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WHEREAS the condition of Kanabec County's transportation infrastructure has a direct impact on the quality of life of Kanabec County residents, the safety of users, the County's economy and future economic development; and

WHEREAS the current levels of road and bridge funding are inadequate to sustain Kanabec County's transportation needs to make the necessary repairs and improvements, and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 297A.993, Subdivision 1, authorizes the County Board to adopt a countywide Transportation Sales and Use Tax (a.k.a. Local Option Transportation Sales and Use Tax) up to ½ percent (0.5%) by resolution after holding a public hearing;

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 297A.993, Subdivision 2, requires that the proceeds of the taxes must be dedicated exclusively to: (1) payment of the capital cost of a specific transportation project or improvement; (2) payment of the costs, which may include both capital and operating costs, of a specific transit project or improvement; (3) payment of the capital costs of a safe routes to school program under section 174.40; or (4) payment of transit operating costs.

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 297A.933, Subdivision 2, further requires the tax to terminate when revenues raised are sufficient to finance the identified projects or improvements; and

WHEREAS the Kanabec County Board desires to implement the Transportation Sales and Use Tax and have the State Department of Revenue collect and distribute the revenues; and

WHEREAS the proceeds from the tax must be spent on projects presented during the September 30, 2019 Public Hearing and as listed as Kanabec County Transportation Improvement Projects (2020-2040) (attached); and

WHEREAS any additional projects to be considered for the Transportation Sales and Use Tax must be presented at a public hearing and adopted by resolution of the Kanabec County Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners authorizes and implements a ½ percent (0.5%) countywide Transportation Sales and Use tax as provided for in Minnesota Statute 297A.993;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Transportation Sales and Use Tax shall begin January 1, 2020 and continue until revenues are sufficient and all projects listed as Kanabec County Transportation Improvement Projects (2020-2040) as presented at the September 30, 2019 Public Hearing and attached are complete;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Transportation Improvement Projects (2020-2040) list does not establish a prioritization of projects, which may be completed in any order as determined by the County Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of Minnesota Statute 297A.99, Subdivisions 4, and 6 through 12, govern the imposition, administration, collection, and enforcement of the tax;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Coordinator to certify the Transportation Sales and Use Tax to the Minnesota Department of Revenue so as to follow for collection to begin on January 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to consider the removal of the wheelage tax during the 2021 budget preparation after evaluating the actual revenue produced by the Transportation Sales and Use Tax.

Adopted: October 9, 2019



M. Kathi Ellis
Kanabec County Board Chair

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented to and adopted by the Kanabec County Board of Commissioners on October 9, 2019.



Kris McNally
Kanabec County Coordinator