

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy LaFrance, Janelle Peterson, Eric Olson, Trent Nicholson,  
Mark Lessard, KCCTV Reporter Darcy Sullivan

2021/05-01 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Public Health and Human Service Director provided the latest local COVID-19 data noting that Koochiching has no new cases today and the number of new cases is going down. Public Health continues to run 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinics. LaFrance reported that 51.6% of the County population is fully vaccinated.

2021/05-02 Motion by Murray, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 regular meeting. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-03 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the April summarized payment listing, verifying its review, approve April payroll and payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$1,133,908.04, approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$73,571.09 and approve Highway claims in the amount of \$101,166.68. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-04 Motion by Adee, seconded by Skoe to accept a donation from Theisen Vending in the amount of \$31.24 to be used for squad room coffee. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-05 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the employment separation of Keanna Carlson as part time E911/Correctional Officer effective May 14, 2021. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-06 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Adee to approve the promotion of Michael Bounds from part-time Deputy Sheriff to full-time Deputy Sheriff effective June 4, 2021. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Notice of Hire of Jeffrey Peterson as Heavy Equipment Operator at 85% (step 2) of the wage scale.

000 Notice of temporary hire of Jacob Peterson as temporary summer transfer station laborer with an estimated start date of May 17, 2021.

000 Notice of temporary hire of Logan Pritchard, Alexis Promersberger, Shane Thramer and Jackson Schulz as temporary summer highway laborers with an estimated start date of May 17, 2021.

2021/05-07 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray to approve an increase of employer paid life insurance from \$10,000 to \$30,000 effective June 1, 2021 for the Salary Group as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-08 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray to approve a correction to board motion 2021/04-15 deleting the number of MSW dumpsters/containers to be purchased. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Resource Conservationist Eric Olson presented the Geotechnical Report on the Rainy River Streambank Slope Stability for the 104-126 Shorewood Drive area to the Board. SWCD will seek for grant opportunities to fund recommendations to improve the erosion problem along that section of the river and work with homeowners to reroute drain tiles and runoff.

2021/05-09 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray that it is resolved Koochiching County adopts the State of Minnesota Agreement No. MnDOT Contract No. 1046905, Grant Agreement for Federal Airport Expenses Reimbursement, for State Project No. A3601-C2 in the amount of \$1,009,904 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.

2021/05-10 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray to authorize the execution of Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) Addendum for grant agreement 3-27-0043-036-2021. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 The Administration Director informed the Board that the America's Rescue Plan (ARP) funding notice for Counties was opened yesterday and provided the Board with a fact sheet regarding the eligible use of funds.

2021/05-11 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve a Joint Powers Agreement between Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis Counties for the purpose of seeking federal, state and other available funding and financial assistance to plan, develop, manage and construct a regional ATV trail system within the Counties and further to develop a Master Plan and coordinate such planning and design efforts for this trail system with a wide variety of nonprofit Clubs and Associations, subject to review by the County Attorney. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-12 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to award CP 2021-01 (CSAH 5 Crack Seal and Mastic Repair) to the bidder of best value to the County - Lot Pros Inc. for \$196,221.60 and

further to authorize the Board Chair's signature to the contract agreement. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-13 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray Award Project CP 2021-02 (2021 Striping) to the bidder of best value to the County - AAA Striping Service Co. for \$61,234.14. and further to authorize the Board Chair's signature to the contract agreement. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-14 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to accept the bid for 2021 Hired Truck Service to Ziemba at a rate of \$110 per hour for area one and a rate of \$115 for areas two through five which is no increase from the 2020 rates. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-15 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Pavleck to accept low bids for the 2021 Nuisance Beaver Trappers as follows: Area #1 – Jim Rognerud at \$45.00/beaver, Area #2 – Ken Miles at \$47.50/beaver; Area #3 – Jim Rognerud at \$52.00/beaver; Area #4 and #5 – Joshua Anderson at \$60.50/beaver. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-16 Motion by Murray, seconded by Adee to recess the regular County Board meeting at 10:20 a.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 Board Chair opened a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the Rainy Lake One Stop road vacation request. Present: Commissioners Pavleck, Adee, Murray and Sjoblom, and Skoe; Others: Steve Lindberg, Dave Reimer, Trent Nicholson, Jenny Herman and KCC-TV Reporter Darcy Sullivan. The Assistant County Engineer informed the Board that Rainy Lake One Stop owns a thin strip of land between MnDOT Highway 11 East Right of Way (ROW) and the Rainy Lake One Stop property. The land borders Koochiching County land (fishing ponds) to the west, MnDOT ROW (Highway 11 East) to the north, and Koochiching County ROW (County Road 93) to the east. A representation of the area to be vacated is highlighted on the survey which was distributed. Vacating this area would pose no impact to accessing private or public lands. The Board Chair called for public comment and there was none. The Board Chair called for any written comment and there was none. The Board chair closed the public hearing at 10:35 a.m.

2021/05-17 Motion by Murray, seconded by Adee to reopen the regular County Board meeting at 10:35 a.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

2021/05-18 Motion by Adee, seconded by Pavleck to approve the road vacation described as That part of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Rainy Lake Addition to Ranier, according to the recorded plat thereof, lying southerly of the southerly right of way line of Minnesota State Highway No. 11 as established in 1968, and lying easterly of the northerly prolongation of the west line of Lot 1, Block 21 said plat, and westerly of the northerly prolongation of the east line of Lot 6, Block 22, said plat. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called for public comment and Veterans Service Officer Mark Lessard informed the Board that Coffee with the Vets will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m. at the VFW and encouraged Board member attendance.

2021/05-19 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Voting yes: Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray. Motion carried.