

2013 ELECTION OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR WAS CONDUCTED BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNTY BOARD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 08, 2013; 10:00 A.M. BY UNANIMOUS VOTE COMMISSIONER KEVIN ADEE WAS ELECTED AS BOARD CHAIR AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE COMMISSIONER ROB ECKLUND WAS ELECTED AS VICE CHAIR.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013; 10:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Len Peterson, Jaci Nagle, Andrew Barnhart, Diane Adams, Lisa Santee, Terry Murray, Susan Congrave, Adam Coe, Kim Perkins, Doug Grindall, Dale Olson; B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/01-01 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-02 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2012 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-03 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve under the County Temporary Hire Policy the following 2013 temporary hires for the Health Department: Mary Fults for Home Care Call In and Wanda Grashorn for Jail Nursing and WIC Program assistance. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-04 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to ratify the following claim payments as recommended by the Administrative Assistant for 2012 year end payments: Courthouse claims \$60,658.15, Highway claims \$54,078.20, Health claims \$29,141.81; Community Service Claims \$85,652.34; to approve payment of the following 2013 membership dues in full and upon receipt of an invoice: AMC General dues (\$6,521) and AMC Association dues to include MACSSA (\$757) and LPHA (\$681), ACA (\$2,750), NACO (\$400), NCLUCB (\$2,000), NE Regional Radio Board (\$295), RC&D (\$400), and MRCC (\$2,100); to approve payment of the first half 2013 Budget Funding Allocations (to include full payment of Northome and Big Falls Libraries allocation) in the amount of \$201,805.50 as recommended by Administration; and to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$79,612.72. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board reviewed the County Committee List and appointments for 2013. The Board Chair asked members to present him with change requests by the next meeting at which time he will finalize the 2013 appointments.

2013/01-05 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to award the 2013 legal publication bid to the Journal with a 5% rate increase from 2012 rates; to authorize the publishing of County Board meeting minutes in summary form in the official newspaper as allowed under M.S. 375.12 and M.S. 331A.01 and authorize the publishing of the minute summaries, an insert of the first printing of the delinquent tax list, a summary of the county financial statement and a summary of the annual County Budget in the Northome newspaper due to this area being outside the distribution area of the awarded official newspaper. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-06 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund adopting the following resolution in support of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Land Exchange:

WHEREAS, the 2012 Minnesota Legislature passed into law, S.F. 1750, which contains provisions for allowing a Federal/State Land Exchange to go forward, freeing isolated state and local lands unintentionally controlled by the federal government within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW); and

WHEREAS, 86,000 acres of these captive lands are State School Trust Fund Lands with the Minnesota State Constitution stipulating that these lands earn maximum income for the State School Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources estimates that \$750,000 in new School Trust Fund revenues will be generated annually from these new Trust Funds lands compared with “zero” dollars with them currently located within the BWCAW; and

WHEREAS, the 1964 Federal Wilderness Act, specifically mandated that the State of Minnesota and Federal Government exchange out the remaining state lands within the BWCA with other federal lands located in the Superior National Forest; and

WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated that together, the three counties of Cook, Lake and St. Louis would realize an extra \$1 million in annual federal Thye-Blatnik Payments from this land exchange, providing badly needed property tax relief to residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Legislature passed the BWCAW Land Exchange Law with bipartisan, super-majorities support in each body (Senate: 52-11, House 95-33) and Governor Dayton signed the legislation into law (Laws of Minnesota Chapter 236).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Koochiching County Board is in support of this land exchange and urges Congress and especially the Minnesota Congressional Delegation to take immediate action and pass into law, the provisions of the BWCAW Land Exchange contained in Laws of Minnesota, 2012, Chapter 236 and that all current law provisions pertaining to the 1948 Thye-Blatnik Act be fully honored and protected. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-07 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride that at the request of Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus (MRCC) for its member counties to review and select the top five legislative priorities from the MRCC list, the County Board selected MRCC's legislative priorities 1 through 5: Change in the Vulnerable Children and Adults Act Funding formula supported by MACSSA and AMC; State level review of how much land the State should own and where those state land holdings should be located; Support favorable implementation of the BWSR Wetland Policy recommendations to the Governor; Monitor the DNR request for legislative approval to reinstate rule making authority for Shoreland regulations; Support legislation for direct funding from the State Legacy Fund of 20% to the Greater Minnesota parks and trails. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair set a Committee of the Whole Meeting of the County Board for Friday, January 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse boardroom to meet with State Representative Dill and State Senator Bakk to review the County's legislative priorities for the 2013 State Legislative Session.

000 With the State's approval of the County's appointment of Len Peterson as Koochiching County Assessor for the four year term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016, Mr. Peterson took the Oath of Office in witness of the County Board.

2013/01-08 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the expenditure up to \$2,830 from the County Attorney's Zero Tolerance Fund for the purchase of a replacement laptop for the County Attorney Office as recommended by the Information Systems Manager. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Representatives of the County Law Library met with the Board to inform them of the plan to move the Law Library from the Second Floor Courthouse Office. The major portion of the Law Library will be moved to the Falls Public Library which provides better public access to the Law Library and provides the public assistance with Public Library staff. A smaller portion of Law references used mostly by attorneys will be moved to an area that will be renovated from an unused closet and small office space adjacent the courtroom corridor. Public access to this space will be allowed but access into the courtroom area from this space will be restricted to authorized personnel only. The Law Library funding will cover the renovation expense and will also continue to update the Law references. The vacated second floor office will be utilized for Court purposes as a conference and client meeting room is needed. The County Board supported the plan.

2013/01-09 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve the Borderland Substance Abuse Court's application for State Criminal Justice Substance Abuse/Dependent Population Funding to provide case management and support services to individuals with substance use issues/disorders involved in the criminal justice system through the County Drug Court Program. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-10 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve a Charter Agreement for Region 3 counties for the Electronic Document Management System with St. Louis County for the host technical environment for the centrally located server as recommended by the

Community Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-11 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to renew the ODC Supported Employment Service Agreement as recommended by the Community Services Director and upon approval by the County Attorney. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Health Director provided a draft letter to the County Board as a response to the sale of the 24 skilled nursing facility beds to Ramsey County with the closure of the Northome Care Center. The letter would state the County's position is that the licensed beds at Northome be kept within the geographic area to minimize the accessibility and hardship problems for county residents now and in the future. The Littlefork Care Center Administrator stated that at this time they do not have all their beds full but looking long term with the aging baby boomer population, there will be a need for more beds. The Good Samaritan Care Center Director stated that they are open to conversation about reallocation of some of the beds but stated that they are located in International Falls which is further away from the Northome area than the Big Fork or Blackduck Care Facilities. Board members expressed concern with the push by the State to reduce beds in the State which may force people to have to leave their communities when in need of long term stay services. Board members stated support that the beds from the closure of the Northome Facility remain in the geographic area in looking at long term needs. The Community Service Director though supportive of the beds being retained locally, stated that with current beds not being filled at Littlefork and International Falls it will be hard to justify to the State to retain the beds in our area. The Director went on to state that Tealwood under required State procedure has given the official notice of closure for the Northome Care Center to the required parties to include the local Human Services Agency. Tealwood jumped the gun in starting work to relocate the residents as the KCCS Agency is the authority required to establish the relocation plan for the residents. Agency staff will be meeting with Northome Care Center staff next week to start the relocation planning.

2013/01-12 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve a letter from the County Health Director on behalf of the County requesting that the 24 skilled nursing facility beds with the closure of the Northome Care Center remain in the geographic area for county resident accessibility to long term care services now and in the future. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-13 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride authorizing the County Engineer to call for annual fuel bids. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Engineer informed the Board that Wes Davis was hired as a Jr. Engineering Technician at 100% starting wage based on qualifications with the starting date to be determined.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:50 a.m. No comment was presented. The Board Chair recessed the meeting until 1:30 p.m.

000 The Environmental Service Director informed the Board that the County's Local Water Management Plan has gone through the update process through the County Water Plan Advisory Committee as required every five years with the process including review by BWSR. The next step is to present the draft at a public hearing conducted by the County Board. Following the hearing consideration of any comment received will be decided with the final draft plan requiring BSWR approval before County Board adoption. The Board Chair set the public hearing for Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

000 The Environmental Service Director presented a letter from the Convention and Visitors Bureau requesting the County to establish zoning regulations to allow vacation home rental and bed and breakfast operations to support the County's tourism industry. The Director stated that this issue was reviewed in May with the County Board but to date nothing has developed and he suggested another review of the County Board. Knowing that bills were introduced in the 2012 State Legislative Session to allow vacation rental home operations (and did not advance in the session), Board members suggested this issue be reviewed with State Representatives at the January 18th 2013 Legislative Session review to see if there is any indication this bill will come back with support for passage before the County acts on zoning changes.

2013/01-14 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Jespersion, Bruce Grotberg, Terry Murray, Dennis Hummitzsch; Journal Reporter Laurel Beager and B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/01-15 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-16 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Lindsi Bennett to the Part Time Health Educator position with a starting date of February 11, 2013.

2013/01-17 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$133,965.02, to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$66,747.37, to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$163,835.08. to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented, to approve payment of Burial Case #316347 in the amount of \$1,568.84 and authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the December Vendor Payment Listing verifying its review. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-18 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to obtain a County Credit Card authorized for use by the I.S. Manager and Complex Superintendent for purchase of goods and services of \$1,000 or less needed during the course of business for information system and building needs when normal purchasing procedures are not available due to time constraints or when businesses do not bill the County directly. A fixed asset purchase of \$1,000 must adhere to the County's Capital Outlay Policy for tracking and recording County assets. The County would obtain a separate County Credit Card with a single transaction limit of \$1,000 for this purpose. The card will be held by the Auditor-Treasurer. Expenditures will be charged against the respective Department Budgets and authorities must turn in itemized slips to the credit card billing administrator (Administrative Assistant). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-19 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to table approval of the City of International Falls' At Large appointment to the Airport Commission until the February 5, 2013 Board meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-20 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to set a County Board Committee of the Whole meeting for Friday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom to view a MnCHOICES Webinar for a program to help elderly and disabled people make informed decisions about long term service and support options. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-21 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing Board members' attendance to the Thursday, January 24, 2013 Brown Bag Luncheon as a County Board activity in which ARDC will be presenting the VNP Gateway Corridor Project. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-22 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Sheriff to call for bids for replacement of two squad vehicles. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-23 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve the employment separation of Full Time Correctional Officer Mary Lou Jensen effective January 22, 2013 and authorize the Sheriff to fill the vacant Full Time Correctional Officer position. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-24 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the Sheriff to hire three Part Time Correctional Officers and one Part Time Deputy to fill vacancies in the Department's Part Time Roster. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-25 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve a Grant Agreement with Friends Against Abuse to reimburse the County's cost in allowing County Sheriff Law Enforcement and Dispatcher staff to attend Phase II Investigation Training of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Program scheduled for January 28 and 29, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-26 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund adopting the following resolution for approval of a Participation Plan to assess implementation of the State ARMER System as a county-wide emergency communication system for public safety service providers in Koochiching County:

WHEREAS, it is a basic responsibility of the County to provide for the health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued regulations which require the replacement of wideband Land Mobile Radio (LMR) systems operating in the Very High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) spectrum by January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, public safety agencies throughout the country, including public safety agencies within Koochiching County, have relied upon wideband LMR systems to provide vital public safety communications for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, public works, disaster response and other vital government services; and

WHEREAS, the County has worked with the Northeast Minnesota Regional Radio Board (NWRRB), of which it is a participating member, to complete a comprehensive assessment of public safety communication within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has been presented with a public safety communication assessment (hereinafter "Assessment") conducted by Federal Engineering Incorporated, which included an assessment of the alternatives that exist for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Assessment as an accurate assessment of public safety communication needs within the County and of the alternatives that reasonably exist to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners believes the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) participation alternative specified in the

Assessment is the most appropriate and best option for the County to replace the public safety communication infrastructure within the County, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners would support that all public safety service providers within the County to join together and seek opportunities to fund ARMER participation within the County, and hereby approves the County's participation in an assessment for county-wide migration of public safety service providers to the ARMER Public Safety Communication System and be it further;

RESOLVED, that Sheriff Brian Jesperson (hereinafter "Sheriff) is instructed to investigate the cost to migrate and participate in the ARMER public safety communication system for all county and local governments and public safety agencies located and operating within the County and make a recommendation to the County Board, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff is instructed to determine the extent to which the County might take advantage of grants, tax exemptions and other incentives available through the state of Minnesota or through the United States government to offset the cost for the County to participate in the ARMER public safety communication system, and be it further;

RESOLVED, following adoption by the Koochiching County Board of the Plan herein required, the Assessment providing the basis of this action shall be submitted to the NERRB with a recommendation that the Assessment be incorporated into the NERRB regional public safety communication plan and that the Sheriff is authorized to submit the Assessment and the Plan to the NERRB, to the Minnesota Departments of Transportation and Public Safety and to the Statewide Radio Board, as may be necessary to gain final approval for the County participation in the ARMER public safety communication system as provided for in the Plan. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-27 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride accepting the Sheriff's recommendation to hire GEO Com to provide the services for the County's ARMER Participation Assessment Plan for a county-wide emergency communication system for public safety service providers with cost of service not to exceed the State Grant cap of \$30,000 and that the agreement for the State Grant must be approved before entering into the contract with the service provider for the plan. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-28 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck accepting the following day care licensing recommendations: relicense Sheila Wendt for family day care for ten children; relicense Peggy Gorden for family day care for ten children; relicense Jennifer Walls for group family day care for fourteen children; relicenes Rebecca Fisher for family day care for ten children. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Community Service Director reviewed a report on the County's Children's out of home placements and collections with the Board. He stated that over time out of home placements have reduced due to the Agency using different methodology for children's services and also through the aid of the new Collections Officer position. The Board

commended the Director and staff for their work in finding better alternatives for children in need and in reducing the high cost of out of home placement services for the taxpayer.

2013/01-29 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the purchase of a new GPS System for the County Surveyor's Office at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 as recommended by the Land Commissioner and with the Surveyor, Land and Forestry, Highway and County Development Budgets to cost share the purchase at the percent set in the 2013 County Budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 10:25 a.m. No comment was presented.

2013/01-30 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013; 10:20 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Grindall, Will Hoyt, Dennis Hummitzsch, Dale Olson;
Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/01-31 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-32 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-33 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the employment separation of Administrative Assistant Ann Scholler effective March 11, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-34 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Administration Director to promote the Accounting Specialist to the Administrative Assistant position as a transfer under the County Hiring Policy. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Administration Director informed the Board that Accounting Specialist Betsy Zaren will be promoted to Administrative Assistant effective February 18, 2013.

2013/01-35 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the Administration Director to fill the vacant Accounting Specialist position. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Shelley Krause to the Full Time Correctional Officer position effective January 22, 2013.

2013/01-36 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Board Chair to sign, on behalf of the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission and the airport owners, Amendment #1 to MnDOT Agreement No. 01850 for painting, weather-stripping and signage at Falls International Airport for the purpose of adding additional state funding to the grant agreement in the amount of \$1579.51. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-37 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing Board members attendance to a VNP Public Meeting on January 30, 2013 in Ash River Trail at 6:00 p.m. to inform the public on the Park's Reservation Fee System to be implemented and with a review of the Park's Reservation Fee System to be scheduled with the County Board. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-38 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the County Engineer to purchase a Tandem Axle Dump Truck with Plow/Wing/Sander at a cost not to exceed \$196,000 with the replacement vehicle to be sold or traded to offset cost over budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-39 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to table approval of the amended resolution for the CSAH revocation and designation until the February 5, 2013 County Board meeting. Voting yes: Adee, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck; voting no: McBride. Motion carried.

2013/01-40 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to adopt the following resolution for a Railroad Crossing Signal System at the intersection of Spruce Street in Ranier, Minnesota; **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Koochiching enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Central, Ltd. and the Commissioner of Transportation for the installation and maintenance of railroad crossing signals at the intersection of Spruce Street (CSAH 20) with the tracks of the Wisconsin Central, Ltd. in Koochiching County, Minnesota, and appoint the Commissioner of Transportation agent for the County to supervise said project and administer available Federal Funds in accordance with Minnesota Statute, Section 161.36. The County's share of the cost shall be zero (0) percent of the total signal cost. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Engineer are authorized to execute said agreement and any amendments thereto for and on behalf of the County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Engineer displayed a 2012 Special Project of the Year Award to Koochiching County from the Minnesota County Engineers Association for the CSAH 155 Project. The Board commended the Engineer and his staff for a job well done on this project.

2013/01-41 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to set the Annual Seasonal Recreational Cabin Lease Fee at \$220 for 2013 and \$320 for 2014 with the fee to be reviewed every two years following and to set a Lease Fee for canceling, applying for or adding a name at 50% of the Annual Seasonal Recreational Cabin Lease Fee. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-42 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to amend Board Motion 2012/11-26 for a corrected legal description as follows: to accept the recommendation of the Land Commissioner to seek legislative approval to sell through public auction a tract of tax forfeited land on public waters which was previously residential property and recommended to go back on the tax rolls and that a preliminary review of this water based parcel has been done by the DNR and supported for sale. Said parcel is described as: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 SW1/4) of Section Three (3), Township One Hundred Fifty-four (154) North, Range Twenty-five (25) West; thence, about Ten (10) Rods to the bank of Billy Creek; thence, in a northeasterly direction along Billy Creek to a point where Billy Creek intersects the East line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 SW1/4) of the Section Three (3), Township One Hundred Fifty-four (154) North, Range Twenty-five (25) West; thence South Thirty-five (35) Rods to the point of beginning. [approx 2.5 acres]; Also known as, Part SE ¼ of SW1/4 lying East of Billy Creek, Section 3, Township 154 North, Range 25 West [approx. 2,5 acres]. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair opened a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. to present the draft Koochiching County Local Water Management Plan to the public for comment. The Environmental Service Director stated that no written comment was received following advertisement of the public hearing. The Board Chair called for comment. No comment was presented. The Environmental Service Director stated that the draft will be provided to BWSR for approval before coming back to the County Board for adoption. The Board Chair closed the hearing at 11:05 a.m.

000 The Environmental Service Director stated that surveys were mailed to 248 addresses in the Papermakers, Meadowview and other areas south of International Falls to see how many residents were interested in pursuing sewer service. 139 surveys were returned with 59% in favor of the County pursuing extension of sewer service to this area. A high percentage of properties in this area have in-ground wastewater systems in very heavy clay ground. To move forward at this point requires an engineering plan to see what the cost of sewer is for this area to determine its feasibility. The Director stated that he will come back to the County Board with a proposal to further review sewer for this area.

2013/01-43 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck accepting the recommendation of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to adopt a Mixed Load Policy for handling improper disposal of waste at the Koochiching County Transfer Station. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/01-44 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund accepting the recommendation of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to adopt a No Exception Policy for contractors or customers

who want to use County disposal facilities during non-operating hours. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:40 a.m. No comment was presented.

2013/01-45 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dennis Hummitzsch, Dale Olson, Cindy Hammarlund, Susan Congrave, Doug Grindall; B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/02-01 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-02 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-03 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$31,571.92. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-04 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to table filling the At Large appointment to the Airport Commission to an indefinite time. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board in reviewing MN Statute for filling the appointed County Engineer position, discussed the option of contracting with Lake of the Woods County due to past conversations with Board members on this subject.

2013/02-05 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck that before the Board moves forward on the hiring procedure for filling the County's Engineer position, to authorize a subcommittee of two County Board members to meet with Lake of the Woods County Board members to discuss the feasibility of sharing a County Engineer position as allowed under State Statute with the information to come back to the Board at the February 12, 2013 meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried. (Board Chair appointed Commissioner Ecklund and Pavleck.)

000 The Land Commissioner reported on the January Timber Auction: 20,313 cords were sold for a total auction sale value of \$451,215.

000 A review by the DNR is part of the process in seeking special legislation for selling a Tax Forfeit Parcel on public waters. The Land Commissioner received a request from the DNR in their review of the Tax Forfeit Parcel located on Billy Creek intended to be sold in public auction by the County, to grant them an easement to retain the public water access. The DNR stated that the land along Billy Creek is mostly private and retaining a public access on this land will serve to provide riparian protection as well as angler access. The Land Commissioner in review with the County Assessor stated that this easement should not affect the sale value of this parcel. The Land Commissioner stated that the County could consider granting themselves an easement, however, the County would need to maintain it. Some Board members felt the easement should be held by the County for control purposes but Board members did not object to retaining public access to the waterway.

2013/02-06 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund approving a public waters easement to the DNR 75 feet in width for riparian protection and angler access on the tax forfeit parcel recommended for public auction by the County located in part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ lying East of Billy Creek, Section 3, Township 154North, Range 25 West as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Ecklund; voting no: Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-07 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck approving a five year contract with Western Lake Superior Sanitary District for the Household Hazardous Waste and Clean Shop Program as recommended by the Environmental Service Director and further, to authorize the Board Chair's signature to said Contract. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Environmental Service Director provided an update on the Island View Sewer and VNP Clean Water Joint Powers Board's basin sewer project. Commissioner Pavleck stated that it is uncertain at this time whether there will be a bonding bill in the 2013 State legislative session but this project does have support at the state and federal levels as a clean water project. However, finding project capital funding at the state and federal level today is very difficult.

000 A Minnesota Power Representative met with the Board to provide an update on their Great Northern Transmission Line Project which will deliver power from Manitoba Hydro to the Iron Range substation. This project is being looked at to diversify Minnesota Power's base load generation, reduce emissions, reduce negative financial exposure to pending and future emission reduction requirements, increase system reliability, support industrial growth and provide economic benefits to the area served. The transmission line routes being explored will include Koochiching County. The project is currently in the planning stage with construction planned to begin in 2017. The Representative stated that the Company has a website set up to provide additional information and to answer questions. The Board thanked the representative for the update.

000 The Health Director provided an update on the Department's flu vaccine clinics and the State's flu statistics. The Director provided the Board a timeline for the current County Public Health Community Health Assessment which includes the hospital since they are also required to do an assessment. The Department purchased the software for the eHealth Record System for a cost of \$17,000. The Director stated there may be a need for an additional \$3,000 in 2013 for training. It was found that the application of the \$25,000 grant to the County for this project can not be used for direct expenses for eHealth Record System but will benefit the county through the record warehouse connectivity system. The Administration Director stated that \$30,000 was budgeted from reserves for this project expense, pending notification of the grant to cover expense. The Health Director stated that \$20,000 is the project figure for the 2013 Health Budget. The Health Director provided the Board the 2013 Local Public Health Association's legislative priorities.

2013/02-08 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Health Director to fill two more part time LPN positions to service the one home care case with the case revenue to cover the cost of service as recommended by the Health Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-09 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to amend Board Motion 2012/11-16 for correction of road descriptions:

To revoke County State Aid Highway No. 13 beginning at a point on State Trunk Highway No. 71, approximately 600 feet south of the west quarter corner of Section 36, Township 155 North, Range 25 West; thence along the established center line of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending northerly along or near the west line of Sections 36, 25, 24, 13, 12, and 1, Township 155 North, Range 25 West; thence continuing northerly along or near the west line of Sections 36, 25, 24, and 13, Township 156 North, Range 25 West, to a point at or near the northeast corner of said Section 13, thence easterly along the north line of Section 13, Township 156 North, Range 25 West, to a point at or near the northeast corner of said Section 13; thence northerly along or near the east line of Section 12, and 1 Township 156 North, Range 25 West; thence continuing northerly along or near the east line of Sections 36, 25, and 24, Township 157 North, Range 25 West, to a point on County State Aid Highway No. 1 approximately 1000 feet north of the east quarter corner of said Section 24, Township 157 North, Range 25 West and there terminating. Length – 15.3 miles

To revoke the following as County Roads:

That portion of County Road No. 77 beginning at or near a point on State Trunk Highway No. 71, near the south quarter corner of Section 22, Township 68 North, Range 26 West, thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending westerly along or near the south line of said Section 22 and Section 21 Township 68 North, Range 26 West to the southwest corner of said Section 21 and there terminating. Length – 1.44 miles.

County Road No. 14 beginning at or near the southwest corner of Section 21, Township 68 North, Range 26 West, thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending northerly along or near the west line of said Section 21 to the northwest corner of said section; thence easterly along the north line of said Section 21 to the northeast corner; thence northerly along the east line of Section 16 and 9, Section 68 North, Range 26 West to the northeast corner of said Section 9 to a point on County State Aid Highway No. 1 and there terminating. Length – 4.0 miles

County Road No. 79 beginning at or near the southeast corner Section 29, Township 69, Range 25 West at the south intersection with Trunk Highway 71, thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending westerly along or near the south line of said Section 29 to a point at or near the south quarter corner of said Section 29; thence northwesterly across said Section 29 to a point at or near the west quarter corner of said Section 29, thence northerly along or near the west line of Sections 29, 20, 17, 8 and 5, Township 69 North, Range 25 West to a point at or near the northwest corner of said Section 5, thence Easterly along or near the north line of said Section 5 to the north intersection with Trunk Highway 71, said point being approximately 1320 feet west of the northeast corner of Section 5, Township 69, Range 25 West, and there terminating. Length – 6.42 miles.

County Road No. 98 beginning at a point on State Trunk Highway 53 near the southeast corner Section 6, Township 69 North, Range 23 West; thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending northerly along or near the east line of said Section 6 to a point at or near the east quarter corner of said Section 6, thence westerly to a point at or near the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point at or near the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said Section 6 or Gov't. Lot 4, thence northerly along the west line of said Section 6 to the northwest corner of said Section 6, thence westerly along the north line of Section 1, Township 69 North, Range 24 West approximately 0.85 mile to a point on Trunk Highway 53 and there terminating. Length – 2.67 miles.

County Road 107 beginning at a point approximately 660 feet south of the west quarter corner of Section 4, Township 70 North, Range 24 West, thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending easterly to a point approximately 660 feet south of the east quarter corner of Section 4, Township 70, Range 24 West and there terminating. Length – 1.0 mile.

To designate the following as County State Aid Highways:

County State Aid Highway No. 77 beginning at or near a point on State Trunk Highway No. 71, near the south quarter corner of Section 22, Township 68 North, Range 26 West, thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending westerly along or near the south line of said Section 22 and Section 21 Township 68 North, Range 26 West to the southwest corner of said Section 21 and there terminating. Length – 1.44 miles.

