

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

MEMBERS PRESENT IN BOARDROOM: None

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE VIA TELECONFERENCE: Kathy LaFrance, Matt Gouin, Dave Reimer, Mark Lessard, Paul Nevanen, Janelle Peterson

2020/06-08 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes by roll call: McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Absent: Pavleck. Motion carried.

000 Public Health and Human Services Director provided a COVID-19 update noting that as of June 8, 2020 Minnesota has 28,224 confirmed cases, 338 new cases, 11 new deaths for a total of 1,197 deaths, 354,226 tests have been completed, 542 people are currently hospitalized with 198 in ICU and the number of cumulative cases for Koochiching County has remained the same at nine. The number of cases and hospitalizations has decreased and there is hope the curve is heading downward. Board member inquired if testing is free and was informed that most health insurance providers are covering COVID-19 tests at 100%, adding that Rainy Lake Medical Center is now providing drive up testing from Noon – 3:00 Monday through Friday.

2020/06-09 Motion by McBride, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2020 regular meeting. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/06-10 Motion by McBride, seconded by Sjoblom to approve reopening of the following County Departments by appointment only effective immediately: Assessor, Attorney, Environmental Services, Recorder, Land and Forestry, Auditor/Treasurer, Administration, Sheriff's Office and Information Systems. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/06-11 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by McBride to approve reopening of the Highway Department and Surveyors Office to the public effective June 10, 2020. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/06-12 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by Skoe to approve the May summarized vendor payment listing, verifying its review, approve May payroll payments in the amount of \$837,587.76 and May payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$256,666.82, approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$41,146.41 and Highway claims in the amount of \$9,077.79. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Adee. Motion carried.

2020/06-13 Motion by McBride, seconded by Sjoblom to approve the void of warrant #30589 in the amount of \$505.25, warrant #30606 in the amount of \$82.32 and warrant #30611 in the

amount of \$25.68. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Ade. Motion carried.

000 Paul Nevanen informed the Board that due to an overrun in construction costs and the cancelling of several cold weather testing trips, the KEDA is requesting an extension on the Cold Box loan payment which was due in May of 2020. Nevanen added that about 2/3 of his operating revenues are funded through cold weather testing with the remaining 1/3 funded through the IRRRB. With both of those revenue streams being uncertain he is requesting the County work with the KEDA office on a revised repayment schedule and will come back to the Board in the Fall when they can more accurately forecast revenues.

2020/06-14 Motion by Sjoblom, seconded by McBride to approve the delay in the KEDA Cold Box loan payment. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Ade. Motion carried.

2020/06-15 Motion by McBride, seconded by Pavleck to approve the Pre-Employment Background Check Policy. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Ade. Motion carried.

2020/06-16 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Sjoblom to approve a revised Pre-Employment Physical Policy. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Ade. Motion carried.

000 The Board Chair called to recess the regular County Board meeting and opened a public hearing 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). There was no public comment regarding the issuance of an Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License. The Board Chair adjourned the public hearing at 10:10 and reconvened the regular County Board meeting.

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

2020/06-17 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Sjoblom to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Voting yes by roll call: Pavleck, McBride, Sjoblom, Skoe, Ade. Motion carried.