

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:30 a.m.
Via Teleconference

MEMBER PRESENT IN BOARDROOM: None

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Commissioners Pavleck, Sjoblom, Skoe, McBride, Adee

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE: Kathy LaFrance, Perryn Hedlund, Randy Pozniak, Dana Hartje, Paul Nevanen, Jeff Naglosky, Matt Gouin and Mike Wellcome.

2020/04-11 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe Adee. Motion carried.

2020/04-12 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2020 regular meeting. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe Adee. Motion carried.

000 Public Health and Human Services Director informed the Board there is still only one confirmed case of COVID-19 in the County and that person has since recovered. Public Health and Human Services has been receiving calls of concerns that the public is not being provided all of the information available in regard to the number of tests being done and local positive cases. Kathy LaFrance assured the Board that positive COVID-19 case reports are not being withheld from the public, but she does expect more positive test results as the virus moves to the northern areas of the state. The actions that have been taken are working and we need to continue to be proactive until the health care facilities are better prepared. Board member commented on the importance to continue sharing information with the public. The County Sheriff commented that his focus has been to keep everyone healthy while providing emergency services and serving the public, noting there has been excellent cooperation between the County Attorney's office and the Courts in keeping the number of jail inmates as low as possible.

2020/04-13 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Pavleck to amend Board Motion 2020/04-03 to correct the amount of Highway Claims to \$42,209.59 due to the void of an invoice. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe Adee. Motion carried.

2020/04-14 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the void of warrant #29891 in the amount of \$6,396.35. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe Adee. Motion carried.

2020/04-15 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the monthly credit card limit for Veteran's Transportation at \$2,000 and Public Health and Human Services at \$5,000. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe Adee. Motion carried.

2020/04-16 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the employment separation of part-time E911/Correctional Officer Erika Simutkin effective April 8, 2020. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe Adee. Motion carried.

2020/04-17 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Sjoblom to approve a five year loan at 3% interest to the Rural Fire Protection Association for one half of the cost of the fire boat in the amount of \$79,100 with annual payments beginning on July 1, 2021 and further authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the Promissory Note. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe Adee. Motion carried.

000 The County Attorney informed the Board the development agreement terms with Granite Digital Realty, LLC have not been met as they were to close on the Armory property by August 30, 2019 and construction was to commence by April 30, 2020. Per the development agreement they will have 20 days to cure the default. KEDA Director Paul Nevanen asked the Board to continue to support the developer and their team and Board member commented the notice of default does not preclude Granite Digital to come back to the Board with a new request. Board member also commented it would be good to have a discussion with Granite Digital Realty LLC representatives.

2020/04-18 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve a Letter of Default to be sent to Granite Digital Realty LLC for failure to meet the development agreement terms. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Skoe Adee. Voting no by roll call: Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2020/04-19 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Sjoblom to authorize the Environmental Services Director to execute the MPCA SCORE 2020 – 2021 grant agreement with a 25% matching funds requirement. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe Adee. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment and Mike Wellcome commented that he has been listening to the County Board meetings on the phone and found there is really good information and he applauds the Board for working through the technical difficulties of meeting via teleconference. Mr. Wellcome suggested it would be a good idea to share COVID-19 Board updates with the public via the radio or the newspaper to reduce any public concern of information being withheld.

2020/04-20 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to adjourn the meeting at 10:15. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe Adee. Motion carried.