County State Aid Highway No. 14 beginning at or near the southwest corner of Section 21, Township 68 North, Range 26 West, thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending northerly along or near the west line of said Section 21 to the northwest corner of said section; thence easterly along the north line of said Section 21 to the northeast corner; thence northerly along the east line of Section 16 and 9, Section 68 North, Range 26 West to the northeast corner of said Section 9 to a point on County State Aid Highway No. 1 and there terminating. Length – 4.0 miles

County State Aid Highway No. 79 beginning at or near the southeast corner Section 29, Township 69, Range 25 West at the south intersection with Trunk Highway 71, thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending westerly along or near the south line of said Section 29 to a point at or near the south quarter corner of said Section 29; thence northwesterly across said Section 29 to a point at or near the west quarter corner of said Section 29, thence northerly along or near the west line of Sections 29, 20, 17, 8 and 5, Township 69 North, Range 25 West to a point at or near the northwest corner of said Section 5, thence Easterly along or near the north line of said Section 5 to the north intersection with Trunk Highway 71, said point being approximately 1320 feet west of the northeast corner of Section 5, Township 69, Range 25 West, and there terminating. Length – 6.42 miles.

County State Aid Highway No. 98 beginning at a point on State Trunk Highway 53 near the southeast corner Section 6, Township 69 North, Range 23 West; thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending northerly along or near the east line of said Section 6 to a point at or near the east quarter corner of said Section 6, thence westerly to a point at or near the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point at or near the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said Section 6 or Gov't. Lot 4, thence northerly along the west line of said Section 6 to the northwest corner of said Section 6, thence westerly along the north line of Section 1, Township 69 North, Range 24 West approximately 0.85 mile to a point on Trunk Highway 53 and there terminating. Length – 2.67 miles.

County State Aid Highway 107 beginning at a point on State Trunk Highway 71 near a point approximately 660 feet south of the west quarter corner of Section 4, Township 70 North, Range 24 West, thence along the established centerline of the public road described as follows: From said point of beginning extending easterly approximately 0.75 mile; thence northeasterly on new alignment parallel to the west right-of-way line of the snowmobile trail/abandoned railroad line; thence easterly to a point on County State Aid Highway No. 2 at the junction of County State Aid Highway No. 114 and there terminating. Length – 1.00 miles. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:35 a.m. No comment provided.

2013/02-10 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Jespersen, Dennis Hummitzsch, Doug Grindall, Mike Ward, Tawnya Schoewe; B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/02-11 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-12 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2013 regular meeting with correction. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-13 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the January Vendor Payment Listing verifying its review. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-14 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve payment of \$3,144.00 from the 2013 Legal Contingency Budget for Koochiching County's share of the appraisal representing the counties involved in the Blandin Property Tax Appeal as recommended by the County's legal counsel. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-15 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck reappointing Monty Saeland (District 5 seat) and Phyllis Karsnia (District 2 seat) to the County Extension Committee for another three year term (2013-2015). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-16 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride adopting the following resolution to approve a Grant award to the Polar Polers Ski Club for a ski trail mower:

WHEREAS, Koochiching County supports the 2013 grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreational Trail Grant Program for \$3,000. The project plans to purchase a new ski trail mower for \$4,000, and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County recognizes the twenty-five (25) percent match requirement for the Federal Recreational grant program, and that the Polar Polers Ski Club has secured the matching funds

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Koochiching County agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project. Koochiching County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners names Koochiching County Auditor/Treasurer, Robert F. Peterson at 715 4th Street as the fiscal agent for Koochiching County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-17 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to set the 2013 County Board of Equalization Meetings: Tuesday, June 18 to convene at 1:30 p.m. with Assessor's opening report and appointments starting at 1:45 p.m.; Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m. to continue appointments with intent to conclude work and adjourn. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Board members reported that a meeting with Lake of the Woods County representatives was held to discuss the sharing of an appointed County Engineer position as allowed under MN Statute. It was concluded that this isn't something that can be done immediately and would require time to determine if it is feasible for all interests. It was further concluded that there are other same interests that could be discussed to identify opportunities for sharing or cooperating on local government services and that the counties should get together annually to explore such interests.

2013/02-18 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to fill the appointed County Engineer position with the Administration Director to proceed with the open position notice to seek applicants for the position. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Administration Director provided the 2012 Year End County Budget Report stating that all Fund Budgets came in less than anticipated with some Fund Budgets expending reserves and others restoring reserves.

2013/02-19 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing expenditure up to \$4,206 from the Sinking Building Account to replace the entry door security system for the Second Floor Courtroom area as recommended by Court Personnel and the Sheriff for courtroom security. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-20 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the Land Commissioner to obtain quotes and execute contracts for park attendants to provide site management at County administered river access points for the Rainy River early fishing season and to request the

annual funding contribution from Lake of the Woods County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-21 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to set aside \$66,000 for timber and resource development reserves and \$47,000 for park development reserves from the 2012 Trust Fund income as approved in the 2013 Land and Forestry Budget and as recommended by the Land Commissioner and to set aside \$5.00 per capita from the 2012 Trust Fund income for promotion as allowed under MN Statute with allocation as follows: allocate forty percent of the promotion funds to the cities within Koochiching County with allocation ratio to be the same as in previous year and with a letter to accompany the checks stating what the funds can be expended on and when they have to be expended and to allocate sixty percent of the promotions funds to the Koochiching Development Authority to be held and utilized for the promotion of tourism, agricultural and industrial development as defined in MN Statutes. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner informed the Board that a bill has been introduced for intermediate auctions which appears not to impact the County’s Policy but this bill needs to be monitored if it gains any momentum in the session.

2013/02-22 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to award low bid for Bulk Fuel Delivery and Fuel Service Stations as presented and recommended by the County Engineer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-23 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride adopting the following resolution for prioritizing bridge replacements in the Koochiching County Highway and Township Road System:

WHEREAS, Koochiching County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement at a public meeting on February 7, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the County of Koochiching has since reprioritized this list based upon inspections in the fall of 2012 and determined that the following deficient bridges on the County Highway and Township Road systems are a high priority and require replacement within the next five (5) years, and

| BRIDGE NO. PROPOSED CONST. YR. | ROAD/HIGHWAY | EST PROJECT COST | PROJECT FUNDS NEEDED | BOND FUNDS NEEDED | TOWNSHIP BR. |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| R0287 | UT 11(Finn Rd) | \$ 85,000 | | \$ 75,000 | 2013 |
| 6413 | CSAH 6 (Pinetop Rd) | \$330,000 | \$155,000 | | 2013 |
| 10’ Culvert | CR 79 (Future CSAH 79) (Forsythe Rd) | \$150,000 | \$ 75,000 | | 2013 |
| 93477 | CR 71 | \$182,000 | \$162,000 | | 2014 |
| 36505 | CR 99 | \$570,000 | \$470,000 | | 2015 |
| 6596 | CSAH 1(Lindford Rd) | \$400,000 | \$200,000 | | 2016 |
| 36512 | CSAH 8 (Cingmars Rd) | \$660,000 | \$330,000 | | 2017 |

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are the critical component of the local road systems, and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement of local bridges continues to be crucial to maintain the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County to proceed with the replacement of the high priority deficient bridges described above, and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County does hereby request authorization to replace the above bridges, and requests financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Koochiching County intends to proceed with replacement of these bridges as soon as possible when State Transportation Bonds Funds and Township Bridge Replacement Funds are available, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County will continue to proceed with the design and contract documents of the top five of these structures anticipating that funding will become available. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-24 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to accept the donation of real property from the Birchdale Rural Fire Association to Koochiching County described as part of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, Section 33, Township 160 North, Range 27 West to be utilized by the Highway Department for storage. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received a letter from the City of Big Falls requesting funding from the County to resurface their main street upon completion of their major water infrastructure project this year. The County Engineer stated that the Municipal CSAH funding is about \$86,000 a year but the County has already borrowed from this account until 2016 so this funding could not be considered until at least 2017. In addition, the large construction plan laid out for the 2013-2015 County Road and Bridge System not only utilizes the annual CSAH funding but borrows from future CSAH allocations and County Highway Funds. Therefore even the consideration of County funds at this time has to be weighed with what is already being expended and borrowed in the three year construction plan. The letter stated that repair work would be done to the road under the contract for the water infrastructure project but the City does not want their main street patched for the long term. It was agreed the County Engineer would obtain more information on the road repair plan in the project contract.

2013/02-25 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to table at the discretion of the Board Chair the request by the City of Big Falls for the County to fund resurfacing of their main street pending further information. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 A Board member stated that the City of International Falls is requesting direction from the County on the Airport Commission appointment as the City can't do anything further with the appointment as long as the County has the appointment tabled and the Airport Agreement would have the City making the appointment subject to County Board approval. It was agreed to put this issue back on the agenda for the next County Board meeting.

2013/02-26 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck authorizing Board members attendance to the Voyageurs Snowmobile Club's Snowmobile Radar Run on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the Thunderbird Lodge at the request of the Club to have County Board representation at the event. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:30 a.m. No comment provided.

000 Representatives of Voyageurs National Park met with the Board to review the Park Reservation Fee System being recommended. The discussion started in 2010 with fees for the tour boat and canoe rentals and now the discussion is on camp sites and houseboats. The reason behind the fee system is to have a revenue source to cover the cost of camp site maintenance and also to put something in place for people to reserve camp sites. The reservation fee system would run through the Park's summer season which is Memorial Day to Labor Day. Before or after the typical Park summer season fees will not be implemented. After receiving comment, they would be looking at an entry fee for houseboats rather than a site fee since houseboats do not necessarily stay at one site. Also if a site is not reserved, there is no fee to use the camp site. Day site use is not impacted by this system. The soonest they could look at implementing this is 2014 since the approval has to come from the National Park Director. In reviewing the fee structure, representatives stated they established the fee at a sustainable level so they do not have to deal with periodic increases and that any increase in fee would again require the approval of the National Park Director. The Board thanked the representatives for the report.

2013/02-27 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to adjourn the meeting 11:55 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Peterson, Doug Grindall, Terry Murray, Susan Congrave, Dale Olson, Chrystal Clance; B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/02-28 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-29 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-30 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$44,111.92, to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$120,282.61, to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$11,682.38, to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented and to approve payment of Burial Case #012513 in the amount of \$626.35. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-31 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the following 2013 County Budget adjustments as recommended by the Administration Director: to add the 2012 unused balance of \$47,280 to the County Development Budget for the Birchdale Highway/Fire Hall Facility Project; to add the 2012 unused balance of \$21,430 to the Island View Sewer Project Budget; to decrease the Public Health Capital Outlay Budget by \$10,000 for the eRecord Project and add \$30,000 to the E911 – Emergency Management Budget for the ARMER Participation Plan. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-32 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund accepting the County Assessor's recommendation to grant abatement to Stella Ann Durant, Parcel #49-034-11000, for homestead credit for the 2012 property assessment year. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-33 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorized to undertake a program to provide Family Homeless Prevention assistance; and WHEREAS, KOOTASCA, Inc. has developed an application as an Administering Entity for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program; and WHEREAS, KOOTASCA, Inc. has demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that KOOTASCA, Inc. is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program in the County of Koochiching. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board revisited a tabled motion on the City's recommended appointment to the At-Large position on the Airport Commission due to an inquiry by the City as to whether the County Board wanted the City to do anything further on the matter at this time. The County Board members felt that there was no immediate need to act on the appointment and first want to see where the City goes with the proposition of an Airport Taxing District.

000 Commissioner Pavleck stated that he was asked last week by AMC to testify at the Senate Tax Committee for restoring the inflation factor on PILT rates. This was a last minute request and he asked former LOW Commissioner Todd Beckel to attend with him as Mr. Beckel is very knowledgeable in the PILT system. In addition, the issue of putting an escalator on the PILT rates for Acquired Lands and DNR Administered Lands was raised since the current rates are no where close to representing the value of these lands. Commissioner Pavleck stated that there is an opportunity to further pursue this legislative discussion and that if the Board agrees, he would continue to move the issue forward with the assistance of Mr. Beckel and would be looking for a means to reimburse Mr. Beckel for his time. Board members agreed that payment of sixty four cents per acre for the plus 1 million acres of State administered land in Koochiching County deserves further review and the Board would also have NUCLUB and MRCC support the issue.

2013/02-34 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing payment of a \$125 daily per diem and reimbursement of travel expenses, capped at \$1,000, for Todd Beckel for his time in assisting Commissioner Pavleck on behalf of the County in pursuing legislation for establishing an escalator for PILT rates. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-35 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve a Grant Agreement with the State Commissioner of Public Safety – Emergency Communications Networks in the amount of \$10,000 for purchase and installation of necessary equipment and/or network requirements for conversion from the Legacy 911 Network to the NG911 Network for the County's E911 System with no local match requirement and further, to authorize the Sheriff and County Board Chair to sign the Grant Agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-36 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to authorize Board members' attendance to the Chamber's Brown Bag Luncheon events as a Board activity. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-37 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe authorizing the Car Pool to seek quotes for purchase of two new Car Pool vehicles to replace Car Pool Vehicle #109 and #23 (to be transferred to the Sheriff Department for transport vehicles) with the recommendation to include the purchase of either an Impala or Ford Taurus due to transport needs for Human Services and at the request of the Board, to also obtain quotes for a Chrysler 200 or equivalent smaller size vehicle and to also seek quotes for a new Land and Forestry Truck to replace Unit #62 with all quotes to come back before the Board at the March 26th Board meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-38 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the County Engineer to call for bids for Removal of Nuisance Beaver, Road Striping, Culverts and Hired Truck Rental with the bid results to the County Board on March 26, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Engineer presented a request to purchase a Lowboy 20 Ton Trailer at a cost of \$21,473 which is planned for in the Department's 2013 budget. The trailer would replace the one in Birchdale which did not pass inspection last year and has a high cost to rehabilitate it. In response to Board members questions regarding the age, use and cost of repair for the existing trailer it was agreed the County Engineer would bring back more information at the next Board meeting.

2013/02-39 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve an Amended Agreement No. 98949 with Wisconsin Central, Ltd. And the Commissioner of Transportation for the installation and maintenance of railroad crossing signals and gates across Spruce Street (CSAH 20) in the City of Ranier due to a revised project cost (reference original Board Resolution 2013/01-40). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-40 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve an amendment to the Northland Counseling Children's MH Contract for Target Case Management rates as recommended by the Community Services Director and upon approval of the County Attorney. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-41 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the employment separation of Accounting Technician Nan Sether effective April 22, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Community Service Director presented a recommendation to re-establish the Community Service Fiscal Supervisor position, which is currently in the Director's position. The Director stated that he will be retiring in a few years and having someone knowledgeable and trained in the management of Human Services funding and the Agency's Fiscal management will be key during the transition of Directors as the financing for human services is complex. Through attrition, the plan would be to reduce the Accounting Unit by one Accounting Technician position and establish the Fiscal Supervisor position, transferring the fiscal duties from the Director's position. In addition, he is also recommending establishing a supervisor for the Administrative-Office Support Unit for better work flow and direction of administrative policies and procedures throughout the Agency.

2013/02-42 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride accepting the recommendation of the Community Services Director to establish a Fiscal Supervisor and Administrative Office Support Supervisor for the Community Services Agency with the process to be administered through the County Personnel Committee for final recommendation to the County Board. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-43 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund accepting the following Foster and Day Care Licensing Recommendations: relicense Catherine Besser for group family child care for twelve children; relicense Tara Gustafson for group family day care for twelve children. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Health Director reviewed the Department's 2012 Annual Financial and Statistical Report to include the status of the County's Home Health Care Program as of December 31, 2012. The Health Director stated that the time has come to complete the County's transition out of Home Care and recommended the existing 5 home care clients be provided other service options and end the County's program. The County program currently has 3 Home Health Aides serving these clients and the Department staff have met with both the Home Health Aides and clients so they know the recommendation to end the program is being presented. The Director stated that the Department will work with the clients to provide them alternative service options. The County will continue to serve the one private duty nursing case.

2013/02-44 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to accept the recommendation of the Health Director to close the County's Home Care Service Program effective March 31, 2013 with advanced written notice to the clients and staff. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/02-45 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Environmental Service Director to purchase a MSW trailer from Wilkens Industries at a cost of \$69,243 as planned for in the 2013 Department Budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:11 a.m. Chrystal Clance inquired on the At Large Seat on the Airport Commission stating that the position should be filled by someone outside the City of International Falls.

000 The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Pavleck (St. Paul Legislative Hearings)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Justin Berg, Pam Tomevi, Brian Jesperson, Doug Grindall, Jeff Naglosky, Bob Peterson, Walt Buller, Chrystal Clance

2013/03-01 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-02 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-03 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to ratify contract settlement with the Koochiching County Law Enforcement Unit represented by LELS Local 102 for 2013 through 2015 as recommended by the Board's Negotiation Committee. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Part Time Correctional Officer Royette Qualley.

2013/03-04 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve On and Off Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses to Opp Hagemester Mgmt. Inc. DBA Island View Lodge for the period of May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013 and On Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses and a Tobacco License to the International Falls Country Club, Inc. DBA Falls Country Club for the period of March 15, 2013 through October 14, 2013 as recommended by the County License Committee. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-05 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve the following as County Board activities based on requests for County Board representation: City of International Falls meeting on March 25th at 5:30 p.m. on airport funding; Good Samaritan Facility Progress Tour on March 15th, Kooch County Aging Options Board meeting in Big Falls on March 25th on senior meals and City of Northome meeting, tentatively March 13, on economic development. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 The County Board gave recognition to Soil and Water District Technician Justin Berg for his service to the County and the District.

000 The Board Chair asked that the issue of the CN trains blocking the Van Lynn Road is placed on the agenda today for discussion of fining the railroad for violation of the law. He stated that conversation with the Railroad officials in the past led to them making improvements but the frequency and length of time the road is blocked is reoccurring. The Sheriff stated that he is aware of the problem and recently spoke with the Ranier Mayor who relayed the same concern with the blocking of the road in the City. For a moving train, its length and speed will determine how long it will block the road. The major issue appears to be when the train is stopped. The Board Chair stated that yesterday he was waiting on the Van Lynn Road for the moving train and then it stopped 10 cars short of clearing the road. The County Attorney stated that a fine can be imposed if the train blocks a road beyond what is provided under law but there would need to be witnesses and it will be a matter of whether it is a moving train or stopped train. The Sheriff suggested the County may first want to send a letter to CN to let them know the problem is reoccurring. The Sheriff stated that the major concern is if an emergency occurs down the road. The Board Chair stated that CN needs to be more responsive to the public needs and directed the issue to the next County Board meeting for further review.

2013/03-06 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve a lease for a Xerox color copier for replacement of the copier in the County Attorney's Office at a cost of \$145.46 per month as recommended by the Auditor-Treasurer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 The County Engineer and Highway Foreman met with the Board to provide additional information to the Board in response to their request to purchase a Lowboy 20 Ton Trailer for the Birchdale garage. The current trailer serving the Birchdale garage is 31 years old and they clarified information from the last meeting that the tractor truck that pulls the trailer is what failed inspection, not the trailer. The current trailer can be used but the frame would need to be repaired and the cost is not known at this time. The new trailer will stand up to the weight of today's equipment and can be pulled by a Tandem and is why they are recommending replacement of the old trailer.

2013/03-07 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the purchase of a Lowboy 20 Ton Trailer at a cost of \$21,473 as planned in the 2013 Highway Department Budget as recommended by the County Engineer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 10:20 a.m. Chrystal Clance inquired on the process of uncoupling trains as it relates to the road blockage. Board members stated that the issue is when the air lines are broke it takes a long time for the air pressure to build up again to move the train.

2013/03-08 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013; 10:07 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Jespersion, Dr. Dan Nikcevich, CEO Bob Hailey, Chrystal Clance, Terry Murray, Val Long, Pam Tomevi, B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Laurel Beager

2013/03-09 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/03-10 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Mary Lou Jensen as the part time County Attorney Secretary effective March 4, 2013.

2013/03-11 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$24,432.39 and authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the February Vendor Payment Listing verifying its review. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/03-12 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck that upon the resignation of Bob Anderson from the County seat on the Visitor and Convention Bureau Board of Directors, to have the Administration Director advertise for applicants to serve as the County representative on the Visitor and Convention Bureau Board for County Board consideration. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 After the Journal newspaper article on the CN trains blocking the Van Lynn Road from last week's County Board review, the Board Chair stated that he received no calls from concerned residents on the matter. He did research the federal law which states that a train can not block a road for more than 10 minutes and that this time includes a moving train. However, as stated at last week's meeting it is not the moving train that is of concern, but the stopped train. The Board members felt that having documentation to indicate the problems would be helpful and felt a meeting with CN Representatives was warranted and deferred to the Chair to schedule the meeting.

2013/03-13 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG215 Lease and a LG214 Premises Permit Application for the International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club for permitted gambling activities at "The Junction" located at 5536 Highway 11, International Falls, MN. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/03-14 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the March 11th meeting of the Birchdale River Valley Association and the March 13th and 14th Lake of the Woods and Rainy Basin Water Quality Forum as a County Board activity. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board reviewed a legislative bill that would limit the use of the funding required under law to be deposited into a County Development Fund from the Consolidated Conservation land revenue proceeds. In addition, they reviewed a legislative bill giving authority to the DNR to open the Shoreland rules for change, which AMC testified in opposition as the local governments responsible for implementing the rule need to agree to the scope of potential rule changes. The Board was unanimous to contact State Representatives to inform them of the County's opposition on both of these bills and to allow the counties impacted to provide testimony if they move forward.

2013/03-15 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Board Chair to contact the County's State Representatives to inform them of the County's opposition to S.F.1151 and its House companion bill for change in the funding use definition of the County development Fund and S.F. 889 and its House companion bill authorizing the DNR to propose changes to the Shoreland rules through the rule making process without an agreement to the scope of changes from the local units of governments impacted. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/03-16 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride approving the quote from Wherley Motors for two 2013 Full Size One Half Ton 4x4 Pickups for the Sheriff's patrol vehicles at a cost of \$37,260 with trade in of a 2011 Dodge Charger and 2008 Ford Extended Cab Pickup as recommended by the Sheriff. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 An Essentia Health Representative provided a power point presentation on Essentia Health's perspective for providing the needs of health care to patients and in doing so, demonstrated the need for a new hospital in this area. In showing the cost to revenue trends of health care, the need to help and guide the patients early in the care and treatment process is a much better outcome for the patient and provider. The trend of health care needs to get away from patients coming in when the situation is serious to preventive treatment and education. But to do this, there has to be a seamless system between a health clinic and hospital. The Rainy Lake Medical Center Representative provided the hospital's perspective on the Community's health care needs and the outstanding issues with Essentia for an integration of the hospital and clinic. The Representatives stated that they are working forward on trying to resolve issues to get to the common ground needed for the benefit of the Community's health care. The County Board members thanked the representatives for the presentations as the issue is real for the community and the County Board as the local public health authority has a big interest in what happens here. The Representatives stated that the two parties share the common vision of patient care and have committed to trying to work through the issues and that reaching an agreement on the electronic medical records system is a good start. In response to the Board's question on a realistic timeline for a decision on integration, the Representatives stated the end of June. By this time there is either common ground to integrate or we unwind it. Board members stated that unwinding would be bad all around for the patients. In response to the question, the Representative stated that yes integration would include a new hospital. Representatives addressed the physician shortage in the area and the plan for integrating new doctors and their families into the community to help with recruitment and retention of doctors. Essentia is also providing adult and child psychiatrists to the area. In taking public comment, the question was asked on the loss of jobs with the integration of the clinic and hospital and why a new hospital has to be built. In addition, commented on the Hospital Board meetings being closed to the public. Representatives stated that in the integration there would be a consolidation of administrative type jobs but there is no plan now to provide a number. A new hospital is being sought because retrofitting old buildings to the codes and designs needed for today's medical technology would cost more than building a new one. With no further comment, the County Board thanked the Representatives for providing information to the public on the issues

involved between the Rainy Lake Medical Center and Essentia for the plan to move forward on integration.

000 At the request of the County Board the Community Service Director and Financial Supervisor reviewed the County's Burial Policy in which the County is required to provide for needy residents according to its responsibility under Minnesota Statute 261.035.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 12:10 p.m. Pam Tomevi informed the Board that a new Soil and Water District Technician has been hired. With no other comment, the Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013; 9:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Pavleck

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaci Nagle, Terry Murray, Kathy LaFrance, Lisa Santee, Kimberly Perkins, Chris Jonson, Wes Butts, Doug Grindall, Dennis Hummitzsch, Andy Hubley, Walter Leu; B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/03-17 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-18 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Christopher Bergquist as Forest Resource Manager in the Land and Forestry Department effective March 18, 2013 and on the hire of Lynn Salo as Accounting Specialist in the Administration Department effective April 11, 2013.

