

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, Murray, Adee, Skoe, Sjoblom  
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Olson, Sarah Carling, Cris Gastner, Kathy LaFrance, Dean Tveit, James Yount, Jaci Nagle, Dave Reimer, Matt Gouin, KCCTV Reporter Darcy Sullivan

2021/09-13 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-14 Motion by Murray, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2021 regular meeting. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-15 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$47,702.65, approve Highway claims in the amount of \$3,427.02 and approve payment of Burial Case #176276 in the amount of \$1,450. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-16 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the void of warrant #37064 in the amount of \$396.65. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-17 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the proposed 2022 County preliminary gross tax levy at \$4,784,000 (4.00% increase from 2021 levy). The 2022 proposed levy breakdown is as follows: General Revenue - \$2,462,562; Community Service - \$1,678,031; Public Health - \$100,000; Highway - \$305,958; Environmental Services - \$237,449. Voting yes: Skoe, Pavleck. Voting no: Adee, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion failed.

2021/09-18 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the proposed 2022 County preliminary gross tax levy at \$4,830,000 (5.00% increase from 2021 levy). The 2022 proposed levy breakdown is as follows: General Revenue - \$2,462,562; Community Service - \$1,678,031; Public Health - \$100,000; Highway - \$328,958; Environmental Services - \$260,449. Voting yes: Adee, Murray, Sjoblom. Voting no: Pavleck, Skoe. Motion carried.

2021/09-19 Motion by Murray, seconded by Adee to set the required Truth in Taxation public hearing for the proposed 2022 County Tax Levy and Budget for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

000 Growing Communities representative and Community Economic Development Associates (CEDA) provided an update to the Board about the two-year project they completed which identified and prioritized projects for the Northome Community. They are requesting funding in the amount of \$27,770 to engage a CEDA Consultant to move priority projects forward and identify grant opportunities.

2021/09-20 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck to table the funding request from the Northome Growing Communities until a funding source can be identified. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

000 Notice of hire of Shane Thrumer as part-time Deputy Sheriff with an effective start date of September 20, 2021.

2021/09-21 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray to approve the employment promotion of Shelby Wolden from part-time E911/Correction Officer to full time E911/Correction Officer effective September 27, 2021. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-22 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to authorize the Board Chair and Administration Director signatures to the 2020 audit representation letter. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

000 Public Health and Human Services Director provided a COVID-19 update to the Board informing them that both clinics in International Falls are offering vaccinations. Booster shot information was also provided along with the recommendation to follow CDC guidance.

2021/09-23 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the Transportation of Youth in FC Placement with South Koochiching Rainy River ISD 363 Purchase of Service Agreement. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-24 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray to approve the renewal of State of MN County Child Support Program Interagency Cooperative Agreement. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-25 Motion by Murray, seconded by Adee to accept the low quote from American Eagle Security in the budgeted amount of \$30,595 to replace the faulty access control system. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-26 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the Koochiching County Broadband Last Mile Grant Program using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds subject to consultant review and ARP Committee approval. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-27 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Murray to authorize the Highway Department to engage KLJ to begin preliminary design (30%) on SP 036-932-001 CSAH 332-TH53 Roundabout in an amount not to exceed \$164,740. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-28 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to table the request to accept a bid for the replacement of a MSW trailer. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-29 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray to accept the low bid from Endresen Sound Company Inc. for the budgeted replacement of the fire alarm system at the transfer station in the amount of \$32,373.42 plus tax and electrical work. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-30 Motion by Murray, seconded by Pavleck to approve the Rainy Lake Rainy River Watershed Comprehensive Wastewater Plan to be part of the VNPCWJPB Comprehensive plan. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-31 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to authorize the Environmental Services Director to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Minnesota effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026 as required by the MPCA to receive SCORE grant funding. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

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

2021/09-32 Motion by Murray, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

Jason Sjoblom, Board Chair

Jenny Herman, Board Secretary