valentino reported that the current tool does not allow legal limit and suggests to the Board to find how to update or change the current structure to allow legal limit, and find a way to fund it. Houghton Lake – 1.08 inches below with all boards closed. Legislative Update: The governor signed a bill regarding County Revenue Sharing that provides \$34,000 to the county. Administrator/Controller Valentino spoke with Isabella County representative regarding County Materials Management Plan and possible cooperative plan of compliance. There is a meeting tomorrow and she asked Commissioner Sensor, Commissioner Milburn, and Sue Fortune to attend. A/C Valentino reported a sink hole in Richfield township that is being appropriately handled. She shared that she attended the biweekly SAD meeting. She reviewed potential changes to health benefits. A/C Valentino and

Commissioner Ostergren are working to improve the Lake Level page on the Web site. She shared that she has two large FOIA requests that took 14 hours to fulfill, and that she has Rick Dupon as a new lead for a Medical Examiner Investigator. A/C Valentino is finalizing the agreement for wage reimbursement for District Court Administrator oversight of Ogemaw County. She informed the Board of the need for part-time, temporary help for the Equalization department. A/C Valentino also shared that the Regional Director of Michigan Indigent Defense Council does not believe the county to be in compliance, and gave until Monday 8/14/2023 for the county to be compliant.

**Correspondence:**

- A. Brandon Johnson – Email Re: Houghton Lake Water Level
- B. Ontonagon County – Resolution #2023-11
- C. Steve Henrys – Email Re: Houghton Lake Level
- D. Julie Fox – Email Re: Houghton Lake Concerns
- E. Sean Crowley – Email Re: Concerns re Low Lake Levels on Houghton
- F. Jill Jarvela – Email Re: Houghton Lake, Lake Level
- G. Michigan Association of Counties – July 28, 2023 Legislative Update
- H. Tony Medina – Email Re: Parking signs with picture
- I. Kalkaska County Planning Commission – Public Notice
- J. MSU Extension – Report to our Partners
- K. Evan Baker – Letter received Re: Mental Health

**Monthly Department Reports:**

- A. Roscommon Animal Control and Animal Shelter – July 2023 Stats

**Visitors:** None

**Unfinished Business/New Business**

- A. Lake Level Management Committee Report – Commissioner Wolfson shared that the Committee conducted interviews for the Delegated Authority. They recommend Chase Schepke as the DA of Houghton Lake at \$25.00 per hour with a 6-month probation period.
- B. Engineer – Re: Higgins Lake Scouring – Administrator/Controller Valentino shared during her report, that she is having difficulty finding a third party engineer willing to inspect the Higgins Lake Control Structure. She also reported that Spicer’s Group would like to attend the next meeting to speak regarding their report.
- C. Headlee Restoration Millage – Commissioner Wolfson requests moving forward with this. A plan needs to be created, and education of the public.

**Motions/Resolutions:**

- 1. Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 2023-08-01 “Child Care Fund 2023-2024 Budget Adoption”:

**WHEREAS**, the Roscommon County 34<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court/Family Division – has prepared The 2023-2024 State Child Care Fund Annual Plan and Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, programming has been classified as, but not limited to, Family Foster Care, Institutional Care, In-Home Care, and Foster Care during the period of appeal after parental

release; and

**WHEREAS**, as the anticipated net expenditures are \$1,451,633.47, of which eligible expenditures will be reimbursed by the state at fifty percent (50%); and

**WHEREAS**, these expenditures will return projected state reimbursement revenues of \$705,816.74; and

**WHEREAS**, to receive state funding, all expenditures for programs are required to be included in the State Child Care Fund Budget; and **WHEREAS**, expenditures are aligned with Roscommon County's 2023 adopted budget and the 2024 budget currently under development; and

**WHEREAS**, to receive reimbursement for expenditures, the State Child Care Fund Budget requires the authorizing signatures of the Chief Judge of the Family Division, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Chair of the Board of Commissioners; and **WHEREAS**, this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator/Controller's Office, and the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of the 2023-2024 State Child Care Fund Budget Summary to the State of Michigan, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Federal Compliance, Child Care Fund Monitoring Unit, for total estimated expenditures of \$1,451,633.47 for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the grant application:

1. Authorizing the Administrator/Controller to sign the Notice of Grant Award.
2. Amending the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof as part of the DHHS Form 2091.
3. Authorizing the Administrator/Controller to sign the delegate contracts in conformity with the application.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Wolfsen, Milburn, Sensor, Russo, Ostergren. Nays: None. Resolution Adopted.

2. Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to approve the Lake Level Manager Job Description as presented to the Board on 07/26/2023.

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

3. Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Ostergren to approve Permit Fees part 91 Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control to now include the additional; “Permits pulled after the construction has started are subject to double fees”, retroactive to 7/26/2023.

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

4. Motion by Russo, Second by Milburn to authorize 911 Director, Vance Stringham, to expend up to \$130,226.80 for the purchase of an IP recording system from Equature. This includes the equipment costs of \$97,750.00 and yearly maintenance for years 2-5 at \$8,119.20 per year.

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

5. Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Milburn to authorize Roscommon County United Way to allocate \$25,000 of previously awarded ARP funds to be utilized for offsetting food insecurities in Roscommon County.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Russo: Agenda, Claims & Accounts

Ostergren: None

Wolfsen: Lake Level Management Committee

Milburn: Agenda

Sensor: Lake Level Management Committee, DHS meeting’s cancelled

**Public Comment:** Greg Semack spoke regarding Delegated Authority position. Clerk Stevenson spoke regarding elections. Tim O’Rourke spoke regarding health insurance, Cash-in-lieu, and the Headlee Restoration. Charlene Cornell spoke regarding HOPAO, Land Conservancy specific committee, and the Administrator/Controller position. Commissioner Ostergren spoke regarding insurance and Spongy Moth.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

---

David Russo, Chair

---

Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk/Register of Deeds