2013/03-19 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe authorizing the Community Services Director to fill an Account Tech I position for the Agency's Fiscal Unit due to the hire of the Accounting Specialist. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-20 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to appoint Joe Sutherland as Koochiching County Engineer for a four-year term under M.S. 163.07 with an employment starting date April 22, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-21 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Ecklund to place the Assistant County Engineer as Interim Department Head for the Highway Department effective April 1, 2013 and for the

month of April at a rate of 90% of the County Engineer Salary to provide Department authority until the new Engineer takes Office and then to work with the new Engineer on the transition of the Office. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-22 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$28,728.99, to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$50,765.80, to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$11,305.87, to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented and to approve payment of Burial Case #1419576 in the amount of \$1,069.00. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-23 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Ecklund to approve a revision of the County Development Birchdale Project Budget to allow the utilization of unspent facility project funds for an air compressor, water pump, cement slab and posts and modification to the tanker truck to further support a Fire Protection Service in the Con Con area with total expenditures not to exceed the original \$175,000 Project Budget as recommended by the Con Con Committee. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-24 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the County Board's attendance to the annual Mar-Kit Sanitary Landfill Annual Meeting on April 10, 2013 in Hallock, MN. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-25 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride Adee to approve the 2013 Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota allocating funds to Koochiching County in the amount of \$6,916.00 on a reimbursement basis with no county match requirement and further, authorizing the Sheriff, Board Chair and County Administration Director to sign said Grant Agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-26 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to amend Board Motion 2013/02-34 adjusting the service cost cap to up to \$5,000 for Todd Beckel to assist with legislative initiatives to increase County PILT rates with the total cap equal to what NCLUCB will reimburse the County for this service cost. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-27 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the Tentative April County Board Meeting Schedule canceling the April 16th meeting and setting meetings for April 2nd, 9th and 23rd. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-28 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the temporary hire of Charles Dalton under County Policy to assist the Community Services Financial Unit in preparing and scanning case files for the new Electronic Document Management System as recommended by the Community Services Director and Administration Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-29 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe authorizing the I.S. Manager to sale the old iSeries and tape drive to CPS Technology for \$400 for disposal of the replaced equipment which is no longer of use to the County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-30 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve a contract with Good Samaritan Society for 24 Hour Customized Living Services in the new Facility as recommended by the Community Services Director to allow Good Samaritan to start preparing for serving eligible clients. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 Due to concerns raised by Pineview Recovery Center to the Community Services Director that lack of referrals will cause them to close the door on the only inpatient treatment facility in the County, the Director reviewed the delivery of the Rule 25 Chemical Dependency (CD) assessment service. Under MN Statute the County is required to provide and pay for chemical dependency assessment services of which the majority of the cost is county dollars. At this time the CD assessments are done through contracted service. Since proposing to change the assessing service from contract to County employee service, he has heard from many involved. For his part however, utilization of local services is necessary for keeping the cost of service down since transporting clients to out of county facilities is at a much higher cost. He felt that by having the assessment service done within the Agency, there is a better control of costs by utilizing local providers. A representative for the County Drug Court stated that the Drug Court has a vested interest in client CD assessments and treatment plans. Though they can't discount the cost concern, the clients need the services they need and local providers sometimes are limited on what they can provide as most times the chemical problem is coupled with mental illness. Representatives of Pineview Recovery Center stated that since August 2012 there were 49 CD assessments done and only 1 was referred to Pineview. They understand there will be special cases needing services beyond what they can provide but something has changed in the process and they feel a conflict of interest is the cause of the problem. In response to the Board's inquiry, the Pineview representative stated that if a CD Assessor rates risk factors at 3 or higher it has determined that the person is a risk to themselves and/or others which places them in a service level beyond what Pineview can provide due to the mental illness determination. However, those in trouble with drugs and/or alcohol are depressed but that doesn't mean they are suicidal or homicidal. On behalf of Rainy River Recovery, the County's outpatient treatment provider, a representative stated that under the contracted assessment service, there was nothing done purposely to avoid using Pineview. The KCCS Director explained that his review of the matter was never intended to say a conflict existed with the contracted service but that he had to exam the complaint based on the contractor doing CD assessments and also providing treatment services. The Board Chair stated that the County is footing this bill and for the County Board they want to see a process that controls costs. The Director stated that the best option would be to bring the service back in-house, however, Sharon Frank, a current contractor for the service is willing to do the service full time and Rainy River Recovery no longer wants to provide the service. If the contract with Frank is considered, he would look to Pineview to be the backup assessment provider. The Social Services Supervisor stated that in-house service is the best plan for the clients for coordination of services and for controlling

costs. The Director stated that taking all things into consideration, he would recommend contracting with Sharon Frank for CD assessment services with Pineview as a backup service and that he would monitor the contracts for utilization of local treatment services. The Board members stated that if the contract route is taken, it be made clear to the service providers that this is a local taxpayer cost and use of local providers are to be used to keep cost down. A Board member stated that it is puzzling that with 49 referrals only 1 went to Pineview Recovery Center and feels it raises the question of conflict and this shouldn't be the case since this is professional services being delivered by professionals.

2013/03-31 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Community Services Director to contract CD Assessment services with Sharon Frank on a full time basis with Pineview Recovery Center to provide backup CD assessment services with the stipulation that local service providers will be utilized when services to the client are available for cost control and to retain local service providers and further, that contracting of services will be monitored and reviewed in six weeks for a determination of whether to continue delivery of CD assessment services on a contract basis. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-32 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to award purchase to Wherley Motors for two 2013 Ford Taurus SE 4 Door Car Pool vehicles at a quoted cost of \$19,906 each less trade in of a 2004 Chev Impala of \$3,750 and a 2005 Ford Taurus of \$3,150 as low local bid and trade in option. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-33 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to award purchase of a Land and Forestry vehicle to Wherley Motors for a 2013 Dodge Ram Tradesman Short Box 4x4 Extended Cab Pickup at a quoted cost of \$22,826 less trade in of a 2000 Chev Silverado 4x4 Extended Cab Pickup of \$1,000 as low local bid and trade in option. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Ecklund; voting no: Skoe (due to cost of having full 4 door cab). Motion carried.

2013/03-34 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to adopt the following resolution supporting a Koochiching County and City of International Falls Grant Application to the State Local Trail Connections Program for the Rainy Lake Bike Trail Project:

WHEREAS, the County of Koochiching supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Local Trail Connections Program. The application is to widen to 10 feet and then overlay 2.52 miles of existing paved trail and construct 0.19 miles of 10' wide new trail for the Rainy Lake Bike Trail. The trail system is located primarily within the north right-of-way of State Highway No. 11, and

WHEREAS, the County of Koochiching recognizes that it has secured \$48,634 in non-state cash matching funds for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if the County of Koochiching is awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural resources, the County of Koochiching agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project. The County of Koochiching will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board of the County of Koochiching names the fiscal agent for Koochiching County for this project as: Doug Grindall, Koochiching County Engineer, County of Koochiching, 715 4th Street, International Falls, MN. 56649

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County of Koochiching hereby assures the Rainy Lake Bike Trail will be maintained for a period of no less than 20 years. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-35 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to award low bids for seasonal culvert as presented and recommended by the County Engineer (bid award on file in the County Highway Department). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-36 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to award low bid for road striping to Traffic Marking Service, Inc. as presented and recommended by the County Engineer (bid award on file in the County Highway Department). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-37 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to award service for beaver removal for county maintained roads to include forestry roads and county lands as presented and recommended by the County Engineer (bid award on file in the County Highway Department). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/03-38 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to award low bid for Hired Truck service as presented and recommended by the County Engineer (bid award on file in the County Highway Department). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 MnDOT District State Aid Engineer reviewed the Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) process for allocation of federal dollars to transportation projects and the proposed projects for District 1 to include Koochiching County for 2013 to 2017. In reference to the 2012 ATP projects planned in Koochiching County, the representative stated that the Jackfish Bay and Tilson Bridge Replacement Project will be completed this year. Federal transportation funding to the States has changed in that the federal government has directed its funding to national highway system improvements (interstates) to include arterial systems (trunk highways). In doing so, the amount of dollars to local enhancement projects has dropped but funding has increased for trunk highways as part of the interstate road system.

000 The Board Chair noted that no one was available for public comment at 11:55 a.m. and adjourned the meeting.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013; 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Pavleck

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Pozniak, Terry Murray, Dale Olson; B93 Radio
Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/04-01 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/04-02 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Zackory Vork as Part Time Deputy/Correctional Officer in the Sheriff's Department effective April 1, 2013.

2013/04-03 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund accepting the recommendation of the Rural Fire Protection Association to set the 2013 annual service charge for the Rural Fire Subordinate Service Taxing District at no increase over 2012 for residential and commercial rates and the City of Ranier's rate of \$29,500: \$85 for residential and commercial rates based on the following building valuation ranges: \$5,000 up to \$20,000 - \$120; \$20,000 up to \$40,000 - \$180; \$40,000 up to \$70,000 - \$240; \$70,000 up to \$100,000 - \$300; \$100,000 up to \$150,000 - \$360; \$150,000 up to \$200,000 - \$420; \$200,000 up to \$300,000 - \$480; \$300,000 up to \$400,000 - \$540; \$400,000 up to \$500,000 - \$600; \$500,000 up to \$600,000 - \$660; \$600,000 or more - \$720. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/04-04 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to terminate Rule 25 CD Assessment Contracts with Rainy River Recovery and Sharon Frank effective April 14, 2013 for change in services as recommended by the Community Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/04-05 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve a new Rule 25 CD Assessment Contract with Sharon Frank effective 4/15/13 as recommended by the Community Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/04-06 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the C41 Fiscal Supervisor and B24 Office Services Supervisor position descriptions as recommended by the Community Services Director and Administration Director with positions funded by the vacated Administrative Secretary and Accounting Technician positions and a reallocation of expenditures in the Community Services Budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/04-07 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe authorizing the Community Services Director to fill the Fiscal Supervisor and Office Services Supervisor positions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 Community Service Director stated that Jane Besch will be transferred from the Community Services Administrative Secretary position to the new Office Services Supervisor position effective April 3, 2013.

2013/04-08 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride approving a letter to be sent to three property owners to inform them of County Zoning Ordinance requirements for utilization of property for short term rental due to complaints received and further, to publish public notice in the newspaper as to the requirements under County Zoning for utilization of property for short term rentals as recommended by the Environmental Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 12:35 p.m. No comment was provided.

2013/04-09 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013; 10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Murray, Will Hoyt, Dennis Hummitzsch; B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Laurel Beager

2013/04-10 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-11 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-12 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$55,822.19 and authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the March Vendor Payment Listing verifying its review. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-13 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve a revised County Board Per Diem/Expense Policy for addition of policy for provision of cell phone service to County Board members for conducting County Business as recommended by the Administration Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-14 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to accept the recommendation of the County's License Committee approving 2013 On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses and a 2013 Tobacco License for Shawn and John Demars, DBA The Junction, for the period of April 2013 through December 31, 2013. Voting yes: McBride, Adee, Hanson, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-15 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to appoint Kallie Briggs as the County representative on the Visitors and Convention Board. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-16 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe authorizing Board members to attend the Open House Meetings for the Great Northern Transmission Line Project which runs through Koochiching County with the local meeting scheduled for April 19, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Littlefork Community Center. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-17 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing expenditure up to \$10,000 from the 2013 Community Services Budget for the purchase of scanners and signature pads for Financial Unit employees in preparation of the deployment of the HHS Region 3 EDOC Case Management System as recommended by the KCCS Director and I.S. Manager. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Essa Eide to the Account Technician I position in the Community Services Department effective April 3, 2013.

2013/04-18 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Community Services Director to fill the vacant part time Office Support Specialist position due to the Account Technician hire. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-19 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund approving the employment separation of Larry Kennedy effective April 19, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-20 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to designate Itasca County as the lead Project Engineer for the CSAH 5 Cooperative Project and recommend Itasca County consider awarding a Contract for said Project on or after their April 16, 2013 bid letting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner reported on the 2012 Trust Fund activities and apportionment results. In addition he reported on the County's timber harvest plan and resulting timber sales.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment. No comment was provided.

2013/04-21 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.
Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013; 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Congrave, Dennis Hummitzsch, Dale Olson, Dennis Wagner, Holly Kostrzewski, Lieutenant Engeldinger, Brian Jespersion, Terry Randolph, Chris Robb; B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/04-22 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-23 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-24 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the hire of Ronald McClanahan as a Veteran Van Driver under the County Temporary Hire Policy as recommended by the Administration Director and VSO. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-25 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the employment separation of Home Health Aides Sally Brown, Connie Jensen and Gloria Taylor effective March 30, 2013 due to the closure of the County Home Care Service Program. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Tracy Podpeskar to the KCCS Fiscal Supervisor position.

2013/04-26 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the filling of a vacant Eligibility Worker due to the Fiscal Supervisor hire as recommended by the KCCS Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-27 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$30,302.60 with further inquiry on a jail inmate meal

claim and Land and Forestry fire extinguisher service check claim, to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$59,354.74, to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$10,896.68 and to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-28 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe accepting the recommendation of the County Assessor to grant abatement to Leslie and Molly Bragg, Parcel # 92-003-00220, for homestead credit for tax years 2011, 2012, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-29 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe adopting the following resolution supporting the nomination of Larry Kramka to the EPA's "Review New Connectivity Study on Waters of the U.S. Committee":

WHEREAS the United States Environmental Protection Agency is in search of experts to review how man made ditches can possibly connect wetlands to navigable waters; and

WHEREAS, this study could result in broader regulation of earthwork projects related to road construction and farmland drainage projects by the US Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County requests input on this decision process; and

WHEREAS, Larry Kramka from Houston Engineering has the proper background and is willing to participate on this panel of experts to be selected by the EPA.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Koochiching County supports the nomination and acceptance of Larry Kramka, Environmental Service Sector Lead for Houston Engineering in Maplewood, Minnesota. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-30 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the Board Chair to send a letter of support to accommodate the Koochiching County Corridor Investment Management Strategy Grant Application to MnDOT for the completion of the International Falls Area Gateway Corridor Improvement Project as recommended by the ARDC Planner representing the Joint Koochiching County and City of International Falls Gateway Corridor Project. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Health Director informed the Board that the County Home Care Program ended March 31, 2013 and that clients were transitioned into other services and that the Department is reviewing the remaining private duty nurse case for transition of service.

2013/04-31 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the employment separation of Avis Crosby effective May 20, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-32 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve a B21 Health Support Specialist Job Description which replaces the Medical Secretary position in the Health Department. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-33 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride authorizing the filling of a full time Health Support Specialist position as recommended by the Health Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board and Land Commissioner reviewed Senate File 1607 that defines and regulates Intermediate Auctions for counties state-wide. The concern for counties if passed is legislation would control the amount of wood for sale in intermediate auctions, thereby removing flexibility of counties to make this determination based on their timber management plan. The Land Commissioner stated that the author of the bill is reviewing the language based on the concerns heard from counties. A Board member stated that our State Representative informed him there is no companion House bill but Board members agreed to remain cautious in case something is slipped in through an omnibus bill. In response to public comment, the Land Commissioner reiterated that setting sales at the proposed 25% is not the issue but the law limiting the counties timber management decisions.

2013/04-34 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to submit to State Legislators Koochiching County's opposition to S.F. 1607 for setting the limit for intermediate timber auction sales and overriding the need of local decision making for best management of Koochiching County's timber. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-35 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the Board Chair to sign an Assignment of Easement to the MPCA for the Leachate Pipeline for the Closed Landfill under ownership and management of the MPCA with the easement located on lands described as the West 40 feet of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 9, Township 70N, Range 24W. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/04-36 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck authorizing expenditure of \$4,874 to Luke Davis to construct a viewing platform at the Transfer Station for checking truck loads and to authorize a line item adjustment of the 2013 Environmental Services Budget to cover the expenditure as recommended by the Environmental Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The City of Ranier Mayor met with the Board to request the County place a video camera at the railroad crossing on CSAH 20 in the City of Ranier to document the blocking of the road by trains. The Mayor stated that recently the train blocked the road for over one hour and by call of the Sheriff, CN had to split the train. However, this is ongoing and something needs to be done for the sake of the public. The Railroad is willfully sending trains that even moving, can't clear a road in the required 10 minutes due to their length. The Mayor provided a quote from Voyageurs Communication to rent, install, and collect the data from a surveillance camera. The Board Chair stated on the same day it held up in Ranier for over an hour, he was stuck on the Van Lynn Road for 55 minutes. A Board member questioned whether an Attorney's opinion was needed to conduct the surveillance and that the County should consider the public's privacy in doing this. A Board member stated that the camera needs to be set up to narrow the view to the train and road to retain the public's privacy.

2013/04-37 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to obtain a quote from Voyageurs Communication to rent a surveillance camera for two months to monitor the train crossing on CSAH 20 in the City of Ranier to document dates and times of trains blocking the road with the service quote to come before the County Board on May 7, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Northern MN Toward Zero Deaths Program Coordinator and a State Highway Patrol Officer met with the Board to update them on what has been done and is being planned under the program to reduce the number of traffic deaths on Minnesota roads. The program is geared towards public education and preventive and corrective measures, not enforcement. The number of traffic deaths has reduced but there is still a lot that can be done to improve public safety on the roads. The Board and Sheriff commended the efforts for improving public safety.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:45 a.m. The VFW Commander reviewed the Ride for Healing Event that will take place from May 27 through June 1 in the State in honor of Vietnam Vets. Chris Robb read a statement to the County Board asking that the County not contribute to the Good Samaritan Society's new care facility due to a personal encounter her family had with their services.

2013/04-38 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013; 10:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaci Nagle, Terry Murray, Dennis Hummitzsch, Joe Sutherland, Bob Peterson, Pam Rooney, Tom Rukavina, Jordan Metsa, Bob Anderson; Journal Reporter Laurel Beager

2013/05-01 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-02 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-03 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund approving the summer hire of Andrew Jespersen for the Sheriff Department Boat and Water Safety Patrol as recommended and authorized by the Sheriff and under the County Temporary Hire and Student/Intern Policies. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Shelley King to the Health Support Specialist position effective May 17, 2013.

2013/05-04 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$22,426.45 and authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the April Vendor Payment Listing verifying the Board's review of payments. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-05 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to renew the two-year Sentence to Serve Contract with the State of Minnesota for a period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 for one crew leader. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-06 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund accepting the recommendation of the County Assessor to grant abatement to June Nelson, Parcel # 98-001-04300, for a valuation reduction and grant abatement to Thunderbird Lodge, Parcel # 07-032-00210, for seasonal recreational commercial classification. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-07 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to obtain the services of Voyageurs Communications at a quoted cost not to exceed \$1,056 to place a camera at the railroad crossing on CSAH 20 in the City of Ranier to monitor and document the blockage of the road by trains and further, at the Board Chair's discretion to request relocation of the camera to the Van Lynn Road and roads in Ericsburg for the same purpose. Expenditure to be paid from the 2013 Budget Contingency. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Board was requested to support a resolution to legislate electrical utility rate relief to industries in which Minnesota's forestry and mining greatly depends on. In reviewing the information, providing such relief would mean a transfer of cost to the public consumer to a smaller extent. Board members in light of the Boise job loss announcement were concerned about supporting such relief when the public will be in need of cost relief when the full affect of the job loss in the County is felt. On the other hand, the Board members understand that providing cost relief to industry helps them stay competitive which retains jobs. It was agreed more information on the request was needed.

2013/05-08 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to table the request to support legislation for electrical utility rate relief to industries to support Minnesota's forestry and mining for further information. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-09 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck authorizing expenditure up to \$3,600 for the purchase of Microsoft licenses as planned in the 2013 I.S. Budget for server upgrades as recommended by the I.S. Manager. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-10 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to authorize expenditure up to \$27,000 for the purchase of replacement PCs as planned for in the 2013 Budgets for Community Services, Land and Forestry and Information Systems under the cyclical PC replacement plan as recommended by the I.S. Manager. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Carmen Christianson to the Eligibility Worker position on May 6, 2013.

2013/05-11 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the KCCS Director to fill a vacant Case Aide position due to the Eligibility Worker hire. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-12 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the KCCS Director to fill a vacant Eligibility Worker position due to the Health Support Specialist hire. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-13 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to renew the Fraud Prevention Investigation Program Service Agreement with Itasca County as recommended by the KCCS Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-14 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Notice and authorize the Board Chair's signature as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-15 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund that Koochiching County supports legislation to restore the SFIA Payment Program as proposed by the Senate that removes the cap for a two year period to provide time to find a long term resolution for providing incentives to land holders for utilization of their lands by the public which is critical in northern Minnesota for public access, recreation and tourism and to submit the County's support to the House Tax Committee Chair and the County's State legislative representatives along with the minutes from the review of Molpus announcement to close their lands off to public use. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-16 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the County Engineer to fill a vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position due to a retirement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-17 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve a 5 year lease agreement with Xerox to replace copiers in the Courthouse mail/postage room and the Administration

Office at a reduced cost as recommended by the Auditor-Treasurer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-18 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride approving a fee schedule for accessing Koochiching County Abstract and Torrens documents remotely on a per view basis as recommended by the County Recorder. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Staff from Congressman Nolan's Office met with the Board as a planned event to review federal issues impacting the County and to discuss federal support of the VNP Sewer Basin Project. However with the news of the job loss in the Boise mill, staff stated that the Congressman wanted local officials and the community to know he intends to be involved and has the Office already looking at ways to bring assistance to the area. The Congressman was very involved when a similar situation occurred with a paper mill closure and understands the impact this has on the people and community. Board members stated that a delegation of local, state and federal officials to discuss a better forward for the community would be needed as well as assisting those directly impacted by the job loss. Staff stated they will start coordinating meetings through the County Board Chair and City of International Falls Mayor to review and find direction for the community as a result of the job loss. Staff provided a handout relating to the federal issues on the County Board's outline for review. Discussion was held on the problems with wetland permitting in this area and Board members stating that it is this type of over regulation that kills business development here. Board members stated that the development of the Island View Sewer System, as part of the VNP Basin Sewer Project, is vital to business retention and development here. The State of Minnesota is supportive of this project and it needs the support of the Federal government as well. This is the waters of a national park and supports a large tourism and business area. The County Board thanked the representatives for the meeting and out reach to the community in the time of need.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:30 a.m. International Falls Mayor Anderson informed the Board that he has made some contacts to see what assistance is available to those losing jobs. He further proposed that a meeting of two City representatives and two County representatives meet to draft an outline to present to their respective boards with a venue for meeting with Boise officials to discuss future community and provide assistance to the community with the loss of jobs. He stated that in his discussion with Boise representatives, they would be available the end of the month to meet and agreed it should be a delegation of state, federal and local officials at the meeting. He would also look at a community meeting to discuss recovery of the area in which ARDC has stated they would facilitate at no cost. Commissioner Pavleck stated that both ARDC and Northspan have offered their services to the community. It was agreed Commissioner Pavleck and Commissioner Ecklund and Mayor Anderson and Councilor Kalar will serve on the committee to outline the direction for a forward community.

2013/05-19 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013; 10:20 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dan Toivonon, Terry Murray, Terry Glowack, Dennis Hummitzsch, Bob Anderson, Amanda Vogel; B93 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/05-20 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-21 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-22 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to ratify contract settlements with the Koochiching County Courthouse Unit and the Koochiching County Community Services and Public Health Unit represented by AFSCME 65 Local 510 for 2013 through 2015 as recommended by the Board's Negotiation Committee. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-23 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to adopt the following resolution for the application of Budget FY 2014 IRRRB funds:

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 Budget FY 2014 grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Applicant's organization hereby authorizes and approves making application to the IRRRB for FY 2014 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: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-24 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride accepting the recommendation upon the review of the Insurance Committee to renew the Hartford Group and Optional Life/AD&D Insurance Plan with no increase in rates effective 7/1/13; to renew the Hartford Voluntary Long Term Disability (LTD) and Voluntary Short Term Disability (STD) Plans with no increase in rates effective 7/1/13; to renew the Voluntary Dental Plan with Dearborn National with a 9% premium rate increase effective 7/1/13 which was proposed as part of the 2012 – 2013 Plan package. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Commissioner Pavleck as the County Board representative on the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board reviewed a revised \$6 million capital improvement plan for the NERCC (adult corrections) facility based on a recent assessment of state code. There is a request pending in the State Bonding Bill for up to \$3 million to help with this cost, however ARC intends to incorporate their bonded debt into St. Louis County's bond issue package which is already on a time schedule so the ARC Board is looking for a position from its members to incur bonded debt up to \$6 million. In reviewing the cost share for Koochiching County of this bonded debt based on usage of NERCC, the County's share is .69% of the incurred debt or \$2,900 a year additional cost.

2013/05-25 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund that under the ARC Joint Powers Agreement for provision of correctional services, that Koochiching County supports the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Capital Improvement Project for the Northeast Regional Corrections Center of up to \$6 million bonded debt under a 20 year payback schedule with Koochiching County's share of the bonded debt at .69% as presented in the proposal. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-26 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck that the Koochiching County Board goes on record strongly opposing a Border Fee Study or any level of consideration for charging a fee to U.S. citizens to come back into their own country or to impose a fee on tourist or commerce vehicles that will negatively hurt the local economies and to inform the Federal legislators of Koochiching County's position on this matter. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-27 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride to approve the establishment of an Economic Response Committee with two members of the City of International Falls and two members of the County Board to coordinate activities and attend meetings to review and discuss community and job recovery as a result of the Boise Mill job loss as recommended by the City Mayor and County Commissioners Pavleck and Ecklund (as a result of the Mayor's request at the last County Board meeting). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried. (Board Chair appointed Commissioner Pavleck and Commissioner Ecklund as the County Board representatives to serve with Mayor Bob Anderson and Councilor Pete Kalar.)

000 Mayor Anderson stated that as a result of the first organizational meeting, the Economic Response Committee is recommending a Community Leaders Event to update elected officials on what is being done to bring services to the community to help those who have lost their job, hear EDA project updates and job growth efforts as a first step in getting local leaders informed and involved in carrying the community forward.

2013/05-28 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to schedule the County Board to attend a Community Leaders Event scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Courthouse - Third floor Courtroom where Northspan Director Randy Lasky will facilitate discussion of Community leaders on community recovery and path forward response as a result of the Mill job loss as recommended by the Economic Response Committee. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Board further reviewed the request to support state legislation to equalize electrical utility rates between all consumer classes which in turn will give a reduction of rates to industry which supports the Boise Mill. Currently a subsidy is given to residential customers by a six percent deviation of rates, meaning a higher rate to industry customers. At the time this was done, electricity rates were low so industry really didn't feel it. However, as utility rates began to rise the industry is now feeling the affect. The proposed legislation would reduce the six percent cost difference to four percent January 1, 2014, two percent January 1, 2016 and zero January 1, 2018. Commissioner Pavleck stated that he is in support of industry and jobs but in light of the Mill job loss his concern is adding more cost to residential customers who most will feel the economic loss with the job elimination in the County. Commissioner Skoe felt the opposite in that if you don't support the industry and jobs, you can't provide a viable economy for the people living here. Commissioner McBride stated that this is a situation where no matter what position you take it will be viewed wrong. But if the legislation helps keep the Mill competitive, it should be supported. Commissioner Ecklund agreed because if you don't have the industry, you don't have the residents. Commissioner Pavleck stated that in light of the current situation, he does not see where the County Board should have to take a position and impact their constituents. The Board Chair stated his support for the legislation because the Mill is vital to this economy and our jobs.

