

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 9:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, Skoe, and Sjoblom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Murray and Adee (Medical)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Perryn Hedlund, Janelle Peterson, Dave Reimer, Trent Nicholson, Tom West, Matt Gouin, Nathan Heibel, Hans Wronka, George Eilertson, and KCCTV Reporter Darcy Sullivan

2022/07-01 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/07-02 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2022 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Flood update – Trent Nicholson reported the lake is dropping two inches per day and is down 33 inches from the peak. It will be three weeks before we are back in the top of the rule curve at 1108. The Highway Department is removing road lifts and it will be a three-week process. Matt Gouin noted if homeowners decide to bring their sandbags to the landfill, the tipping fee will be waived. Gouin provided updates related to sandbag removal and debris management. Hans Wronka from Burns and MacDonnell was introduced and will be working closely with Gouin and Emergency Management on clean up. Evaluations of properties start next week, and they are working on a Procurement process for Contractors; it will be another week before sandbag/debris removal begins. Sheriff Hedlund reported FEMA will be here next week. A federal disaster emergency for our area has not been declared by the President yet. Lake of the Woods has crested since our outflow has lessened. It is estimated between 800,000 and 1,000,000 filled sandbags are out there. Burns and MacDonnell staff will manage sandbag processing at the Transfer station.

2022/07-03 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve April's summarized vendor payment list, approve June payroll and payroll ACH in the amount of \$1,246,777.47, Courthouse claims in the amount of \$119,979.88, ratify a Highway claim in the amount of \$3,850.00 and approve Highway claims in the amount of \$156,924.65. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/07-04 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to accept a donation from Mary Pelowski in the amount of \$50.00 to be used for the Sheriff's Office coffee fund. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/07-05 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe authorizing Northland Securities, Inc. to act as Koochiching County's Municipal Advisor for the issuance of General Obligation Jail Bonds, Series 2022A. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/07-06 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to enter into a Municipal Advisory Service Agreement with Northland Securities, Inc. for the issuance of General Obligation Jail Bonds, Series 2022A. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/07-07 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to adopt the following resolution for the sale of General Obligation Jail Bonds, Series 2022A:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of Koochiching County, Minnesota (the “Issuer”), as follows:

Section 1. Authority. Under and pursuant to the authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 641 and 475 (collectively the “Act”), the Issuer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds to finance the construction of a new County jail and to pay costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds (the “Project”).

Section 2. The Bonds. The Board determines that it is necessary, expedient, and in the best interests of the Issuer’s residents that the Issuer, as permitted by the Act, issue, sell and deliver its General Obligation Jail Bonds, Series 2022A (the “Bonds”), in one or more series, for the purpose of financing a portion of the Project and paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

Section 3. Sale of the Bonds. The Issuer’s administrative staff is hereby authorized and directed to work with Northland Securities, Inc., municipal advisor to the Issuer, and Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., bond counsel, to solicit bids and arrange for the sale of the Bonds.

Section 4. Form and Terms of the Bonds. The form, specifications and provisions for repayment of the Bonds shall be set forth in a subsequent resolution of the Board. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/07-08 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom approving the voluntary employment demotion of Philip Ruelle, E911 Dispatcher/Correction Officer from full-time to part-time and seeking authorization to fill the vacant full-time position. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Notice of temporary hire of Andi Williams as summer highway laborer effective June 27, 2022.

2022/07-09 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to adopt the following resolution to request Fiscal year 2023 IRRRB Funding:

WHEREAS, the County of Koochiching (hereafter the “Applicant”) is a governmental subdivision, organized and operating under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has a need for a grant to assist with economic development as permitted under Laws of Minnesota for 1987, Chapter 182; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is submitting its request for application to the IRRRB for fiscal year 2023 grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Applicant's organization hereby authorizes and approves making application to the IRRRB for fiscal year 2023 funds to assist in economic development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant's Board Chair and County Administration Director are hereby authorized and directed to sign and submit application for the said grant monies and all applicable contracts, documents and agreements associated with the grant or the application for it. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/07-10 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Exempt Permit Application for the Birchdale Sportsman's Night Out (Whitetails Unlimited) for a raffle to be conducted October 8, 2022 at the Birchdale Community Center located at 10370 State Highway 11, Birchdale, MN. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/07-11 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the extension of the V Marasco Eliassen Communications & Public Relations Management LLC Service Agreement to serve as the Public Information Officer with the Incident Command Structure through October, 2022. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/07-12 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the Koochiching County Flood Related Solid Waste Disposal Plan as presented by the Environmental Services Director. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/07-13 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to authorize the Highway Department to advertise for bids for SAP 036-674-007 - CSAH 74 Mill and Overlay. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/07-14 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to authorize the Board Chair and Highway Engineer to sign the Joint Powers Maintenance agreement with the MNDNR to provide routine maintenance to the road and parking areas of Tilson, Bohman, Kuttles, and Moose Lake landing areas (minor repairs, grading, snow plowing). Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/07-15 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to appoint the election judges for the 2022 Primary and General Election as named and on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office as recommended by the Auditor-Treasurer, appoint Tom West and Betty Bergstrom to the Canvassing Board and appoint Bob Peterson, Shelley Johnson, Joan Nelson, Betty Bergstrom, Tom West and Emma Rud to the Absentee and UOCAVA Ballot Boards. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

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

2022/07-16 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Voting yes: Pavleck, Sjoblom, Skoe. Motion carried.