

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 9:50 a.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Janelle Peterson, Bob DeGross, Matt Gouin, Nathan Heibel, Trent Nicholson, Dave Reimer, Chrystal Clance, Jon Froemke, Kent Koerbitz, KCCTV reporter Darcy Sullivan

2022/04-01 Motion by Murray, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-02 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2022 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-03 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve March's summarized vendor payment list, approve March payroll and payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$1,133,458.47, approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$165,670.66, and approve Highway claims in the amount of \$118,811.76. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Notice of hire of Cassidy Frank as part-time E911/Correctional Officer effective March 18, 2022.

000 Notice of hire of Carter Lagergren as part-time E911/Correctional Officer effective January 6, 2022.

000 Notice of hire of Griffin Offerdahl as part-time E911/Correctional Officer effective April 5, 2022.

000 Notice of temporary Hire of Jacob Peterson as temporary Summer Transfer Station Laborer effective April 8, 2022.

000 Notice of Hire of Joshua Ballejo as part-time Deputy Sheriff effective March 27, 2022.

2022/04-04 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the employment separation of part-time E911 Dispatcher/Correction Officer Shane Thramer effective April 1, 2022, approve the employment separation of part-time E911 Dispatcher/Correction Officer Carter Lagergren effective April 1, 2022, approve the employment separation of permanent part-time Laborer Billy Christianson effective March 25, 2022 and further to approve employment separation of Eligibility Worker Kathleen Sandstrom effective April 18, 2022 and authorize filling the vacated eligibility worker position within the assigned wage scale. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-05 Motion by Murray, seconded by Skoe to approve the promotion of Kallie Kantos to Child Support Supervisor effective April 11, 2022 and authorize filling the vacant Child Support position within the assigned wage scale. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-06 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the promotion of Tracey Harmening to an Assessor IV position effective April 1, 2022 and approve the promotion of Stephanie Promersberger to an Assessor IV position effective April 3, 2022 due to obtaining required AMA licensing as recommended by the Personnel Committee on October 15, 2019 and as requested by the County Assessor the promotion and change in banding should be retroactive to when licensing was obtained. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-07 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to add a Committee of the Whole meeting for April 19, 2022 for the purpose of a site visit to Rainy Lake Vacation Campground. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/4-08 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Murray to approve the On and Off Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Seasonal Liquor Licenses to Opp Hagemester Management Inc., DBA Island View Lodge, The River Golf Course Inc., and Sha Sha, LLC, DBA Sha Sha Resort for the period of May 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-09 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to approve the Ranier Recreation MN Lawful Off-Site Gambling LG230 permit application to conduct a raffle for Koochiching County Museums at Thunderbird Lodge. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-10 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Murray to adopt the following resolution in support of the Airport Rescue Grant Agreement for eligible airport expenses for the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport: That it is resolved that Koochiching County adopts the State of Minnesota Agreement No.1049193, "Grant Agreement for Federal Airport Expenses," Reimbursement for State Project No. A3601-C3 in the amount of \$1,087,754 at the Falls International Airport-Einarson Field is accepted and further that the Koochiching County Board Chair and County Attorney are authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of Koochiching County. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-11 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that the Interim Administration Director will retain in whole all duties and responsibilities of the D62 Administration Director Job description to retain hierarchy with an effective date of March 14, 2022. Further, the Personnel Committee has also determined that the Human Resources duties within the Administration Director position will be led by the C41 Human Resources Generalist position temporarily adjusted to C44 Human Resources Specialist. This temporary lead role is based on having current knowledge and history of the County's personnel policy and procedures and is effective March 14, 2022. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-12 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the Ranier Development Company, LLC and Cantilever Bridge Distillery, LLC request to alter the Tax Abatement Agreement entered into on September 3, 2018 as follows: Because of difficult market condition

and an unexpected downturn in the travel industry due to the COVID pandemic and other factors outside the control of Developer, the additional hotel/restaurant complex planned for 2069 Spruce Street, Ranier, Minnesota, is on hold and the failure to move forward with that portion of the project shall not be considered a breach of the Agreement. Furthermore, Section 3.8 Economic Development Goals is amended at (1)(a) to create a minimum of ten (10) full time equivalent jobs at 2078 Spruce Street by December 31, 2021, and at (1)(b) to pay an hourly wage of at least \$15 with health benefits. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-13 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Murray authorizing the Sheriff to seek a Professional Services Contract with a Bond Counselor as we keep an eye toward jail replacement and ensuring the bonding process is ready in the event we do go for bonding. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 The Board heard from Voyageur National Park (VNP) Superintendent Bob DeGross that zebra mussel veligers (larval stage of zebra mussels) were found by Minnesota Department of Natural Resources staff in Black Bay of Rainy Lake. Adult zebra mussels are not yet confirmed in Rainy Lake. Steps are being taken to help prevent the spread of zebra mussel veligers and zebra mussels. DeGross also informed the Board the Wetland Restoration Project will have prescribed cattail burns throughout VNP this spring to treat areas of invasive hybrid cattails. He also reported the park has a new tour boat – Ne-zho-dain, and it is based at the Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center. There will be a public event on June 9, 2022 to christen the new Namakan tour boat and recognize the work at Ellsworth Rock Garden. DeGross also reported reservations for 2022 Boat Tours open April 15 with new fee rates. Lastly, he shared 2019-2021 camping and houseboat usage statistics noting 2020 saw an increase of 46% in camping reservations from 2019, resulting in an associated increase in visitorship of 54%.

2022/04-14 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Adee to approve the Department of Natural Resources Supplemental Equipment Grant funding in the amount of \$22,400 for a new 250hp boat motor for the main patrol boat. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-15 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Murray to approve the Board Chair's signature on the General Notice to Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds publication. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-16 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to authorize the Environmental Service Director to execute DNR Special Use Permit Number 425-22-09 which will permit the County to implement AIS prevention activities at various public water access sites during the 2022 boating season. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-17 Motion by Murray, seconded by Skoe to accept Bruce Sampson's notice of resignation from the Koochiching County Planning and Zoning Commission and to authorize Environmental Service Director to advertise seeking letters of interest to fill two vacancies on said Planning and Zoning Commission and further to send letter of appreciation to Bruce Sampson for his almost 26 years of service. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2022/04-18 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Murray to award the low bid for SAP 036-615-013 and SAP 036-640-006 for projects located in the Northome area on CASH 15 and Municipal CSAH 40 to Northern Paving for \$764,802.45 as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, McBride. Motion carried.

2022/04-19 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to authorize Millsop Associates, Inc to perform Limited Site Investigation (LSI) services for underground storage tank removal locations in Mizpah and Littlefork (approved and completed in 2021) at a total cost of \$18,744 with the Petro Fund paying the majority of the cost as recommended by the County Assistant Engineer. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, McBride. Motion carried.

2022/04-20 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to call for bids for culverts, hired truck, propane delivery and nuisance beaver removal as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, McBride. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment and Chrystal Clance asked what the fee is for nuisance beaver removal. Assistant County Engineer responded it varies by location with a range of \$47 - \$65.

2022/04-21 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.