

July 26, 2023

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, July 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 10:05 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 Russo, Second by Wolfsen, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting 7/12/2023.

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

Public Comment: None

Administrator/Controller's Report: Lawsuit Updates: Kurich v Roscommon County Treasurer – No Change; CHLL v Roscommon County – At the July 20, 2023 Circuit Court date, the Plaintiff was granted limited records from the state; Opioid Suit – No update. Special Assessment Projects: Houghton Lake – Amended contract and apportionment for SAD is currently delayed due to a need for specific parcel information. The meeting with township assessors is rescheduled for August 7, 2023, and then GEI will be able to compile a new contract for design and apportionment, and research gathering for apportionment purposes will begin. Lake St. Helen – Hearing date scheduled December 15, 2023. Higgins Lake – Hearing Date scheduled September 15, 2023. Lake Levels: St. Helen – 1.56 inches below with all boards in and flop gates closed. Houghton Lake – at level with all boards closed. Higgins Lake: 3.84 inches below with all gates closed. Legislative update: Bipartisan bills were introduced in both the U.S. House and Senate to address the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MEIP) which would allow continuity of care via access to critical health services for incarcerated individuals, and the County is currently budgeted for approximately \$109,500.00 for inmate health care. A/C Valentino reported the Soil Erosion Audit by the State of Michigan is complete, not approvable, and EGLE will be providing specific instructions on corrections needed. She reported collection and review of quarterly ARP grant reports is in progress. A/C Valentino met with Brenda Bachelder regarding EDC current funds and budget establishment. They currently have not started fundraising for a stand-alone EDC, are exploring options, and they will be searching for new members. A/C Valentino met with 911 Director Stringham to review plans and process for internal candidates for Deputy Director position. She shared that the Sheriff's Office will be utilizing State grant funds for sponsorship into the Kirtland Law Enforcement academy. Also, the NMCA meeting presented information on the incoming Opiate Funding, most counties will not be utilizing funding until it is fully received, she suggests to convene a committee similar to the ARP, and also shared the need to retain some funding for annual jail and sheriff department eligible expenses. A/C Valentino reported that EGLE has been developing an implementation plan and process to create our new Materials Management Planning Program. Solid Waste Management Committee will need to reconvene to review changes in statutes and update the Solid Waste Management Plan to a County Materials Management Plan. A/C Valentino, Jaime Houserman, and Daniel Marhoff have compiled requested data regarding the Spongy Moth Program which will be presented at the next Work Session. She shared that she and Vanessa Varner are reviewing grants, projects, and funding that our Emergency Management program has provided or shared with other local municipalities, as requested. A/C Valentino stated that Judge Beebe and Chief Judge Bennett have approved placement of our District Court Administrator in a temporary shared role with Billing to Ogemaw County for wages and fringes. This includes increase in duties and wages for two Roscommon County District Court employees which will be billed to Ogemaw. A/C Valentino received the 2024 health insurance premium which shows an increase of 17.9% and a reported high usage rate of 133%. This would be an approximately \$345,000 increase to the general fund budget for 2024. A quote has been requested from BCBS, and additional plan options have been requested from Priority Health. The information will be presented to the Board once it is received.

Correspondence:

- A. MSUE Report to Our Partners
- B. Huron County Resolution No. 23-81C Opposition to statewide septic inspections
- C. V. Kumar Letter of Interest NLCMHA Board of Directors
- D. R. Yeager Email Re: Houghton Lake Water Level
- E. Online Correspondence – Subject: Correspondence with Commissioners
- F. L. Mazzola Email Re: Houghton Lake Water Level

Monthly Department Reports:

- A. Roscommon County Animal Shelter and Animal Control
- B. Northeast Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
- C. Region 3 Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA)

Visitors: None

Unfinished Business/New Business:

- A. Lake Level Control Structure Manager Job Description and Pay Rate – Commissioner Wolfsen reported that the position has been posted internally 7/28/2023 and will run through 8/4/2023. They have 2 applicants thus far with tentative interviews 8/3/2023. The pay was set at Grade 5, \$20.99-\$25.18, with an estimated 15 hours per week. There was discussion regarding the \$10,000 per LLCS and the USGS contract that leaves about \$4500 of that \$10,000. The Board will need to review facts before deciding where the pay for this position will come from.
- B. Scheduling of Commissioner’s Tour of County Owned Lake Level Control Structures – Chair Russo stated that this is being planned to follow a September Regular Meeting, and a Mini Bus will be available for transportation. Commissioner Milburn reminded the Board that they will need to follow the Open Meetings Act.
- C. Soil Erosion Issues – Commissioner Wolfsen presented continued issues with Soil Erosion and recommends revisiting the Fee Schedule. Chase Schepke, Soil Erosion Officer, suggested to double the penalty fees for violators instead of raising fees for all.
- D. Spicer’s Report – Commissioner Wolfsen reported that he had a conversation with Luke from Spicer’s, concluding that the report follows what Spicer’s thought was expected of them, and there may have been a lack of communication on the County’s part as to specifics. Delegated Authority Valentino stated she specifically included concern of the rocks and scouring in her correspondences with Luke and that the onsite inspector informed the Maintenance staff present that there was nothing there. After discussion regarding previous reports of scouring concerns and lack of action, she reminded the Board of her previous recommendations that were not taken, including doing a pre-assessment to the SAD to implement Spicer’s notch recommendation for \$64,000, and reaching out to the Prosecuting Attorney regarding changing the language in the law to allow variation of levels. DA Valentino also pointed out the several recommendations in the current report where action has already begun. It was mentioned that Luke suggested measuring the “scouring,” and she has requested an amendment to the report regarding scouring. The Board discussed possibly getting a third-party to investigate scouring, and looking into re-doing the stream bed. This quote would need to be voted on as the budget has already been exceeded for the year.
- E. Meeting with Prosecuting Attorney – Commissioner Wolfen received permission from Chair Russo for the Lake Level Management Committee to meet with the PA to discuss interpretations of lake levels in the court.