2013/05-29 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund that Koochiching County supports the section of Senate File 1607 and its companion House Bill for providing relief to industry by reduction of electrical utility rates by reducing the subsidy provided to the other consumer classes. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund; voting no: Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-30 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve a plan to enclose the Community Services Agency's front reception area and accounting counter and securing all access doors to staffing areas with access permitted only by use of fobs as a security measure for the Agency staff and clients from hostile and violent situations that occur in the Agency due to the nature of the work with the plan recommended by the KCCS Director and Complex Superintendent at a cost estimate of \$30,816. And further, that the Director will review his 2013 Budget for available funding and expend the project from the Budget for federal and state reimbursement to reduce the amount of county funds needed from the Sinking Building Account as recommended by the Administration Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-31 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the employment separation of Eligibility Worker Susan Thorstad-Salmi effective June 14, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-32 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to authorize the KCCS Director to fill the vacant Eligibility Worker position due to an employment separation. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner reviewed the results of the May 1, 2013 Timber auction selling 23,979 cords for an Auction value of \$643,802. He further reviewed the amount of wood sold under the County's Timber Management Plan to show the Department is on target with the Plan's benchmarks. In response to the question, the Land Commissioner stated that the Plan bases timber sales on acres, not volume and that planning by acreage is the best method. He stated his staff has done a good job in managing the Plan's goals and targets which is not an easy thing to do as there are many factors that have to be taken into account when planning out timber sales.

2013/05-33 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the low cost quote for the purchase of a new 2012 Yamaha ATV from Badiuk Equipment at \$7,052.68 as planned in the 2013 Land and Forestry Budget and as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:25 a.m. The City of Littlefork's Grant Writer invited the County Board to a community meeting on May 30th at 5:30 p.m. at Backus Community Center where the purpose will be to discuss economic issues and network connections in the communities of the County.

2013/05-34 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013; 9:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Murray, Tracy Podpeskar

2013/05-35 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-36 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-37 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$40,015.74, to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$65,839.55, to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$11,531.76 and to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-38 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride authorizing County Board members' attendance to the Community Meeting on May 30, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Backus for community representatives to discuss economic and network connections, the May 28, 2013 VFW Post 2948 Event for welcoming visitors in the Ride for Healing and authorizing Commissioner McBride to attend the Biomass Group meetings as a County Board appointment. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-39 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to set the summer County Board Regular meeting schedule: June 4, 18 and 25; July 9 and July 23; August 13 and August 27. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-40 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck accepting the recommendation of the County Assessor to grant the following abatements: Janine Burtness, Parcel #07-065-00290, for front footage valuation correction and Steven Sugranis, Parcel #15-089-02151, for house valuation adjustment. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-41 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve sponsorship of existing snowmobile, ATV and cross country ski trails for maintenance grant agreements in the MN Trails Assistance Grant-In-Aid Program for Fiscal Year 2014 for the International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club, Ridgerunner Snowmobile Club and Polar Polers Ski Club covering the Blue Ox, Caldwell Brook and Lundstrom Trails, Hagerman, Voyageurs West and Loman Trails and the Tilson Ski Trail. Sponsorship by the County requires that a Club/County Agreement be in effect (Agreement on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office). As sponsor, the County is accountable to the State for expenditures charged to the State Grant-In-Aid program but sponsorship does not require financial support or liability for cost from the County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board reviewed the pending County Board action needed on the approval of the City of International Falls' recommendation for the At-Large position on the Airport Commission. After consideration of a motion to request the City seek county-wide applicants for the position, the Board members agreed to defer this to the next County Board meeting so the file information was available for their review.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Charles Dalton to the Eligibility Worker position effective 6/3/13 and Mary Nelson to the part-time Office Support Specialist position effective 6/3/13.

2013/05-42 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing expenditure in the amount of \$4,864.62 to upgrade the workstations for the Eligibility Workers which will be funded by the Federal Food Stamp Bonus Grant which is provided for achieving the service level benchmarks set for the program as recommended by the KCCS Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-43 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to renew the following service contracts as recommended by the Community Services Director and upon approval of the County Attorney: Big Fork Valley Hospital and Homecare, Crabtree Senior Home, Family Freedom Adult Foster Care, Family Freedom Waiver Services, Harju SILS, County Public Health services, Healthline Home Care, Littlefork Jackpine Chateau, Northome SLS, Northland Counseling AFC, Occupational Development Center, Olsen's Adult Foster Care, PJ's Foster and Waivered Services, REM SILS, REM SLS, Ridgeview LLC, Silver Bahr, Retirement Ranch. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-44 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to renew the Ita Bel Koo DAC and Lutheran Social Services SLS Service Agreements as recommended by the Community Services Director and upon approval of the County Attorney. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Ecklund, Pavleck; abstaining from vote: Skoe. Motion carried.

2013/05-45 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve the Pineview Recovery Rule 25 CD Assessment Backup Contract as recommended by the KCCS Director and upon approval of the County Attorney. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-46 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to terminate the Blue Heron Contract effective April 22, 2013 at the provider's request and as recommended by the KCCS Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/05-47 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride accepting the following Day Care Licensing recommendations: relicense Lyn Bruce for family day care for ten children, relicense Jeri Ann Graves for group family day care for twelve children, relicense Judy Keeney for group family day care for fourteen children, relicense Michelle Koenig for group family day care for ten children, close home of Jeena Ginter for family day care at provider's request and license Summer Froemke for family day care for ten children. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment and following general comment and discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaci Nagle, Joe Sutherland, Dennis Hummitzsch, Walt Buller, Tom Morris; B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/06-01 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-02 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-03 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the employment separation of Terry Wood as a part time Sheriff Deputy effective May 31, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Tara Besch as an Eligibility Worker in the Community Services Department effective June 3, 2013.

2013/06-04 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Community Services Director to refill the temporary hire position to prepare case files for the EDoc System which became vacant with a full time hire. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-05 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the 2013 to 2015 wage and benefit settlements for the Salary Employee Group which is consistent with the other group settlements. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-06 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the 2013 to 2015 wage and benefit settlements for the Non-Union Hourly Employee Group which is consistent with the other group settlements. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-07 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to set the salary for the elected County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Recorder and County Auditor/Treasurer under Minnesota Statute for 2013 with a 1% COLA increase and for 2014 with a 1.5% COLA increase and with the continuation of the paid health and life insurance with health insurance cap adjustments as provided the other employee groups. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-08 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve payment of the second half 2013 County Budget allocations in the amount of \$200,657.50 and payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$42,144.71. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Ecklund, Pavleck; voting no: Skoe. Motion carried.

2013/06-09 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride authorizing Board members attendance to a Cross Border Brain Storming Session on June 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the AmericInn in which U.S. and Canadian Port Officials will speak on the topic of local border crossing with a question and answer period to follow. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-10 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the City of International Falls appointment of Paul Nevanen to the at-large position on the International Falls/Koochiching County Airport Commission as an interim appointment (remainder of 2013) with the Airport Commission to review the Bylaws on the intent of the At-Large position being a resident of the County and whether this would include a governmental employee represented by the City and/or the County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-11 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the tipping fee for the disposal of demolition from a city-owned building is waived as an economic development main street rehabilitation project for the City of Littlefork subject to review by the Environmental Services Director as recommended by the KDA Board. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair set a special meeting of the County Board on Friday, June 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Courtroom to host a meeting with U.S. Representative Nolan to discuss the economic impact/recovery with the Mill job loss with local officials and following, a meeting with State legislators to hear the results of 2013 State Legislation and impact to local units of government.

2013/06-12 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve payment up to \$6,100 for the purchase of MS Office Pro software licenses as planned in the 2013 I.S. Budget and as recommended by the I.S. Manager to accommodate the PC replacement cycle plan to ensure stability and compatibility. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-13 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve the temporary hire of Devon Mann, Domanic Casareto, Bill Bright, Chris Steinbach for the Highway Department's summer work as requested by the County Engineer under the County Temporary Hire Policy. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-14 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the employment separation of Assistant County Engineer Will Hoyt effective June 17, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-15 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride authorizing the County Engineer to fill the Assistant County Engineer position. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Engineer reviewed the status of the State School Trust Land Easement for a re-route of the Raven Wood Plat's private access road for safety improvements. The County submitted the easement application and the \$2,000 application fee in 2012 as the local road authority and the State has provided an approved easement with a \$2,900 purchase price. Commissioner Pavleck stated that if the County is going to consider the easement purchase there has to be commitment from the private property owners that the road will be improved. There is no question there is extreme safety hazard on this road which intersects with a County road. Board members expressed concern with the County getting involved with private roads and with private development creating roads that are not safe and property owners seeking assistance from the County. The County Engineer stated that the easement has public and private components to it and he would recommend another meeting to review the document in more detail to consider what part of the easement cost the County can consider.

2013/06-16 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to schedule a meeting with the County Engineer and Raven Wood Plat property owners to review the safety improvement plan to their private access road that involves the purchase of a State School Trust Land Easement with the Administration Director recommending the June 25th County Board meeting where time would be available to schedule this meeting if the property owners are available. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner reviewed recommendations for improvement of the Early Spring Fishing Season on Rainy River which came as a result of a group meeting with County Highway, L&F, Sheriff and DNR staff after the 2013 season ended. The report in summary makes recommendations to improve the landings and ramps, improve signage to prohibit and enforce no parking areas required for safety and traffic management, and discontinuing overnight camping during this early season. The Land Commissioner stated that parking is problematic as there is not enough space at the landings and has caused problems all around. In addition, the landings and ramps were built to accommodate small boats but today they are coming with large boats which are accompanied by large vehicles and trailers. The Board members felt a site tour and area meeting with an invitation to adjacent property owners to explore parking space options as well as an invitation to the LOW County Commissioners. Board members suggested a July or August meeting date at the Birchdale Community Center.

000 The Land Commissioner stated that the DNR - Division of Ecological Water Survey will be doing some work in the County this summer collecting data and doing some mapping of the Peatland SNA areas and the representative he spoke with stated she would be willing to meet with the Board to provide them information on this project. The Board agreed to have the representative come to a Board meeting to report on the project.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:30 a.m. With no comment, the Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013; 9:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dale Olson, Dennis Hummitzsch, Susan Congrave, Lindsay Barnhart, Joe Sutherland, Brian Jespersen, Bruce Grotberg, Rey Freeman; B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/06-17 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-18 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-19 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to ratify contract settlement with the Koochiching County Highway Unit represented by IUOE Local 49 for 2013 through 2015 as recommended by the Board's Negotiation Committee. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-20 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the employment separation of Office Support Specialist Tammy Riley effective June 21, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-21 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Community Services Director to fill the vacant Office Support Specialist position due to an employment separation. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Derek Lunser to the Community Services Case Aide position effective June 24, 2013 and the temporary hire of Sarah Bradley to assist the Community Services Financial Unit in preparing and scanning case files for the new Electronic Document Management System.

2013/06-22 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the May Vendor Payment Listing verifying its review. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-23 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Exempt Permit Application for the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association – Trails End Chapter for a raffle on September 7, 2013 at the Moonlight Rock Road Archery Range located at 5777 Highway 11, International Falls, MN. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-24 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve a resolution authorizing execution of a MN Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Air Service Programs: Be it resolved by the Koochiching County Board that the State of Minnesota Agreement No. 04157, "Grant Agreement for Air Service Programs" for State Project No. A3601-SM010 at the International Falls – Koochiching County Airport is accepted and further, that the Board Chair is authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the International Falls- Koochiching County Airport Commission. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-25 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve a resolution authorizing execution of a MN Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Programs: Be it resolved by the Koochiching County Board that the State of Minnesota Grant Agreement No. 02781, "State Project No. A3601-95 Airport Catch Basin Repair Project" at the International Falls – Koochiching County Airport is accepted and further, that the Board Chair is authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the International Falls- Koochiching County Airport Commission. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried

000 The Board received a request from the Chamber of Commerce for a County report at the Chamber Board of Directors meeting. In response to the inquiry, the Administration Director stated that the Chamber receives the County Board meeting minutes. No action was taken.

2013/06-26 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve a resolution in support of continued funding for the Voyageurs National Park Clean Water Project:

WHEREAS, Koochiching County along with St. Louis County, Kabetogama Township, Crane Lake Township, and Ash River are members of the Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board ; and

WHEREAS, The Voyageur's National Park Clean Water Joint Powers Board's mission is to develop projects to address the wastewater treatment issues in the Voyageur's National Park region; and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County is currently undertaking their Island View wastewater treatment project as a part of this collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County has completed project design and is currently in the finance phase of this project; and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County is prioritizing this project as it's number one priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Koochiching County hereby supports the Island View Project and Bonding Bill Request to help fund said project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Koochiching County authorizes the proper County Officials to submit an application to the office of the Minnesota Management and Budget for the 2014 Capital Budget Bonding Bill Request. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-27 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing Board members' attendance to a breakfast meeting on July 3, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Thunderbird Lodge for local officials to meet with the Canadian Consul General and discuss mutual culture, economic, security and environmental interest on the Canadian-US Border. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-28 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the Board Chair to sign a letter of support for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for redesigning and updating of State and County Forest Inventories as a joint effort of the DNR and counties as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-29 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve a permanent easement to MnDOT for 11.89 acres of Tax Forfeit Land (previously approved as a temporary easement) at the appraised value of \$9,500 location in part of Section 30, Township 66, Range 24 for the State Highway 65 Culvert, Project #3609-36, as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-30 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund adopting the following resolution in support of Mar-Kit Landfill's request to the MPCA for a Certificate of Need for additional land disposal capacity:

WHEREAS, Koochiching County directs a large majority of its mixed municipal solid waste to the Mar-Kit Landfill under a waste delivery contract with Mar-Kit Joint Powers Board, and

WHEREAS, the Mar-Kit Landfill will exhaust the landfill capacity granted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Permit prior to the expiration of the delivery contract in 2015 , and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County supports Mar-Kit's requests that the MPCA grant additional Certificate of Need (CON) for additional capacity at the Landfill on a short-term basis so that services to the County are not interrupted, and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County is in the process of preparing a Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (CSWMP) Update per Minn. Stat. § 115A.46, and

WHEREAS, the new CSWMP is the document upon which a long-term, (2015-2025), CON may be authorized and calculated by MPCA, and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County intends to continue to operate a solid waste management system that meets the requirements of State law: specifically, that Koochiching County will continue to reduce its dependence on land disposal by utilizing a variety of landfill abatement programs, and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County will continue to coordinate planning its future solid waste management system with neighboring Counties, and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County will work with MPCA to determine the need for additional land disposal capacity through its new CSWMP, and now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, Koochiching County pledges to use its best efforts to continue to operate a solid waste management system that reduces the need for and practice of land disposal, to formulate and adopt a new CSWMP in 2013, and to support the Mar-Kit Landfill's development of a short- term request for a Certificate of Need for Additional Land Disposal Capacity, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Koochiching County, without committing to deliver waste to Mar-Kit after the expiration of the existing delivery contract in 2015, will adopt a new CSWMP that fulfills MPCA's need for information to determine the need for land disposal capacity for the period from 2015 to 2025. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-31 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to adopt the following resolution to approve and adopt the Koochiching County Solid Waste Management Plan:

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Minnesota requires that Minnesota's counties develop a Solid Waste Management Plan in accordance with Minn. Stat. 115A.46; 115A.471; 115A.551, subds. 6-7; 115A.552; 115A.557, subds 2-3; 115A.63; 115A.84; 115A.914; 115A.96. subds. 6-7; 115A.917; 115A.97; 115.46, subds. 1 (f) (g); Minnesota Rules 9215 and all other applicable statutes and rules; and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County recognizes the need and responsibility to plan for and practice environmentally sound methods of managing its solid waste stream; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 the legislature of the State of Minnesota enacted legislation to require that Solid Waste Management Plans be amended to include the requirements in Minn. Stat. 115A.914 and 115A.96 (1991), 115A.46 (2003); and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County recognizes the need to plan for and implement waste reduction, recycling, yard waste management programs, special waste management programs and MSW management programs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the Koochiching County Solid Waste Management Plan and supporting documents for the period 2012 – 2022.

BE IT THEREFORE, FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clay County Board of Commissioners submits said document to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for final approval pursuant to applicable Minnesota laws and rules. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Environmental Service Director updated the Board on the progress made at the Transfer Station in improving the load checks and charges, on the demolition disposal of the City of Littlefork buildings, the Hazardous Waste collection day results and result of the letters sent to property owners on the Zoning requirement for short term vacation rentals.

000 The Health Educator updated the Board on the Health Department's Emergency Preparedness planning. The Health Director requested removal of the SHIPS update from the agenda as the staff person was not available to conduct the update. Health Director updated the Board on the local public health assessment and planning and on the implementation of the new electronic record system required under federal law for health records.

2013/06-32 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck that it be resolved that Koochiching County enter into Mn/DOT Agreement No. 04073 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the purpose of providing payment by the State to the County for the use and maintenance of CSAH 8 and CSAH 74 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 65 at three bridge locations between CSAH 8 and T.H. 217 and at one bridge location between CSAH 74 and BIA 11 (Palmquist Road) under State Project No. 3609-34 (TH 65). Further, that the County Engineer and County Board Chair are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-33 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to accept the quote of Bowman Construction for bituminous overlay of County Road 139 and the parking lot at the County Highway Garage located in International Falls in the amount of \$55,528 under a 2013 Highway Budget adjustment to include the Parking Lot Project in the fixed budget allotted for 2013 County road overlays with the understanding remaining projects would have to be adjusted to stay within budget unless the total project cost comes within budget due to good pricing. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-34 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe authorizing the County Engineer to seek bids for the UT 11, County Road 71 and CSAH 6 Bridge replacements. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 In January the County Board agreed to enter into a Participation Plan required for the County to participate in the State's Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) Communication System and in doing so received a \$30,000 State Grant to hire a consultant to prepare the Plan. The Consultant reviewed the final plan with the Board with a request for the County Board to approve the plan so it may be submitted through the State System as the County's intent to participate in the State ARMER. The Consultant stated that acceptance of the Plan does not commit the County to the cost necessarily. He reviewed the Plan by page numbers: Page 1-4 is the overview. Page 5 is the summary of the technical review. Page 7 analysis concludes that Koochiching County joining the system will not require any further tower site enhancements (not have to add more towers or equipment). Page 8 provided the cost of radio purchases for all County entities using radio systems to include County and City law enforcement, all emergency responder organizations, Highway Department and School District 362 for a price of \$1,294,700. The Consultant stated that there are a number of ways other counties funded this cost and a big part was seeking grants. In response to the question, the Consultant stated that the County's current VHF system will remain in tact until such time as it becomes unnecessary to operate it as decided by the County. Page 12 tested the current ARMER system in the County for load capacity with adding all County users and found the current system can handle the added capacity. Page 15 reviewed the back up system plan. Duluth is the regional hub for this area and backup is needed if the microwave system is lost. The Plan provides for a backup system which is achievable since the County's LEC is only 2 miles from the nearest ARMER Tower. Page 16 explained continued operation of the VHF system. Page 19 reviewed the coverage of ARMER in the County. The State's goal with ARMER System was to provide 95% mobile coverage statewide. For Koochiching County this coverage is 98.6%. Page 20 is a colored map showing most of the area in green which represents the 98.6% mobile coverage. In response to the question, the current VHF system provides 90% coverage. Page 21 and 22 provides analysis for in-building coverage which shows that the ARMER system provides better in-building coverage factoring in site distance from a tower. Page 24 reviews the required training for all users of the system. The Consultant stated that the County can now move its VHF system equipment to the State towers and house it without cost except for a \$100 annual electricity fee per tower. Page 27 summarizes the full participation cost at a minimum and maximum cost. The review determined that at the minimum, the dispatch consoles need upgrading at a cost of \$150,000 to connect to the microwave system. If new consoles are purchased it will connect directly to the ARMER system and the new console can also use the current VHF system. Cost of new consoles is \$500,000. The County's Participation Plan will recommend new consoles but if the Plan is approved, the County can submit a variance request to reconfigure the current consoles at the lower cost due to financial reasons. Again, there is no timeline in the Plan for when the County has to move to the ARMER System as it is understood that financing will control when things happen. The Consultant stated the current consoles are about six years old and have about a 10 year life. Taking in all radio purchases and the new consoles, the Plan provides a cost of \$1,664,200 for the County's full participation in the State ARMER System. The Consultant stated that the State is allocating some of its 911 funding to assist counties to move to the system and suggested contacting the State in January 2014 to check on available funding and the grant process. State grants require that the County have an approved participation plan. The Undersheriff stated that the County's law enforcement

radios will be purchased through the Stonegarden Grant and both the Sheriff and Undersheriff recommend the County's participation in the State ARMER System

2013/06-35 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to accept and approve the Koochiching County ARMER Participation Plan as presented by its Consultant and recommended by the County Sheriff and requests approval by the State for Koochiching County's participation in and use of the State ARMER Radio System. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 12:05 p.m. Following general comment, the Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013; 3:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Rognerud, Shawn Mason, Terry Murray, Bob Goede, Joe Sutherland, Matt Gouin, Ravenwood Plat Property Owners; KGHS Reporter Jerry Franzen

2013/06-36 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck; absent for vote; Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/06-37 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2013 regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck; absent for vote: Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/06-38 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$66,306.91, Public Health claims in the amount of \$9,821.30, to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented and approve payment of Burial Case claims - #348029 in the amount of \$580.35 and #418508 in the amount of \$800. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck; absent for vote: Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/06-39 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to adopt the following resolution authorizing participation in the planning process and execution of the sub-grant agreement for updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan:

WHEREAS, the County of Koochiching is participating in a hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a multi- jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and business; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the county. maps of hazards, an estimate of structures at risk, estimate of potential dollar losses for each hazard, a general description of land uses and future development trends; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of plan into other planning documents and how the county will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan will be shared with the State of Minnesota and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for coordination of state and federal review and comment on the draft; and

WHEREAS, approval of the all hazard mitigation plan will make the county eligible to receive Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants as they become available; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Koochiching County Board will enter into a sub-grant agreement with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the program entitled Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) for the development or update of the Koochiching County Hazard Mitigation Plan and that Koochiching County Sheriff Brian Jespersion is hereby authorized to execute and sign such sub-grant agreements and any amendments hereto as are necessary to implement the plan on behalf of Koochiching County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck; absent for vote: Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 Representatives from the City of International Falls met with the Board to request County support of Federal legislation to allow private- public partnerships in the construction of new custom and immigration facilities. Current law states that only the federal government can build a customs and immigration facility and the City feels that this new law would lend more support for building the new Land Port of Entry that has been identified here. The representatives stated that with local support, GSA has determined that Alternative #10 was the site for the new facility to be located in the City of International Falls and the facility design is done – project is shovel ready. However, the fact that federal funding is needed to construct the facility makes the project very unlikely in the foreseeable future based the discussions of prioritizing use of federal funding at the Capitol. Therefore having the law changed to allow for a public-private agreement for its establishments gives more hope for

development. The Representatives provided the Board a letter that would go to all three of our federal legislative representatives to support the law change and that the letter has already received the support and signatures of the City of International Falls and City of Ranier. Commissioner Pavleck stated that local planning for this facility should be communicated with our Fort Frances counterparts so any new facility designs on this side works with their customs/immigration system on the other side of the bridge.

2013/06-40 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck submitting Koochiching County's support of federal law change to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry to support a new customs and immigration facility in International Falls on Alternative #10 site as determined by the GSA and further, authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the letter of support to be submitted to federal legislators. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck; absent for vote: Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 The Community Services Director reviewed the two new programs that will be added to the Agency's workload as a result of the Federal Affordable Health Care Act. The first is the expansion of Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility which adds an estimated 288 cases. The Director stated that the current MA caseload is in the area of 200 cases per worker. The second program is MNSure which is the State's Health Insurance Exchange that is directed by the Affordable Health Care Act in that states can create their own exchanges, do a joint venture with the federal exchange or just use the federal exchange. The State of Minnesota made the decision to create an exchange for the State. The exchange under the Affordable Health Care Act is an on-line marketplace for individuals and small employers at this time to shop for affordable health care starting in 2014 with the application process to begin in the fall of 2013. The current MinnesotaCare insurance program is administered through the State and provides insurance coverage to low income not qualify for MA. The State of Minnesota manages MinnesotaCare and has submitted a list to the County that with the MA expansion 119 of the County's MinnesotaCare enrollees are now eligible for MA which is an additional caseload (total of 407 new cases). Also, additional service will be needed to help people navigate the MNSure System as they anticipate a number of people will be contacting the Agency for assistance in determining what medical insurance program they will be eligible for. The MNSure System is where all insurance applications will flow and the system will determine applicants eligible for MA or Minnesota Care. The State is providing funding to the Human Services Departments to assist the public with the navigation of the MNSure System. The Director stated that since the Agency is required to assist people in determining their eligibility for State low income assistance programs, they would help people coming to the Agency through the MNSure application process even if they are not eligible for the low income programs. At this time the Director stated the Agency will need at least two more Eligibility Workers and now there is State MA funding to cover the expense of one of the positions. The priority at this time is to train an Eligibility Worker as a MNSure navigator to train the other staff. Within a short period of time, the caseload work will begin and the Director stated that this is all on top of the Agency converting over to the electronic case management system. The Director is requesting one position at this time. Board members did not object to the addition of the staff but would want continued review of the situation so

that attrition can adjust staffing levels if down the line the extra staffing isn't needed and/or the federal/state funding for the positions are cut.

2013/06-41 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the Community Services Director to hire an additional Eligibility Worker to be funded by State MA Assistance Funding due to the extra workload with the MA eligibility expansion and MNSure Health Insurance Exchange resulting from the Federal Affordable Health Care Act and contingent on periodic reviews conducted with the County Board on the Agency's workload for determining long term staffing levels once the programs and caseloads are implemented and stabilized. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck; absent for vote: Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/06-42 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to adopt the following resolution supporting the managed care organizations providing managed health care services in Koochiching County:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has published a Request For Proposals to provide health care services to recipients of Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare in the seven Metropolitan area counties including Koochiching County; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has requested County evaluations and recommendations regarding the managed care organization proposals from each respective county; and

WHEREAS, First Plan, Medica, and UCare submitted proposals to provide managed health care services in Koochiching County; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Koochiching County Community Services have reviewed and evaluated the proposals; and

EXAMPLE: WHEREAS, First Plan, Medica, and UCare did submit proposals, and

WHEREAS, First Plan and Medica have submitted proposals suitable to meet our needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendation of Koochiching County Community Services approving First Plan and Medica as managed care organizations providing managed health care services in Koochiching County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck; absent for vote: Ecklund. Motion carried.

