

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell & Roche

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nathan Heibel, Dave Reimer, Trent Nicholson, Kent Koerbitz, KCCTV reporter Darcy Sullivan

2023/01-12 Motion by Roche, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-13 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Hell to approve the minutes from the January 03, 2023 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-14 Motion by Roche, seconded by Hell to ratify Public Health and Human Service 2022 year-end claims. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-15 Motion by Hell, seconded by Roche to approve the December summarized vendor payment list, approve December payroll and payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$1,780,212.40, approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$54,173.55, and approve Highway claims in the amount of \$67,767.99. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-16 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Hell to approve Highway warrant void in the amount of \$1,922.50 and Auditor/Treasurer warrant void in the amount of \$29.92. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-17 Motion by Hell, seconded by Skoe to approve the appointment of Commissioner Hell to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission Board of Directors for a three-year term from January, 2023 to January, 2026. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-18 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Hell to temporarily appoint Commissioner Roche to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission board until a new Commissioner is voted in. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-19 Motion by Hell, seconded by Skoe to approve the 2023 Committee List as presented with the addition of the appointments of Commissioner Hell to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission Board of Directors and the temporary appointment of Commissioner Roche to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission Board. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-20 Motion by Hell, seconded by Roche to authorize recording of the annual Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of \$50,000, and to further define employee to include the following Koochiching County Officials and any successor of such official: Auditor/Treasurer, Attorney, Recorder, Sheriff, County Engineer, Assessor, Public

Health and Human Services Director, Veteran Service Officer, Environmental Services Director and Administration Director as required by Minnesota Statute §382.10 and §386.01. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

000 Colleen Hoffman and Crystelle Philipp from the auditing firm of Hoffman, Philipp, and Martell, PLLC gave an overview of the 2021 Audit report noting that the County's total net position of governmental activities was \$160,609,688 of which \$103,948,660 is the net investments in capital assets, \$37,493,407 is restricted for specific purposes, and \$19,167,621 is unrestricted. At the close of 2021, the County's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$22,623,492, an increase of \$4,544,665 from the prior year. The Board thanked Hoffman and Philipp for their work.

2023/01-21 Motion by Hell, seconded by Roche to adopt a new resolution replacing the resolution approved with Board Motion 2022/10-08 for a Special Election due to vacancy in the District #3 County Commissioner position as follows:

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in Koochiching County Commissioner district # 3 caused by the resignation of Commissioner Terry Murray.

WHEREAS, the remaining term for the vacant position exceeds one year.

WHEREAS, in order to fill the position as expediently as possible, the County Board of Commissioners must hold a special election pursuant to MN Statute 375.111, Subd. 1.

WHEREAS, under MN Statute 205.11, Sub. 3a a special election must be held on the second Tuesday of February, April, May or August or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Koochiching County Board hereby calls for a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of the Koochiching County Commissioner for the 3rd District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, alternatively, that in the event that three or more candidates file for the open seat, a special primary election shall be held in the 3rd District on April 11, 2023 and a special general election shall be held in the 3rd District on August 8, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that two or fewer candidates file for the open seat, a special general election shall be held in the 3rd District on April 11, 2023.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any proper notices of these special elections shall be given, that the nomination and election of candidates be conducted, and all things pertaining thereto be done as provided relevant Minnesota law. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-22 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Hell to approve the repurchase by a former owner of tax-forfeited property described as: The West ½ of Lots 2-5-A and 2-5-B; Auditors Plat 30 (Pleasant Acres), International Falls. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-23 Motion by Roche, seconded by Hell authorizing the Complex Director to seek bids on the replacement of three garage doors and openers located in the Law Enforcement Center. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

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

2023/01-24 Motion by Hell, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.