

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, Skoe, Adee and Sjoblom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Murray (Medical)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Perryn Hedlund, Janelle Peterson, Dave Reimer, Kathy LaFrance, Matt Gouin, Delaney Roschelle, Joe Krause and KCCTV Reporter Darcy Sullivan

2022/08-15 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee, Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/08-16 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the August 9 2022 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee and Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/08-17 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$181,356.67, approve Highway claims in the amount of \$84,748.11, approve Public Health and Human Service claims as presented and approve additional amount of \$250 for a Burial. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee and Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/08-18 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to approve the void of warrant #39328 in the amount of \$435. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee and Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/08-19 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to approve the employment promotion of Kane Kostiuk from part-time to full-time E911/Correction Officer. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee and Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/08-20 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to ratify contract settlement with the Koochiching County Non-Union Salaried Employee Group for 2022 through 2024 as recommended by the Board's Negotiation Committee and to authorize the Administration Director to make the appropriate 2022 budget adjustments and fund transfers. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee, and Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/08-21 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe approving the employment separation of Environmental Services Specialist Steve Blair and also authorize filling the vacant position. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee and Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/08-22 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to transfer Human Resource Generalist to Payroll Benefit Coordinator with official start date to be determined and authorize filling the vacant Human Resource Generalist position. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Pavleck, Adee, and Skoe. Motion carried.

2022/08-23 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to approve sending letter with Board Chair signature to U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to request, through intervention by the International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board, that the International Joint Commission assert its

authority to require Canadian National Railways (CN) to obtain an Order of Approval before initiating construction activities related to the modification or enhancement of the CN rail bridge located at Ranier, Minnesota, and to determine if the accumulated changes to the current rail bridge and surroundings are sufficiently extensive to require review. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee and Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/08-24 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Adee to change the November County Board meetings schedule by moving the November 8th and 22nd meeting dates to November 15th and 29th respectively. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee and Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Delaney Roshell, Executive Director of the International Falls, Ranier and Rainy Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) reported there are five brand name hotels, 11 independent hotels, two houseboat rentals and 9+ vacation rental homes that collect 3% lodging tax which funds the organization. They are a non-profit Destination Marketing Organization, and they use the lodging tax receipts to promote the areas in which they are collected in. Their mission is to promote travel and tourism that generates lodging and economic impact for the servicing area.

2022/08-25 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the contract with Rainy Lake Medical Center for Jail Medical Consultation Services and the contract with Koochiching County Public Health and Human Services for Jail Nursing services. Once these contracts are in place the jail will be approved to go back to a 90-day facility. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee and Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/08-26 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to approve void of warrant #38957 in the amount of \$148.50 and warrant #40735 in the amount of \$32.00. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee and Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/08-27 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Adee to set the 2023 Timber Auction Dates for February 1, May 3, August 2 and November 1. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee and Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/08-28 Motion by Skoe seconded by Adee to accept the low bid and award Project SAP 036-674-007 CSAH 74 to KGM Contractors, Inc. for \$180,831.55 which is 68.27% of the Engineers Estimate of \$264,893.00 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract agreement for the project. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee and Pavleck. Motion carried.

2022/08-29 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to adopt a resolution to the terms and conditions associated with the TED Application for Roundabout on HWY 53 – CSAH 332 Intersection:

BE IT RESOLVED that *Koochiching County* act as the legal sponsor for the *SP 036-322-001 Roundabout HWY 332 - CSAH 332* project and requests funding from the Transportation Economic Development (TED) Program of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *Koochiching County* has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure matching

funds and adequate construction of the proposed project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *Koochiching County* has not violated any Federal, State or local laws pertaining to fraud, bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of its application by the state, *Koochiching County* may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above-referenced project(s), and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in all contract agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, *Koochiching County* has committed \$2,486,530 towards the local match requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, *Koochiching County* confirms if the project cost increases above the amount listed in the Application, *Koochiching County* will provide or secure all additional funds necessary to complete the project.

Koochiching County certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules of the Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sources and uses, private investors, equity, and other financing commitment represented in the attached document are accurate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that *Wade Pavleck* and *Jason Sjoblom*, or their successors in office, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements, and amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the project(s) on behalf of the applicant. Voting yes: Pavleck, Sjoblom, Adee and Skoe. Motion carried.

000 Dave Reimer, Highway Engineer reviewed the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) for Roadway projects in Koochiching County that went into effect April 1, 2022. The tax is 0.5% and was expected the LOST would generate approximately \$550,000 a year. The first quarter could generate approximately \$200,000 which would put collections closer to \$600,000 this year. We will re-prioritize LOST project list. Because of LOST, we should be able to rely less on the levy.

000 Matt Gouin, Environmental Services Director reported they are picking up sandbags and have picked up approximately 50% so far, there are a dozen contractors hired to help with the sandbag removal. Debris pick up will be next and must be brought to the right of way.

000 The Board Chair called for Public Comment and Joe Krause, Executive Director of the Northland Crisis Response Team (CRT) approached the Board to inform the Board in 2015 the Legislature set aside funding for 24/7/365 telephone assistance, the program became effective in 2016. They are dispatched out of Itasca County and respond to calls on every square inch of the County. The grant application for 2023-2024 of \$307,915 is due September 2nd and legislation requires we approach the County Board for some funding as well. There are 87 counties in MN and 86 counties contribute. The smallest amount in the Arrowhead region is \$5,000. Commissioner Pavleck asked this request be brought to the next Board meeting.

2022/08-14 Motion by Adee, seconded by Sjoblom to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Voting yes: Pavleck, Sjoblom, Skoe. Motion carried.