000 MCIT Loss Control Consultant provided the annual MCIT Report to include a review of claim activity for Koochiching County.

000 The County Engineer reviewed information on the request by the property owners in the Plat of Ravenwood for the County's assistance in obtaining an easement on School Trust Land so they can reconstruct the Plat's private access road to make it safer. The Engineer provided maps showing the current configuration of the Plat road connecting to County Road

137 which provides an unsafe connection to the public road and the new configuration of the Plat access road to County Road 137 which provides a safer connection with the public road. Property owners stated several incidences of vehicles going in the ditch on their access road and near miss situations as a result of the steep hill and sharp corner. The road needs to be realigned to eliminate the steep hill and the 90 degree corner at the bottom that connects to County Road 137. In response to the question, a resident stated there are 9 properties in the plat, one parcel is vacant, 7 are year round residents and 1 is a summer resident. In response to the question, the property owners stated that they do not have a solid line of commitment at this time to reconstruct the road but feel confident they will get it to proceed. The Engineer in reviewing the easement stated that in addition to the \$2,000 application fee paid by the County, there is a purchase cost of \$2,931.51 and that the easement would be in the County's name as the road authority for the County. The question is what portion of the Easement purchase should the County pay, pointing out the corrections to the Plat road for safety also improves safety on County Road 137.

2013/06-43 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the County Engineer to execute the School Trust Land Easement #133-023-0899 for realignment of County Road 137 and Ravenwood Plat Road for public safety and to pay the purchase price of \$2,931.51 from the Highway Budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Engineer reviewed the revised 2013-2015 County Road Construction Plan based on the status of the projects at this time. CSAH 107 Project is pending wetland delineation and mitigation and hoping to still start in 2013 but likely will be 2014. CSAH 332 reconstruction is moving to 2014 due to wetland and right of way needs and that a meeting with the property owners is planned this year to review the road plan. CSAH 108 wasn't on the 2013 docket but is being looked at to determine a work plan for 2014. The County and UT Bituminous Overlay Project planned for 2013 is recommended to be deferred to 2014 as there are no large projects happening in the County this year to get good pricing but there are several large projects next year. The County Road 139 and the highway garage parking lot are the only planned County overlays in 2013. The Big Falls water main project and request for street repairs has been reviewed. The City is looking for some sidewalk, and curb and gutter work beyond what the water main project funding will pay for and establishing pedestrian ramps at the sidewalk corners (project consultant state they found no ADA funding to assist with the sidewalk ramps). Cost is about \$40,000. This fall the water main project starts with carry over into 2014. The City is also requesting an overlay of CSAH 30 and CSAH 47 (their main city street portions) which is estimated at \$150,000 and if the County assists, would recommend looking at doing in 2015 after the water project construction is completely done. The Engineer stated that the County's allocation of Municipal CSAH funding has been advanced up until 2016 so there is no available funding to assist in this project until 2017. In addition the multi year road plan as established and reviewed borrows from future Regular CSAH Construction allotments until 2016. Board members concurred with the plan revision and will review the 2014 work plan again in the 2014 County Budget process.

2013/06-44 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to support the revision of the 2013-2014 County Road Construction Plan based on the status of the projects at this time as

presented and recommended by the County Engineer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 5:40 p.m. General comment and inquiry provided by audience members.

2013/06-45 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to set a special meeting of the County Board on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Courtroom to host a meeting with U.S. Senator Franken to discuss the economic impact/recovery with the Mill job loss with local officials. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/06-46 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the purchase a replacement TV for the County's INTV System at a cost of up to \$1,300 with funding from the Budget Contingency and expended from the Community Service Budget to track inventory for the plan to upgrade equipment and move the system to the Community Services Agency in 2014 as recommended by the I.S. Manager, Administration Director and Community Services Director.. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Opening Session 2013 – Tuesday, June 18, 2013; 1:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck,
Auditor/Treasurer Bob Peterson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDING: County Assessor Peterson, Administration Director Jaksa

OTHERS ATTENDING: None

Oaths of Office were conducted for members of the County Board of Equalization. The County Board of Appeal and Equalization Certification Form was completed with two of the Board members having training certification. The Chairman opened the Board of Equalization (BOE) session to review 2013 property valuation and classification for taxes payable in 2014. The Auditor-Treasurer stated that there were no appointments scheduled for today's session but that there was one written appeal received.

The County Assessor opened with a report on the Department's work plan and what was done for the 2013 assessment year. The Assessor viewed a map of the Assessing Zones for the County and where work was done for value equalization. The work plan also included assessment of commercial rental properties. The Assessor stated that the State has informed the County that there is no state increases mandated this year which means the Department is doing their job.

1. Letter received from Robert and Faye Thomson, Parcel # 15-066-02030 (Lot with garage in the Plat of Glenhaven). The property owner is contesting the 2013 assessment of this property on the basis that it does not reflect the current actual market value. The letter stated that they put the property on the market in the past at a sale price of \$25,000 and it didn't sell. The valuation of the property increased from \$20,800 to \$30,500. The letter further provided their description of the land and building condition and stated that they did review their concerns with the Assessor and were provided a response by the Assessor as to how the assessment was arrived at. The Assessor viewed a map to show the location of the property, showed pictures of the property and a schedule showing the various land values of all the lots in the Glenhaven Plat. He further reviewed his adjustment of the Plat land value for the 2013 assessment where he averaged all the lots land value and came up with 62 cents per square foot. The Assessor stated that in viewing all the lots in the Plat, they were identical so it did not make sense that some lots were valued lower or higher than others and therefore equalized the land value for all the lots. This particular lot is the biggest of them all at 37,500 square feet giving a land value of \$23,250. In response to the Board's inquiry the Assessor stated that he did not receive any other inquiries from the property owners with the reassessment of the Plat of Glenhaven. In viewing the 2013 assessment for this particular property, the building is in at \$7,185 and the land at \$23,250 for a total value of \$30,435. In response to the Board inquiry, the Assessor stated that there were no sales in that area to compare to and again, the reassessment was done to equalize the value of similar land in the Plat as there was no justification to have the different land values. Further, equalization of values is part of the assessing process. If information provides the value is too high or low, the adjustment can be done through mass appraisal and that they would certainly look at this area if information shows the assessment needs adjustment. In further review, the Assessor stated that the property has sewer but no water and the taxes paid on the property for 2013 were \$170. A Board member felt strong that if there is no sale data and the property owner tried to sell the property at \$25,000 and could not, there is no justified for the value increase. The Assessor's justification was the Plat lots are similar and therefore should have the same land value and needed to be equalized. The formula to do so without any sales data to rely on was to average the current land value of the lots and come up with an equal rate per square foot. If the Board feels an adjustment is needed, it should apply to the whole plat for equalization. He did not feel the average rate was high after doing the calculation and would recommend no change in the value for this property. The Board member stated his position that he felt uncomfortable with the adjustment without some supporting sale or area data to justify the value adjustment.

With no other business, the Board Chair recessed the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and will reconvene on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
Reconvened Session 2013 – Tuesday, June 25, 2013; 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Auditor-Treasurer Peterson

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDING: County Assessor Peterson, Administration Director Jaksa

OTHERS ATTENDING: None

000 The Board Chair reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Board was informed that there were no scheduled appointments or written appeals received. The Board stayed in session for walk in appointments until 7:00 p.m.

With no appointments, walk ins or written appeals, the County Board of Equalization concluded business.

BOE2013/01 Motion by McBride, seconded Ecklund that in reviewing the appeals presented to the 2013 County Board of Equalization being one written appeal from Robert and Faye Thomson reviewed at the June 18th meeting, the County Board of Equalization unanimously supported the County Assessor's recommendation for no adjustment in the valuation and approved the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Record for 2013 as submitted by the County Assessor with one appeal and no adjustment of valuation (Thompson). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

BOE/2013-02 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to adjourn the 2013 County Board of Equalization at 7:05 p.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Peterson, Dennis Hummitzsch, Joe Sutherland, Steven Shermoen, Stacy Hall, Mike Hanson, Phyllis Karsnia, Brent Benike, Ross Benike; B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/07-01 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-02 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2013 County Board regular meeting and the June 2013 County Board of Equalization meetings. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-03 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve the employment separation of part time Sheriff Civil Process – Secretary Barb Byman effective July 31, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-04 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to move part time Sheriff Civil Process – Secretary Kris Jackson to full time effective August 1, 2013 under the one-year shared-position agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-05 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the employment separation of part time Correctional Officer Royette Qualley effective June 29, 2013 and authorizing the Sheriff to fill the vacancy. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-06 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride that upon receipt of notice on the hire (transfer) of Mary Nelson from the part time Office Support Specialist position to the full time position, to authorize the Community Services Director to fill the vacant part time Office Support Specialist position. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-07 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve the purchase of an ID Badge Printing System at a cost of \$1,338.48 with payment from the 2013 Community Services Budget as recommended by the I.S. Manager and Community Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-08 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$77,602.81, authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the June Vendor Payment Listing verifying the Board's review and ratifying the June Highway claim payments in the amount of \$48,897.57. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-09 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride to approve an application for a Display of Fireworks Permit for the Koochiching County Agricultural Association for August 10, 2013 at 12099 Hwy 71, Northome Minnesota. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-10 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to defer LELS Union Step 3 Grievances for two Correctional Officers to the Personnel Committee as the employer's representative in the Contractual Grievance Procedure. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-11 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve a three-year maintenance agreement from Election System and Software for maintenance of the County's voting equipment with funding from the HAVA Account as recommended by the Auditor-Treasurer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-12 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to cancel County Recreational Lease Site #138 and eliminate it from the County's Lease Program with the current lease holder to remove structures in lieu of becoming the new owner of the existing and adjacent lease #137 and its structures that is located 160 feet away from Lease Site #138 as requested by the lessee and as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner informed the Board that the audit for SFC certification will be next week and that an inquiry from the City of International Falls was received requesting the Department's help to sell timber on City land with a formal request and recommendation to be presented to the Board. In review of a letter received from the Ridgerunner's Club requesting establishment of ATV/OHV trails at Battle Lake and Seretha Lake, the Land Commissioner stated he would review the matter with the Club and have it scheduled on a County Board meeting for review.

2013/07-13 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck authorizing expenditure of up to \$7,000 for the purchase of an additional license of AutoDesk Civil 3D Design Software for the Engineer as recommended by the County Engineer with funding from the 2013 Highway Budget through line item adjustment. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Engineer provided the Board information on the Wheelage Tax and Local Option Sales Tax for local transportation needs which was passed in the 2013 Legislative Session to provide tools to counties to fund local road systems. Counties are scrambling now to review the information and make a determination to implement the tax for 2014 by the August 1, 2013 deadline. The option is available every year but the Engineer wanted to assure the County Board was aware of these tools to fund local transportation and the deadline if wanting to consider for 2014. Though Board members recognized the potential value of these tools for future funding of the County's road system, there was not support to implement it now and add additional cost to businesses and taxpayers in lieu of the Boise job loss. In addition, Board members felt a wait and see approach was needed to see if there is a reaction by the State regarding state funding due to the implementation of the local tax.

000 Attorney Shermoen, on behalf of the Airport Commission, met with the County Board to review the City/County Airport Agreement as it relates to the Airport Commission and the At-

Large position due to questions raised by the County Board regarding the position. Attorney Shermoen in review of the Airport Agreement stated that the At-Large position is required to be a resident of the County and that the City makes the appointment which is subject to the County's approval. Beyond that there are no other stipulations to control who is appointed to the position and that there are no by-laws to further define the appointment. Specific to the County Board's concern of the appointee being an employee represented by the City and/or County there is nothing in the Agreement that would control this. Board members stated that their concern was not a reflection of who was recommended for appointment but rather the Board felt having an appointee that was not connected to the City and County would provide an outside perspective to the Commission since the rest of the Commission is made up of elected city and county representation. Everyone agreed in the review that the Airport Agreement was outdated and needed updating at which time this subject could be further reviewed. Attorney Shermoen stated that to correctly process the At Large appointment if the County Board has no issue with the recommended appointee, is to amend the previous motion to appoint the person for the remainder of the two year term which expires January 2015.

2013/07-14 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to amend Board Motion 2013/06-10 to approve the City of International Falls appointment of Paul Nevanen to the At-Large Position on the International Falls/Koochiching County Airport Commission for the remainder of the two-year term (term 2013 through 2014). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Through the County's Extension Committee and 4H Program, a program was created to give recognition to the farmers of Koochiching County and in doing so, recognized the Benike Farm located in Birchdale with the 2013 Koochiching County Family Farm Award. Brothers Brent, Ross and Kent operate the crop farm which supplies products nationally and internationally as well as within the County. The brothers provided their family farm history and their involvement in the community. The County Board members stated their appreciation to the farmers of the County which contribute greatly to the economics and communities of the County and thanked the Benike's for their contributions.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:10 a.m. Arden Barnes commented on the Koochiching Economic Development Partnership which was established by the KDA to consider small economic development grants.

2013/07-15 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, July 23, 2013; 9:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Adee (Medical Leave)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Sikkila, Terry Murray, Susan Congrave, Nancy Lee, Len Peterson, Frank Jewell, Doug Franchot, Eric Johnson, Mike Ward; B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/07-16 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-17 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Andy Jesperson as a part time Correctional Officer effective July 10, 2013.

2013/07-18 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to reappoint Kathy Sikkila as the Koochiching County Veterans Service Officer for a four-year term under M.S. 197.60. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-19 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the hire of William Breeton as a Veteran Van Driver as recommended by the Veterans Service Officer and the Administration Director under the County Temporary Hire Policy. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-20 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$31,992.39, to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$67,257.59, to approve payment of the Public Health claims in the amount of \$8,828.87 and to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-21 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe accepting the recommendation of the County License Committee to approve a two-day On Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor License for Jake Hasbargen for the August 17 and 18, 2013 Birchdale Softball Club Tournament. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-22 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck adopting the following resolution of support for the City of Big Falls USDA Rural Development Grant for Pedestrian Curb Ramps:

WHEREAS, the City of Big Falls is pursuing grant funds from USDA Rural Development (RD), in association with a water main replacement project being undertaken by the City of Big Falls in years 2013 and 2014;

WHEREAS, the USDA grant funds, if secured by the City of Big Falls, will be used to reconstruct pedestrian curb ramps along CSAH 30 (Second St. N.) in downtown Big Falls, to be handicap accessible and ADA compliant;

WHEREAS, Koochiching County recognizes the benefits and necessity of providing handicap accessible, ADA compliant pedestrian curb ramps along public roadways.

WHEREAS, the water main project funds, secured as part of a previous and separate grant application, will not cover costs to reconstruct pedestrian curb ramps, unless those pedestrian ramps are disturbed as part of installing the new water main or the new water service leads.

WHEREAS, all of the pedestrian curb ramps that would be reconstructed with the Rural Development Grant are outside of the construction limits of the City's water main replacement project.

WHEREAS, Koochiching County does not have any curb or sidewalk re-construction projects programmed or budgeted for CSAH 30 (Second St. N.) in downtown Big Falls in the County's 2013-2018 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Koochiching County fully supports the City of Big Falls in their grant application for USDA Rural Development funds, and will work with the City in their efforts to improve the pedestrian ramps along CSAH 30 (Second St. N.) in downtown Big Falls. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC) Board requested a position from each of its member counties as to whether they intend to pay their share of the NERCC Capital Improvement Project as a lump sum payment or join St. Louis County in a bond issue to pay their share. The project cost is capped at \$6 million, noting the amount could be less with the awarded bid. Koochiching County's share of the project cost is .69% based on the NERCC Days of Care formula. Using the \$6 million cap, if the County paid its cost share in lump sum the amount would be \$41,400 and would be due in 2014. If the County incurred the bonded debt with St. Louis County with fees and interest and payment over 20 years, the cost would be \$57,692 based on the same \$6 million cap. St. Louis County in preparing for its bond issue needs to know if other counties want to be included in their bond issue. The ARC Board is requesting a response from each county member by August 15. After review, the Board members agreed that it would be in the best interest of the public to pay the amount in lump sum.

2013/07-23 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve a lump sum payment of Koochiching County's share of the Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC) Capital Improvement Project up to \$41,400 (based on \$6 million project cap and .69% share based on

NERCC care days formula) with payment due in 2014. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Commissioner Ecklund reviewed the Economic Response Team's meeting with Boise Paper which provided a status report on where the reduction of mill jobs and a review of the challenges the mill faces to stay competitive. Another meeting is planned for October.

2013/07-24 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to authorize Board members attendance to the August 10th Tree Planting Event (8:00 a.m. at the Ettestad Property) for the Rat Root River Fishery Recovery Project as hosted by the Nature Valley and Rainy Lake Sport Fishing Club. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-25 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride authorizing Board members attendance to the public hearing on the draft Minnesota 20 Year State Highway Investment Plan set for July 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. which will be held at various MnDOT Offices and conducted via videoconference. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-26 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to adopt the following amended resolution supporting the managed care organizations providing managed health care services in Koochiching County:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has published a Request For Proposals to provide health care services to recipients of Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare in twenty-seven counties including Koochiching County; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has requested County evaluations and recommendations regarding the managed care organization proposals from each respective county; and

WHEREAS, First Plan, Medica, and UCare submitted proposals to provide managed health care services in Koochiching County; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Koochiching County Community Services have reviewed and evaluated the proposals; and

EXAMPLE: WHEREAS, First Plan, Medica, and UCare did submit proposals, and

WHEREAS, First Plan, Medica and UCare have submitted proposals suitable to meet our needs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendation of Koochiching County Community Services approving First Plan, Medica and UCare as managed care organizations providing managed health care services in Koochiching County. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-27 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the MN Department of Human Services Contract for Koochiching County's participation in the Local Collaborative Time Study as recommended by the Community Services Director and upon approval of the County Attorney. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-28 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to renew the School District 361 Non-Financial Agreement for children social services case data sharing as recommended by the Community Services Director and upon approval of the County Attorney. Voting yes: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-29 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the Community Services Director to hire a second new Eligibility Worker to be funded by Enhanced Medical Assistance Funding due to the extra workload with the MA eligibility expansion and MNSure Health Insurance Exchange resulting from the Federal Affordable Health Care Act and contingent on periodic reviews conducted with the County Board on the Agency's workload for determining long term staffing levels once the programs and caseloads are implemented and stabilized. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-30 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the Adoption and Foster Care Recruitment Grant Agreement for \$2,784.00 for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 which covers the cost of the Lexus/Nexus Web Based Search Engine to assist in the search of relatives for adoption and foster care services. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/07-31 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck accepting the following recommendations for Day Care Licensure: relicense Dawn Clark for family day care for ten children and relicense Donna Fairhurst for group family day care to twelve children. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Health Department Public Health Nurse provided the Board a report on the health initiatives conducted and being planned in Koochiching County under the State-Wide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) and its funding for improving people's health through activity and nutrition. The Health Director reported that the last of their home care clients (one skilled nurse case) is being transitioned to private care to complete the closure of the County Home Care Program by September and end the Department's budget revenue generated from the Program.

2013/07-32 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the transition of the manual Certificate of Real Estate Value Forms to an electronic Form through the Department of Revenue's System with a one time fee of \$1,250.00 with payment from the Recorder's Land Records Management Fund as recommended by the County Assessor, County Auditor and Information Systems Manager. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Representatives met with the Board to present the Geotourism Initiative Project through a Partnership of the Heart of the Continent (HOC) and National Geography Society (NGS) to

create a regional cross-border branding project to increase visitation to the area. The Heart of the Continent is a coalition of land managers and local stakeholders working together on cross border projects that promote the natural, cultural and economic health of the lakes, forest and communities on the Minnesota/Ontario border. Joining efforts with NGS, the geotourism site will provide worldwide exposure to its resources, attractions and communities. The regional area as shown on the map is defined by the pin points of Duluth to Thunder Bay, to International Falls and back down to Duluth. The representatives stated that HOC will sign a contract with National Geographic when it has retained \$190,000 of funding for this project. They have \$166,000 committed at this time and would look for a minimum of \$2,500 from Koochiching County. In kind would also be needed in the project which will be sought from volunteers and local units of government. Again, this is a powerful tourism tool to promote all of Koochiching County. The tentative timeline would be to kick off the project in September and be done in one year. The VNP Superintendent stated his support for the project in promotion of the National Park and the communities and businesses of the County. Board members agreed that tourism is the next largest economic contributor in the County and more should be invested to expand it.

2013/07-33 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to contribute \$2,500 to the HOC and NGS Geotourism Initiative 2013 Project for promoting a regional cross border area to include Koochiching County and further, to request an equal match from the KDA for the Project due to its economic value to the County. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:10 a.m. No comment was presented.

2013/07-34 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013; 10:25 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Adee (Medical Leave)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Todd Beckel, Kim Nuthak, Doug Grindall, Dennis Hummitzsch, Bob Anderson, Gail Rognerud, Steve Shermoen, Shawn Mason, Gary Skallman, Joe Sutherland; B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/08-01 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-02 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-03 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the temporary hire of Susan Lucek in the Land and Forestry Department for fill in due to a leave of absence as recommended by the Land Commissioner and Administration Director under the County Temporary Hire Policy. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-04 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck that under M.S. 181.9413 providing for employees to use their earned personal sick leave benefits provided by the employer for absences due to an illness of or injury of the employee's adult child, spouse, sibling, parent, grandparent or stepparent and the law provision allowing the employer to limit this use of personal sick leave benefits to no less than 160 hours in a 12-month period rolling period, the Koochiching County Board hereby limits the earned sick leave benefit use for this purpose to no less than 160 hours in a 12-month rolling period for full time employees and pro rated for part time employees and that such limit will include the use of the 5 days of earned sick leave benefits now provided to an employee to attend to the medical needs of the employee's spouse or parent currently allowed in policy; and further, that leave of absences beyond 5 days will be guided by the County's Leave of Absence Policies as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-05 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride accepting the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Environmental Services Director to establish a B24 Transfer Station Operator/Team Leader Position with appointment of Greg Williams to the position effective August 14, 2013. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Katie Vork as the Community Services part time Office Support Specialist effective July 29, 2013 and the hire of Angela Holenko effective August 5, 2013 and Derek Foss effective August 12, 2013 as Community Services Eligibility Workers.

2013/08-06 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$53,963.48 and to authorize the Board Chair's signature to the July Vendor Payment Listing verifying the Board's review. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-07 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to amend Board Motion 2013/01-18 to increase the limit on the County Credit Card to \$2,000.00 and to expand the usage to include payment of government fees/charges in which no other mode of payment is available as recommended by the Administration Director. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-08 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to authorize Board members' attendance to the open house/public meetings of the International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board to be held on August 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at RRCC as a County Board activity. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-09 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck to amend Board Motion 2013/07-21 approving the two-day On Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor License for Jake Hasbargen for the Birchdale Softball Club Tournament with a change of dates to August 24 and 25, 2013. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-10 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the Board Chair to appoint a Board member to the Long Term Vision/Strategy Team (subcommittee of the Economic Response Team) at the request of the Team. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried. (Board Chair appointed Commissioner McBride.)

2013/08-11 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,184.18 to Voyageurs Communication for additional cost of placing a camera at the railroad crossing on the Van Lynn Road as authorized by the Board Chair (reference Board Motion 2013/05-07) to monitor and document the blockage of the road by trains with payment from the 2013 Budget Contingency. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-12 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve a resolution authorizing execution of a MN Department of Transportation Grant Agreement #03889 for Airport Maintenance and Operations in the amount of \$69,661 and to authorize the Board Chair to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Todd Beckel met with the Board to review the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) as a result of the 2013 Legislative session which efforts successfully resulted in increased rates for all state land acreage except for Con Con acres. He felt there was further opportunity to review adjustment of the PILT payment on Con Con acres based on what the market has valued acres for wetland credits (Con Con acres are mostly low land-wetlands). In a County such as Koochiching where every development requires wetland mitigation at a costly price, the Con Con acre adjustment would help put money in the coffer for the County's cost of wetland mitigation. He felt Koochiching County was in the best position to put forward the case. Board members stated that wetland mitigation for the Airport expansion cost \$18,000 an acre with the acreage having to be purchased outside of the County. Mr. Beckel stated that the County's PILT land appraisal due to the State is up again in about three years so the timing is right to look at the value of the Con Con lands.

2013/08-13 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck authorizing payment of a \$125 daily per diem and reimbursement of travel expenses, capped at \$5,000, for Todd Beckel for his time in assisting Commissioner Pavleck on behalf of the County in pursuing a rate adjustment for

PILT Con Con acres. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 City of Ranier representative met with the Board to request the County's assistance in the replacement of the public dock in Jameson Addition on Rainy River, which was under the County's jurisdiction prior to the Ranier Annexation. The dock is unsafe and needs to be replaced if it is going to continue as a public dock. A County Board member inquired as to whether a survey was done to determine if the dock is on public property to resolve the statement made that it is on private property. The City Representative stated this issue just came up and the City would like the County's assistance in making this determination. Board members also questioned the high cost of the dock replacement as quoted and the Representative stated that the low quote of \$13,000 includes several cribs, floater section, stairs and removal of the old dock and cribs. Board members agreed the first step was to survey the property for determination of the dock's location on public property.

2013/08-14 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe authorizing the County Surveyor to conduct a land survey for the location of the Jameson Addition public dock to determine its location on public property and to report back to the County Board for further review with the City of Ranier on the dock replacement plan. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Representatives from the City of International Falls met with the Board to request the County's support for orderly annexation of the Multi-Modal Facilities District into the City of International Falls. Representatives provided a map showing the location of the buffer zone as requested by the County at the September 4, 2012 review. Commissioner Pavleck asked if the buffer zone has been confirmed to writing, referencing the committee that was put together as a result of the September 4, 2012 review which agreed to confirm in writing the buffer zone plan and that the County's rock blasting and crushing procedures would be followed with development of the property. In response to the inquiry, City representatives stated that the Committee included representatives of the City, County and Boise but at this time, the City has purchased the property and holds title to it so Boise is no longer in the picture to sign off on an agreement related to this property. Attorney Shermoen stated that in the orderly annexation process, the County and City would both approve a document that would stipulate any agreements of the parties for the annexation and where the buffer and site development plan would be stipulated. He stated that the Multi Modal site acreage that would be included in the annexation is about 52 acres. Commissioner Pavleck stated that in the Committee discussion an improvement plan for the Second Creek waterway was reviewed and was incorporated into the discussion for what is needed for the buffer zone to protect the waterway. He felt that what the Committee had agreed to should be committed to writing and would like the committee to sit down again and establish the full agreement which was intended to resolve concerns of the residential area with development and industrial activity and protect the Second Creek Waterway. The City Mayor stated that they would be willing to meet and the Board Chair asked that this meeting be conducted in a timely fashion so the City can move forward with its development planning.

