

April 26, 2023

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, April 26, 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 10:16 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, Darlene Sensor

Absent: None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to approve the Board Agenda with removal of motion #4 as printed and insert the Intergovernmental Agency Agreement Between Roscommon and Crawford Counties.

Commissioner Ostergren presented several motions for consideration that will be considered at the next meeting.

Recess: 10:21 to make copies of Comm. Ostergren's proposed motions for the Board.

Resume: 10:29

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

Motion by Russo, Second by Milburn, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting 4/12/2023 and Special Meeting 4/14/2023.

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

Public Comment: Larry Maduri, Lyon Township Supervisor, presented an idea to establish a Lyon-Gerrish Higgins Lake Level Control Structure Authority. David Hall, Fred Swinehart, John Barta, Tom Hankinson, Herb Weatherly, and Philip Will, all spoke regarding the Higgins Lake Control Structure. Sue Gelderbloom, Charlene Cornell, Rod Ballard with Camp Curnalia, and Martha Barta all spoke regarding the Special Assessment District. Leroy Johnston spoke regarding motions being presented and voted on in the same session. Greg Semack and Bob Frye, with Higgins Lake Land Conservancy, both spoke regarding the Higgins Lake Control Structure and SAD. Sam Boodoian, Jr. spoke regarding Larry Maduri's suggestion.

Administrator/Controller's Report: Administrator/Controller Jodi Valentino provided lawsuit updates: Kurich v Roscommon County Treasurer – no change; CHLL v Roscommon County – Status conference scheduled for July 20th; Ostergren v Schneider – Ostergren filed with the Supreme Court regarding Court of Appeals ruling; Opioids Suit – Settlement amounts are in negotiations. She provided Special Assessment Projects updates: Houghton Lake – All work toward lake level changes has been halted. Engineers are to finish designing the project, and obtain permits and bids. The County put out an RFP in April 2021 and accepted a bid from GEI. Assessment and methodology will begin to be reviewed and established, easement access will be needed, and request to Circuit Court for Variations in lake level will need to be proceeded. Lake St. Helen – There will be two township meetings. The Board will need to discuss a resolution regarding the lake level variation request to circuit court. There is an anticipated hearing date in July or August. Higgins Lake – Temporary fix will be removed from the project list, three township meetings are scheduled, survey results on ownership are due May 5th. Filing with Circuit Court should be ready by the end of May. A/C Valentino provided updates on Lake Levels: St. Helen – 5.4 inches above, all boards are removed, and the flop gate is open. Higgins Lake – 0.60 inches above, all gates are approximately 95% closed. Houghton Lake – 8.04 inches above, all gates are open, and the bottom boards have been removed. Legislative Update: HB 4428, by Rep. Kevin Coleman – local units would not be required to post their notices in a newspaper. They could choose to post online only. SB 195 includes a \$59 million increase to the MIDC budget. SB 229 and 230, by Senator Veronica Klinefelt, creates a "Revenue Sharing Trust Fund." A/C Valentino shared that The Village of Roscommon is interested in placing a pickleball court on county property off of 4th and George Streets. She will be discussing this with the Chief Judge as the property is adjacent to the courthouse. She also noted that she has had discussion with the village manager regarding cleared property in the industrial park that was originally intended for a solar farm. Comm. Ostergren has been in contact with a firm that is possibly interested. A/C Valentino reports all audit preparation and review of the 2023 budget is to date, she will be scheduling the required public hearing for the close of CDBG Grant from 2020 next meeting. The 2023-2024 MIDC program and financials have been submitted with the current county match an estimated \$206,000, and MIDC is trying to add COLA which would bring the match up \$14,3000. She reported 160 residents attended the Higgins Lake Webinar. She attended a monthly Administrator/Controller Webinar regarding potential threats to the court's ability to charge fees for service. A/C Valentino noted that the state is enacting many requirements regarding security and access for information technology.

She attended the LEPC meeting. Valentino shared with the Board that with the enactment of NLCMHA Enabling Agreement requiring a county commissioner to serve on the Board, Angela Griffis would like to be removed from the Board. A/C Valentino reminded the Board that Delegated Authority was a temporary assignment to the Administrator/Controller. Regardless of who has Delegated Authority, liability ultimately falls to the Board. Also, a funding mechanism is needed to apply for match grants and loans. A/C Valentino also reminded that there is currently no budget or funding for a newly hired Delegated Authority position.

