

2022 Election of County Board Chair and Vice Chair was conducted by the Clerk to the County Board on Tuesday, January 4, 2022; 9:55 a.m. By unanimous vote Commissioner Wade Pavleck was elected as Board Chair and by unanimous vote Commissioner Terry Murray was elected as Vice Chair.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, Sjoblom, Skoe, Murray, Adee

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom West, Dave Reimer, Perryn Hedlund, KCCTV reporter Darcy Sullivan

2022/01-01 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-02 Motion by Murray, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2021 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-03 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to ratify the 2021 year end Courthouse warrants in the amount of \$46,123.76 and approve December 2021 payroll and payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$1,678,061.56. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-04 Motion by Adee seconded by Sjoblom to approve the payment of the first half 2022 Budget allocations as follows: Arrowhead Regional Library - \$26,822; Borderland Humane Society - \$3,750; Citizens for Backus/AB - \$15,500; Northome County Fair - \$9,250; Littlefork District Fair - \$9,250; Koochiching Historical Museum - \$39,250; International Falls Library - \$12,262; KCCTV - \$5,000 and the Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District - \$20,000. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-05 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Murray that under the County Vehicle Policy to approve the 2022 County mileage reimbursement rate at the 2022 IRS rate of 58.50 cents per mile for personal vehicle mileage when county vehicles are not available and 85% of the rate which is 49.73 cents per mile for car pool usage charge to departments and for use of a personal vehicle when County vehicles are available at the employee's worksite and further that should the IRS adjust the rate in 2022, the County Board will adjust the mileage reimbursement rate accordingly and will be effective the date of County Board approval. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-06 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Murray to award the 2022 legal publication bid to the Northern Light Region and Rainy Lake Gazette and with the Northern Light Region acting as the County's legal newspaper and upon the compliance of the Rainy Lake Gazette under Minnesota Statute 375.12 and Minnesota Statute 331A.01 the Rainy Lake Gazette be named the County's legal newspaper. Further to authorize the publishing of the minute summaries, an insert

of the first printing of the delinquent tax list, a summary of the County financial statement and a summary of the annual County Budget in a Northome newspaper due to this area being outside the distribution area of the awarded legal newspaper. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-07 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to adopt the following resolution for enrollment of part-time deputies in the PERA Police and Fire Plan:

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes Section 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan for eligible employees of police departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Koochiching County hereby declares that the position of part time Sheriff deputy meets all of the following Police and Fire membership requirements: (1) said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and that the employee hired in the position is so licensed; (2) said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state; (3) said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime; (4) said position gives this employee the full power of arrest; (5) said position is assigned to the Koochiching County Sheriff's Department

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County hereby requests that the employees hired as part time Sheriff deputies and submitted to PERA by the County be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of the employee's initial Police and Fire wage deduction by the County. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-08 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the following financial institutions as depositories of County Funds: Bremer Bank, Bremer Investment and Management & Trust, Tristar Federal Credit Union, Deerwood Bank of Northome, Border Bank of International Falls and Multi-Bank Securities of Southfield, Michigan and Park State Bank of Grand Rapids and further to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to make investments under Minnesota Statute 118A.01 to 118A.06. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-09 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the Easement Agreement with Wisconsin Central LTD. for the CSAH 24 (Van Lynn Road) project. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-10 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the Agreement for Local Agency Highway-Railway Grade Separation Improvements for the CSAH 24 (Van Lynn Road) project. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-11 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000 for the purchase of additional Railroad Liability Insurance. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-12 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to adopt the Highway Department's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-13 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Murray to approve the purchase of a Trimble TSC7 Survey Controller from Frontier Precision in the amount of \$9,567.90. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-14 Motion by Murray, seconded by Sjoblom to authorize the County Sheriff to issue a Request for Proposal for Jail Professional Services. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment and there was none.

2022/01-15 Motion by Murray, seconded by Sjoblom to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

Wade Pavleck, Board Chair

Jenny Herman, Administration Director