

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Murray (Medical)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Perryn Hedlund, Dave Reimer, Matt Gouin, Janelle Peterson, and KCCTV reporter Darcy Sullivan

2022/05-32 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Adee to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-33 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to close the County Board meeting to the public at 9:35 a.m. under Attorney-Client Privilege to discuss employer labor relation negotiations per Minnesota Statue 13D.05 subd. 3. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Attending the Closed session included Commissioners Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Attorney Jessica Durbin, Human Resource Specialist Janelle Peterson, and Interim Administration Director Betsy Zaren.

2022/05-34 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to reopen the meeting to the public. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Board Chair Pavleck excused himself from the meeting and asked Commissioner Adee to finish the meeting.

2022/05-35 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2022 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Sheriff Hedlund updated the Board the 2022 flood level is currently 3.6 inches away from the 1950 flood, the water will continue to rise 8 inches to 11 inches over the next seven days and Rainy Lake rose nearly 3 inches from Monday to Tuesday. Hedlund confirmed water is going over the dam, but that he has received no information that it has been compromised. The water at the Ranier Rapids and lift bridge is the highest and shocking to see. As the waters continue to rise more and more people's homes are affected. The demand for sandbags is exceeding supply and they are working to have more National Guard members brought in to assist. There are six road closures now: Town Roads 461 & 222, County Roads 135 & 117, and UT Roads 446 & 269. County Road 94 (Northernnaire Road) has a lot of water on it. MnDOT added an emergency grade raise on Highway 11 east to Dove Island. A single 12-foot driving lane is controlled by a temporary signal. They did two water rescues from homes that were surrounded by water: one at the end of County Road 94, the other off the end of County Road 20. There are people leaving their homes and Island View Resort gave up their fight and closed on May 30th. Sheriff reassured the Board they will keep going as long as needed.

2022/05-36 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to rescind Board Motion 2022/04-26 approving employment promotion of Alana Warner to Eligibility Worker as Alana has decided to remain in her Family Based Service Provider position, and authorize filling the vacant Eligibility Worker position within the assigned wage scale. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-37 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the employment separation of Joshua Ballejo, part-time E911 Dispatcher/Correction Officer effective May 20, 2022. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-38 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to temporarily appoint Jason Sjoblom to the East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District Board and the Jail Project Oversight Committee (POC) on the County Committee List while Commissioner Murray is on medical leave. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-39 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the new term for Commissioner Mary Lukenbill to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. The new five-year term begins June 1, 2022 and ends May 31, 2027. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-40 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to engage Northland Securities as Placement Agent in connection with the issuance of General Obligation Jail Bonds, Series 2022A. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-41 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the temporary appointment of Betsy Zaren, Administrative Assistant to interim Administration Director with additional compensation based on County Administration Director salary with a sunset date of December 31, 2023 and further to temporarily appoint Janelle Peterson, Human Resource Generalist to Human Resource Specialist with salary adjustment to C44 with a sunset date of December 31, 2023 and to temporarily fill the vacant Administrative Assistant position within the assigned wage scale with a sunset date of December 31, 2023. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-42 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe that due to the flooding event occurring in Koochiching County and the work assignment of County management staff for emergency management response, to compensate management their salary for time worked beyond their regularly held county position for public flood emergency management response with an effective date of May 13, 2022 and the time that the flood emergency ceases to need management staff hours beyond their normal paid position. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-43 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe that due to the flooding event in Koochiching County and the work assignment of Emergency Management Coordinator for emergency management response, consider approval of an amendment to the Emergency Management Coordinator Contract, contingent on County Attorney review, to compensate the Emergency Management Coordinator a daily per diem of \$250 per day for every day the Emergency Operations Center is open, with an effective date of May 9, 2022 and until the time that the flood

emergency cease to need management staff hours beyond his normal paid position. Flood emergency management coordinator duties are over and above his regularly held county position. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-44 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to appoint Kirk Aili to the Koochiching County Planning and Zoning Commission. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/05-45 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the purchase of Parcel #92-148-11000 (CSAH 332), a 40-acre parcel for the purpose of constructing a new Highway Administration Office and future location for a Maintenance Facility for an estimated cost of \$50,614.91. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

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

2022/05-46 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Voting yes by roll call: Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.