

January 27, 2023

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Friday, January 27, 2023 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 David Russo called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 Milburn, Darlene Sensor

Absent: None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Wolfsen to approve the Board Agenda.

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

Public Comment: Crawford County resident spoke regarding the Camp Grayling expansion plan. Ron Larson, Crawford County Road Commissioner, spoke regarding the training terrain for the Camp Grayling Expansion. Eric Waters, Roscommon Township, resident spoke about Northern Michigan life style and the Camp Grayling Expansion.

Unfinished Business/New Business:

A. Resolution #2023-01-01 Opposing Camp Grayling Proposed Expansion

Motion by Milburn, Second by Wolfsen, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01-02 "Resolution Opposing the Proposed Camp Grayling Increased Expansion".

**Resolution #2023-01-02
Resolution Opposing the Proposed Camp Grayling Increased Expansion**

WHEREAS, MCL 324.503(1) provides that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources "shall protect and conserve the natural resources of this state; provide and develop facilities for outdoor recreation; prevent the destruction of timber and other forest growth by fire or otherwise; promote the reforestation of forestlands belonging to this state; prevent and guard against the pollution of lakes and streams within this state and enforce all laws provided for that purpose with all authority granted by law"; and

WHEREAS, MCL 324.503(15) provides that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) "may lease land owned or controlled by the department or may grant concessions on lands owned or controlled by department to any person for any purpose that the department determines to be necessary to implement this part." and

WHEREAS, Camp Grayling is asking for a 20-year lease for an additional 162,000 Acres from the DNR for Camp Grayling National Guard Training Activities significantly expanding the current area used for this purpose. and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the proposed expansion and has been met with justifiable concerns from the public about the proposed expansion and proposed uses. and

WHEREAS, A portion of the proposed expansion area will be located within Roscommon County and with the increased activities and traffic associated with the proposed Expansion Increase of Camp Grayling will generally have an adverse impact on the environment and natural habitats within Roscommon County.

WHEREAS, Roscommon County is a rural, recreation-oriented place with pristine rivers, rich forests and open farm land and that Roscommon County wants to retain its atmosphere of recreation and enjoyment for its citizens and visitors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners, therefore, desires to express its views and hereby opposes the proposed increase Camp Grayling expansion by the adoption of this Resolution

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

Public Comment: Larry Maduri thanked the Board for their time and consideration on the Camp Grayling Expansion. Ron Larson commented on Michigan terrain vs Nevada terrain. Monty Bolis, thanked the Board on behalf of his organizations 6700 members and thousands of Michigan residents.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

David Russo, Chairman

Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk/Register of Deeds