

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 9:30 a.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Murray (Medical)

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

2022/06-12 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to close the County Board meeting to the public at 9:32 a.m. under Attorney-Client Privilege pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 subd. 3(b) to discuss Utility Systems for America, Inc. v. Koochiching County. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Attending the closed session included Commissioners Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Matt Gouin, Environmental Services Director, Joseph Langel, Attorney, and Betsy Zaren, Interim Administration Director.

2022/06-13 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to reopen the meeting to the public. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-14 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to approve the Utility Systems for America, Inc. Agreement including payment of Island View Sewer Project Contract B retainage at \$483,028.37. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-15 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-16 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2022 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Sheriff Hedlund updated the Board the lake has crested and went three inches over the 1950 flood. It will take six to eight weeks for water levels to get close to normal. During the recovery process there will be a lot of extra debris for the landfill and most of the sand will be deemed biohazardous.

2022/06-17 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve May's summarized vendor payment list, approve May payroll and payroll ACH in the amount of \$1,139,711.04, Courthouse claims in the amount of \$115,443.73, and approve Highway claims in the amount of \$196,130.12. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-18 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to accept donations of \$1,980.00 from the Northeast Cooperative Service Wellness Grant, \$3005.00 from VFW Post 2948 for the Veteran's Service Transportation Van, \$100.00 donation from Alan Burchell to be used for the Sheriff's Coffee Fund, \$1,700.00 from the Itasca County Treasurer for the 2022 Big Fork River Board, and the \$6.94 quarterly commission. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-19 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to act as fiscal agent for the City of Ranier's Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) grants in the amount of \$762,000 and \$2.1 million to construct the Safe Harbor Pier at Spruce Street Landing in Ranier. The City Administrator will perform all grant reimbursement requests. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Dennis Wagner, Mayor of Ranier, feels the County may benefit by hiring a flood design team to come in and manage the flood clean-up. He works with Barr Engineering in North Dakota on a flooding disaster cleanup and has found them to be essential and feels the County should take positive action now to eliminate problems in the future. Board Chair requested this be brought to the next meeting.

000 The County Board along with the County Extension Committee recognized Brad and Melody Nicholson as the 2022 Koochiching County Farm Family. Bradley and Melody own and operate Nicholson's Wild Winds Ranch with the help of their son, Thomas, and granddaughter, Dannika. The family's beef herd consists of white-faced Hereford, Charolais and Black Angus bulls. The family stated their gratitude for the recognition.

2022/06-20 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the Chief Deputy's signature to the 2022 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant in the amount of \$5,970. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-21 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the Chief Deputy's signature to the State of Minnesota Income Contract for DNR overtime in the amount of \$45,651 in conjunction with the Fiscal Year 2020 Stonegarden Grant. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-22 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve Board Chair's signature to letter authorizing the 50% County funds match of no less than \$9,769 for the Koochiching County Veteran Memorial Grant. This grant was approved November 23, 2021 and this letter is a final requirement of the grant application. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-23 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to accept the low bids for 2022 Nuisance Beaver Trappers for a cost per beaver as follows: Area #1 – Jim Rognerud at \$45.00, Area #2 – Jerry Palm at \$44.95, Area #3 – Jerry Palm at \$44.95, Area #4 – Jim Rognerud at \$44.50, Area #5 – Ken Miles at \$76.00, Area #6 – Kent Linder at \$75.00, and Area #7 is still open as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer. Additionally, to approve the 2022 Hired Truck Rental to Ziembra (only bidder) at \$125.00 an hour for Areas #1 - 7 as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-24 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to award low bid for CP 2022-03 for 2022 Striping to Sir Lines-A-Lot LLC in the amount of \$44,149.36 and authorize Board Chair signature to the contract agreement as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-25 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to award low bid for LOW SAP 036-607-004 associated with 036-624-025 and 036-647-005 tied to SAP 036-624-022 to KGM for \$1,367,976.60 and authorize Board Chair's signature to the contract agreement as recommended by the Assistant County Engineer. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/06-26 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to adopt resolution on Agreement to State Transportation Fund LRIP Terms and Conditions SP 036-624-019 for the Van Lynn overpass project as follows:

WHEREAS, Koochiching County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for Local Road Improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$3,000,000.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Koochiching County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52 and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Adee, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for Public Comment and there was none.

2022/06-27 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Voting yes: Pavleck, Sjoblom, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.