

**June 28, 2023**

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, June 28, 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 10:17 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.

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

Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Milburn, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting 6/14/2023.

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

**Public Comment:** Greg Semack spoke regarding Board of Commissioners Statement Regarding Lake Levels.

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** Lawsuit Updates: Kurich v Roscommon County Treasurer – No Change until after Rafaeli LLC v. Oakland County; CHLL v Roscommon County – Status conference in July; Ostergren v Roscommon County et al – Supreme Court has denied Plaintiff's application for leave to appeal the Court of Appeals and the plaintiff has 21 days to file a motion for consideration; Opioid Suit – Awaiting settlement for pharmaceuticals. Special Assessment Projects: Houghton Lake – Expecting an amended contract from GEI for review and signature as costs have increased, they will then begin the design process to include refurbishing the existing and constructing new for the Board to choose from, and legal easements access is still being worked on. Assessment methodologies are beginning and the Board will determine, after a presentation, what criteria will be utilized. Lake St. Helen – All presentations complete, petition to establish boundaries has been filed to the Court, awaiting a court date, and engineering bids can begin once the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court approves. Higgins Lake – Hearing for the Lake Level Special Assessment District Boundaries is scheduled for September 15, 2023 in the 34<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, a press release will be issued along with required mailings to those proposed to be included, and still awaiting Spicer's final evaluation report. Lake Levels: St. Helen: 0.12 inches below with gage height at 6.23 of 6.24, flop gate closed, and boards all in. Houghton Lake: 1.44 inches below with gage height at 7.98 of 8.10, and all boards and steel plate in place. Higgins Lake: 2.64 inches below with gage height at 5.15 of 5.37, and all gates closed. Legislative update: Michigan has received \$300 million in federal funding to expand broadband access across the state. Cherry Capital Communications has applied for funds to continue expansion in Roscommon County. A/C Valentino shared that the communication link on the website for the commissioners has been updated, and this can include the submissions being sent to the individual Commissioner's. She noted that planning for the proposed four county Secured and Non-Secured Juvenile Detention Center continues, and there is a meeting in two weeks to continue the needs analysis and discuss possible locations. Also, the CDBG grant closure is being finalized. A/C Valentino mentioned that a USDA Rural Development match grant is being sought for a Sheriff's vehicle. She reported that E911 was approved last year for a communication project and funds are being issued at the end of the summer. A \$36,000 grant has been requested through the FAA for the Airport. A/C Valentino is working to create a deficit elimination plan for Child Care Fund, which will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for approval and submission to the State by end of July for compliance. She and Andy, IT Director, will be meeting with CivicPlus to review the website, which is due for an upgrade per contract. A/C Valentino reported that Noelle, HR, has held the first meeting with our Wage and Salary Committee to review their duties and explain processes. They will begin reviewing the Delegated Authority job description to rank and place within the wage scale per policy. They have also begun process of wage and salary reviews with comparable counties for recommended potential COLA increase for 2024 budget.

**Correspondence:**

- A. Email Received – Higgins Lake – Lake Levels
- B. Email Received – HLPOA – Higgins Lake SAD
- C. Michigan Association of Counties – 06/16/2023 Legislative Update
- D. Online Correspondence – Subject: Lake Levels
- E. Online Correspondence – Subject: Correspondence with Commissioners
- F. Mackinac County – Resolution
- G. Delta County – Resolution #23-04
- H. Delta County – Resolution #23-05

**Monthly Department Reports:** Roscommon County Sheriff Dept. – May 2023 Activity Report

Visitors: None

**Unfinished Business/New Business:**

- A. NEMCSA Region 9 Area Agency on Aging 2023 Annual Implementation Plan – Mary Fry, COA Director, reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024 Plan for the Board. Our sixty and older population has increased 4% according to the 2020 Census. She reviewed the services provided through COA for our Sixty and over population, and the proposed funding available through federal and state funding.
- B. Board of Commissioners Statement Regarding Lake Levels – Commissioner Wolfsen read a proposed statement regarding the current lake levels.
- C. Common Courtesy Policy – This is pertaining to creating a policy on what and how much a county employee should have to endure when providing customer service.
- D. Commissioner Ostergren is requesting something in writing regarding the usage of the tax payment fund to cover the Special Assessment District development costs, legal fees, and engineering.

**Motions and Resolutions:**

- 1. Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to adopt Resolution #2023-06-01 Adopting the Roscommon County Emergency Telephone Service District Final Plan Appendixes 2 and 3

**RESOLUTION #2023-06-01**

Adopting the Roscommon County Emergency Telephone Service District Final Plan Appendixes 2 and 3

**WHEREAS**, Roscommon County (“County”) has adopted a Final 911 Service Plan (“Plan”) pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended (“Act”), and

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires the Plan to accurately identify all public service answering points (“PSAPs”) for all 911 calls in the County, and

**WHEREAS**, the County has agreed to provide secondary PSAP services to Crawford County, and

**WHEREAS**, appendix 3 of the Plan requires updating to reflect the secondary PSAP services to Crawford County, and

**WHEREAS**, appendix 2 requires updating to reflect changes in Public Entities and Service Suppliers within Service Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Roscommon County Emergency Telephone Service District Final Plan Appendixes 2 and 3 are adopted by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Russo: Agenda, Audit Exit Interview

Ostergren: Audit Exit Interview

Wolfsen: Lake Level Management Committee, Agenda

Milburn: COA, NMCAA

Sensor: Lake Level Management Committee

**Public Comment:** Charlene Cornell requested information on the lake level methodology, delegated authority and tax payment fund covering SAD expenses. Fred Swinehart spoke regarding an email he sent pertaining to Higgins Lake Lake Level Control Structure. Dave Baran spoke regarding Higgins Lake SAD.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.