

2021 Election of County Board Chair and Vice Chair was conducted by the Clerk to the County Board on Tuesday, January 5, 2021; 9:00 a.m. By unanimous vote Commissioner Jason Sjoblom was elected as Board Chair and by unanimous vote Commissioner Wade Pavleck was elected as Vice Chair.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, Sjoblom, Skoe, Murray, Adee
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Perryn Hedlund, Matt Gouin

2021/01-01 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Murray to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/01-02 Motion by Adee, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2020 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/01-03 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to ratify the 2020 year end Courthouse warrants in the amount of \$97,169.71, Highway warrants in the amount of \$17,528.75 and approve December 2020 payroll and payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$1,615,708.02. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/01-04 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to approve the void of warrants #32685, #31309 and #32912. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/01-05 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to approve the payment of the first half budget allocations in the amount of \$246,965. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/01-06 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray that under the County Vehicle Policy to approve the 2021 County mileage reimbursement rate at the 2021 IRS rate of 56 cents per mile for personal vehicle mileage when county vehicles are not available and 85% of the rate which is 47.6 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 2021, 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.

2021/01-07 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Murray to award the 2021 legal publication bid to The Journal with a 5% rate increase from 2021 rates; to authorize the publishing of County Board meeting minutes in summary form in the official newspaper as allowed under M.S. 375.12 and M.S. 331A.01 and 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 official newspaper. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 The Board was provided with the Committee list for review and recommended that a Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled next week to discuss appointments.

2021/01-08 Motion by Adee, seconded by Pavleck 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.

2021/01-09 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray authorizing the Board Chair and Administration Director to form a County Relief Fund Committee for the purpose of distributing funding received as part of the State Economic Relief Package. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/01-10 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to adopt the following resolution agreeing to act as the sponsoring agency for the MnDOT Northeast Minnesota Transportation Alternative Program funding for the 2025 Littlefork Main Street Improvement Project:

Be it resolved that the County of Koochiching agrees to act as sponsoring agency for the project identified as Main Street Improvements 2025, seeking MnDOT Northeast Minnesota Transportation Alternatives Program funding and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed. Sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs

associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Be it further resolved that the County Administration Director is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this sponsoring agency. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/01-11 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to approve the following financial institutions as depositories of County Funds: Bremer Bank, Bremer Investment and Management & Trust, Trustar Federal Credit Union, Deerwood Bank of Northome, Border Bank of International Falls and Multi-Bank Securities of Southfield, Michigan and further to authorize the Auditor/Treasurer to make investments under Mn Statute sections 118A.01 to 118A.06. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/01-12 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to approve a Joint Powers Agreement with the Northeast Region Counties and Western Lake Superior Sanitary District for the purpose of accomplishing the completion of a regional solid waste management plan for northeastern Minnesota. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

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

2021/01-13 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

Jason Sjoblom, Chair

Jenny Herman, Administration Director