

March 31, 2021

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 for a Special Meeting. The meeting was held online via Zoom. Chairman Robert E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

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

**Present:** Schneider (from home), Russo (from home), Milburn, Muckenthaler (from home), Melvin (from home)

**Public Comment:** None

**Unfinished Business/New Business:**

- a. Declaration of a State of Emergency due to increase in local COVID-19 cases – Commissioner Melvin shared that local townships had reached out concerning the rise of COVID-19 cases within our county and how board members may become quarantined. Passage of this resolution will allow the various boards and entities within our county to continue to meet virtually through April 2021.

**Motions and Resolutions:**

1. Motion by Melvin, Second by Russo, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03-01 "Resolution to Authorize a Declaration of a State of Emergency for the County of Roscommon":

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03-01  
RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A DECLARATION OF A  
STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the County of Roscommon sustained one of the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, any widespread outbreak within the County of Roscommon could hinder and/or cease most daily operations within the entire County and overwhelm Emergency Services, Urgent Care Clinics and School Districts; and

WHEREAS, the County of Roscommon is currently experiencing an increase in positivity ratings for COVID-19 and wishes to ensure that any and all resources available are utilized to combat potential exposures; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners believes that it is necessary to authorize a Declaration of a State of Emergency for Roscommon County through May 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, hereby declares that a State of Emergency exists within our jurisdiction as of March 21, 2020, and that local funding and resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. Any local response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been initialized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration replaces any other Declarations and will expire on May 1, 2021.

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

**Public Comment:** Leroy Johnston asked for clarification as to exactly what this resolution will do. Chairman Schneider said that this will allow townships to meet virtually. Controller Jodi Valentino further explained how our COVID-19 numbers have spiked and that this resolution will also cover other entity boards within Roscommon County. Valentino also mentioned that with this resolution, Roscommon County will be eligible for funds or grants that may become available. Roscommon Township Supervisor Diane Randall inquired about possible effects on local businesses. It was explained that businesses will not be affected by the passing of this resolution. Furthermore, it was clarified that the resolutions passing would allow meetings to be held remotely, however, this will not be mandatory. Gerrish Township Clerk Kathleen Patchin explained that this will let board members meet and vote through the virtual process.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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