Motions and Resolutions:

- 1. Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 2023.07.01 to levy the following ad valorem tax rates for the County of Roscommon for the year 2023 on the winter tax roll:

E-911 1.0000, Road Patrol 1.5000, Senior Services 0.9822, Gypsy Moth 0.1228, Animal Shelter 0.2454 & 0.1474, Veterans 0.1640, and Roads 0.4914

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

- 2. Motion by Wolfsen, Second by Russo to adopt Resolution No. 2023.07.02 authorizing David Russo, Chairman and Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk, to sign the L-4029-including Winter with the following tax rates for the County of Roscommon for the year 2023:

Summer: General Fund 3.5194

E-911 1.0000, Road Patrol 1.5000, Senior Services 0.9822, Gypsy Moth 0.1228, Animal Shelter 0.2454 & 0.1474, Veterans 0.1640, and Roads 0.4914

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

- Motion by Milburn, Second by Wolfsen to approve the Roscommon County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Bylaws as attached.

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

- Motion by Russo, Second by Milburn to adopt Resolution No. 2023.07.03 Roscommon County Hazardous Mitigation Plan Adoption.

WHEREAS, Roscommon County Emergency Management has gathered information and prepared the Roscommon County Hazardous Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Hazardous Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Roscommon County has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners adopts the Roscommon County Hazardous Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction’s Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

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

- Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to appoint Ray Wlosinski to the Economic Development Committee for a 3-year term, effective July 27, 2023 through July 26, 2026.

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

- Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo to adopt the Resolution No. 2023.07.04 Child Care Fund Deficit Elimination Plan Resolution as required by the Michigan Department of Treasury:

WHEREAS, Roscommon County’s Child Care Fund has a deficit of \$18,793.79 effective December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, 1971 PA 140 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners adopts the below Child Care Fund Deficit Elimination Plan:

| | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Unrestricted Net Position (Deficit) January 1 | (14,440.06) | (18,793.79) | 1,206.21 | 28,405.77 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Property Taxes (Millage) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Charges for Services | 47,932.78 | 40,000.00 | 27,200.00 | 24,480.00 |
| Other (State Contribution) | 371,544.97 | 667,746.79 | 733,318.07 | 755,317.61 |
| General Fund | 674,661.99 | 687,746.79 | 683,439.88 | 703,943.90 |
| Total Revenue | 1,094,139.69 | 1,395,493.58 | 1,443,957.95 | 1,483,741.50 |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | 254,430.87 | 270,843.58 | 278,968.89 | 312,445.15 |
| Supplies | 2,271.30 | 3,500.00 | 3,605.00 | 3,929.45 |
| Travel and Training | 10,483.40 | 12,300.00 | 12,669.00 | 13,049.07 |
| Contractual Services | 201,328.05 | 215,000.00 | 221,450.00 | 228,093.50 |
| In Home Placement | 41,281.11 | 96,850.00 | 99,755.50 | 102,748.17 |
| Out of Home Placement | 588,698.69 | 777,000.00 | 800,310.00 | 824,319.30 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,098,493.42 | 1,375,493.58 | 1,416,758.39 | 1,484,584.64 |
| Unrestricted Net Position (Deficit) December 31 | (18,793.79) | 1,206.21 | 28,405.77 | 27,562.63 |

Notes:

2024 Charges for Services decrease re: State statute changes
collections
2025 Benefit Increase
12%

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

Committee Reports:

Russo: Agenda, 911 Authority

Ostergren: None

Wolfsen: Lake Level, Hazardous Waste

Milburn: District Health, Agenda

Sensor: Lake Level Committee, District Health

Commissioner Russo invited Sheriff Stern to speak regarding National Night out. Sheriff Stern shared that the first Tuesday of every August is National Night Out. This year, it will be held in Houghton Lake Walmart Parking lot 6-8pm with food, games and prizes. This is an opportunity for the community to meet and learn about the different civic organizations, public safety persons, and learn about available resources.

Public Comment: Chase Schepke spoke as a citizen regarding the results of the Spicer's Report, and that the flow was calculated instead of gaged. Sheriff Stern spoke regarding LLCS discussions ongoing since he started in 2008, and expressed concerns with the slated wage for the new LLCS Manager. Bill Sullivan, Building and Grounds Director, spoke regarding a work flow chart and the hours spent on the LLCS.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

David Russo, Chair

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