

REGULAR MEETING OF THE KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Pavleck, Murray, Adee, Skoe, Sjoblom
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy LaFrance, Dave Reimer, Janelle Peterson, KCCTV
Reporter Darcy Sullivan, KGHS Reporter Duane Etienne

2021/09-01 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to approve the agenda with additions and deletions. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-02 Motion by Murray, seconded by Skoe to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2021 regular meeting. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

000 Public Health and Human Services Director provided a COVID-19 update to the Board reporting current case numbers for the County, noting that since September 1st the County has had 93 newly confirmed cases. Mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing are encouraged to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

2021/09-03 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to approve the August summarized payment listing, approve August 2021 payroll and payroll ACH payments in the amount of \$1,159,522.25, approve Courthouse claims in the amount of \$70,162.75 and approve Highway claims in the amount of \$77,000.56. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-04 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to accept a donation from Essentia Health in the amount of \$500 to be used towards the purchase and/or fundraising for a new Veteran's medical transportation program van and further to authorize the Board Chair's signature on a letter of appreciation. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-05 Motion by Skoe, seconded by Murray to approve the 2022 tax levies for the following approved subordinate service taxing districts and to pay the respective amounts under the service agreements: Littlefork Ambulance Service District levy of \$101,921 – no increase; Northome First Responders Service District levy of \$7,954 – increase of \$379; Rainy River First Responders Service District levy of \$12,500 – no increase; Littlefork Medical Center Taxing District levy of \$100,000; Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Koochiching County - \$45,000 – no increase and to approve the 2022 tax levies for the following fire protection service taxing districts and to pay the respective amounts under the service agreements: Fire District 1 (Northome) levy of \$16,763 – no increase; Fire District 2 (Littlefork) levy of \$80,709 – increase of \$1,021; Fire District 2 (Loman) levy of \$17,500 – no increase; Fire District 3 (Birchdale) levy of \$12,000 – increase of \$2,100; Fire District 4 (Baudette) levy of \$3,500 – no increase and Fire District 5 (Big Falls) levy of \$10,400 - decrease of \$25. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-06 Motion by Murray, seconded by Skoe authorizing a budget transfer from Administration Contingency Funds in the amount of \$17,000 to Complex for unbudgeted

Courtroom improvements resulting in no change to the total budget. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motioncarried.

2021/09-07 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Murray to ratify approval of the employment separation of Beau Herzig as E911/Correctional Officer effective September 19, 2021 and authorize filling the vacant position within the assigned wage scale. Voting yes: Skoe,Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motioncarried.

2021/09-08 Motion by Murray, seconded by Skoe to approve the voluntary transfer of Sherri Owen as E911/Correctional Officer effective September 26, 2021 to Legal Secretary effective September 28, 2021 and authorize filling the vacant E911/Correctional Officer position within the assigned wage scale. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-09 Motion by Murray, seconded by Adee that it is resolved by the Koochiching County Board that the State of Minnesota Agreement No. 1048416, Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition for State Project A3601-113 at the Falls International-Einarson Field Airport is accepted and further that the Board Chair and County Attorney are authorized to execute the above grant document and any amendments on behalf of the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission and Koochiching County. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-10 Motion by Pavleck, seconded by Skoe to adopt the following resolution approving the Prioritized Bridge Replacement Schedule:

WHEREAS, Koochiching County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by local citizenry and local units of government, at a public meeting on September 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Koochiching County has prioritized this list based upon inspections and determined that the following deficient bridges in the County Road System are a high priority and require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

Old Bridge Number	Road Number or Name	Total Project Cost	Township or State Bridge Funds	Federal Funds	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Construction Year
R0126	UT 383	\$450,000	\$250,000			2023
97939	CR 61	\$600,000			\$400,000	2024
36503	CR145	\$1,500,000			\$1,000,000	2025
36506	CR 101	\$800,000			\$600,000	2026
36515	CR 82	\$1,000,000			\$800,000	2027

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are a critical component of the local road systems; and

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement of local bridges to be crucial to maintain the integrity of the local road systems and is necessary for the County to proceed with replacement, rehabilitation, or removal of the high priority deficient bridges described above; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Koochiching County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Koochiching County will continue to proceed with the design and contract documents for the bridges listed above anticipating that funding will be available. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

2021/09-11 Motion by Murray, seconded by Pavleck to adopt the following resolution in agreement to State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program (LBRP) Grant Terms and Conditions for SP 036-598-028:

WHEREAS, Koochiching County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 36532; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$186,621.48 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Koochiching County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

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

2021/09-12 Motion by Adee, seconded by Murray to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Voting yes: Skoe, Adee, Pavleck, Murray, Sjoblom. Motion carried.

Jason Sjoblom, Board Chair

Jenny Herman, Board Secretary