

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy LaFrance, Janelle Peterson, Jon Froemke, Trent Nicholson, Matt Gouin, Philip Nolan, KCCTV reporter Darcy Sullivan

2022/01-29 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Public Health and Human Services Director provided a COVID-19 update to the Board noting 2,225 positive cases reported in Koochiching County with 2,057 no longer needing isolation, 32 deaths, 40,716 tests administered and 56.8% of County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccination. Public Health is providing weekly booster clinics in January. It was also noted that four free rapid tests are available to each household at www.covidtests.gov and are easy to order however these tests do not meet Canadian border crossing requirements.

2022/01-30 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2022 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-31 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$67,354.19, approve Highway claims in the amount of \$80,965.48, approve Public Health and Human Services claims as presented and approve Burial payment #185193 in the amount of \$1,495.84. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-32 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to approve payment of 2022 dues as follows: AMC: General - \$8,065, AMC: MACSSA - \$1,494, AMC:LPHA - \$1,257, AMC: MACA - \$771, AMC: MCHRMA - \$75, MN Rural Counties - \$2,300, ACA - \$2,750, NACo - \$450, Laurentian RC&D - \$400, Joint Counties National Resources Board - \$1,000 and NCLUB - \$1,000. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice of temporary hires under the County Temporary Hire Policy: Sheriff's Office Transport Drivers - Milo Christianson, Dawn Piekarski; Veterans Service Office Veteran Van Drivers - Gary Coran, Daniel Burgess, Mark Wild, James Peterson, Dawn Piekarski and Steve Vigoren.

2022/01-33 Motion by Murray, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the employment separation of Kathy Howdahl effective February 21, 2022 and authorize filling the vacant position within the assigned wage scale. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-34 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to set the 2022 Elected Official Salaries as follows: Attorney - \$111,851, Auditor/Treasurer - \$84,842, Recorder - \$72,626 and Sheriff - \$98,295 retroactive to January 1, 2022. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-35 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Murray to adopt the following resolution setting the minimum salary for elected official for the term next following:

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. § 384.151 Subd. 1a. (b) and Minn. Stat. § 385.373 Subd. 1a. (b), at the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the office of County Auditor/Treasurer, the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid the County Auditor/Treasurer for the term next following; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. § 386.015 Subd. 2. (b), at the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the office of County Recorder, the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid the County Recorder for the term next following; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. § 387.20 Subd. 2. (b), at the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the office of County Sheriff, the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid the County Sheriff for the term next following; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. § 388.18 Subd. 2., at the January meeting prior to the first date on which applicants may file for the office of County Attorney, the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners shall set by resolution the minimum salary to be paid the County Attorney for the term next following.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minimum salary as set by the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners for the elected positions for the County Auditor/Treasurer, County Recorder, County Sheriff, and County Attorney shall for the next term following be:

Position	Minimum Salary (2023)
Auditor/Treasurer	\$ 89,308
Recorder	\$ 76,448
Sheriff	\$ 103,468
Attorney	\$ 117,738

Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-36 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Murray to approve the agreement between the University of Minnesota and Koochiching County for providing Extension Programs locally and employing Extension staff. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-37 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the budgeted purchase of three new squad trucks on state bid in the amount of \$32,634 per squad with one squad being paid using Stonegarden grant funds. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-38 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to approve the void of warrant #37845 in the amount of \$148.50, warrant #38317 in the amount of \$148.50 and warrant #37856 in the amount of \$82.50. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-39 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Adee to authorize the Highway Department to seek quotes on budgeted pieces of equipment. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-40 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the modification of the MSW Hauling Contract with Mannco. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/01-41 Motion by Murray, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the sale of technology equipment to Kathy Howdahl in the depreciated value of \$258.13 per the following terms: HP warranty is nontransferable and will no longer be valid, purchaser must obtain their own Office 365 software, removal from the device of the Kaseya client and any other county licenses software, rename the device and modify user accounts on the device. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

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

2022/01-42 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

Wade Pavleck, Board Chair

Jenny Herman, Administration Director