

## January 12, 2022

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 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. Chairman Robert E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

A moment of silence took place in remembrance of lifelong Houghton Lake resident Murl "Pinky" Randall who passed away recently.

**Present:** Robert E. Schneider, Timothy Muckenthaler, Marc J. Milburn, David Russo, Kenneth Melvin

**Absent:** None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to approve the Board Agenda with addition of motions #3, #4, and #5. On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Schneider, Russo, Muckenthaler, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Russo, Second by Muckenthaler, to approve Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2021 and December 22, 2021. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Melvin, Schneider, Muckenthaler, Milburn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Schneider, to approve Class A bills in the amount \$982,987.90. On Roll Call: Ayes: Muckenthaler, Schneider, Melvin, Milburn, Russo. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Schneider, to approve Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$29,606.46. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Muckenthaler, Schneider, Melvin, Milburn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment:** Leroy Johnston spoke about the STING sharing program and seized property.

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** Administrator/Controller Jodi Valentino updated the board on lawsuits. In Kurich v Treasurer suit, a motion for summary judgement has been scheduled for March 3. CHLL v Roscommon County is waiting for a decision from the Court of Appeals. There is no change with the Mauck v Roscommon County et al. The POAM Sheriff Arbitration is scheduled for March. The County is waiting a final notice for an award amount in the opioid suit. Legislation updates were shared by Valentino. Oral arguments heard January 7<sup>th</sup> at the U.S. Supreme Court on the Federal Governments emergency application to stay injunctions regarding the CMS COVID vaccine mandate and OSHA vaccine/testing dissolved on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Public Acts 121-122 of 2021 enacting 4-year county commissioner terms will be effective with the 2024 election. Final rules for the ARP have been adopted to go into effect April 2022. The MI Dept. of Agriculture has created the Office of Rural Development with the goal to reinvigorate rural economies. Daily work for Valentino included review of resumes for Director of Maintenance, moving to change office areas for Housing and Soil Conservation, streamlining Class A's and Claims and Accounts and year end processes. Vanessa Varner began training and has completed some online classes and attended meetings. Payroll timekeeping programs are being looked at and pay raises will be on this week's paychecks. RCTA will likely be asking for a millage increase based on cost predictions and funding. Judge Bennett is officially Chief Judge. District Court judge application period has been extended by the Governor's Office because one applicant has applied and they would like to consider two or more. Currently funding through COVID grants can cover some portions of visiting judges cost and SCAO will reimburse if the appointment is not filled in 3 months.

### **Correspondence:**

- a. Eaton County – Resolution #21-12-125
- b. MiDeal All Access – Contract Updates
- c. MAC Legislative Update – December 22, 2021
- d. IRS – 2022 New Mileage
- e. NACo – County Explorer

### **Monthly Department Reports:**

- a. Economic Development Corporation
- b. Sheriff
- c. Jail

**Visitors:** None

**Unfinished Business/New Business:** None

**Motions and Resolutions:**

1. Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Russo, to appoint the following members to the 2022 Roscommon County Wage and Salary Committee for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022:

Amy Foster	Clerk/ROD
Dani Woughtner	E911
Allison Thompson	Equalization
Ben Lowe	Sheriff's Office
Doug Schei	Maintenance
Alisha Pastell	Veterans
Noelle Martin	Human Resources
Mary Beebe	Prosecutor
Nadine Lockwood	Animal Control

On Roll Call: Ayes: Schneider, Milburn, Russo, Muckenthaler, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried

2. Motion by Russo, Second by Milburn, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01-01 "Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contract and Service Credit Purchase Approvals", naming the Administrator/Controller and Human Resources Generalist as signatories:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR MERS CONTRACTS AND SERVICE CREDIT PURCHASE APPROVALS**

**WHEREAS**, Roscommon County ("Employer") is a participating municipality with the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan ("MERS") and has adopted one or more retirement, insurance, investment or other post-employment benefit products administered by MERS;

