

## March 8, 2023

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, March 8, 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 10:25 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

**Absent:** Darlene Sensor

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to approve the Board Agenda with removal of Motion #2.  
On Roll Call: Ayes: Ostergren, Wolfsen, Russo, Milburn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting 2/22/2023.  
On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Ostergren, Russo, Wolfsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Milburn to approve Class A's in the amount of \$1,489,068.15.  
On Roll Call: Ayes: Ostergren, Milburn, Russo, Wolfsen. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to approve Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$206,377.70.

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

**Public Comment:** Resident Ken Melvin spoke in regard to statements made in previous meetings and if they are fact checked. Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Dan Bonamie spoke in regard to the Second Amendment, Michigan legislation, and consideration of Roscommon County becoming a Sanctuary County. Charles Howe spoke in regard to Commissioner Ostergren's current position on the Board of Commissioners during investigation. Resident Leroy Johnston spoke in regard to Michigan legislation and consideration of Roscommon becoming a Sanctuary County. Resident Sam Boodoian spoke in regard to Commissioner Ostergren's previously made statement and what commissioners are elected for.

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** None

### **Correspondence:**

- A. MSU Extension – March 2023 Programs
- B. NEMCAH/NEMCSA – March 2023 Newsletter and Kamp for a Cause
- C. Northern Lakes Community Health Association – Who We Are
- D. Michigan Association of Counties – 02/24/2023 Legislative Update
- E. Northern Michigan Child Assessment Center – 03/17/2023 Walk Through Flyer
- F. Consumers Energy – 2023 Put Your Town On The Map Flyer
- G. Roscommon County Housing – Director's Retirement Letter
- H. MSU Extension – Report to Our Partners
- I. Ontonagon County – Resolution # 2023 – 05
- J., K. & L. Marquette County – (3) Resolutions
- M. Ingham County – Resolution # 23 – 074
- N. & O. Lapeer County – (2) Resolutions
- P. Calhoun County – Resolution
- Q. Clinton County Resolution – # 2023 – 3
- R. Cheboygan County – Resolution # 2023 – 05

**Monthly Department Reports:** None

**Visitors:** Commissioner Milburn recognized Emil Bellenbaum and Herb Weatherly.

### **Unfinished Business/New Business**

1. Higgins Lake Control Structure - Chair Russo reported speaking with Scott Rasmusson with EGLE of Gaylord who inspected the structure on 2/7/2023 and found no scouring. A written report will be requested. The Board will wait for completion of the Special Assessment before moving forward.
2. County Emails – The Board agrees to use county emails for county business.
3. Dam Maintenance – Commissioner Wolfsen discussed drafting a written plan for moving forward.

4. Roscommon County Millage – the Board will wait to reintroduce the Millage on a ballot until an existing election.

**Motions/Resolutions:**

1. Move to authorize Vanessa Varner, Roscommon County Emergency Management Coordinator, to submit application to the Michigan State Police for a \$1500.00 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant to be utilized for expenses that support and facilitate the development, training and/or updating of required plans and practices related to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Russo: Airport, Claims & Accounts

Ostergren: Mental Health

Wolfsen: Hazardous Waste

Milburn: Airport

Sensor: Mental Health

**Public Comment:** Resident Ken Melvin spoke in regard to the lake levels and reports provided.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

---

David Russo, Chair

---

Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk/Register of Deeds