

## March 24, 2021

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was held online via ZOOM. 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, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Melvin (from home), Russo (from home)

**Absent:** None

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** Administrator/Controller Valentino shared that there are no new updates in the lawsuits that the county is involved in. Director of Maintenance Nick Johnson will begin full-time on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Until then, he will be training on Fridays. GIS Specialist Brittany Baker is now housed in the old Sawmill office. She is currently training with Equalization to learn legal descriptions, addressing, and splits/combos. Administration/Board Secretary Julie Nordquist is adapting well in her new position. Valentino discussed the 911 staffing shortages. HR Specialist Noelle Martin is conducting inquiries with current and former employees to determine potential training changes and improvements to work/life balance. There are 3 new hires with great experience and 2 new hires that will need the full training. Valentino provided an update on MERS Defined Contribution and the need for a resolution. Liability insurance is up for renewal. There was a Labor Relations Grievance hearing involving Sheriff POAM. The audit is scheduled to begin the first week in May. Repairs will need to be made on the Houghton Lake lake level control structure and Valentino is in the process of applying for a permit through EGLE. The 2021 Gypsy Moth spray blocks are finalized and ready for nearly 34,000 acres to be sprayed. This includes approximately 10,000 acres purchased directly by private owners. Valentino worked to complete and submit the annual Workers Compensation Audit. Now that all the townships have given approval, the Solid Waste Management plan is ready to be sent. Valentino attended various meetings and informational sessions on the American Rescue Plan funding being provided to all the counties. The Federal Government's goal here is to have counties invest in future prosperities. NACO and MAC are working diligently toward clarification and direction for the funds. The airport land swap agreement will soon be finalized.

### Correspondence:

- a. Michigan Townships Association – Weekly Update
- b. MAC – Legislative Update
- c. Markey Township Planning Commission – Airport Advisory Board Appointment
- d. MAC – COVID19 Update
- e. Berrien County Resolution – B2103185
- f. Roscommon County Community Foundation – Fund Report
- g. Tuscola County Resolution – 2021-05

**Monthly Department Reports:** Jail, E911

**Visitors:** None

**Unfinished Business/New Business:** Commissioner Russo discussed being contacted about damage to the lake level control structure on Houghton Lake. The current water level is not caused by the damage. The low lake level is due to a lack of snow and rain.

### Motions and Resolutions:

1. Motion by Melvin, Second by Russo, to appoint Paul Richard McClung II, PS #4001069148 to the Roscommon County Peer Group beginning March 24, 2021.

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

2. Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Schneider, to appoint Cole A. Sorenson, PS #4001059056 to the Roscommon County Peer Group beginning March 24, 2021.

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

3. Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Russo, to adopt the Roscommon County Meeting Room Reservation & Cancellation Policy effective March 24, 2021. (see attached)

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

4. Motion by Milburn, Second by Melvin, to appoint Sherrie Ciaramitaro to the Airport Advisory Committee for a partial two-year term ending December 31, 2021.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Russo: Working to obtain a permit for repairs to the lake level control structure, HLIB, Personnel (labor relations)  
Milburn: Special & Regular COA meetings, NMCAA, Animal Control  
Muckenthaler: Collaborative Board, Animal Control  
Melvin: Agenda, COA, all gates are closed.  
Schneider: Agenda, NMCA, EDC, Personnel (labor relations), MSUE Advisory Committee

**Public Comment:** E911 Director Vance Stringham spoke about staffing. Clerk Stevenson spoke regarding the Strategic Plan. Emil Bellenbaum shared some COA concerns. Chairman Schneider has added boards to both ends of Lake St. Helen. The April 14, 2021 meeting will be held in-person along with being available online via ZOOM. Controller Valentino spoke regarding legislation on meetings. Leroy Johnston spoke concerning COVID-19.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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