

## September 22, 2021

The Roscommon County Board of Commissioner's met on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 for a Regular Meeting. The 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 10:30 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. On Roll Call: Ayes: Russo, Schneider, Milburn, Muckenthaler, Melvin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Administrator/Controller's Report:** Administrator/Controller Valentino updated the Board on law suits involving the county. CHLL v Roscommon County is finished with brief filings and awaiting on a decision or hearing date. Mauck v Roscommon County et al has completed the jail nurse disposition and is awaiting the scheduling of other dispositions. The POAM Sheriff's Arbitration has been rescheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. One of the opioid suit defendants, Mallinckridt Pharmaceuticals, has filed for a proposed bankruptcy settlement of approximately \$1.2 billion. Counsel has directed us to email an acceptance letter. Ostergren v R Schneider and RCBOC has a prehearing date scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A motion to dismiss will also be heard. Valentino shared that no action is needed on President Biden's executive order requiring COVID19 vaccinations or testing for employers because the Federal OSHA does not directly apply to Michigan employers as Michigan has its own plan under MIOSHA. An offer was extended for the IT Director position and interviews continue. The NTIA Broadband Grant has requested additional information, which had been previously submitted. The ARP Interim Report was accepted and the ARP Steering Committee is accepting community grant applications. Budget worksheets have been passed out to department heads with an increase expected for health, vision and dental. Valentino is working to schedule the flu shot clinic and reviewing several issues with personnel. MERS has been contacted regarding review of in-depth options to reduce unfunded liability.

### **Correspondence:**

- a. Michigan Association of Counties Special Message – Policy Platforms
- b. Higgins Township Master Plan Update Notification
- c. Michigan Township Association Weekly Update
- d. Michigan Association of Counties Weekly Update
- e. MSUE Online Seminar Announcement
- f. Veteran's Affairs GDX Report

**Monthly Department Reports:** Animal Control, 911

**Visitors:** Commissioner Milburn recognized Kim Warner, Interim Director of the Commission of Aging.

### **Unfinished Business/New Business:**

a. American Rescue Plan Funds – The Steering Committee will meet today to review applications requesting ARP funds. Administrator/Controller Valentino will bring requests for items for the jail. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m. on 9/28/2021.

### **Motions and Resolutions:**

1. Motion by Russo, Second by Muckenthaler, to appoint Theresa Ekdorn to the Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation for a three (3) year term beginning August 7, 2021 through August 6, 2024.

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

2. Motion by Melvin, Second by Muckenthaler, to appoint Katherine Methner to the Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation for a three (3) year term beginning September 25, 2021 through September 24, 2024.

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

3. Motion by Russo, Second by Schneider, to appoint Cherie Johnson to the Roscommon County Transit Authority Board for a two (2) year term beginning August 27, 2021 through September 30, 2023.

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

4. Motion by Melvin, Second by Schneider, to appoint Richard Koupal to the Roscommon County Transit Authority Board for a two (2) year term beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023.

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

5. Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Russo, to appoint Shawn Petri to the Roscommon County Transit Authority Board for a two (2) year term beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023.

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

6. Motion by Melvin, Second by Schneider, to appoint Al Schultz to the Roscommon County Transit Authority Board for a two (2) year term beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023.

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

7. Motion by Russo, Second by Muckenthaler, to appoint Dr. David Hansen (Republican) to the Roscommon County Board of Canvassers for a four (4) year term beginning October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2025.

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

8. Motion by Milburn, Second by Muckenthaler, to appoint Frank Peshick (Democrat) to the Roscommon County Board of Canvassers for a four (4) year term beginning November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2025.

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

9. Motion by Muckenthaler, Second by Russo, to authorize Deedee Mendyk, Director of Animal Control Services, to apply and accept grant funding from the Roscommon County Community Foundation in the amount of \$2,395.00.

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

10. Motion by Melvin, Second by Muckenthaler, to adopt the following resolution for the County of Roscommon:

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Roscommon, Michigan hereby resolves to levy the following ad valorem tax rates for the County of Roscommon for the year 2021 on the winter tax roll:

E-911	0.9907
Road Patrol	1.4860
Senior Services	0.9907
Gypsy Moth	0.1239
Animal Shelter	0.2476
Veterans Affair	0.1655
Local Roads	0.4957

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

11. Motion by Schneider, Second by Muckenthaler, to authorize Robert E. Schneider, Chairman and Michelle M. Stevenson, County Clerk, to sign the L-4029-including Winter with the following tax rates for the County of Roscommon for the year 2021:

Summer:	General Fund	3.5496
Winter:	E-911	0.9907
	Road Patrol	1.4860
	Senior Services	0.9907
	Gypsy Moth	0.1239
	Animal Shelter	0.2476
	Animal Control Program	0.1487
	Veterans	0.1655
	Local Roads	0.4957

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

**Committee Reports:**

Russo: 911 Authority Board, Planning Commission

Milburn: Animal Control, NMCAA, COA

Muckenthaler: Animal Control, NMRE, Recycling Committee, Solid Waste Committee

Melvin: Agenda

Schneider: Agenda

**Public Comment:** Leroy Johnston spoke regarding the Board of Canvassers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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Robert E. Schneider, Chairman

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