

March 13, 2019

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was held at the Roscommon County Building, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653. Chairman Robert E. Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Present: Schneider, Russo, Muckenthaler, Milburn

Excused: Melvin

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

Moved by Russo, Seconded by Muckenthaler, to approve Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2019 & February 27, 2019. On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Russo, Schneider, Muckenthaler. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Moved by Russo, Seconded by Milburn, to approve Class A bills in the amount of \$572,512.47. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Schneider. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Muckenthaler, Seconded by Schneider, to approve Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$96,661.92. On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Russo, Muckenthaler, Schneider. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Administrator/Controller's Report: Administrator/Controller Jodi Valentino updated the Board of Commissioners on the Tax Foreclosure Lawsuit, which may get moved into State or Federal Court jurisdiction and shared that the Eldridge v Roscommon County Lawsuit is moving along. Department and employee information has been sent out for the wage analysis examination. Since the Hazmat team has been dismantled, equipment will be inventoried and sold. The deed for Outlot A was never filed at the Register of Deeds office so a new deed will be drawn up to be recorded. Valentino has been going through the 2018 financials. Many departments did extremely well. A couple departments need to work on their budgets better, Animal Control being one in need of improvement. The County has been putting extra money towards MERS retirement funding, however, with the stock market last year, funds are lower than expected. The county must continue to work toward 100% funding of MERS. Talks of a Monarch Garden are in the works with Gahagan Nature Preserve and MSUE and the County. This can be a great hands-on for the community and youth within local schools. Up North Prevention is in need of local space. They are interested in renting the Second Chance Academy Building.

Correspondence:

- A. Roscommon County Community Foundation
- B. D4 Advisory Council Minutes

Monthly Department Reports: Sheriff, Central Dispatch

Visitors: None

Unfinished Business/New Business:

- a. Building Emergency/Catastrophic Weather Closure Policy - Controller/Administrator Jodi Valentino continues to work on a suitable policy.
- b. DEQ/Gaylord 3/12/19 meeting results. A meeting took place between DEQ specialists and Roscommon County officials to discuss the necessity of the restrictor plate, watershed flow and possible alternatives. Information was shared about possible changes, economic and environmental impacts, utilizing the expertise of DNR Fisheries, court set lake levels and official motions needed if any changes are decided upon.

Motions and Resolutions:

1. Motion by Russo, Seconded by Muckenthaler, to authorize Administrator/Controller Jodi Valentino to submit a letter of gratitude and appreciation, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, to Chief Patrick Parr for his leadership and service as Hazardous Materials Team Chief.

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

Committee Reports:

Russo: Claims & Accounts, 911 Authority Board, DEQ, HazMat, Houghton Lake is 3” above winter level.

Milburn: VA, Airport, District Health

Muckenthaler: EMCOG, Substance Abuse, Agenda, Claims & Accounts

Melvin: Excused

Schneider: Airport, District Health, EDC, Agenda, DEQ

Public Comment: Ed Bergeron, EDC, is currently in the process of activating some of the committees established during the strategic planning. They are looking to establish the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Undersheriff Ben Lowe discussed long term goals of the Department and the partnering with Up North Prevention. County Clerk/Register of Deeds Michelle M. Stevenson announced that there will be an August election this year. Stevenson’s office will now clerk meetings and prepare minutes for the Roscommon County Airport and the Roscommon County Animal Control. A couple of ROOC students have been volunteering, learning, and helping in the Clerk/ROD office while gaining valuable workforce skills. Senator VanderWall will be available March 18, 2019, 1pm - 2 pm in conference room 101.

Moved by Milburn, Seconded by Russo to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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