

February 22, 2023

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was held at the Roscommon County Municipal Building, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653. Chair 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, Darlene Sensor

Absent: Marc J. Milburn

Motion by Russo, Second by Sensor to approve the Board Agenda with New Business Items added by Ostergren.

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

Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Russo to approve the Minutes for 02/08/2023 Regular Meeting.

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

Public Comment: None.

Administrator/Controller's Report: Lawsuit update: Kurich v Roscommon County Treasurerfiled a Motion to Temporary Lift the Stay, CHLL v Roscommon County-no change, Ostergren v Schneider & Roscommon BOC-Court of Appeals upheld Circuit Court decision, Ostergren et al v Melvin-no change, Opioid Suit-no change. Legislative Update: Attorney General is proposing two major changes re: OMA Agenda posted 48 hours in advance without modifications or changes unless it's an extreme circumstance and extend OMA to include elected but not yet in office officials. Special Assessment Projects: Houghton Lake-Bendzinski & Co is working on the RFQ for the bond note of \$1.5 million. RFQ to be sent March 1st with rate bids by March 15th. Lake level survey is being put together. Lake St. Helen-Continue to review special assessment boundaries, working with local assessor, legal level and physical level are different, need to look at potential survey of property owners and interested parties. Higgins Laketownship stakeholder meeting set for March 20th and boundary survey will be sent out shortly after meeting.

Correspondence:

- A. Roscommon County Food Pantry – 02-01-2023 Letter
- B. Northern Lakes Community Mental Health – 03/02/2023 Listening Session
- C. Michigan Association of Counties – 02/10/2023 Legislative Update
- D. Mackinac County – Resolution Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties
- E. Cheboygan County – Resolution 2023-04 Honoring MI Association of Counties
- F. Livingston County – Resolution 2023-02-021 Amending MI Auto Insurance

Monthly Department Reports:

- A. Roscommon County Sheriff Dept. – January 2023 Activity Report
- B. Roscommon County Jail – January 2023 Month End Report
- C. MSU Extension – 02/02/2023 Report to Our Partners

Visitors: Chase Schepke, Soil Erosion Officer introduced himself, spoke about site visits, and answered questions from Commissioner Ostergren regarding Higgins Lake.

Unfinished Business/New Business

- A. Eric Jaroch - Airport Rescue Grant Agreement
- B. Eric Ostergren – Clarification of Public Comment time allowed and recurrence
- C. Eric Ostergren – Legal Opinion of his Attorney regarding Conflict of Interest
- D. Eric Ostergren – Constitutional Sanctuary as 2nd Amendment County
- E. Eric Ostergren – Personal email use for County Business in regards to FOIA
- F. Eric Ostergren – Soil Erosion

Motions/Resolutions:

1. Motion by Ostergren, Second by Wolfsen to adopt Resolution # 2023-02-01 the “Resolution of Authorization for Economic Development”:

2023-02-01

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the 2023 Roscommon County General Fund Budget necessitated a full reduction of funding to the Roscommon County Economic Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Economic Development Committee elected to continue to pursue their goals and purpose despite the reduction of funding; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2022, the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners authorized the Roscommon County Economic Development Committee to reallocate \$90,000 of previously awarded ARPA funds to support Economic Development General Operations; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Roscommon County Economic Development Committee to utilize a portion of these funds to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Transformation Corporation/Michigan Works Region 7B to provide employment of a full time Director of Business and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Economic Development Committee requires County authorization to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding for employment of a full time Director of Business and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost per the Memorandum of Understanding is \$25,000.00, which shall be paid no later than April 1st for the year the services are being provided and will be funded through the reallocated funds as authorized on December 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners desire to support all projects intended to invigorate economic growth, promote current businesses and strengthen the marketplace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Roscommon County Economic Development Committee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Transformation Corporation/Michigan Works Region 7B at an annual cost of \$25,000 for the purpose of employing a full time Director of Business & Economic Development.

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

2. Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to adopt Resolution # 2023-03-02 the "Resolution of Acceptance for Airport Rescue State Grant No. 3-26-SBGP-132-2022":

**RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE FOR AIRPORT RESCUE STATE GRANT
No. 3-26-SBGP-132-2022**

WHEREAS, the FAA has entered into a State Block Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement with the State of Michigan for the administration of Airport Improvement Program grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Rescue State Block Grant is provided in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act to provide eligible covered airports in Michigan with funding for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport and debt service payments; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Blodgett Memorial Airport is recognized as an eligible covered airport and eligible to receive \$32,000.00 of funding for the purposes as outlined above; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners fully supports the maintenance and development of the Roscommon County Blodgett Memorial Airport and so desires to participate fully in the Airport Improvement Grant as offered through the State of Michigan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners authorizes acceptance of Grant No. 3-26-SBGP-132-2022 and agrees to comply with all specific requirements, terms, conditions and assurances as outlined in the grant agreement.

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

3. Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Ostergren to reappoint Judy Lambie to the Roscommon County Recycling Committee for a 4-year term, effective from 02/1/2023 through 01/31/2027.

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

4. Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to reappoint Rick Fancon to the Roscommon County Recycling Committee for a 4-year term, effective from 02/01/2023 through 01/31/2027.

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

5. Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to authorize Chairperson David Russo and Commissioner Rex Wolfsen to schedule a meeting with local representatives of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy for the purpose of discussing scouring on the Higgins Lake – Lake Level Control Structure.

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

Committee Reports:

Russo: None

Ostergren: Gypsy Moth

Wolfsen: None

Milburn: Absent

Sensor: None

Public Comment: Tim O'Rourke spoke about changing or adding to the meeting agenda without notifying the public. Tim also mentioned that the handouts should be made available for the public to review prior to the meeting as well. Theresa Ekdorn of Roscommon County EDC thanked the Board for passing both Resolutions today.

Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Russo to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

David Russo, Chair

Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk/Register of Deeds