000 The Land Commissioner updated the Board on the Nett Lake Wetland Bank which is on the move again with review of the land title. The Land Commissioner reported on the July 31 Timber Auction resulting in a Total Auction Sale Value of \$502,563 and reviewed the County Timber Management Plan activity as of August 5, 2013.

2013/08-15 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to accept low bid for a 2014 Dodge ½ Ton 4X4 Crew Cab Pickup from Wherley Motors at a price of \$25,002 after trade-in for replacement of the County Engineer’s vehicle as recommended by the County Engineer and as planned in the 2013 Highway Budget. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Engineer provided an update on the Department’s activities to date.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:50 am. General comment provided by a member of the audience.

2013/08-16 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Voting yes: Ecklund, McBride, Skoe, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Jaksa, Administration Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dennis Hummitzsch, Brian Jespersen, Florence Hervey, Jaci Nagle, Joe Sutherland, Dale Olson, Terry Murray, Susan Congrave, Lisa Santee, Thomas Hall; Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/08-17 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-18 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-19 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$19,969.39, to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$86,201.93, to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$14,215.79, to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented and to approve payment of the following Burial Case payments; #1179969 in the amount of \$1,088.66, #1310916 in the amount of \$486.29,

#992899 in the amount of \$599.51, #1712012 in the amount of \$1,019.20 and #724766 in the amount of \$1,790.82. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Administration Director provided a review of the East Koochiching Sanitary Sewer District's 2012 Financial Statement.

2013/08-20 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to make of record the following approved department petty cash accounts for the sole purpose of reimbursing allowable County expenses: Auditor/Treasurer \$50; Recorder \$100, Sheriff \$100, Environmental Services \$100, Community Services \$50, Public Health \$50; further, to make of record the following approved department change fund accounts for the sole purpose of making change: Auditor-Treasurer \$2,000, Sheriff Canteen Account \$300, Environmental Services \$150. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-21 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to set a public hearing under the County Road Vacation Policy for Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom for the road vacation application of Kevin Grover to vacate the west 10.00 feet of P. Ave, Rainy Lake Addition to Ranier lying southerly of the easterly prolongation of the north line of Block 8 and lying northerly of the easterly prolongation of the south line of said Block 8. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner reviewed an outline for the County Board site tour in Birchdale to review the Early Fishing Season landings and parking areas followed by a meeting in the Birchdale Community Center as reviewed in June. Members felt since they were in the area, they should open the agenda for area residents to speak to them on other area interests and concerns. It was agreed the Land Commissioner would work with the Board Chair to set the area meeting.

2013/08-22 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing expenditure of \$9,723 for the Guardian RFID Corrections System for the County Jail as recommended by the Sheriff for required inmate well-being checks with funding from the 2013 Sheriff and Contingency Budgets contingent on a multi year agreement setting the annual maintenance fee which was quoted at \$799.34 a year. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-23 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing expenditure of \$3,300 for the installation of a fiber optic network backbone to provide network connectivity for Next Generation 911 equipment with funding from the 2013 911 and Contingency Budget and expenditure of up to \$8,000 for the re-cabling of the Law Enforcement Center with funding from the 2013 I.S. and Complex Budgets as recommended by the Information Systems Manager and Complex Superintendent due to the need to replace this part of the information systems network cabling. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-24 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve a FY 2014 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant in the amount of \$1,416.00 for the purchase of navigational aids for the County's Boat and Water Safety Program as recommended by the Sheriff with a grant period of July 1 through September 16, 2013 and to authorize the Board Chair, Sheriff and Administration Director to sign the Grant Agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-25 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to accept the low bid of Gladen Construction, Inc. for SAP 036-606-010 box culvert (CSAH 6 bridge) in the amount of \$253,765.60 and SAP 036-599-011 box culvert (UT 11 culvert) in the amount of \$96,254.35 with the total project having a local dollar cost of \$10,000 as recommended by the County Engineer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Following the committee review for the 2013 Commercial Solid Waste Service Fee billing based on 2012 volume data, the Environmental Service Director provided a recommendation to incorporate the changes in the service fee. As discussed in committee, though the 2012 billing charges were based on volume data that was five years old and that the 2013 billing based on new 2012 volume data would considerably change the fee to commercial businesses with the majority seeing an increase in cost. Board members in considering the impact on the local economy with the Mill job loss, felt more consideration was needed to support businesses at this time and wanted the Director to continue the 2012 billing levels and moving forward, to base the future billings on two years of new volume data and to send a letter to businesses with their 2013 billing to inform them of the future change in their service fee based on their volume data. Environmental Director stated that he would move forward on this basis.

2013/08-26 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to renew the Philips Lifeline M.A. Waiver Contract for KERP units as recommended by the Community Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/08-27 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to accept the following day care licensing recommendations: relicense Margaret Winkle for group family day care for ten children and license Bobbie Jo Gorm for family day care for ten children. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Community Services Director informed the Board that the MN Department of Human Services informed the Agency that they would not be asking Medica and Blue Plus to provide health care coverage for Koochiching County clients, leaving only UCare as the provider for this area. The Director is very concerned about this notice as UCare is the least used plan by clients because of transportation expense. The Director is waiting for further explanation from the State and will schedule this for further review with the Board when he has more information.

000 The Health Director stated that by January 1, 2014 the electronic health record system will be fully utilized in the department for time study and health records and that through the vendor, a grant was received to provide connectivity to the Health Information Exchange as

part of the overall federal requirement of automating health records. The Director stated that the Local Public Health Assessment and Planning is at the step where through public review has collected health priorities for the County to include chemical and alcohol problems, mental health, physical activity/obesity, senior care, poverty, lack of health providers and lack of insurance/employment, which she stated are all interconnected. The Department will now prioritize the areas identified for the plan. The Department staff is required to obtain MN Choices training and certification for long term care consultation and the official closure date of the County's Home Care Program was August 12, 2013.

2013/08-28 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to authorize out of state travel for 2 Public Health staff to attend Pandemic training in Alabama for 4 days with all travel, meals and lodging cost paid by the program as recommended by the Health Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Borderland Substance Abuse Court Coordinator provided the Board an update on the program. Since 2005 there have been 60 graduates from the Drug Court with 90% completing treatment and remain free of new offenses and since 2012 there are 27 enrolled in the program. The program continues to provide the correction, assistance and support to those with drug and alcohol problems to lead a productive life. On September 13 at Smokey Bear Park the Alumni will be hosting a Prescription Drug Abuse/Prevention Event for the public and flyers will be forthcoming on the event. The Coordinator stated that funding for the Drug Court continues to be challenge even though the drug courts are recognized for their success in reducing the cost of incarceration and repeated offenses. Commissioner Pavleck stated that the county's cost for Arrowhead Regional Corrections is partly based on usage and he recognized the Koochiching County Court System to include the Drug Court as playing a big part in keeping the corrections cost low for Koochiching County.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:32 a.m. Thomas Hall provided the Board his idea of a green space plan for the City of Ranier which included improvements to the Bike Trail, which he understood is planned for improvement by the County. His plan included rerouting the trail in some places and vacating some of the roads crossing the path between second bridge and Ranier, to make it safer and more enjoyable for bicyclists. The County Engineer stated that the plan for the bike trail is to widen it from 8 to 10 feet within the current alignment and that MnDOT has the lead on the project and is slated for completion by the end of the 2014 construction season. Mr. Hall stated that now would be the time to consider any change for future planning of this area of which he also relayed to the City of Ranier. Board members stated discussion with the City of Ranier should occur on their future planning for this area to consider any change to the bike trail before the current 2014 construction plan is finalized. No other comment was provided.

2013/08-29 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs (Jaksa), Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Sikkila, Terry Murray; B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/09-01 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-02 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-03 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the employment separation of LPNs Jessica Nelson (effective August 8), RaeAnn Taylor (effective August 13), Melanie Benike (effective August 13) and Miriam Zupke (effective August 11) due to the closure of the County Home Care Program. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-04 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck authorizing Board members' attendance to the October 9th Annual Veterans Stand Down at the Union Hall as a Board activity. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-05 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to add comment to the Federal Delegation regarding proposed military action against Syria to the agenda. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-06 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to send to the County's Federal Delegation a message from the County Board expressing concern for the nation on the proposal to Congress for military action against Syria and that Congress be certain it is the right direction for the United States. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-07 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to adopt the following resolution for approval of the County Veterans Service Office Enhancement Grant: Be it resolved by the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners that the County enter into a Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the County Veterans Service Office Enhancement Grant Program in which the grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans, to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other

community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Laws 2013 Chapter 142, Article 4. Further, that this Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding. Be it further resolved by the Koochiching County Board that Kevin Adee, the County Board Chair, be authorized to execute the Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-08 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck adopting the following resolution for approval of a grant for the International Falls/Koochiching County Airport: to accept the grant for FAA Project Number 3-27-0043-26-13 in the amount of \$610,666 (and acceptance of the MnDOT Office of Aeronautics companion agreement - reference State Project #A3601-96 and State Agreement #04594) to rehabilitate Airport pavement and to continue planning and design for a proposed upgrade of the terminal building and further, authorizing the Board Chair and County Attorney to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of Koochiching County; further, to authorize the MnDOT Director of Aeronautics to act as a liaison for the airport owners for purposes of facilitating this grant. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-09 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve a two-year DNR Off Highway Grant Agreement (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015) in the amount of \$43,080 for off-highway vehicle law enforcement activities and further, to authorize the Board Chair and Sheriff to execute the agreement on behalf of the County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Community Services Director informed the Board that he is still waiting for a response from the State as to their decision to allow only UCare to provide health care services for the MA clients and that other northern counties have now submitted this same inquiry to the State. The Director stated that the electronic case management system for the Financial Unit is up and running and that staff are taking training for operation of the MNSure Health Insurance Exchange. The Director reviewed changes from the 2013 legislative session which cause some potential cost concern. There was adjustment to the Foster Care and Relative Custody Care Programs which placed some cost on the counties which was not there before but the State is saying overall the change will not increase the counties cost. The required Education age limit changed from 16 to 17 for kids to remain in school, which ties to the Foster Care Program and the large expense for care of late teens. This then ties into the law change about two years ago where foster care carries into young adult years under certain conditions. All together, this creates various scenarios for large out of home placement costs. The Director stated that the Children's Mental Health Grant starting in FY 2015 will go to the schools instead of the counties even though the counties are responsible for children case management services.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 10:40 a.m. General comment provided by members of the audience on the Airport private hangers and the railroad crossing in Ranier.

2013/09-10 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs (Jaksa), Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Congrave, David Stavseth, Jeff Oveson, Tom Morris, Einar Sundin; Journal Reporter Laurel Beager and B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/09-11 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Ecklund to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-12 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-13 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$37,843.20 and authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the August Vendor Payment Listing verifying the Board's review. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-14 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund approving the proposed 2014 County Budget's gross tax levy at \$3,959,780 (0% increase from the 2013 levy). The 2014 proposed levy breakdown is as follows: General Revenue - \$1,839,251; Community Service - \$1,227,325; Public Health - \$103,000; Highway - \$699,539; Environmental Services - \$90,665. Further, to report the estimated savings of sales/use tax for the County in 2014 at \$59,458 based on 2012 levels as a result of 2013 legislation extending the sales/use tax exemption to counties effective 2014; and further, to set the required public hearing for the proposed 2014 County Tax Levy and Budget for Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. in the Courthouse Boardroom. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-15 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve the 2014 tax levies for the following approved subordinate service taxing districts and to pay the respective amounts under the service contracts: Littlefork Ambulance Service District levy of \$43,106, Northome First Responders Service District levy of \$6,683, and Rainy River First Responders Service District levy of \$9,900; and to approve the 2014 tax levies for the following approved fire

service taxing districts and to pay the respective amounts under the service contracts: Fire District 1 (Northome) levy of \$13,360, Fire District 2 (Littlefork) levy of \$79,275, Fire District 2 (Loman) levy of \$16,900, Fire District 3 (Birchdale) levy of \$9,900, Fire District 4 (Williams) levy of \$3,500, and Fire District 5 (Big Falls) levy of \$20,000. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-16 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve out of state travel for the County Sheriff to attend the National Sheriff's Association Training in Auora, Colorado with all expenses paid by the Association. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-17 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve as a County Board activity attendance to the September 13, 2013 Prescription Drug Abuse/Prevention Event at Smokey Bear Park hosted by the Drug Court Alumni. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-18 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve the employment separation of part time Public Health Nurse Staci Bannert effective September 14, 2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-19 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Public Health Director to fill the vacant part time Public Health Nurse position due to an employment separation. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Board members deferred review of the services of Todd Beckel to the 2014 Budget process to consider extension of his services for shoreland and wetlands and requested an update from the County Engineer on the current study of the CSAH funding formula in preparation of the 2014 legislative session. The Assistant Land Commissioner was informed of a complaint from hunters with staff mowing the recreation trails and disrupting hunting with the Assistant stated he would relay the message for staff to do the mowing before hunting season.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 10:30 a.m. David Stavseth asked the Board about the planned buffer zone and the plan for restoration of Second Creek as part of the agreement with the City of International Falls for annexation of the Multi Modal Industrial Park property and further stated his concern with the location of the RECAP Project on this site as an adjacent residential property owner. Jeff Oveson also a residential property owner in this area stated concern with this industrial development in their area to include the location of the RECAP Plant where volumes of garbage will be coming to and stored at this facility. Board members explained that a committee of City, County and Boise representatives has been put together to review the concerns and issues for this development site to the impact on the residential area and does include a plan for restoration of second creek. Board member stated that the meeting dates of the committee will be provided so they can attend. Regarding the RECAP Project, the environmental permitting assessment will be occurring in the near future where the three proposed sites for the Plant will be evaluated through a public process. Tom Morris inquired on the benefits to the County with the new transmission line running

through the County as in his view it supplies no power to the County and would impact the utilization of land that it crosses. Board members stated that it is added tax based but agreed it may be time to have representatives meet again with the Board to update them on this project. Board member stated however, that this project is not by any means developed as there are issues concerning the hydro dam planned for this project. Einar Sundin stated that an old abandoned building in Ray that is currently taped off is a public hazard and needs to be dealt with. Board member stated they would have County staff look into it.

2013/09-20 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs (Jaksa), Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013; 10:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Doug Skrief, Joseph Sutherland, Kevin Grover, Bill Wagner, Kim Nuthak, Matt Gouin, Carl Brown, Dennis Hummitzsch, Susan Congrave, Deb Larson, Arden Barnes, Chrystal Clance; B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/09-21 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-22 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-23 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$68,958.32. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-24 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve the publication of the 2012 County Financial Statement in summary form as recommended by Administration. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-25 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to set a County Board Committee of the Whole meeting for Monday, September 30, 2013 to be held at the Community Building in Birchdale following a site tour of the area's parks and landings with the Land Commissioner (reference August 27, 2013 minutes). Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board reviewed a letter from the NE Regional Radio Board Chairman regarding a needed change in the Joint Powers Agreement assuming responsibility under MN Statute for coordination of the regional 911 services and requests members attendance at the September 26th meeting to provide a quorum to allow Board action on this proposed change.

000 The Koochiching Aging Options Director informed the Board of the October 8th Community Resource Fair to be held at RRCC from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the public to learn of the community resources/services available to them. This is the second event held this year and is geared towards supporting individuals and families for such things as employment, unemployment and education, finances, housing, healthcare, public benefits, family support and food and nutrition.

2013/09-26 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing Board members' attendance to the October 8th Community Resource Fair. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair opened a hearing at 11:00 a.m. to receive public comment on the road vacation request of Kevin Grover to vacate the west ten (10) feet of P. Avenue, Rainy Lake Addition to Ranier according to the recorded plat thereof, lying southerly of the easterly prolongation of the north line of Block 8 and lying northerly of the easterly prolongation of the south line of said Block 8. The Administration Director reviewed the information on the road vacation application and the County Department review which supported the request. The Director stated that no written public comment was received on the matter. The Board Chair opened the hearing for oral comment. Bill Wagner stated his support of Mr. Grover's road vacation request and in general supports road vacations that spur development. Mr. Grover in response to the Board inquiry explained the location of his property and stated the road vacation is requested to correct the location of his garage. With no other comments, the Board Chair closed the hearing.

2013/09-27 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund that in accordance with the County Road Vacation Policy and upon holding of a public hearing to approve the vacation of the west ten (10) feet of P. Avenue, Rainy Lake Addition to Ranier according to the recorded plat thereof, lying southerly of the easterly prolongation of the north line of Block 8 and lying northerly of the easterly prolongation of the south line of said Block 8. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Survey Technician reviewed the survey report as requested for determining whether the current Jameson Addition public dock is on public road right of way. The Technician stated in review of road vacation files, about three to four feet of the dock structure is on private land as a result of a 1992 road vacation and provided via a map, the adjacent area in which the dock could be re-established on road right of way. In review of this matter, the Survey Department recommends for better land records management that the legal description for the approved 1992 Road Vacation (92/05-34) be amended to clearly describe what was vacated and that the Ranier Annexation Order be recorded. Board member stated that before the Ranier annexation this dock was under the County's jurisdiction and therefore the County

should be responsible for removing the dock. The City of Ranier representative stated that the Council's action on the matter is to seek financial assistance from the County to re-establish the public dock as the City does not have the funds to re-establish it on their own. The City would be looking for Rainy Lake Barge Company to do the work as being the lower of the 2 quotes received for the work. In review with the vendor, he stated that he would salvage some of the material from the existing dock so removal of the dock is part of his \$12,000 quote. In response to the question, the vendor stated about 25% of the quote is removal.

2013/09-28 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve payment of \$6,000.00 to the City of Ranier for removal and re-establishment of the Jameson Addition public dock on road right of way as recommended by the County Survey Department for a public purpose and with funding from the County Budget Contingency. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Ecklund, Pavleck; voting no: Skoe. Motion carried.

2013/09-29 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Ecklund to amend Board Motion 92/05-34 for legally describing the portion of road vacated and to record an amended Road Vacation Order (ooo92/05-34 BE IT RESOLVED on motion by Sandbeck, seconded by Rizzo that the following street be vacated: That portion of River Avenue lying between 1st Street and County Road 21 and located in the Plat of Jameson Addition to International Falls. Adopted, voting yes: Bergstedt, Hanson, Rizzo, Sandbeck; absent: Verrill.): All that portion of River Avenue, Jameson's Addition of International Falls according to the recorded plat thereof, lying northerly of the westerly prolongation of the south line of Block 3 and lying westerly of the northerly prolongation of the east line of Block 2, and also that portion of said River Avenue lying easterly of the northerly prolongation of the west line of Block 1, and lying westerly of the east line of said Jameson's Addition of International Falls. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-30 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to change the 2013 November Timber Auction Date from November 13 to November 20 to move it out of the first week of deer hunting as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:38 a.m. Arden Barnes inquired on the Jameson Dock and required specifications for the dock and Chrystal Clance inquired on the status of the RECAP Project, North Kooch Sanitary Sewer Plant construction completion date (spring 2014) and the local share for a new Airport Terminal (10% local match -90% FAA for eligible expenses).

000 The Koochiching Family Home Visiting Public Health Nurse reviewed the early intervention program which provides services and support for improving the lives of families and their children. The Program's goals and objectives use evidence based best practices for determining areas where support and services are needed to obtain strong family support for children.

2013/09-31 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs (Jaksa), Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013; 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Murray, Tracy Podpeskar, Jaci Nagle, Dale Olson, Dennis Hummitzsch, Pam Tomevi, Tom Worth, Terry Glowack, Ray Freeman, Brian Jespersion, Bruce Grotberg; B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/09-32 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-33 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2013 County Board regular meeting with correction. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-34 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$40,393.80, to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$20,824.52, to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented and to approve payment of Burial Case #228852 in the amount of \$978.48. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-35 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to amend Board Motion 2013/09-14 changing the 2014 County Budget and Levy Hearing date from December 10 to December 3, 2013 due to the scheduling of the annual AMC Conference. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-36 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the 2012 HSEM Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement for \$114,709.00 (effective July 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014) to involve operational support of border security by the County as recommended by the Sheriff and further, to authorize the Sheriff and Board Chair signatures to said Agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-37 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride approving an extension for the FY 2013 Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant in the amount of \$1,416.00 for the purchase of navigational aids for the County's Boat and Water Safety Program as recommended by the Sheriff with the extension grant period of July 1 through October 16,

2013 and to authorize the Sheriff, Board Chair and Administration Director to sign the Grant Extension Agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Community Service Director informed the Board that the appeal to the MN Department of Human Services by several northern counties with the State's decision to only contract with UCare as the health provider for MA clients was unsuccessful. The DHS representatives stated that the appeal was too late as the contract was secured already with UCare. The Director stated that the State's RFP process included Medica, Blue Plus and UCare and up until now, the State contracted with all three providers. For Koochiching County and other northern counties, UCare has not been utilized due to the high cost with transportation so Medica and Blue Plus have been the providers utilized and have provided good service to our area. The concern about transportation costs and the long distance travel for clients in Koochiching County was relayed to the State in the appeal but no consideration was provided. Commissioner Pavleck stated this is an issue of choice, competition and fairness and is very upsetting that the State would make the decision without considering the negative impact to the counties.

2013/09-38 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe authorizing the Board Chair to send a letter to the MN Department of Human Services Commissioner on behalf of the Koochiching County Board expressing extreme displeasure with their decision to contract only with UCare for MA client health services in northern Minnesota and to consider the letter as an appeal by Koochiching County to provide the service that meets the needs of the clients located in Koochiching County and with the letter to be copied to the County's State Legislature representatives and the Governor. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-39 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the 2014-2015 Minnesota Family Investment Program Biennial Plan as presented and recommended by the Community Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-40 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to accept the recommendation to relicense Erin Rousseau for group family day care for ten children. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-41 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve expenditure up to \$15,000 from the 2013 Community Service Budget for purchase of equipment and other expenses for the relocation of the County's ITV System/Room to the Forestland Annex –Financial Services conference room (due to need to replace old equipment and to upgrade for continued support by the State's IT System) as recommended by the I.S. Manager and Community Services Director with the 2013 Budget Contingency to supplement part of the project cost. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/09-42 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to grant Conditional Use Permit #1301 for Cedulie's Photography, LLC as a home occupation located at 4456 Highway 11 West. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner, Soil and Water District Director and Sportsfishing Club representative reported on the Rat Root River fishery restoration project which started out with a grant of \$20,000 to remove the log jams in the river to restore water flow. Currently the Soil and Water District received a grant of \$215,000 from the Lessard-Sams Legacy Fund Program to continue the project work with \$100,000 earmarked for natural vegetation erosion correction. RFPs for the erosion control project were completed and Viitas Excavating was awarded the contract with work starting this week. The Sportsfishing Club representative stated that the Club has two docks that they will put in for the public use as part of the project plan. The Land Commissioner stated that the State grant is on a reimbursement basis so his department is assisting Soil and Water District with payment of the project costs for cash flow purposes. In addition, the local match for the grant is being done through cash and in-kind contributions from the County Land and Forestry Department, Soil and Water District and Sportsfishing Club. It was further stated that the local DNR has been very supportive and involved in the project as well and that the log jam removal work has already resulted in a positive change of the water flow in the river. In response to the question, representatives stated that dredging of channels is something they will look at where and if needed in this project. Representative stated that this is a very positive and important water restoration project for this area.

2013/09-43 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund that following review of the County building needs in the 2014 Budget process, to approve expenditure from the Sinking Building Account up to \$64,500 for replacement of the Armory Facility roof due to leaks impacting the building's interior conditions as recommended by the Complex Superintendent with 2013 Budget Contingency Funds to assist with the project cost. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board was provided a consulting service proposal to assist the County in moving forward with the implementation of the ARMOR Radio System in the County. The Consultant stated that with the County now having an approved plan, the next phase is implementation requiring purchase of equipment and services. It was explained that vendors have been selected through State Bid for the ARMOR System and there is a detailed process in getting a county specific proposal and contract for the equipment and services, which he would assist the County with. In addition lease agreements with the State would be needed to connect to the State ARMOR towers. The Sheriff and Undersheriff supported moving forward to implement ARMOR in the County to provide for better emergency communications. Board member stated that in prior reviews the Board was given the impression there would be no cost to the County so if the Board approves payment of \$51,000 for consultant services, what benefit does the County get? The Consultant stated he would work to get state grant funds to help pay the cost of implementation and that work would have to begin now in order to be ready to make an application for grant funds when they become available January 1, 2014. In response to the question, the Consultant could not fully answer what the County's total fiscal responsibility would be with implementation of ARMOR System but that the core cost is \$500,000 for the new consoles needed for the County's dispatch center. The Consultant stated his objective would be to save the County at least as much as the payment for his services. In response to the question, the Consultant stated that

\$18,500 is the cost of his services for getting the proposal in order to be ready for making a state grant application for the January 1, 2014 grant cycle. The Undersheriff stated that ARMOR radios for the Law Enforcement are being purchased from the current Stonegarden Grant. In response to the question, the Consultant stated that he was not sure the amount of grant funding that would be provided on a \$500,000 grant request but in another county's application the county was awarded 50% of their requested amount.

2013/09-44 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck to table the proposal for a consultant service agreement for the implementation of ARMOR in Koochiching County with the Board to further review the ARMOR System implementation with the Sheriff at a later date. Voting yes: Adee, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck; voting no: McBride. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:40 a.m. No comment was provided.

2013/09-45 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs (Jaksa), Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Glowack, Kathy Sikkila; B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/10-01 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-02 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-03 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride authorizing County Board members attendance to the VNP Gateway Community Meeting for Tourism Assessment to be held in Orr on October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-04 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Ecklund to reaffirm Commissioner Pavleck's appointment to the NACO Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee for the 2013-2014 term. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 After review, the County Board deferred action on the resolution for distribution of the annual \$300,000 of State Consolidated Conservation area funding for ditch assessments to the next meeting to gather further information.

