

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, May 26, 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, Patti Bolstad, Janelle Peterson, Ashley LaVigne, Mark Lessard, Willi Kostiuk, Trent Nicholson

2020/05-34 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck 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 noting that Minnesota has 21,314 confirmed cases, 881 deaths, 605 people are currently hospitalized with 248 in ICU which is the highest use of hospital beds to date. There are six confirmed cases in Koochiching County. Board member inquired on the number of tests that have been completed for Koochiching County and was informed the labs that perform the tests do not report tests by County.

000 The agenda included discussion of the reopening of County facilities to the public. There was discussion of the need to reopen the transfer station to normal hours and other facilities on a limited basis. Patti Bolstad informed the Board the Courts are only hearing essential cases right now via Zoom and in person hearings are not expected to resume until July. County Administration Director informed the Board a preparedness plan for the County is in place and being updated as new information is provided. Reopening plans will be implemented gradually and follow State and CDC recommendations.

2020/05-35 Motion by McBride, seconded by Skoe to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for COVID-19 preparedness with the Northern Lights Motel. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-36 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Pavleck to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2020 regular meeting. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-37 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Pavleck to approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$42,824.44, Highway claims in the amount of \$19,982.17 and Public Health and Human services claims as presented. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

000 The Administration Director provided the 1st Quarter Budget vs Actual Budget financial report.

2020/05-38 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the COVID-19 preparedness plan

and future updates to the plan following state and CDC recommendations. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-39 Motion by McBride seconded by Sjoblom to approve the Interim Policy: COVID-19 Program for Employees. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-40 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the revised the June Board meeting schedule adding meetings on June 2nd and 9th at 9:30 a.m. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-41 Motion by McBride, seconded by Sjoblom to approve a public hearing to be held via teleconference on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing public comment on the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for The Boondocks Bar & Grill, formerly known as the Woodland. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-42 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride that it is resolved Koochiching County adopts the FAA Grant Agreement No. 3-27-0043-033-2020 for the FAA Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act or "the Act") Airports Grant Offer with a maximum amount of \$1,070,873 at the Falls International Airport is accepted that the City of International Falls and Koochiching County as joint owners of the airport agree to cover any costs that exceed the amount of funds provided by the state (bond plus federal) from the local funding shares necessary to complete the project; further, to authorize the Koochiching County Board Chair and County Attorney to execute the above grant document and any amendments on behalf of Koochiching County as specified by the issuing agency. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-43 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Sjoblom to approve funding in the amount of \$7,500 to the Koochiching County Historical Society for roof repairs allocated from Administration contingency funds. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

000 Veteran Service Office provided the Federal Gross Distribution of Expenditures report indicating Federal VA funds flowing into the County increased by \$1.527 million to \$11.1 million in 2019 which is an increase of 16%. This increase was the greatest increase in VA dollars flowing into the County since 2007. VSO also informed the Board the report indicates the estimated Veteran population has dropped from 1,100 to 1,060.

2020/05-44 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by McBride to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan Riverine Bluff Erosion Amendment. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/05-45 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to authorize the Highway Department to advertise for bids for Project CP 2020-03 (CSAH-5 Crack Seal and Mastic Repair). Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

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

2020/05-46 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m.
Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.