

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, May 5, 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, Dave Reimer

2020/05-01 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

000 Public Health and Human Services Director provided a COVID-19 update with the most recent numbers of testing, positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Board member commented about the overwhelming amount of information on COVID-19 from a multitude of sources. Public Health and Human Services Director replied that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over and is not under control and with an increase in testing capabilities this information can be used to predict what could happen. The Minnesota COVID-19 modeling is used to estimate when COVID-19 will peak, how many people that will be and when more people will need ICU care than the number of ICU beds that are available. The message is to proceed with caution and not fear.

000 The Board Chair recognized the letter received from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) commending the Public Health and Human Services staff for perfect performance in meeting the DHS reporting requirements for calendar year 2019. The efforts required submission of 32 major reports that were received on or before the deadlines and in perfect order.

2020/05-02 Motion by McBride, seconded by Sjoblom to send a letter to the Public Health and Human Services Department in recognition of their perfect 2019 financial reporting to the DHS and to thank them for their good work. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-03 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by McBride to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2020 regular meeting. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

000 Board Member commented on decision made by Voyageurs National Park (VNP) to suspend tent camping and overnight houseboat mooring permits through May 17th when the extension of the state's stay at home order expires and the impact this has on local businesses, specifically houseboat operations. VNP is following the recommendations of the State however, given the unique remoteness of VNP it would seem reasonable for the Governor to make an exception for camping in VNP. Further discussion on the economic impact the Stay at Home order has for self employed business owners and if they are eligible to receive unemployment

compensation. Board Chair Adee commented he would contact the Work Force Center and report back to the Board. Further discussion about sending a letter to the Governor requesting an exception for camping in VNP.

2020/05-04 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to authorize the Board Chair's signature to a letter to the Governor's Office requesting a relaxation of the Stay at Home order for camping in VNP. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-05 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the April vendor payment listing, verifying its review, approve payment of April Payroll in the amount of \$828,831.56 and Payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$252,919.09. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-06 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Pavleck to approve the void of warrant #29305 in the amount of \$100 and warrant #29881 in the amount of \$38,016.30. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-07 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded to Skoe to accept donations from Theisen Vending in the amount of \$13.96 for the Sheriff's Coffee fund and \$5,000 from the Minneapolis Foundation for promotion of the 2020 Census through the Koochiching County Complete Count Committee. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-08 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the unbudgeted purchase of a Portable Data Network through DH Wireless Solutions in the amount of \$5,023 with 50% grant from Koochiching Technology Initiative. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-09 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Sjoblom to adopt the following resolution:

IT IS RESOLVED that Koochiching County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1036895 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes: To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use and maintenance of County State Aid Highway No. 45, No. 7, No. 24, No. 47, No. 332, and No. 155 as a detour route during the construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 53 from 1,000-feet south of C.S.A.H. 7 to 300-feet north of 2nd Street under State Project No. 3608-48 (T.H. 53=011) and further that the County Engineer and County Attorney are authorized to execute this Agreement and any amendments on behalf of Koochiching County. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

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

2020/05-10 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Sjoblom to adjourn the meeting at 10:15. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.