

August 16, 2021

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Monday, August 16, 2021 for a Special 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 2:13 p.m.

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

Present: Robert E. Schneider, David Russo, Marc Milburn, Timothy Muckenthaler

Excused: Kenneth Melvin

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

Public Comment: Leroy Johnston spoke regarding match funding and coverage.

Unfinished Business/New Business: American Rescue Plan funding match for the NTIA Broadband Federal Grant

Motions and Resolutions:

1. Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-08-02 "American Rescue Plan Funding Match for the NTIA Broadband Federal Grant Application":

WHEREAS, reliable, high speed, affordable access to the internet is imperative for Roscommon County residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, school and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the internet is changing how humans interact with each other and with the world at large, as well as being a driving force for the current and future economy; and

WHEREAS, the internet creates opportunity for increased innovation for consumers, businesses and government; and

WHEREAS, countries, states, counties and municipalities that prioritize and provide access to advanced internet infrastructure such as fiber, are surpassing those that do not in terms of social, economic and knowledge development; and

WHEREAS, Roscommon County must plan and prioritize for the deployment and adoption of this infrastructure including but not limited to pursuing collaborations and partnerships in the effort to effectively achieve greater access to affordable high-speed internet throughout the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners acknowledges that access to the internet is a crucial part of the Roscommon County mission to provide leadership, cooperation with all units of government, sound fiscal management, and planning thereby promoting public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners in partnership with Cherry Capital Connection, LLC to assist with the expansion of broadband throughout Roscommon County, allocates \$1.2 million from the American Rescue Plan Funding as matching funds for the NTIA Broadband Federal Grant. Allocated funds will be payable in 9-month increments beginning September 2021.

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

2. Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Schneider, to authorize Chairman Robert E. Schneider to sign the letter of commitment on behalf of the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners with regard

to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Federal Grant application.

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

Public Comment:

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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