

September 8, 2021

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 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, Marc Milburn, Timothy Muckenthaler, David Russo, Kenneth Melvin

Absent: None

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to approve the Board Agenda with the addition of item B under Unfinished/New Business. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Schneider, Milburn, Melvin, Muckenthaler. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Russo, Second by Muckenthaler, to approve Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2021 and August 25, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes August 26, 2021. On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Melvin, Schneider, Muckenthaler, Russo. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Melvin, Second by Schneider, to approve Class A bills in the amount \$414,042.67. On Roll Call: Ayes: Milburn, Muckenthaler, Schneider, Russo, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Schneider, to approve Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$42,354.14. On Roll Call: Ayes: Melvin, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Schneider, Russo. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Administrator/Controller's Report: Administrator/Controller Jodi Valentino reviewed the county involved lawsuits. CHLL v Roscommon County is waiting for a hearing date or a decision. Mauck v Roscommon County is continuing with depositions. The POAM Sheriff's Arbitration has been rescheduled for January 13th, 2022. The Opioid Suit is awaiting final monetary determinations. There is a prehearing scheduled October 15th for the Eric Ostergren v R. Schneider and RCBOC. MAC is working with the State of Michigan and local government groups on a match program to earmark almost \$4 billion in State American Rescue Plan funds to invest. Valentino and the IT Department have conducted interviews for the Director of IT position and an offer has been extended. The ARP interim report is still in que with system and role difficulties. Valentino is currently waiting for rate increase from Priority Health, Delta Dental and Bright Benefits. Valentino is focused on wage and fringe worksheets along with preparation of the budget worksheets for 2022. A recent lightning strike affected communication for Roscommon County Transit Authority dispatch and buses so 911 is loaning them radio cache. The county administration office is beginning to receive calls in regards to the Gerrish Lyon Utility Authority sewer projects. The callers are referred to their appropriate townships.

Correspondence:

- A. United County Officers Association, Inc. – Introduction Letter
- B. HLRCC – 08.26.2021 Newsletter
- C. Special Olympics/Gerrish Township – 2021 Law Enforcement Torch Run
- D. MAC 08.27.2021 Legislative Update
- E. Ingham County BOC Resolution #21-437
- F. Grand Traverse County Resolution 87-2021
- G. American City & County – 08.30.2021 Government Update
- H. State of MI DEQ – Houghton Lake Permit Public Notice

Monthly Department Reports: EDC Meeting Minutes

Visitors: None

Unfinished Business/New Business:

- A. American Rescue Plan Funds – Departments and entities can now get the applications to apply for funds. The deadline to submit an application is September 30, 2021. The Steering Committee hopes to make decisions October 13th and October 27th, 2021. Tim Maylone from Cherry Capital Connection updated the Board on how the funds will be allocated. Work has been started in

Backus Township. Some supplies are expected to arrive in October. Maylone plans to give monthly updates on the project.

- B. 9/11 Commemorative 20 Year Anniversary Ceremony – Commissioners Mark Milburn and David Russo gave an update on Saturday’s ceremony plans. The ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. September 11, 2021 at the Roscommon County Municipal Building near Lake Street.

Motions and Resolutions:

Motion by Melvin, Second by Muckenthaler, to adopt Resolution #2021-09-01

RESOLUTION #2021-09-01

OPPOSING PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority has served for more than 50 years as the public mental health and intellectual/developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving approximately 24,900 residents in Roscommon County each year; and

WHEREAS, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority was created by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners as duly authorized under the Community Mental Health Act of 1963; and

WHEREAS, Every year thousands of individuals and their families in this community depend on the public behavioral health system for daily and life-long supports and services; and

WHEREAS, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority opposes any behavioral health redesign that harms the state and county partnership for community mental health and related Medicaid safety net services and/or seeks to privatize Medicaid behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, The Roscommon County Board of Commissioners believes recent proposals in the Michigan House and Senate fundamentally change the public behavioral health system and will harm those served by the system, for the following reasons:

- Beneficiaries would stand to lose access to services, supports and input into the design and operation of their services and supports system. Many Michiganders would be left out of the redesign proposals completely;
- Public oversight, governance, operations, and accountability would be ended;
- Current proposals for redesign are not based on performance metrics related to positive outcomes, effectiveness, and efficiency measures associated with the current public system. Also, there is no clear statement about the problems that the Senate or House are attempting to address or solve;
- The Senate proposal specifically incentivizes and prioritizes profits to private companies at the expense of the public and the beneficiaries served by the public behavioral health system;

WHEREAS, Instead of damaging our public behavioral health system through pursuit of these proposals recent innovations by the public behavioral health system should be supported. The Roscommon Board of Commissioners supports and asks our Legislative and Executive Branch leaders to support;

- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- Behavioral Health Homes
- Opioid Health Homes
- State Innovation Models
- Local primary and behavioral health integration infrastructure and care coordination at the point of service delivery

WHEREAS, The public behavioral health system is the safety net system for our state’s most vulnerable and needy people, we believe strongly that the public safety net behavioral health system must remain public in governance, accountability, funding and operation and we believe strongly that representatives in the community and to the whole board of directors through participation in local public board meetings under the Open Meetings Act, and recent proposals by the Michigan Senate and House eliminate these key features – of the behavioral health system,

we stand united in opposing these proposals, and

WHEREAS, The premise of these proposals seems to be that privatization (Senate) and state centralization (House) are better than local access, local control, local accountability, collaborative regional/local management and local oversight. These are just a few of the beneficial features of the current public behavioral health system that the House and Senate proposals ignore and for these reasons we stand united in opposition to them, and

WHEREAS, Having come through a recent pandemic, and currently dealing with further results of the pandemic, this is no time for a major upheaval of the public behavioral health system that so many thousands of persons, their families and entire communities rely on for support. The public behavioral health safety net has ensured continued services and supports for all these people in our communities throughout the pandemic period.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners, that we request that our policy making representatives support, improve and strengthen the public behavioral health safety net system, and that you support improvements in the delivery of publicly governed, publicly accountable, publicly operated regional and community-based systems, invest in and expand initiatives that are proven to improve citizen access, beneficiary engagement, individual and population health, behavioral wellbeing, quality of life and community betterment such as those mentioned above. These are among the accomplishments of the public system that would be destroyed by pursuing these new legislative proposals.

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

Committee Reports:

Russo: Housing, Airport, Claims & Accounts

Milburn: District Health, EDC, COA, Airport

Muckenthaler: Claims & Accounts

Melvin: Agenda, Veterans Affairs, LEPC/LPT

Schneider: Steering Committee, District Health, Agenda

Public Comment: Leroy Johnston spoke regarding resolutions from Ingham County and Grand Traverse County. Eric Ostergren spoke regarding Higgins Lake level and the 2019 lake level resolution. Kim Warner, Interim Director of COA spoke regarding interviews for executive director and proposed COA contract. County Clerk Michelle Stevenson spoke regarding the Apportionment Commission. Stevenson also shared that an election will not be held in November in Roscommon County.

Motion by Milburn, Second by Russo, to adjourn meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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