

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell & Roche

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy LaFrance, Nathan Heibel, Matt Gouin, Dean Tveit, KCCTV reporter Darcy Sullivan

2023/01-25 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Roche to approve the agenda with additions and deletions with one change; Item #2 the year is 2023. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-26 Motion by Roche, seconded by Hell to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-27 Motion by Hell, seconded by Roche to approve the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$131,144.15, Highway claims in the amount of \$69,874.76 and Public Health and Human Service claims as presented. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-28 Motion by Hell, seconded by Skoe to accept a donation from Hazelwood Corporation commission check of \$9.41 to be used for the Sheriff coffee fund. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-29 Motion by Hell, seconded by Roche to approve Highway warrant void in the amount of \$600.00 due to lost warrant. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-30 Motion by Hell, seconded by Skoe to approve payment of 2022 dues as follows: AMC: General - \$8,329, AMC: MACSSA - \$1,501, AMC:LPHA - \$1,259, AMC: MACA - \$771, MN Rural Counties - \$2,300, NACo - \$450, Laurentian RC&D - \$400, RAMS - \$500, ATV Joint Powers Board total of \$9450, and upon invoice Joint Counties National Resources Board - \$1,000, ACA - \$2,750, and NCLUB - \$1,000. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-31 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Hell to authorize the Board Chair's signature to the 2022 Audit Engagement letter. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-32 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Roche to approve the Town Hall Meeting discussing the Community's current opioid/ATOD challenges to be held on Wednesday, February 8 as a Board Activity. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-33 Motion by Roche, seconded by Hell to approve the renewal of the AEOA Volunteer Driver POS Agreement, the renewal of NEMOJT POS Agreement, and approve the amendment to the 2023 AEOA STAY POS Agreement. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-34 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Hell to approve the DNR Supplemental Equipment Grant funding and purchase of a 250HP boat motor for a patrol boat and 12 rock markers for

Rainy Lake with the DNR grant money award of \$28,676. No matching county funds are required. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-35 Motion by Hell, seconded by Roche to approve the 2023 Emergency Management Coordinator contract with an increase in compensation from \$2,000 to \$2,700 per month. Further the EMPG Grant for 2022 has been increased \$4,200 which covers 50% of the increase in compensation. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-36 Motion by Hell, seconded by Skoe authorizing the Land Commissioner to seek bids for the budgeted replacement of one 2023 Land and Forestry truck. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-37 Motion by Hell, seconded by Roche to approve the MnDOT signage replacement project which includes the Transfer Station at a cost not to exceed \$5,142. The expense will be paid by reallocating funds within the existing ESD 2023 budget. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

2023/01-38 Motion by Hell, seconded by Roche approving the permanent part-time Transfer Station/Recycling Center Generalist position as recommended by the Personnel Committee and seeking authorization to fill the position within the assigned wage schedule. Environmental Services will cover \$15,000 from their 2023 budget and the remaining \$11,000 will be transferred from Administration Contingency. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment and Jim Robb and Keith Horne from the Koochiching Sportsmen's Association (KSA) approached the Board to discuss a piece of their property that was deeded to KSA from Bob Coe for \$1 in August, 1948. The Deed Record was recorded incorrectly from what Bob Coe had handwritten and KSA discovered the error when they went to sell said piece of property. The legal description is written as: *That part of Government Lot three (3), in Section Thirty-two (32), Township Seventy-one (71), North , Range Twenty-two (22) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, describes as follows: Commencing at a point 240 feet West of the East section line at the junction of Rainy Lake and the North right of way line of State Trunk Highway No. 11; thence, West along said North right of way line for a distance of 100 feet; thence due North to the South shoreline of Rainy Lake; thence, **Easterly along said shoreline to a point 240 feet West of the East section line, which is the place of beginning.*** Mr. Coe had handwritten the bold section to read **Easterly along said shoreline to a point 100 feet West of the East section line, which is the place of beginning.** The KSA has been paying property taxes on the property since 1948 at a cost higher than intended and they need the Deed Record corrected so they can move ahead with selling this piece of property. Mr. Robb and Mr. Horne are looking to the County for direction on how this error can be resolved. Board Chair will look into this and bring this back to the Board for action in the near future. Mr. Robb also inquired why islands on Rainy Lake don't have E911 signage. He was assured this is under discussion with the County Board.

2023/01-39 Motion by Roche, seconded by Hell to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Hell, and Roche. Motion carried.