2013/10-05 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of claims for services of Attorney Jay Squires as Lead Counsel for the Blandin Tax Court Case under a cost share agreement with St. Louis, Aitkin and Itasca Counties as recommended by the County Attorney. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-06 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the County Fee Schedule for 2014 with updates and one added fee for printing cost for the Recorder Documents Remote Access as recommended by the County Recorder. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-07 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing a Committee of two County Board members and County staff that in conjunction with the City of Littlefork explore the expansion of Big Fork Health Services to the City's Health Care Campus. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried. (Commissioners Pavleck and Skoe were appointed to the committee.)

2013/10-08 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe authorizing expenditure for materials up to \$3,300 from the 2013 Complex Budget to replace the Courthouse storage shed with County forces to build it as recommended by the Complex Superintendent. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-09 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve the employment separation of Veterans Service Officer Kathy Sikkila effective November 29, 2013 and to authorize the filling of the statutory appointed position. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 10:00 a.m. General comment by members of the audience.

2013/10-10 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs (Jaksa), Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Sutherland, Dennis Hummitzsch, Bob Hailey, Bonnie Erickson, Brian Briggs, Bob Anderson, Cynthia Jaksa; Radio Reporter Randy Thoms and Journal Reporter Laurel Beager

2013/10-11 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-12 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-13 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve the employment separation of William Lahmayer as a part time deputy. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-14 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to set the salary for the elected County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Recorder and County Auditor/Treasurer under Minnesota Statute for 2014 with a 1.5% COLA increase and with the continuation of the paid health and life insurance with health insurance cap adjustments as provided the other employee groups. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-15 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to set the County Board 2014 Salary at \$14,057 (increase of 2.5% from 2012) and the Daily Per Diem Rate at \$125 (no change) and to approve the 2014 County Board Per Diem and Expense Policy as recommended by the Administration Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Ecklund, Pavleck; voting no: Skoe. Motion carried.

2013/10-16 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$42,797.08 and authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the September Vendor Payment Listing verifying the Board's review. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-17 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to award low bid for the CR 71 Bridge Replacement Project (SAP 036-598-029) to Taggart Excavating and Septic Services in the amount \$134,915.00 and to authorize the Board Chair's signature to the Project Contract as recommended by the County Engineer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner provided information on ditch assessments for the purposes of explaining the 2013 legislative allocation of \$300,000 for covering the ditch assessment on DNR Administered land in the Con Con area. He stated that some counties aggressively do ditching and assess the land owners for the work. Under law the State is exempt from the ditch assessment so bills were introduced in the 2013 legislative session to change the law, however, the end result was an allocation of \$300,000 for counties to seek reimbursement of

cost for ditching on the DNR lands in the Con Con area. Though Koochiching County is currently not active in the ditching and assessment system, it certainly has claim to reimbursement from these funds if ditching work was done on the DNR Con Con lands and therefore should support the resolution from the Natural Resources Joint Powers Board on how this funding would be allocated.

2013/10-18 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride to adopt a resolution supporting the distribution of the annual \$300,000 State Consolidated Conservation Area Ditch Funding:

WHEREAS, Consolidated Conservation Area lands provide diverse conservation, agricultural and infrastructure values for Minnesota and are critical assets for the economic stability of the State;

WHEREAS, counties, through their ditch authority, have responsibility to maintain ditch systems as well as assure financial viability of such ditch systems through assessments to all owners on the ditch system;

WHEREAS, the Legislative annual appropriation of \$300,000, passed during the 2013 session, intended to pay for ditch assessments for DNR administered land in the Consolidated Conservation Area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that counties containing Consolidated Conservation Area lands hereby agree to a formula that provides a share of the \$300,000 payment as defined here: individual county assessment divided by the aggregate assessment of all involved counties, times \$300,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county agrees to submit DNR Ditch Assessments for lands in the Consolidated Conservation Area, and only in the Consolidated Conservation Area, to the Natural Resources Joint Powers Board for compilation and dissemination to the Department of Natural Resources on an annual basis, to be used for calculation and payment of each county's proportionate share.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that counties will settle the total payment received from the State to the ditches in the same proportion as the aggregate assessment of each ditch was to the DNR Con Con ditch assessment total and counties will consider all current year's State of Minnesota payments on said Con Con ditches completed upon receipt of the payment. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Board set on the agenda a review on the separation of the Essentia Clinic from the Rainy Lake Medical Center (Hospital) due to concerns from the public that the separation will negatively impact their health care services. Representatives from the Rainy Lake Medical Center attended to provide information. The Hospital CEO explained the makeup of the Rainy Lake Medical Center Board due to an inquiry. The RL Medical Center Board consisted of 14 members, seven from Essentia and seven from the Hospital. When the separation is finalized the RL Medical Center Board will consist of a seven-member Hospital Board with the existing members serving. The CEO stated that the hospital is viable with a

great future and now has more service options to consider than when tied to Essentia. In response to the inquiry about medical records transferring for the patient with the separation from Essentia, the CEO stated that medical records will transfer. Regarding the lack of transparency and information to the public, the CEO stated that once the separation is completed with Essentia, the Hospital Board will be in a better position to inform the public as to their business plan for the hospital. A Hospital Board member stated that clinics do not make money and the merger with Essentia was a mutually agreed business plan to support both the Clinic and Hospital. However, the plan did not bring business/money to the Hospital but did the complete opposite. The hospital has excellent staff and physicians but its business plan has to support keeping primary hospital services here in the community. A member of the public stated her strong support for our hospital but spoke of the rumors that are circulating in the community due to the public not having the facts. Some are saying that small hospitals can't survive on their own, that the hospital is spending the \$11 Million it has in the bank because it is in the red, and concerns that the Hospital Board meetings are closed to the public so no one can get any answers as to what is going on. Hospital representatives stated that the hospital is not operating in the red and has a positive cash flow, explained the process for soliciting interests/applications for serving on the Hospital Board and listed a number of small hospitals that are operating well on their own. In response to the question as to qualifications for a Hospital Board member, the newest hospital board member stated that he submitted his application based on his support and involvement in community as he has no medical background. He serves on the Hospital Board to support a health care system that is best for our community needs and supported the separation from Essentia because it will provide more opportunities to establish the health care services we need here. A County Board member asked what the County could do to help and it was suggested that government support to work with the Town of Fort Frances and Canada to provide their dialysis service to our public is needed. An International Falls Council member stated that the City is having these talks with Fort Frances but border issues are a stumbling block in the process at this time. A County Board member stated that a representative from Essentia was not in attendance today to provide their perspective on the separation, however, the Board member felt that when parties reach an impasse, as was the case with Essentia and RL Medical Center, the process should require one last attempt to reach agreement through a third party. Regarding the closed meetings, the County Board member felt that this is the public's community hospital and therefore the public should have some input into the planning. The Hospital CEO stated that the hospital is putting out a guest column in the newspaper to let the public know what is happening and will do Q&A in the paper as well. The County Board thanked the Rainy Lake Medical Center representatives for attending and providing information as to why the separation occurred and reasoning behind why the Hospital is taking another direction.

000 The Board Chair opened public comment period at 11:30 a.m. The International Falls Mayor stated that he has been in contact with the Packing Corporation of America CEO who stated the company is excited about the new ownership and he is looking to return to International Falls to meet with the employees and community leaders. The Mayor stated that as community representatives, we need to ensure services are here at a reasonable cost to help businesses survive in the competitive business world. Board members thanked the Mayor for his community leadership.

2013/10-19 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs (Jaksa), Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dennis Hummitzsch, Dale Olson, Joe Sutherland, Cynthia Jaksa; Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/10-20 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-21 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-22 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$83,392.05. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-23 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve Forestland Lease Agreements with Community Services, Public Health, Falls Hunger Coalition, and AEOA for the years 2014 and 2015 with no change in the Lease terms from 2013 as recommended by Administration. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-24 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve a County Surveyor Agreement with Murray Surveying, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017 as recommended by the County Survey Committee. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-25 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to revise the October County Board meeting schedule to add a Committee of the Whole meeting for October 29th for Veterans Service Officer interviews. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-26 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride authoring Board members' attendance to the October 23rd "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-27 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund that under County Policy to approve the temporary hire of Nancy Shermoen in the County Health Department to assist with MCH home visits and vaccine clinics as recommended by the Health Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-28 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to set the 2014 Timber Auction dates as recommended by the Land Commissioner: January 22, May 7, August 6, November 19. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-29 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund certifying special assessments on commercial properties for their delinquent 2012 solid waste service fee plus a ten percent penalty to the Auditor/Treasurer for collection on the 2014 tax statements. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-30 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to table the KCC-TV Public Broadcasting Funding request due to no representative being in attendance to speak to the request. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund; voting no: Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 10:00 a.m. General inquires from members of the audience where made to include when CN is going to repair the crossing on CSAH 20 in Ranier. Cynthia Jaksa spoke to the KCC-TV Public Broadcasting Funding request and apologized for missing her agenda appointment as she thought her time was at 10:00 a.m. The funding request is for \$5,850 to include a \$1,000 membership fee, a one time contribution of \$3,500 for camera equipment to distribute cameras throughout the county to allow communities to record their events and broadcast them on the TV station and a one time contribution of \$1,350 to pay for internet services for web streaming broadcasts across the county. In response to the inquiry she stated that only those with cable service can view the television broadcast and that is why they are working to broadcast via the internet. In further response, she stated that they are working on flyers to let the public know the television broadcasting schedule and that once they have their needed equipment, the schedule will also be available on the website. She stated that local support is important in seeking grant funds for this project and that they continue to seek grants to support this public service. The Board Chair stated that they will reschedule the item at the October 22nd Board meeting for consideration. With no other comment, public comment period was closed.

2013/10-31 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to add the repair of the CSAH 20 railroad crossing in Ranier to the agenda for review with the County Engineer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Engineer stated that CN has obtained a contractor to repair the CSAH 20 crossing in Ranier but that the work has not been done to date. Commissioner Pavleck stated that the County submitted its request to CN to repair the crossing weeks ago due to public

safety concerns and that if they do not intend to get it repaired, the County needs to step in and get it done. The County has been more than reasonable in waiting for the repair and it needs to get done before winter sets in.

2013/10-32 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the County Engineer to proceed at his discretion to arrange repair of the CSAH 20 railroad crossing in Ranier if CN fails to make the repair by October 25th due to public safety. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-33 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs, Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Jespersen, Bruce Grotberg, Susan Congrave, Lindsay Barnhart, Terry Murray, Dale Olson, Terry Randolph, Craig Halla, Cindy Black, Dennis Wagner, Susan Glennie, Joe Prettyman, Rod Anderson, Tara Nelson, Cynthia Jaksa, Robyn Bjorkquist; Journal Reporter Laurel Beager and B931 Radio Reporter Randy Thoms

2013/10-34 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-35 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-36 Motion by Pavleck, seconded McBride accepting the recommendation of the County Insurance Committee that effective January 1, 2014 to renew the County's Group Medical Insurance Plans with the Northeast Service Cooperative: Common Plan #16 (CMM Plan) with the monthly premium rate of \$553.00 single and \$1480.00 family with the employer's monthly premium contribution set at 100% single CMM plan premium contribution and \$1286.00 family premium contribution and the optional VEBA Health Plan #823 at the monthly premium rate of \$483.00 single and \$1295.00 family with the employer's monthly premium contribution set at 100% single CMM plan premium contribution and \$1286.00 family premium contribution; further that effective January 1, 2014 to contribute \$44 per month to the County employees' family premium cost for both the CMM and VEBA Plans from the County Health Account with deposit of \$75,000 into the County Health Account as recommended by the Administration Director from the 2013 Budget Contingency

as a one time contribution from unspent 2013 budget funds that were intended to cover cost for implementation of the employer's requirements in the Affordable Health Care Act that were postponed for one year; further, effective January 1, 2014 to renew the County's Flexible Spending Account (FSA) with Select Account with an increase in monthly administrative fees from \$1.83 to \$2.11 with an employee-employer cost share of the monthly administration fee for participating employees. Open enrollment period for employees' enrollment changes in the 2014 Medical Insurance Plans is scheduled for 11/25/13 – 12/1/2013. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-37 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$69,163.95, to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$16,228.21 and to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board reviewed an administrative report from the Management Committee that has been meeting with representatives from the City of International Falls and Humane Society to relocate the City Animal Shelter/Holding Facility due to the current facility being in very poor condition and location no longer being an option with the North Kooch Sanitary District operation. To date the group has established a plan to site the new facility on tax forfeited land west of Menards with an intended plan to also establish a public dog park. The facility plan donated by Lucachick Architecture determined the facility's size and code requirements for a basic Animal Holding facility. Based on current cost estimates for construction, the current funding for the project may not be adequate and to proceed forward, additional funds may be needed. Currently the County, City and Humane Society have each committed \$50,000 to the project with North Kooch Sanitary District committing \$10,000. Though it is anticipated donations will be made to the project, a funding buffer is needed to move the project forward. The City has let bids for the facility construction with the results to be known in December. The City of International Falls did approve up to \$30,000 additional funds as a forgivable loan at the recommendation of their Attorney based on information that the Humane Society is supported by some future benefactors and most likely will be in a position to repay the City and County for this additional funding. Because the new facility is on undeveloped land, there will be cost to develop the site. For all involved, the Management Committee recommends the project because without the animal holding facility and the Humane Society, the City and County would be left to the decision as to what to do with at-large, abandoned and neglected animals.

2013/10-38 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve a Forgivable Loan to the Borderland Humane Society of up to \$30,000 to be matched by the City of International Falls for site development and facility construction of the Animal Shelter/Holding Facility to be located in International Falls with the terms of the loan agreement to be drafted by the City of International Falls City Attorney and approved by the City of International Falls, Koochiching County and Humane Society Boards with the Loan funds to be payer of last resort for the project site development and facility construction and that as part of the loan agreement

annually the Humane Society will review their financial statement with both the City and County at the time the Humane Society annual operating funding is being considered in the City and County budgets to determine available funds for repayment of the loan. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-39 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the Board Chair to appoint a Board member as the alternate MCIT Board of Directors voting delegate with the Auditor-Treasurer to continue to serve as the voting delegate on the MCIT Board. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-40 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to adopt the following resolution supporting the City of Littlefork in finding a business plan to secure the longevity of the Littlefork Medical Center's services:

WHEREAS, the City of Littlefork owns and operates the Littlefork Medical Center consisting of a Nursing Home, Assisted Living Facility, Chemical and Alcohol In-Patient Treatment Center, Medical Clinic and Pharmacy;

WHEREAS, the City of Littlefork is seeking a new business plan to secure the longevity of these critical public health services in Koochiching County;

WHEREAS, the Littlefork Health Care Campus provides for one of two Nursing Homes in Koochiching County servicing long term care and housing to the aging population of Koochiching County and that without this facility, there would be severe shortage of nursing home services for the current and upcoming residents needing this service;

WHEREAS, the Littlefork Health Care Campus provides for the only chemical and alcohol in-patient treatment center which provides a substantial cost savings for the taxpayers with court-ordered treatment placement and that without the Center, placements out of Koochiching County would come at a much higher cost to the County taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Littlefork Health Care campus provides for 94 County jobs in addition to the ancillary service jobs supporting the Facility and whereas the loss of these jobs in addition to the 264 job loss with the Boise Mill would have a devastating affect to the County's economy;

WHEREAS, the Koochiching County Board has jointed efforts with the City of Littlefork to find a viable plan to sustain these needed and critical health care services and whereas the City and County believe that the City of Littlefork can continue to own and operate the Center through a partnership with the Big Fork Hospital District with utilization of their expertise in the development of a viable operation plan for delivery of quality health care services at the Littlefork Medical Center;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Littlefork and the County of Koochiching are requesting a continued partnership with the Big Fork Hospital District by extension of the current management service agreement for the Littlefork Medical Center

until such time as the Center hires its own CEO and thereafter, requesting a consulting service agreement with the Big Fork Hospital District on an annual basis to provide consulting in the area of health care administration, information technology, records management and plant management to direct needed Center upgrades and restructuring for a quality health care service delivery system. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-41 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe supporting the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) position to prevent adoption of the unit rule in the Property Tax Context as a result of the Blandin Tax Court Case against counties based on a unit appraisal defense which is inconsistent with Minnesota Property Tax Statutes and policies and practices and that such action by AMC may include, without limitation, requesting administrative action by the MN Department of Revenue, legislative action by the MN Legislature and participating in the proceeding as an amicus curiae. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Undersheriff informed the Board that he has secured \$8,866 of grant funding to offset the \$18,500 consultant cost for seeking a Statement of Requirement for determining the equipment needed to initiate the implementation of the State ARMOR System in the County, starting with set up in the dispatch center and connection to the ARMOR System. A ballpark figure for the new dispatch consoles and microwave connection is \$425,000 and that State grant funds are available January 1, 2014 to apply for if the Statement of Requirement is available. Sheriff stated that this is an opportunity to find out what the main component of the system will cost the County to implement. The rest of the system cost is purchase of radios, which the County law enforcement radios are being purchased from the Stonegarden Grant. Board members stated that the question for the County Board is if the County is ready to invest all the funds necessary to bring all users into the system and to cover the ongoing maintenance cost.

2013/10-42 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to authorize expenditure up to \$18,500 to obtain the services of Consultant Ray Freeman to obtain the necessary Statement of Requirement from the State vendor to determine the needed backbone system equipment and cost to begin the County's migration into the State ARMOR System with the cost to be covered by the \$8,866 grant and the balance from the 2013 Budget Contingency. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Ecklund, Pavleck; voting no: Skoe. Motion carried.

2013/10-43 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from UCare for prevention of chronic disease and promotion of healthy living with no cash match as recommended by the Health Director and following a report from the Health Educator as to the planned use of the funds to promote healthy living for County residents. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-44 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to renew an UCare Service Agreement for the remainder of 2013 for reimbursement of case management and CD assessment services for clients as recommended by the Community Services Director and

upon approval by the County Attorney. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-45 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the employment separation of Eligibility Worker Alysa Hackenmueller effective November 1, 2013 and to authorize the Community Services Director to fill the vacant position. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Environmental Services Director reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny Wagner Construction's application for rezoning and a conditional use permit for a rock quarry near the end of County Road 144 (Moonlight Rock Road) due to insufficient information provided on the project. Originally the request was for a specific project but when the Company did not receive the project bid, the request changed to an overall rock quarry operation. Residents from the area stated their opposition due to the road not supporting this type of operation and impact to their properties with blasting, crushing and hauling. Residents stated that they already have blasting to the east of them with Bowman's operation and blasting around the Foreign Trade Zone now they are being asked to allow more blasting in their area. A member of the audience stated support for the project due to the difficulty in finding rock resources in the County and causing higher costs in development projects. The Company representative stated disappointment in the Planning Commission's rejection of their application as they felt they did provide sufficient information. He further stated that his Company is being compared to other companies whose blasting work has caused problems for property owners. His company is good for its work and should not be compared to how other companies operate. He felt their application was clear that though they were looking at one particular project, the application information provided for an overall plan for a long term operation (5 years). The complaints and concerns being expressed by the property owners from current operations are not due to his Company's work. A property owner stated that he put up a new garage two years ago and it already has cracks in it. Though he can't prove blasting was the cause he could speak to the fact that the blasting is definitely felt on his property. In response to Board members inquiries, the quarry is proposed for a 32 acre development site and that the property is not in the SFIA program. The Company representative stated that the hauling would be intended to be done on the Boise road and it was their intention to request permission to use the road as part of the plan once the quarry operation was approved. Board member stated that when blasting is done correctly, it is not a concern and mentioned a number of projects in close proximity to buildings that occurred without incident. Board member spoke in support of the Planning Commission in that they do look at all information presented to them and do a good job in making decisions based on the information provided them. The Environmental Service Director stated that some of the blasting operations referenced are grandfathered so there are no controls for their operations as would be the case with new permitted operations. Board members felt the request merited further review to ensure all information was presented and reviewed.

2013/10-46 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to defer the request by Wagner Construction for rezoning and a conditional use permit for a quarry operation near the end of County Road 144 back to the Planning Commission for additional review with agreement by

the Applicant to extend the application timeline for 60 days. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-47 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to extend the Silverdale Canister Site Attendant Contract for one year effective December 1, 2013 at the current contract rate as recommended by the Environmental Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-48 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to allocate the Low Income SSTS Upgrade Grant in the amount of \$20,902 to the Soil and Water District to administer the Program (assist low income residents repair or replace septic systems that are an imminent threat) for the County under the BWSR Grant Agreement as recommended by the Environmental Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-49 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Board Chair to send a letter of thanks to the Community organizations and their volunteers that are conducting the October 26th community yard waste collection day to assist property owners with the disposal of their bagged yard waste as recommended by the Environmental Services Director. Voting yes; Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:55 a.m. Terry Randolph reported on the results of the annual Veterans Stand Down Event. Susan Glennie and Cindy Black provided additional comment with concerns of additional blasting being considered in their area. Tara Nelson stated support for the citizen petition and position of the City of Ranier to oppose location of the RECAP facility in the Second Bridge area.

000 Representatives of the KCC-TV Public Broadcasting System attended to provide additional information and answer questions regarding their funding request from the County to support the public broadcasting program. In response to the inquiry, it was stated that the program is now supported by volunteers but it is the goal to create paying jobs. Representatives reviewed the various grant and donations received to set up the system but stated that membership is needed to sustain the program. Board members did not feel the County should submit membership but could consider the grant portion of the request.

2013/10-50 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to defer the KCC-TV Grant request to the next KDA meeting for consideration. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/10-51 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs, Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013; 10:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Stavseth, Jeff Oveson, Paul Nevanen, Arden Barnes, Joe Sutherland, Brian Jespersen, Florence Hervey, Dennis Hummitzsch, Gary Cervenik, Susan Congrave; Journal Reporter Spenser Bickett and Laurel Beager

2013/11-01 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-02 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-03 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$21,140.47. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-04 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund adopting the following resolution to approve the NERCC Capital Improvement Project and authorize an amendment to the 1993 Agreement Establishing Participation in Arrowhead Regional Corrections under the Community Correction Act amending the agreement to permit county contribution proportionate to use of NERCC:

WHEREAS, Arrowhead Regional Corrections has submitted a project plan to the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections to rehabilitate, renovate and remodel the Northeast Regional Corrections Center Dormitory/Administration Main Building. The renovation will include new intake, special management, and medium security areas, as well as plumbing, heating, ventilation, fire protection, communication, surveillance, lighting, security, insulation and window improvements that will address life safety and code issues. Any remaining funds would be used to renovate other NERCC facilities. These improvements are also designed to address jail crowding issues in Carlton and St. Louis Counties and to provide greater functionality for programming and inmate management; and

WHEREAS, the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board has received a guaranteed maximum price for the construction of the Project and approved the amount of \$6,000,000.00 for the design, construction and equipping of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the 1993 Joint Powers Agreement Establishing Participation in Arrowhead Regional Corrections Under the Community Correction Act directs that funding for facilities

construction, maintenance and renovation shall be assessed pursuant to county population statistics based upon federal census data; and

WHEREAS, for this Project only all of the member counties have determined that the proportionate share to be paid by the participating counties shall be based upon the five year average NERCC days, as follows:

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| St. Louis County | 87.55% | \$5,253,000.00 |
| Carlton County | 8.20% | \$ 492,000.00 |
| Lake County | 2.20% | \$ 132,000.00 |
| Cook County | 1.36% | \$ 81,600.00 |
| Koochiching County | 0.69%; | \$ 41,400.00 |
| Total | | \$6,000,000.00 |

WHEREAS, Arrowhead Regional Corrections has established the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Capital Project Fund and the 2014 NERCC Capital Project Account within such fund to be administered by the St. Louis County Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Koochiching County Board hereby approves the Project, as defined by the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board, as a renovation of the NERCC Main Building to address life safety and code issues, maximize space utilization and functionality including adding a medium security area with any remaining funds dedicated to NERCC improvements; approves the total Project budget of \$6,000,000 for design, construction and equipping of the Project, and approves it's proportionate share as set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Koochiching County Board authorizes an amendment to the 1993 Agreement Establishing Participation in Arrowhead Regional Corrections under the Community Correction Act amending the agreement to permit, in this project alone, the proportionate share for each county as set forth in this document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Koochiching County Board authorizes payment to the St. Louis County Auditor, as fiscal agent, for deposit in the 2014 NERCC Capital Project Account within the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Capital Project Fund, its proportionate share as set forth in the document on or about January 6, 2014 or as soon thereafter as bond proceeds are available. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-05 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck accepting the recommendation of the County Assessor to grant abatement to David and Dana Hartje, Parcel #98-004-00361, for correction of the land front footage measurement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-06 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to appoint Candance Ritch as the Koochiching County Veterans Service Officer for a four-year term effective November 13, 2013 under M.S. 197.60. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-07 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to re-appoint Commissioner Wade Pavleck as the County's representative on the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission under a three-year term from January 2014 to January 2017. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-08 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe authorizing County Board members attendance to meetings on the Great Northern Transmission Line Project proposed by Minnesota Power which has planned routes through Koochiching County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Residents from French Addition (Second Bridge area) presented a citizens petition to the County Board requesting the construction of the RECAP facility be moved away from their area understanding the Multi Modal Industrial Park is being looked at for the RECAP Facility site. Of the homes canvassed in this area, 100% were opposed to the location of RECAP Facility in this area. It is not that they are opposed to the RECAP project in general but after years of dealing with the problems and smell of Moonlight Rock, they do not want to have another waste site in their area. Commissioner Ecklund, project manager for RECAP, applauded the residents for presenting their position and explained the Facility design, in which the waste is contained inside of the facility and in sealed containers. That with the loss of jobs at the mill, the County has to diversify to create and retain jobs and that the proposed RECAP project is being looked at for potential economic growth. The Multi Modal site is zoned industrial and provides the rail, road and utility infrastructure needed for an industrial development such as RECAP. He further stated that he would not support a project that is detrimental to the environment and the environmental impact of RECAP is currently under review. There is a public meeting on the RECAP project scheduled for December 12th and he encourages the public to attend to learn more about it. Commissioner McBride stated that any new economic growth potential is difficult to do with federal and state regulatory approval to include wetland permitting and limits what sites are available. In addition, new development needs to have the infrastructure in place. The Multi Modal Industrial Park is the ideal site for the RECAP project but there are two other sites being reviewed as well, noting the others lack road, rail, and/or utility and have wetland issues. Representatives for the petition encouraged the Board to look for another site as it is still a garbage/waste facility. In response to the inquiry, the environmental impact study will review each site for environmental impact to provide information as to what sites can be considered and what is required on each site for development. Commissioner Pavleck stated that when the transfer station was being sited, people in the area were opposed to its location for the same reasons. The County Board looked at all possible sites and determined the current site was the best location but then did all it could to rectify concerns and be the best neighbor possible. The original RECAP site was proposed at the Boise mill but Boise withdrew their interest so the Multi Modal location provided the next best site. He felt that the City of Ranier needs to be involved in the RECAP process since the Multi Modal site is being reviewed. The Board understands the problems the Second Bridge residents dealt with in the past with the Moonlight Rock waste disposal so are sensitive to their concerns with a new waste disposal facility being located in their area. But at the end of the day, the site has to make sense and work. He felt the presentation of the Second Bridge residents position to look for another site, however, is good notice to the County Board to look at all site options in depth before selecting the number one site. The

KEDA Director stated that the project would not be supported if not environmentally sound and has to be economically feasible to succeed which all ties into the site location. The project is going through a review process and he encouraged the public to get informed on the facts. Bottom line is the County needs economic growth and community support is needed for it to happen. Residents stated that they wouldn't oppose a warehouse operation at the Multi Modal site; it is the proposed RECAP project that has them concerned. Commissioner Skoe was surprised that the area residents hadn't already expressed concern on this matter. Residents stated that they didn't know this was a proposed site until this summer. In response as to why the Transfer Station location was not a potential site, the KEDA Director stated that the infrastructure was not there. In response to the comment of the facility processing 200 tons of waste a day and needing to have five days of waste on hand, Commissioner Ecklund and the KEDA Director stated that the waste is in sealed containers and stored inside of the facility and that the backup containers will be at the Transfer Station. Again, the public is encouraged to attend the December 12th meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the American Inn to learn how the facility will operate. Commissioner Pavleck felt it made sense for the County Board to sit down and study all potential sites to see if changes are an option so the Board can say with certainty there are other options or there are not other options.