Correspondence:

- A. Email Received 04/05/2023 Subject: SAD for Higgins Lake
- B. Email Received 04/05/2023 Subject: HLPOA 4.5.23 – HLPAC – SAD
- C. Eaton County – Resolution #23-3-28
- D. Email Received 04/06/2023 Subject: Higgins Lake SAD
- E. Email Received 04/07/2023 Subject: SAD TAX
- F. Email Received 04/07/2023 Subject: Opposition To Proposed SAD
- G. Email Received 04/10/2023 Subject: the Repair Replacement of the Higgins Lake Dam
- H. Email Received 04/10/2023 Subject: HLPOA 4.5.23 – HLPAC – SAD
- I. Email Received 04/10/2023 Subject: HLPOA 4.5.23 – HLPAC
- J. Email Received 04/11/2023 Subject: Higgins Lake Level SAD issues
- K. Northern Michigan Veterans Coalition – April 2023 Newsletter
- L. Email Received 04/14/2023 Subject: April 13th Webinar
- M. Email Received. 04/17/2023 Subject: SAD
- N. Email Received. 04/17/2023 Subject: Houghton Lake Dam Issues

Monthly Department Reports:

- A. Roscommon County Sheriff – March 2023 Activity Report

Visitors: Ben Townsend, Wexford County Commissioner, spoke on the NLCMH Enabling Agreement.

Recess: 11:42

Resume: 11:47

Unfinished Business/New Business:

- A. Confirmation of Tentative Plan of Action for Lake Level Management – Discussion of the Whole; will be put in for motion in two weeks.

Motions and Resolutions:

- 1. Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Russo to rescind Resolution #2022-12-05 “Houghton Lake – Approval of Lake Level Study”, which authorized the investigation into the necessity for any amendment of the normal level of Houghton Lake.

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

- 2. Motion by Milburn, Second by Ostergren to adopt Resolution #2023-04-07 Proclaiming the 54th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks’ Week as April 30, 2023 – May 6, 2023.

**RESOLUTION #2023-04-07
PROCLAMATION OF THE 54th ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERK’S WEEK
April 30 - May 6, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all, and

WHEREAS, the Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community, and

WHEREAS, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations, and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Roscommon County Board of Commissioners does recognize the week of April 30 through May 6, 2023, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerks, and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Sensor, Wolfesen, Milburn, Ostergren, Russo. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

3. Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfesen to adopt Resolution #2023-04-06 authorizing Chair, David Russo, Director of Equalization, Jamie Houserman, and County Clerk, Michelle M. Stevenson to sign the Statements of Acreage and Valuations (L-4024's) as equalized by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners and

County Board of Commissioners Assessment Roll Certifications:
(L-4037/2691 County-wide totals and individually for each municipality).

RESOLUTION #2023-04-06
AUTHORIZING BOARD CHAIR AND COUNTY CLERK TO SIGN STATEMENTS OF
ACREAGE AND VALUATIONS AS EQUALIZED BY THE ROSCOMMON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ASSESSMENT ROLL CERTIFICATIONS

The Honorable members of the Board of Commissioners, County of Roscommon, Michigan, hereby certify that the assessment rolls of the Townships and Village have been examined and we find the rolls relatively equal as equalized.

We recommend that the valuations be equalized on taxable property, by class, in Roscommon County, for the year 2023 in compliance with Sections 209.5 and 211.34 MCL of 1948 as amended, and in accordance with the equalization certificates.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Sensor, Ostergren, Russo, Wolfesen. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

4. Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfesen to approve the Intergovernmental Agency Agreement between Roscommon County and Crawford County for scheduled dispatching coverage for Crawford County, daily from midnight to 7am. Commencement of this service will be contingent upon approvals from the Michigan State 911 Committee with regard to funding and operational considerations.

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

5. Motion by Milburn, Second by Ostergren to adopt Resolution #2023-04-08 "Approval of Revised Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority Enabling Agreement" as presented at the April 12, 2023 Work Session:

RESOLUTION #2023-04-08
APPROVAL OF REVISED NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
AUTHORITY ENABLING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, The Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority was established in 2003 as a merger of the Great Lakes CMH Authority (oversight for the counties of Grand Traverse and Leelanau), and the North Central CMH Authority, (with oversight for the counties of Crawford, Missaukee, Roscommon and Wexford), completed in accordance with MCL § 330.1219; and

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the counties of Crawford, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon and Wexford committed to reestablishing Northern Lakes Community Mental Health to ensure that all county members and their residents were receiving quality service and responses to mental health crisis as outlined in the Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, it was the desire of each county to gain a fuller understanding of current community needs by hosting a listening session in order to gain valuable input from community members who utilize Northern Lakes Community Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Crawford, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Missaukee, Roscommon and Wexford convened multiple monthly meetings to review, recommend and revise the Enabling Agreement; and

WHEREAS, these meetings resulted in significant improvements to the original enabling agreement, including: key performance metrics, creation of an oversight committee for dispute resolution, updated board member requirements, specific guidelines for jail services and overall improved expectations for measured success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained within the Revised Enabling Agreement (see attached), the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2023 Revised Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority Enabling Resolution as presented.

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

Committee Reports:

Russo: 911 Authority Board Special Meeting, Agenda

Ostergren: No Report

Wolfsen: Recycling Committee & Solid Waste

Milburn: COA, NMCAA, Agenda

Sensor: No Report

Public Comment: Tim O'Rourke spoke regarding Higgins Lake. County Clerk Michelle Stevenson spoke regarding the Strategic Plan from 2018.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

David Russo, Chair

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