

November 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. November 14, 2024. Present: Clint Stauffer, Scott Eckstorm, Brian Vaughn, Justin Wykoff and Jim Porath. Also present: Manager Roger Saxton and Board Clerk Stefanie E. Simmons. Employees: Neil Belanger. Guest present: Art Luebke, Kevin Rose, Vickie and Frank DuQuet and Pamela Bale, Roscommon County Drain Commissioner.

1. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn that the Agenda be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. Motion Eckstorm, second Stauffer that minutes from the regular meeting held October 24, 2024, be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Wykoff, second Eckstorm that payroll in the amount of \$99,924.04, covered by voucher #9112, be approved as presented. Roll call vote Eckstorm Aye, Stauffer Aye, Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Motion carried.
4. Motion Wykoff, second Eckstorm that bills in the amount of \$1,631,870.53, covered by voucher #9113, be approved as presented. Roll call vote Eckstorm Aye, Stauffer Aye, Wykoff Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Motion carried.
5. Mr. DuQuet came in front of the Board. Mr. DuQuet discussed the encroachment notice he received for a fence in the right of way on Long Point Dr., Lake Township. Kevin Rose, Lake Township Ordinance officer was in attendance. Discussion was held. Board direction was that Mr. DuQuet remove the encroachment. Manager Saxton allowed Mr. DuQuet a 90 day extension to remove the fence.
6. A seasonal road hearing for Woods Road, Richfield Township was held previous to the regular meeting. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn that Woods Road, from M-55 south approximately 0.6 miles be removed from the seasonal road status after it has been brought up to a standard that will allow the RCRC to maintain. The cost to bring it to that status must be borne by someone other than the RCRC. All Ayes. Motion carried.
7. Managers evaluation was discussed. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn to extend the Manager's contract by 1 year, with a \$2000 raise to \$93,000 and a \$2000 stipend. All Ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Vaughn, second Eckstorm to allow Chair and Manger to sign the Title page for 2025 N. St. Helen Road project. All Ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Vaughn, second Eckstorm to allow Chair and Vice Chair to sign MDOT contract 24-5444 for HMA on Old27. Roll call vote Eckstorm Aye, Stauffer Aye, Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Motion carried.
10. Motion Vaughn, second Stauffer to allow Manager to advertise for the Campground Timber sale. All Ayes. Motion carried.
11. The 2024/2025 budget hearing was scheduled for December 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
12. Motion Vaughn, second Wykoff to allow staff to advertise for 2025 season beaver

bid removal. All ayes. Motion carried.

13. Consumers Energy notice of summons was given to the Board and discussed.

14. Correspondence: None

15. Manager's report was given.

16. Commissioners Reports were given: Wykoff – gravel grading looks good. Stauffer questioning action to be taken on political signs in the right of way. Vaughn CR104 permazyme is holding up nice. Eckstorm – Thank you to Roger for the job well done.

17. Public Comment: Pam Bale thanked Roger for his help over the past 2 years. Art Luebke gave an update on Holton Street Hearing. Kevin Rose thanked Roger for his help on the Long Point Drive fence.

18. At 8:15 p.m. Chair Porath called for a 5 minute recess. At 8:20 p.m. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn that Board enter into closed session for discussion on Attorney/Client Meeting. Roll call vote Wykoff Aye, Eckstorm Aye, Stauffer Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

19. Meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m. Motion Eckstorm, second Wykoff that Board go back into open session. Roll call vote Wykoff Aye, Eckstorm Aye, Vaughn Aye, Stauffer Aye, Porath Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Porath declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held December 12, 2024 at 7 p.m.

(Minutes subject to Board approval)

Stefanie E. Simmons, Board Clerk

Jim Porath, Chair