

## March 9, 2022

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, March 9, 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.

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

**Absent:** None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to approve the Board Agenda. On Roll Call: Ayes: Schneider, Russo, Muckenthaler, Milburn, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Russo, to approve Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2022, February 23, 2022, and Special Meeting Minutes March 2, 2022. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Milburn, Melvin, Schneider, Muckenthaler. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Russo, Second by Schneider, to approve Class A bills in the amount \$989,833.44. On Roll Call: Ayes: Muckenthaler, Schneider, Melvin, Milburn, Russo. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Melvin, Second by Muckenthaler, to approve Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$315,191.51. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Schneider, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** Administrator/Controller Jodi Valentino stated that the Kurich v Roscommon County Treasurer hearing on March 3, 2022 has been stayed pending the outcome of Fox v et al. Oral arguments are being heard today at the court of appeals and will be available on Youtube to view. A meeting will be held to establish policy regarding the POAM Sheriff Arbitron. MDHHS and the Attorney General's Office will be hosting webinars in April regarding the opioid settlement. There has been no status change regarding Mauck v Roscommon County et al. House Bill 5054 provides \$250 million in grants for local units funded above 60%, however maximum reward in this category cannot exceed 5% of available funds and have strings attached. Senate Bill 783 & 784 would establish a refundable income tax credit program payable to local governments in the amount of property tax exemptions. Workers Compensation Audit information has been submitted. The 2021 Budget is being reviewed. Valentino attended the RCTA meeting, continues to participate in the Juvenile Justice reform work group, attended a virtual FOIA update training, and continues to meet with new department heads biweekly. EGLE has authorized Spongy Moth (FKA Gypsy Moth) spraying for South Higgins Lake State Park and possibly North Higgins Lake State Park. Valentino reached out to EGLE regarding a permit extension for the Houghton Lake Lake Level Control Structure repairs. House Bill 4725 would expand arbitration beyond police and fire labor bargaining units to correction officers. The legislation is before the Senate Economic and Small Business Development Committee.

### Correspondence:

- a. MAC – 2/18/2022 Legislative Update
- b. Cheboygan County – Resolution #2022-03
- c. MAC – 2/25/2022 Legislative Update
- d. Roscommon County Community Foundation – Friends for Safe Schools Report
- e. Public Hearing Notice – Houghton Lake Improvements
- f. Roscommon County Food Pantry - Letter
- g. Muskegon County – Resolution #2022-01
- h. ARPA – February Status Report
- i. MSUE – March 2022 Virtual Learning Programs
- j. MSUE – March 2022 Programs
- k. Gypsy Moth – Program Information
- l. Michigan Conservation – Tree Selection and Planting Workshop
- m. Lee and John Koesema – Thank You Letter

**Monthly Department Reports:**

- a. Central Dispatch – February 2022 Report
- b. Animal Control and Animal Shelter January 2022 Stats

**Visitors:** None

**Unfinished Business/New Business:**

- A. American Rescue Plan Act Projects Update – Administrator/Controller Valentino shared that all funds were disbursed. The Federal Government status reports will go out in April and the commissioners can expect a presentation explaining progress for the various projects.

**Motions and Resolutions:**

- 1. Motion by Melvin, Second by Milburn, to amend the “Compensation/Classification Policy”, effective April 1, 2022, by removal of the following sentence from Section G (1):

“Employees whose starting rate was at the minimum pay range will receive a step increase after six months of employment.”

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

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Economic Development Committee – February 2022 Director’s Report

Russo: Airport, Special Meeting, Agenda, 911, and Claims & Accounts

Milburn: CMDHD, EDC, Airport, Special Meeting, Veterans Coffee Hour

Muckenthaler: Special Meeting, Claims & Accounts

Melvin Veteran Affairs

Schneider: Agenda, CMDHD, Special Meeting

Public Comment: COA Executive Director Mary Frye presented the board with the COA Newsletter. Their programs are filling up, but with limited budget and being short staffed, they have no choice but to move forward with a renewal of the 1 mill millage. They are currently using funds carried over from 2021. Commissioner Melvin thanked COA worker Debra Looney for sponsoring the Veterans Coffee Hour last week.

Motion by Russo, Second by Muckenthaler, to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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