

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 3:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN BOARDROOM: Commissioners Pavleck, Sjoblom, Murray, Adee
MEMBER PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Commissioner Skoe
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy LaFrance, Janelle Peterson, Nathan Heibel, Matt Gouin,
Mark Lessard, Marc Olson

2021/03-27 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Adee to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Public Health and Human Services Director LaFrance provided a COVID-19 update and informed the Board that the County is seeing a rise in positive cases. People are encouraged to continue to practice mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing, to stay home, keep their children home if they are sick, and get tested. LaFrance informed the Board that the County is expected to be getting 100 vaccine doses every week going forward and Public Health and Human Services will continue to run a clinic every week and get vaccines out as vaccines are received. More information on how to access a vaccine can be found on the County website at www.co.koochiching.mn.us.

2021/03-28 Motion by Murray, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-29 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$42,097.49, approve Highway claims in the amount of \$26,391.31 and approve Public Health and Human Services claims as presented. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-30 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the voids of warrant #33368 in the amount of \$45.00 and warrant #33509 in the amount of \$318.86. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-31 Motion by Adee, seconded by Pavleck to accept a donation from Peter Kalar in the amount of \$100 to be used for the Veteran's Transportation Program. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-32 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to approve a COLA increase of 2% retroactive to January 1, 2021 for the elected County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Recorder and County Auditor/Treasurer, the Salary Employee Group and Non-Union Hourly Group which are consistent with the other group wage and benefit settlements and further to approve an increase of employer paid life insurance from \$10,000 to \$30,000 effective April 1, 2021 for the Non-Union Hourly Group as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-33 Motion by Murray, seconded by Adee to approve the revised position descriptions for the Treasury Assistant and the Environmental Services Accounting Technician II as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-34 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve sponsorship of existing snowmobile, ATV and cross-country ski trails for grant agreements in the MN Trails Assistance Grant-In-Aid Program for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 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 cost from the County. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-35 Motion by Murray, seconded by Pavleck to authorize a Commissioner to discuss the establishment of a Motorized Trail Joint Powers Board with Lake and St. Louis County. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 The Board acknowledged recognition by state Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead of County staff for perfect performance in meeting the Department of Human Services financial reporting requirements for calendar year 2020. Commissioner Murray credited staff for achieving the high standard as it is not an easy task and plays a large role in County reimbursements from state and federal sources. Public Health and Human Services Director LaFrance added the recognition speaks highly of the supervisor and team for their hard work.

2021/03-36 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve sending a letter to the MN Legislators voicing support for the continued funding for broadband projects throughout the state. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-37 Motion by Murray, seconded by Pavleck to adopt the following resolution in support of the Grant Agreement for Air Service Marketing for the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport: That it is resolved Koochiching County adopts the State of Minnesota Agreement No. MnDOT Contract No. 1046166, "Grant Agreement for Air Service Marketing, " for State Project No. A3601-SM019 in the amount of \$22,322 on behalf of the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport and further, to authorize the Board Chair to execute the above grant document and any amendments on behalf of the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission and Koochiching County as specified by the issuing agency. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-38 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the On and Off Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Seasonal Liquor Licenses to Opp Hagemester Management Inc., DBA Island View Lodge and Sha Sha, LLC, DBA Sha Sha Resort for the period of May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-39 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the renewal of ODC Day Support Services Purchase of Services Agreement, formerly named ODC Day Training and Habilitation. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-40 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to accept a donation from Susan Anderson of eight infant quilts to be given to new mothers in Koochiching County. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-41 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to award the budgeted purchase of a 2021 Ram 4 x 4 Tradesman Quad Pickup Truck for Land and Forestry from Wherley Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$24,489 less a trade in allowance for Unit #87 in the amount of \$8,000 for a net purchase price of \$16,489. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-42 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe authorizing the Environmental Services Director to enter into a staffing agreement with Always There Staffing, Inc. to provide DNR trained Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Watercraft inspectors for 2021 to help prevent the spread of AIS. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-43 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to authorize the Environmental Services Director to enter into an Agreement with North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District to help prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) at sites on Lake Kabetogama and Ash River by operating an AIS watercraft inspection program subject to North St. Louis County SWCD paying all costs associated with said agreement. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-44 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve a combined parcel rezoning (#REZ 2101) and conditional use permit on the Lakes Concrete Plus, Inc. request to rezone parcel ID#26-008-14100 from C-2 (Limited Commercial) to M-2 (manufacturing) and the Lakes Concrete Plus, Inc. request for a Conditional Use Permit (#CUP 2101) to operate a concrete plant as recommended unanimously by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The subject parcel is described as that part of the east Half of the Northeast Quarter, lying south and east of railroad, less one acre lying north of new Highway No. 65, Section 8, Township 68 North, Range 25 West. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/03-45 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to authorize the Veterans Service Office to apply for the Together with Veterans, Rural Veteran Suicide Prevention Program Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for a County-wide Veteran Suicide Awareness and Prevention Project and further to approve the Veterans Service Officer as the Grant Administrator. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment and Veteran Service Officer Mark Lessard informed the Board that Monday, March 29th is National Veterans Day and Coffee will be served at the VFW from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Coffee with the Vets will be held on April 14th and May 12th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the VFW. Commissioner Pavleck read a thank you note from Friends Against Abuse for the County COVID-19 Business Relief Grant award they received.

2021/03-46 Motion by Murray, seconded by Adee to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.