

**April 28, 2021**

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, April 28, 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 via ZOOM:** Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Melvin (from home), Russo (from home)

**Absent:** None

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

**Public Comment:** Emil Bellenbaum voiced Commission on Aging concerns and shared information from the last COA Board meeting. Leroy Johnson inquired about Cherry Capital Communication's Broadband PowerPoint. Schneider stated that today was the first time the commissioners had been provided information.

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** Administrator/Controller Valentino explained to the Board that the Zielke v Roscommon County case is slated for pretrial in late 2021 with dispositions and fact finding in 2022. The Ostergren et al v Roscommon County is not currently scheduled and won't likely be until the end of 2021. Attorneys on both sides of the POAM labor arbitration issue are in talks and may be closer to resolving sometime this summer. The Solid Waste Plan was finalized and sent in for approval. The landfill will be run by the Maintenance Department this year where in the past the job had been outsourced for roughly \$5,000. This will keep those funds in house. The MIDC fiscal year 2022 plan was recently submitted to the State of Michigan. The parking lot across the street from the Municipal Building is in need of repair as well as necessary repairs at the Houghton Lake Dam. The Audit will begin Monday, May 3, 2021. Valentino discussed the American Rescue Plan Funds and noted a potential Broadband funding bill may be in the works. Valentino virtually attended the COA meeting and reassured the Board of Commissioners that millage money cannot be diverted because it is specific as to what expenses can be covered.

**Correspondence:**

- a. Consumers Energy – Notice of Hearing
- b. Cheboygan County – Resolution #2021-09
- c. Gerrish Township – Resolution #2021-04-13-01
- d. DEQ Great Lakes, and Energy – Public Notice
- e. Roscommon Area Pilots – Newsletter

**Monthly Department Reports:** Animal Shelter, Jail

**Visitors:** None

**Unfinished Business/New Business:** None

**Motions and Resolutions:**

1. Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Schneider, to authorize Levy of the following ad valorem tax rate for the County of Roscommon for the year 2021 on the summer tax roll:

General Fund    3.5496 Mills

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

2. Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to adopt the attached Resolution and authorize Chairman, Robert E. Schneider, Director of Equalization, Jamie J. Houserman, and County Clerk, Michelle M. Stevenson to sign the Statements of Acreage and Valuations (L-4024's) as equalized by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners And County Board of Commissioners Assessment Roll Certifications: (L-4037/2691 County-wide totals and individually for each municipality).

**RESOLUTION 2021-04-01**

The Honorable members of the Board of Commissioners, County of Roscommon, Michigan, hereby certify that the assessment rolls of the Townships and Village have been examined and we find the rolls relatively equal as equalized.

We recommend that the valuations be equalized on taxable property, by class, in Roscommon County, for the year 2021 in compliance with Sections 209.5 and 211.34 MCL of 1948 as amended, and in accordance with the equalization certificates.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Schneider, Russo, Muckenthaler, Milburn, Melvin. Nays: None. Resolution Adopted.

3. Motion by Melvin, Second by Muckenthaler, to authorize Roscommon County Clerk/Register of Deeds to use Automation 256 Fund and contract with U.S. Imaging to scan Libers 1-247 on-site, edit & index all images and convert to digital images for a cost of \$81,763.16.

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

4. Motion by Melvin, Second by Russo, to adopt Resolution to Authorize the Continuation of the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for the County of Roscommon.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04-02

#### RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION OF THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2021, the County of Roscommon passed a resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency in Roscommon County due to increasing numbers of COVID19 infections; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Roscommon, while again trending downward in COVID19 cases, continues to see higher than average cases within the population of those unable to receive vaccination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Roscommon supports all efforts to maintain decreasing COVID19 numbers while continuing to allow for business and economic activities; and

**WHEREAS**, by following the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations and guidelines we can reduce the number of infections and deaths from the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Roscommon has found it necessary to extend the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency through June 30, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners for the County of Roscommon, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, hereby declares that a local state of emergency continues within our communities and jurisdictions as of April 28, 2021 and that local resources and funding must continue to be utilized to the fullest possible extent to combat this local emergency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Declaration replaces the initial Declaration submitted and approved on March 31, 2021.

On Roll Call: Ayes: Schneider, Russo, Muckenthaler, Milburn, Melvin. Nays: None. Resolution Adopted.

#### Committee Reports:

Russo: Houghton Lake's lake level is up a couple of inches.

Milburn: COA, NMCAA

Muckenthaler: Collaborative Board, Recycling Committee, Solid Waste Committee

Melvin: Agenda, LEPC, Melvin mentioned COVID19 vaccines are available for anyone who wants one.

Melvin thanked the local agencies who worked diligently to find the missing woman in Prudenville.

Schneider: Agenda, Lake Saint Helen is 1.5 inches over summer level.

#### Public Comment: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.