

August 23, 2023

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, August 23, 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: Sensor, Milburn, Wolfsen, Ostergren, Russo. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting 8/09/2023.

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

Public Comment: Greg Semack – Gerrish Township citizen spoke to the commissioners about the Higgins Lake SAD. Commissioner Ostergren inquired about reading a statement from a constituent leading to discussion as to the ability of a commissioner speaking or reading on someone else's behalf.

Administrator/Controller's Report: Commissioner Ostergren reviewed lake levels.

Correspondence:

- A. Kathy Elsesser – Email Re: Resident for 25 years
- B. Mary Jo Oppy – Email Re: Gerrish Township, Higgins Lake Level SAD
- C. Michigan Association of Counties – 08/04/2023 Legislative Update
- D. Kalkaska County – Resolution #2023-32
- E. Kalkaska County – #2023-33
- F. Livingston County Board of Commissioners – Letter to Area Agency on Aging
- G. John S. Wist – Email Re: Current Water Level

Monthly Department Reports:

- A. Roscommon County Sheriff Office – July 2023 Activity Report
- B. Economic Development Corp. – June – August 2023 Director's Report

Visitors: None

Unfinished Business/New Business:

- A. 2024 Health Benefit – The commissioners voiced their preference of the available options regarding the changes to the health care contributions for 2024.
- B. Commissioner Ostergren read information about the Higgins Lake SAD court date next month. Notice is required to be published and mailed for citizens to be informed.

Motions and Resolutions:

1. Motion by Russo, Second by Wolfsen to authorize Michelle M. Stevenson, Roscommon County Clerk & Register of Deeds, to sign a five (5) year service agreement with GovOS for receipting/recording software in the amount of \$20,000/year, effective August 1, 2023.

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

Committee Reports:

Russo: Agenda, Claims & Accounts

Ostergren: Spoke with the solar energy company regarding a proposed project that may occur in Higgins Township.

Wolfsen: LEPC, Delegated Authority job was offered, but turned down, this will be a difficult position to fill with a qualified person. Liability insurance requirements for the position is also being worked on. The homeless in the area have formed a camp, this is a serious issue and needs addressed.

Milburn: Material Management, EDC, NMCA

Sensor: Material Management, HLIB lake level meeting

Public Comment: Herb Weatherly spoke regarding the lake level mailing. Terri Collini spoke regarding the employee wages and health care cost increases. Jeffrey Lavoye spoke about the Consumers Energy Emery Road project. Paul Smith spoke about the Consumers Energy Emery Road project. Cherie McGee spoke regarding the Consumers Energy Emery Road project and property values. Diane Randall inquired about the Delegated Authority position and upcoming meetings regarding the SAD's. Greg Semack spoke regarding transparency and committee meetings. Charlene Cornell – seeking updates regarding questions from 2 weeks ago.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

David Russo, Chair

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