2013/11-09 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to enter into record the Citizens Petition presented to the County Board to move construction of the proposed garbage processing facility "RECAP" away from the French Addition – Community of Ranier. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire Heavy Equipment Operator Ken Wendt effective October 28, 2013.

2013/11-10 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride to approve the employment separation of Heavy Equipment Operator Brad Hiemenz effective January 6, 2014 and authorize the County Engineer to fill the vacant position. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-11 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the addition of one full time Correctional Officer position in the Sheriff's Office due to the DOC Rule 2911 change for jail coverage and authorizing the Sheriff to fill the position with a starting date no sooner than January 1, 2014 as planned in the 2014 County Budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-12 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve an Utility Easement on Tax Forfeited land to Great River Energy for a purchase price of \$10,550 and with an easement area of 5.86 acres located in Sections 6,7, 24 and 36, Township 63, Range 25 and 26 as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-13 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck to authorize the County Land and Forestry Department to administer a timber sale for the City of International Falls at their

request and within the contract and protocol as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:50 a.m. No comment was presented.

000 With the Company's representative on the telephone, the Board further reviewed the Silicon Energy Solar Panel Incentive Program which through government subsidy, allows successful applicants to install a solar panel power system on their building. It is a state wide program with applications selected in regions. Koochiching County is within the Minnesota Power territory which doesn't include a large competitive area for project applications. The representative felt there would not be a large number of applications submitted in this region and thought about 6 to 10 applications would be selected. The Department of Commerce must establish a lottery to select successful applications per region so project selection is random. Applicants can be public or private businesses but the program is not available to homeowners. To be eligible for the program, the applicant has to buy their power at retail. Multiple applications can be submitted by one public entity or business and who submits the application does not give any priority to who gets selected. In response to the inquiry, the representative stated that an application can be submitted for a new construction project. Further, the applicant must be the owner of the facility. To submit an application, a Letter of Intent needs to be signed and presented to them at which time the Company will work with the entity for a project plan and Program application. Applications are due in February 2014 with awards to happen in March. Once the application is selected into the program, it is for the site on the application and the entity can not change to another site. The application process is yearly and because it is a random selection process, applications can be resubmitted each year. The Complex Superintendent had reported to the Board that in review with the Company representative last week, the Forestland Annex would be a good fit for the solar panel project and would recommend this facility if the County were going to apply. As reviewed previously, the County's match would be 10% or \$35,000 of the cost of installation of the solar power panel system and that the savings in power will provide a long term payback. The County Board is supportive of the project for taking leadership in alternative energy. The Board asked the Administrative Director to contact the City of International Falls to consider an application for the new City Animal holding Facility.

2013/11-14 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the County Board Chair to sign the Letter of Intent with Silicon Energy for a proposal to install a solar PV system on the roof of the County Forestland Annex utilizing Made in Minnesota Silicon Energy modules within the terms of the Letter of Intent and upon the application being awarded under the 2014 Department of Commerce selection process. If approved, the county cost match will be allocated from the 2014 County Budget contingency. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-15 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to renew the Tri County Health Board Joint Powers Agreement with revisions as recommended by the County Attorneys of the respective member counties (Aitkin, Itasca and Koochiching County) and as recommended by the County Health Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Health Director provided information on factors influencing health and well being and the 2012 County Disease Case Report. The Health Director reviewed the Department's Quarter 3 Budget Report acknowledging that there will be a shortage of funding to the Budget with the closure of the County Home Care Program but felt at this time the 2013 Health Department Budget will be in balance at year end. The Administrative Director stated that through the quarterly County Budget reports, the County Board will be able to monitor the Health Budget for a shortage of revenue as reported by the Director and determine a course of action as needed with the Director. The Director also informed the Board that they have not been successful in receiving applications for the part time Public Health Nurse position that is currently open and would recommend the position be moved to full time. The Director stated that the position is needed for the Family Home Visiting Program and that the program's grants and case management services will provide the revenue to cover the cost of the full time position.

2013/11-16 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to authorize a part time Public Health Nurse position is moved to full time status and to authorize the Health Director to fill the full time position for the Family Home Visiting program as recommended by the Health Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund; voting no: Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-17 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs, Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Randy Pozniak, Don Billig, Bob Peterson, Jaci Nagle, Brian Jespersen, Lisa Santee, Terry Murray, Kathy Sikkila, Candance Ritch: KGHS Reporter Jerry Franzen, B931 Reporter Randy Thoms, Journal Reporter Emily Gedde

2013/11-18 Motion by Skoe, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-19 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-20 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$56,759.93, to approve payment of the Highway claims in the amount of \$65,230.88 and authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the October Vendor Payment Listing verifying the Board's review. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-21 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing the Administration Office to request newspaper bids for the County's 2014 publications as required under MN Statute. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-22 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund that per County Policy to set a public hearing for Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. to receive public comment on a proposed road vacation request by John Slatinski III for the entire alleyway in Block 8, Plat of Ericsburg. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-23 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck adopting the following resolution for enrollment of part-time deputies in the PERA Police and Fire Plan:

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes Section 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan for eligible employees of police departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Koochiching County hereby declares that the position of part time Sheriff deputy meets all of the following Police and Fire membership requirements: (1) said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and that the employee hired in the position is so licensed; (2) said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state; (3) said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime; (4) said position gives this employee the full power of arrest; (5) said position is assigned to the Koochiching County Sheriff's Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County hereby requests that the employees hired as part time Sheriff deputies and submitted to PERA by the County be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of the employee's initial Police and Fire wage deduction by the County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-24 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to set the December County Board meeting schedule with meetings on December 3 and 17 with further meetings to be scheduled as needed through the Board Chair. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-25 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride that it is resolved by the Koochiching County Board that the State of Minnesota Agreement No. 04961 "Grant Agreement for Air Service Programs" for State Project No. A3601-SM011 (marketing) at the Fall International Airport is accepted and that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute this agreement and any amendments on behalf of the County and the Airport Commission. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-26 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe that following an update from the Rural Fire Protection Association, accepting their recommendation to set the 2014 annual service charge for the Rural Fire Subordinate Service Taxing District at no increase over 2013 for residential and commercial rates and the City of Ranier's rate of \$29,500: \$85 for residential and commercial rates based on the following building valuation ranges: \$5,000 up to \$20,000 - \$120; \$20,000 up to \$40,000 - \$180; \$40,000 up to \$70,000 - \$240; \$70,000 up to \$100,000 - \$300; \$100,000 up to \$150,000 - \$360; \$150,000 up to \$200,000 - \$420; \$200,000 up to \$300,000 - \$480; \$300,000 up to \$400,000 - \$540; \$400,000 up to \$500,000 - \$600; \$500,000 up to \$600,000 - \$660; \$600,000 or more - \$720. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund. Motion carried.

2013/11-27 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve a grant request to the Department of Revenue for funding to implement the PRISM Project for submitting information electronically to the Department of Revenue from the County Tax System with the awarded grant money to be transferred to MCIS to help defray the cost of programming as recommended by the County Auditor-Treasurer. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-28 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve expenditure up to \$3,500 for the purchase of a power backup unit for the County servers as recommended by the I.S. Manager and as planned within the 2013 I.S. Budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-29 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve implementation of an email archiving service and associated policy for County email archiving for compliance with data preservation law requirements with services through CW Technology at an annual maximum cost of \$2,880 as recommended by the I.S. Manager and as planned in the I.S. Budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-30 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$14,933 with a 50% County match as budgeted and as recommended by the County Sheriff and further, authorizing the County Sheriff and Board Chair signatures to said Agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The County Drug Court Coordinator updated the Board on the County's Drug Court Program and its funding which is secured through 2015 at the current operational levels.

000 The Community Service Director informed the Board that the Department of Human Services (DHS) has set an appeal hearing on December 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul for the County to present their position regarding the DHS decision to only contract with UCare to provide health care services for the Prepaid Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare Programs in Koochiching County. The Director will be attending the hearing by teleconference (coming in from medical leave) and would like County Board members to be in attendance as well to help support the County's reasons as to why this was not a right decision for the County. Because Board members will be in St. Paul for the AMC Annual Conference, members felt their attendance should be in person and agreed the County Board should be represented at the hearing.

2013/11-31 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing County Board members to attend the DHS appeal hearing on the DHS decision for the Managed Care Provider in Koochiching County with the hearing to be held on December 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:15 am. Kathy Sikkila was presented a letter of appreciation from the County Board for her work as the Veterans Service Officer and the announcement of new Veterans Service Officer Candance Ritch was made.

000 The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs, Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013; 10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dennis Hummitzsch, Brian Jespersen, Jim Atkinson, Steve Blair; Journal Reporter Spenser Bickett

2013/11-32 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-33 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-34 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$14,667.74, to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as

presented and to approve payment of the following Burial Case payments: #1296299 in the amount of \$138.18 and #724766 in the amount of \$450.00. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner reported on the completion of the bank stabilization project for the Rat Root River County picnic and campsites providing photos of the completed sites. The Land Commissioner informed the Board that the DNR has been working with counties to make of record forest roads through prescriptive easements to retain access to public lands and that the DNR is now ready to work with Koochiching County. The Land Commissioner stated that about 20 of the county forest roads are maintained roads, and the remainder are minimum maintenance roads or are trails. The Land Commissioner recommends the County work with the DNR on this project as it is important to the County and the public to retain public access. There will be a kick off meeting with the DNR on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Littlefork DNR Office and the Land Commissioner requested Board members attendance to hear more on the project. The DNR at some point will also request a meeting with the County Board to review the scope of the County Forest Road Easement Project.

2013/11-35 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to authorize County Board members' attendance to the Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. meeting at the Littlefork DNR Office to review the intended plan to designate forest roads in Koochiching County as public access through prescriptive easements. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/11-36 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to approve a service agreement with ARDC to update the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for approval by FEMA with a service cost of \$24,400 with funding from the awarded FEMA Grant of \$23,149 and County cash match of \$1,251. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 A representative from Minnesota Power met with the Board to update them on the proposed Minnesota Power/Manitoba Hydro Great Northern Transmission Line Project which routes through Koochiching County. To date they have been conducting public outreach to inform the public and landowners of the proposed project and route and to receive feedback and will be looking to permit the route in February or March of 2014. The public meetings for Koochiching County have resulted in a change of the route in the Littlefork area which reduced the route miles, stating that the cost per mile for the transmission line is \$2 to \$3 million. In response to the question as to why a straight line can't be proposed, the Representative stated that it isn't just wetland that becomes an issue it is also restricted public land areas such as SNA and park lands that can't be considered in the route. In response to the question, the Representative stated that Manitoba Hydro has the power to supply MN Power without any expansion of their system and that even though this is a renewable energy source MN Power receives no credit for meeting the required renewable energy standards. However, Manitoba Hydro is still a strong source of power and utilizes no carbons so there is no carbon tax paid on this source of power. The Representative stated that the route land will be acquired through easement with a one time purchase price based on the value of the land (easement is 200 feet wide). MN Power will also pay personal property tax on the new

transmission line which is estimated to be \$40,000 to \$60,000 per mile which is a benefit to the local units of government impacted by the transmission line route and the taxpayers as a whole. In response to the question of benefit to the customer, the Representative stated that the project is being looked at to keep customer rates manageable as the government tax regulation for carbon produced power is steadily increasing costs and rates. In response to the economic impact for the County, the Representative stated it is a 240 mile transmission line project with construction to start in 2016 with three to four years of work with an end date of June 1, 2020 and that MN Power would be contracting out the work. In response to whether local zoning is involved, the Representative stated that permitting is done at the state level. The Board thanked the representative for updating the Board on the project.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:15 a.m. No comment was presented. The Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs, Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013; 5:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dennis Hummitzsch, Dale Olson, Jene11 Feller

2013/12-01 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-02 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-03 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve the employment separation of County Appraiser Vicki Giauque effective January 1, 2014. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Susan Lucek as a Community Services Eligibility Worker effective December 9, 2013.

2013/12-04 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the employment separation of Community Services Eligibility Worker Charles Dalton effective November 22, 2013 and to authorize the Community Services Director to fill the vacant position. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-05 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the temporary hire of Ann Bzdok in the Community Services Child Support Unit under County Policy as recommended by the Community Services Director due to a staff's medical leave. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-06 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck designating the Administrative Assistant to approve year end claims requiring County Board approval with all board claims approved under this authority to come before the County Board at the January 7, 2014 Board meeting for ratification. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-07 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to accept the recommendation of the County's License Committee approving the following 2014 Liquor Licenses: Little, Terrance DBA Y Knot Quick Stop - Off Sale Intoxicating; T-Bird Lodge, Inc DBA Thunderbird Lodge – On/Off/Sunday Intoxicating Liquor; Almost Lindy's Inc DBA Almost Lindy's - On and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor; John and Shawn DeMars DBA The Junction – On/Off/Sunday Intoxicating Liquor; Malcolm and Becky McAuley DBA Woodland Inn – On/Off/Sunday Intoxicating Liquor; Christiansen Store – On/Off 3.2% Malt Liquor; Diane Blais DBA Korner Kwik Stop – Off Sale 3.2% Malt Liquor; Lindberg Enterprises of Rainy Lake DBA Rainy Lake Spirits Beer Wine & Liquor – Off Sale Intoxicating; Sha Sha LLC DBA Sha Sha Resort – On/Off/Sunday Intoxicating Liquor; Ralph and Joy Nelson DBA Nelson's Store – Off Sale Intoxicating Liquor; further, to approve the following 2014 Tobacco Licenses as recommended by the Administrative Assistant: Christiansen's Store, Korner Kwik Stop, Nelson's Store, Rainy Lake One Stop, Thunderbird Lodge, Y-Knot Quick Stop, The Junction. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-08 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to establish and designate Fund 16 in the County's Financial System as the County Economic Development Fund for the purposes of incorporating the KDA's funding into the County Financial System per the 2012 County Audit finding. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Land Commissioner reviewed the results of the November 20th Timber Auction resulting in 23,513 sold cords for a auction sale value of \$585,314 and reported on the sold timber to date along with a closed timber sale permit report comparing appraised to scaled volumes.

2013/12-09 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck that at the request of the permit holder for a permit extension due to health issues, to grant a one year free extension on Timber Sale Permit K1183 (Bender) and to waive the 20% down payment of the unpaid permit balance for the extension. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-10 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride that upon review of quotes received, to accept the recommendation of the Land Commissioner to purchase a 2012 450 Yamaha Grizzly ATV from Badiuk's in the amount of \$5,848.68 to include trade in with funding in the 2013 Land and Forest Budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-11 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to renew the contract with ODC for recycling and cleaning services at the Transfer Station for 2014 at an increased rate of \$9.43 per hour/per client as recommended by the Environmental Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-12 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to renew the contract with ODC for road litter cleanup services on Highway 71 and County Road 107 at a rate of \$32.96 per hour and limited to 56 annual service hours as recommended by the Environmental Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-13 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to authorize the Board Chair's signature to the FY 2014 BWSR Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement in the amount of \$65,260 to assist with the management of the County's Water, Shoreland, STS, and Wetland Management Plans with the local tax levy share of \$2,950 and further, that no expenditures occur until the grant funds are received by the County. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-14 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the Environmental Services Director to obtain quotes for the construction of a locker room at the Transfer Station and to bring back a recommended plan to the County Board at which time a determination of funding will be decided. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 6:15 p.m. No comment was presented and the Board Chair adjourned the meeting.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs, Admin. Director

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013; 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jaci Nagle, Dale Olson, Dennis Hummitzsch, Joseph Sutherland, Brian Jespersion, Bruce Grotberg, Jeff Naglosky, Terry Murray, Stephanie Schwartz, Carol Berg, Laurie Carlson, John Slatinski, Pam Tomevi; B931 Reporter Thoms, KGHS Reporter Franzen, Journal Reporters Beager and Gedde

2013/12-15 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-16 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2013 County Board regular meeting. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-17 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund accepting the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and County Assessor for a restructure of the County Assessor Department job descriptions due to new legislation for state appraising qualifications and revamping of the Assistant Assessor position thereby adding Appraiser IV, Senior Appraiser and Appraising Program Coordinator positions and further, due to a staff vacancy and in retaining the Department's six staffing level, authorizing the Assessor to fill the Appraising Program Coordinator and Assessor Clerk positions. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-18 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve payment of the Courthouse claims in the amount of \$77,810.28, Highway claims in the amount of \$85,146.31, to authorize the Board Chair's signature to the November Vendor Payment listing verifying the Board's review, to approve payment of the Health claims in the amount of \$9,568.68 and to approve payment of the Community Service Department financial and social service program claims and administrative claims as presented. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-19 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the Board members' attendance to the Move MN Transportation Funding Meeting in Duluth on December 19th. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-20 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund approving the 2014 County Budget gross levy at \$3,959,780 (0% increase from 2013). The 2014 proposed levy breakdown is as follows: General Revenue - \$1,837,889; Community Service - \$1,227,325; Public Health - \$103,000; Highway - \$698,284; Environmental Services - \$93,282. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-21 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck authorizing the following allocation of County Funds for the 2014 County Expenditure Budget: \$200,000 for the 2014 General Revenue Fund Budget; \$1,293,982 (\$540,348 borrowed from reserves to be paid back by CSAH funding in 2015) for the 2014 Highway Budget; \$300,000 for the 2014 KCCS Budget; \$0 for the 2014 Health Budget; \$33,764 for the 2014 E.S. Budget; \$0 for the 2014 County Development Budget; \$85,183 for the 2014 Land and Forestry Budget; \$19,640 of restricted fund balance for the 2014 Wastewater Debt Service Budget; \$21,430 for the Island View Sewer Project Budget; \$277,238 for the 2014 KDA/Economic Development Budget. Motion further authorizes the Administration Director to commit and assign unrestricted fund balances in accordance with the State Auditor's guidelines and County Fund Balance Policy for cash flow, financing for a five year County budget plan and for long term County capital needs. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-22 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to adopt the 2014 Budget and Budget Plan in the amount of \$25,437,440 plus the 2014 Fund 02 Supplement Budget in the amount

of \$604,409 for a grand total of \$26,041,849. Further that 2014 Budget remains open and subject to adjustments at any time to respond to funding cuts or other changes as a result of actions to balance the Federal and State Budget deficits. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-23 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Minnesota Extension Service for providing the County's funding share for a .5 FTE 4H Program Coordinator, program operating expense and Extension Committee expenses as set in the 2014 County Budget. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-24 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Skoe to renew an ESRI Enterprise License Agreement for three years with an annual cost of \$25,000 for support of the County's GIS System as recommended by the I.S. Manager. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-25 Motion by McBride, seconded by Ecklund authorizing expenditure up to \$3,100 for the purchase of 5 Ipads and software for the automation of the County Board meeting packets with funding from the 2013 I.S. Budget as recommended by the I.S. Manager. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-26 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by Pavleck to approve participation in a Homeland Security Emergency Management Grant with the intent of the grant to improve intrusion protection of the state network by providing new security devices to local governments in which a new firewall, failover firewall and integrated IDS with two years of prepaid maintenance will be provided to the county at no cost as recommended by the I.S. Manager and further, authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the Grant Agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-27 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund authorizing expenditure up to \$27,000 in the 2014 Environmental Services Budget for the purchase of a forklift for the transfer station as recommended by the Environmental Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-28 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve a snowmobile trail permit for crossing of tax forfeited lands in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ and SE ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 35, Township 69N, Range 22W and for utilization of County Road 3 Right of way (ditch) as requested by the City of Orr for the purpose of linking the Arrowhead Snowmobile Trail to Ray and as recommended by the Land Commissioner. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-29 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve a Work Order Maintenance Agreement with Mn/Dot for CSAH 332 and CSAH 155 winter road maintenance; and further, to authorize the County Board Chair's signature to said Agreement. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-30 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund to cancel billings for authorized and paid work by the Highway Department as recommended by the County Engineer: 2001 Rogers Backhoe \$118.79; 2005 Roger Lehman \$265.80; 2012 – Cartway \$4.65, Doug Pound \$362.68, Museum \$549.45, Armory \$842.81, Point of Pines Park \$2,720.17, G&A Contractors \$3,827.50; 2013 snowplowing courthouse \$550.00. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 The Board was informed by the Sheriff that in the evening of December 10th a CN Train blocked the Van Lynn Road for 1 Hour and 38 minutes and that CN knew they were blocking the road as the Train Engineer was ordered by the Duluth Dispatch Center to stop the train at the reported location knowing it was going to block the road. The Sheriff further stated that yesterday at about 3:30 p.m. a school bus was stalled for at least 55 minutes on the Van Lynn Road as the crossing arms were down due to the train being stopped on the rail switch and that the school bus was prohibited from crossing the track with the arms down. Other traffic was going around the arms and crossing the tracks, some to get their kids from the bus. The arms were not raised until about 4:25 p.m. The Undersheriff stated that one deputy in 8 shifts dealt with blockage of roads by CN trains. The County Attorney understands that the County is working to build a relation with CN to resolve issues but the continued violation of blocking roads and the public safety concerns would now require his Office to file a formal complaint and issue CN a citation to begin tracking the violations in the legal system and that the Sheriff is in concurrence. The County Board members agreed with the County Attorney and Sheriff that in the matter of public safety something needs to be done and that other options have been exhausted in working with CN outside the legal system to end the continuous blockage of public roads by their trains.

000 The Board received notice on the hire of Katie Vork to the Eligibility Worker position effective December 16, 2013.

2013/12-31 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride authorizing the Community Service Director to fill the vacant part time Office Support Specialist position due to the Eligibility Worker hire. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-32 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck accepting the recommendation of the Community Services Director to renew the following service agreements: AEOA Congregate Meals, AEOA Volunteer Driver, Crabtree Senior Housing, First Call for Help, Sharon Frank Rule 25 Assessments, Friends Against Abuse, Good Samaritan Society, IV-D Agreement, Littlefork Jackpine Chateau, Lutheran Social Services Guardianship, Northland Counseling Adult Foster Care, Northland Counseling Children's Mental Health, Northland Counseling Clubhouse, Northland Counseling general services; Northome SLS, Range Mental Health Center. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Ecklund, Pavleck; abstaining: Skoe. Motion carried.

2013/12-33 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to approve a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota allowing the Community Services Agency to provide navigation services for assisting individuals with MNSure (State's Insurance Exchange) as recommended by the Community Services Director. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Representatives from UCare met with the Board to address the concerns expressed by the County in utilization of their health plan services due to a decision made by the MN Department of Human Services (DHS) to contract only with UCare for health plan services in Koochiching County for MNCare and M.A. Programs. Representatives reviewed a handout providing information about their services and where they have made changes to improve delivery of services with transition of services for clients. Board members stated that most of the County's concern is with the DHS in making a decision to have only one provider in Koochiching County when in the past they approved three providers to give service choices and control costs. However, members stated that there were concerns relayed to the Board with the service delivery of UCare for this area and members stated appreciation with the efforts made by UCare to address the concerns. The Board thanked the representatives for the review.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment at 11:30 a.m. Pam Tomevi from the Soil and Water District informed the Board that representatives of the Rat Root River Restoration Partnership Project were invited to attend the DNR Round Table meeting in January to review the Project at the request of the DNR Commissioner due to the positive comment and feedback on this project and that Soil and Water District staff will be attending.

000 The Board Chair opened a public hearing at 11:36 a.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on a road vacation request by John Slatinski for the Alley in Block 8, Plat of Ericsburg. The Administration Director informed the Board that no written comment was received on the matter. The Board Chair called for public comment and none was presented. With no comment from the Board members or applicant, the Board Chair closed the hearing.

2013/12-34 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Ecklund that per the County Road Vacation Policy, to approve the road vacation request by John Slatinski for the Alley in Block 8, Plat of Ericsburg, according to the recorded plat thereof, Koochiching County, MN. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

2013/12-35 Motion by Ecklund, seconded by McBride to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Voting yes: Adee, McBride, Skoe, Ecklund, Pavleck. Motion carried.

Kevin Adee, Board Chair

Teresa Briggs, Admin. Director

