

December 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners was held at 7p.m. December 8, 2022. Present: Jim Porath, Brian Vaughn, Justin Wykoff, and Clint Stauffer. Also present: Manager Roger Saxton and Board Clerk Stefanie Simmons. Employees present: Neil Belanger. Guests present were Scott Eckstorm, Bill Smitt and Krista Tacey-Cater – Houghton Lake Resorter. Commissioner Earley was absent.

1. Motion Vaughn, second Stauffer that New Business item #10 Camp Grayling Expansion, be added to the agenda. All Ayes, Motion carried.
2. Motion Vaughn, second Wykoff that the minutes from the regular meeting held November 10, 2022 be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Wykoff, second Vaughn that payroll in the amount of \$117,521.45 covered by voucher #9012, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Stauffer Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Earley Absent. Motion carried.
4. Motion Wykoff, second Stauffer that bills in the amount of \$223,127.58 covered by voucher #9013, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Stauffer Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Earley Absent. Motion carried.
5. Motion Stauffer, second Vaughn that payroll in the amount of \$109,453.38 covered by voucher #9014, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Stauffer Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Earley Absent. Motion carried.
6. Motion Wykoff, second Vaughn that bills in the amount of \$218,187.16 covered by voucher #9015, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Stauffer Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Earley Absent. Motion carried.
7. Motion Vaughn, second Stauffer to award the rubber roof bids to Kawkawlin Roofing Company at a cost of \$236,000. All Ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Wykoff, second Vaughn to direct council to not answer the complaint on Sulzman v RCRC. All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Vaughn, second Wykoff to extend the 2022 Beaver Control contract with Woods Runner Solutions, LLC until December 31, 2023. Wykoff, Vaughn, Stauffer Aye. Porath Abstained. Motion Carried.
10. Motion Vaughn, second Stauffer to adopt the 2023 Road Commission meeting Schedule. The meetings will continue to be the second and fourth Thursdays of each month with one meeting in November and one meeting in December. Schedule will be posted. All Ayes. Motion carried.

11. Motion Vaughn, second Wykoff to adopt the 2022 Amended Budget as discussed in the budget hearing meeting previous to this regular meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
12. Motion Vaughn, second Wykoff to adopt the 2023 Proposed Budget as discussed in the budget hearing meeting previous to this regular meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Wykoff, second Vaughn to allow Office Manager Stefanie Simmons to allocate distributive expenses as required for the preparation of the annual Act51 financial report. All Ayes. Motion carried.
14. Motion Wykoff, second Vaughn to direct council to not contest the Holmes v RCRC. All Ayes. Motion carried.
15. Motion Vaughn, second Wykoff to approve the staff's recommendation and hire Doug Swanson for the open mechanics position. All Ayes. Motion carried.
16. Motion Wykoff, second Vaughn to add (1) year to the manager's contract, making it a (3) year contract, raise his annual salary by \$3,000 to \$87,000/year, and include a one time \$3,000 bonus. Chair Porath is authorized to sign the amended contract on behalf of the Board. Roll Call Vote: Wykoff Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye, Stauffer Nay. Motion carried.
17. Commissioner Wykoff moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn

WHEREAS, the County Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Roscommon, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority to maintain the miles of roads in Roscommon County, Michigan;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Roscommon, State of Michigan, have expressed concerns with the expansion of Camp Grayling into Roscommon County;

WHEREAS, Camp Grayling is requesting a 20 year lease for 162,000 acres from the Michigan DNR for National Guard Training activities significantly expanding the area used for this purpose within Roscommon County;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the proposed expansion and has been met with justifiable concerns from the public about the proposed expansion and proposed uses;

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Road Commission is concerned with the potential negative impact such expansion would have on county roads;

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling does not secure additional funding to repair roads.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, unless adequate additional funding is provided to improve and maintain roads within the expansion area, the County Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Roscommon hereby opposes the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling into Roscommon County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Counties of the State of Michigan, The Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, The Michigan State Legislature and State Senators, and the Governor of Michigan.

Roll Call Vote: Vaughn – Aye, Wykoff – Aye, Stauffer – Aye, Porath -Aye. Nays None.
Resolution declared adopted.

18. Correspondence: 1) MDOT Local Bridge Program 2025 section notice.

19. Manager's report was presented.

20. Commissioner's Reports were given: Stauffer – Leaning trees on M-18 and F-97 need some attention. Checkerboard roads are hit and miss when plowing. Vaughn – Sign on M-55 snapped off. MDOT was there within one hour and had it cleaned up. Wykoff – Thank you to all staff for a great job on the budget. Porath – Roads were very well kept during the last storms. Thank you to the drivers for that. Thanked staff and crew for the great work on the finances again this year. Read a message from John Earley regarding his time on the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Porath declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held January 12, 2023.

(Minutes Subject to Board Approval)

Stefanie E. Simmons, Board Clerk

James Porath, Chair