

October 26, 2023

A regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. October 26, 2023. Present: Jim Porath, Clint Stauffer, Brian Vaughn, Justin Wykoff and Scott Eckstorm. Also present: Manager Roger Saxton and Board Clerk Stefanie Simmons. Employees present: Neil Belanger. Guests present: Bill Smitt.

1. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn that the Agenda be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. Motion Eckstorm, second Stauffer that the minutes from the regular meeting held October 12, 2023 be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Vaughn, second Stauffer that Payroll in the amount of \$94,264.56, covered by voucher #9059, 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 \$361,979.36, covered by voucher #9060, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote Stauffer Aye, Eckstorm Aye, Wykoff Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Motion carried.
5. Antrim Trail was discussed. Clare County is not interested in taking it over. It will be left as is.
6. Forest Avenue, Lyon Township was discussed. A public hearing for abandonment was held at 6:30 p.m. prior to this meeting. Motion Vaughn, second Eckstorm not to abandon Forest Ave., Lyon Township. Roll Call Vote: Wykoff Aye, Vaughn Aye, Eckstorm Aye, Porath Aye, Stauffer Nay. Motion Carried.
7. Manager's contract was discussed. Motion Eckstorm, second Wykoff to extend the manager's contract to October 31, 2026. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
8. Motion Stauffer, second Vaughn to increase the manager's salary by \$4,000/year. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
9. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn that the Manager receive the cost of living stipend that was given to the union and admin staff in January 2023. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
10. Motion Vaughn, second Eckstorm to allow the manager to sign the authorization to transfer our legal files with Michael R. Kluck to Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. law firm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
11. Correspondence: 1) Local Agency Safety Program, FY 2025 Project selections.
12. Manager's report was presented.
13. Commissioners Reports were given: Eckstorm – Thank Neil for the Forest Avenue research. He also attended the Commissioner's conference on Monday and it was very informative. Vaughn – Thank you to Neil for the Forest Avenue research and for his work with the paving on F-97. Wykoff – Thank you to Neil and Roger for all the work that you do. Stauffer – Thank you to Neil for Forest Avenue. M-18 S of the

105 there is a thump in the pavement close to the centerline. Porath – Thank you Neil and Roger. Nice job getting the safety grant.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Porath declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held November 9, 2023.

(Minutes subject to Board approval)

Stefanie E. Simmons, Board Clerk

Jim Porath, Chair