**WHEREAS**, MERS requires signatures of an authorized representative of the Employer to execute contracts with MERS, the entry of which is authorized by the governing body and permitted under the applicable MERS Plan Document(s);

**WHEREAS**, the Employer wishes to designate certain job position(s), the holder(s) of which may sign MERS' contracts relating to the adoption, amendment and termination of MERS' products, and defined benefit service credit purchase approvals on behalf of Employer to implement decisions and actions of the governing body;

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is not intended to apply to MERS forms or any other MERS document except as specifically mentioned herein,

**THEREFORE**, the Governing Body resolves:

The holders of the following job position(s) are hereby *Authorized Officials* that can sign: (1) MERS Adoption Agreements, Resolutions, Participation Agreements, Administrative Services Agreements, Withdrawal Agreements and any other contracts between MERS and the Employer with respect to Employer's participation in any MERS-administered product and any amendments and addendums thereto, and (2) MERS Defined Benefit service credit purchase approvals:

1. Administrator/Controller
2. Human Resources Generalist

This Resolution may be revoked in writing or amended by the Governing Body at any time, provided that it will not be effective until such writing or amended Resolution is received by MERS. The Governing Body agrees that MERS may rely upon this Resolution as conferring signing authority upon the holders of the above job position(s) to bind Employer with respect to MERS.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Muckenthaler, Milburn, Melvin, Russo, Schneider. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Schneider, to reappoint James Fisher to the Roscommon County 911 Authority Board, serving as the Fire Representative, for three-year terms beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Muckenthaler, Milburn, Melvin, Russo, Schneider. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Russo, Second by Milburn, to reappoint Lt. Eric Tiepel to the Roscommon County 911 Authority Board, serving as the Roscommon County Sheriff Department Representative, for October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Muckenthaler, Milburn, Melvin, Russo, Schneider. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Russo, Second by Schneider, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01-02 "Authorization for Service as Fiduciary for STING Participation in Federal Equitable Sharing Programs":

**AUTHORIZATION FOR SERVICE AS FIDUCIARY FOR STING  
PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office is a compliant program participant and active member of the Strike Team Investigative Narcotic Group (STING); and

**WHEREAS**, the Strike Team Investigative Narcotic Group (STING) has submitted for participation in the Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Program, allowing for participating local law enforcement agencies that assist in an investigation resulting in a federal forfeiture to request a share of the federally forfeited proceeds based on their contributions to the law enforcement effort leading to the forfeiture; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Equitable Sharing Program outlines the fiduciary requirements the Strike Team Investigative Narcotic Group (STING), the County of Roscommon and Roscommon County Sheriff's Office for receiving, maintaining, and expending funds awarded to the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office through the Department of Justice and Department of Treasury Equitable Sharing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the County Treasurer of Roscommon County, on behalf of the Roscommon County Sheriff's Office, currently serves as fiduciary for the Strike Team Investigative Narcotic Group (STING); and

**WHEREAS**, the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners feels that the most streamlined, secure and complaint oversight of any funds received as a participant in the Department of Justice and Department of Treasury Equitable Sharing Program are through the Office of the County Treasurer of Roscommon County;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and support the Roscommon County Treasurer's Office to serve in the role of Equitable Sharing Program fiduciary on behalf of the County of Roscommon, Roscommon County Sheriff's Office and Strike Team Investigative Narcotic Group (STING).

On Roll Call: Ayes: Muckenthaler, Milburn, Russo, Schneider. Nays: Melvin. Motion Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Russo: Agenda, Planning Commission, 911, Airport

Milburn: Airport - Public Informational Update, Organizational meeting

Muckenthaler: Claims & Accounts, Organizational meeting

Melvin: Special Redistricting meeting, Veteran's Affairs, AuSable River Review Board

Schneider: AuSable River Review Board, CMDHD, Claims & Accounts

Public Comment: None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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