

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF NICOLLET
MARCH 26, 2019

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Denny Kemp, Marie Dranttel, Jack Kolars, Terry Morrow and John Luepke were present. Also present were County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer, County Administrator Ryan Krosch and Recording Secretary Paula Krook.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Introduction of New Employees - None

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the consent agenda items as follows: March 12, 2019 Board Minutes, approval of bills, Joint Powers Amendment with DHS State Operated Forensic Services, 2018 County Feedlot Officer Annual and Financial Reports and End of Probations for Accounting Technician Lynette Idso effective March 28, 2019, GIS Technician Skylar Schoh effective April 2, 2019 and Social Worker Jessica DuRose effective April 4, 2019. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances - None

PPSD – Property Services

March 18, 2019 Planning & Zoning Advisory Commission Meeting

Property and Public Services Director Mandy Landkamer appeared before the Board to request approval of a conditional use permit for Gordian Energy Systems/Joel & Anika Enter to establish a large solar energy system.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to accept the Planning and Zoning Advisory Commission’s March 18, 2019 report, recommendations and findings as submitted therein, which included the following:

Gordian Energy Systems/Joel & Anika Enter	PLN19-02	Nicollet Township
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Commissioner Luepke asked about the resident that was concerned about loss of TV, internet and cell signals. Property and Public Services Director Landkamer explained the company has done various tests concerning stray voltage, so this is not a foreseen problem. Commissioner Kolars asked if solar energy system permit requests are increasing. PPSD Landkamer stated there have been meetings with three potential

sites already this year, and there could be others that have not been in contact with us yet.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney

Proclamation of Crime Victims' Rights Week

Victim/Witness Coordinator Bonnie Petersen presented a proclamation regarding Crime Victims' Rights Week for Board approval and signature. Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer explained their efforts in reaching individuals. Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the proclamation for Crime Victims' Rights Week. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1982, the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime envisioned a national commitment to a more equitable and supportive response to victims;

WHEREAS, this commemorative week celebrates the energy, perseverance and commitment that launched the victims' rights movement, inspired its progress, and continues to advance the cause of justice for crime victims;

WHEREAS, crime can leave a lasting impact on any person, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status;

WHEREAS, incorporating communities' existing experts and trusted sources of support into efforts to fully serve survivors will develop a criminal justice system response that is truly accessible and appropriate for all victims of crime;

WHEREAS, with the unwavering support of their communities and victim service providers behind them, survivors will be empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and hope without fear of judgment, and will feel understood, heard, and respected;

WHEREAS, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as supports thriving communities;

WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of healthcare providers, community leaders, faith organizations, educators and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice;

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems;

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime – especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime; and

WHEREAS, Nicollet County is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for a better future for all victims and survivors.

Now, therefore, I, as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Nicollet County, do hereby proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2019, as

Crime Victims' Rights Week

and reaffirm this County's commitment to continuing a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

At 9:14 a.m., the Chair recessed the County Board meeting to hold the Drainage Authority meeting. The meeting reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

Administration

Women's History Month Proclamation and Request for Sponsorship

County Administrator Ryan Krosch requested the Board consider a proclamation noting Women's History Month and sponsorship of a table at the Women Celebrating Women Banquet on April 9, 2019 at Gustavus Adolphus College. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to adopt the proclamation proclaiming March as Women's History Month in Nicollet County and approve an appropriation of \$220 for sponsorship of a table at the 2019 Women Celebrating Women Banquet at Gustavus Adolphus College. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during Women's History Month we celebrate the many accomplishments of the women of Nicollet County; and,

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2019 Women's History Month celebration is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence"; and,

WHEREAS, the April 9th, 2019 Women Celebrating Women event will recognize a local woman who has persisted in being a champion of peace nonviolence,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the month of March be designated to celebrate the accomplishments of all women,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners proclaim March 2019 as Women's History month in Nicollet County.

Transportation Funding Resolution

Administrator Krosch requested the Board consider approval of a resolution encouraging adequate funding for Minnesota's statewide transportation system. On Friday, March 15 the AMC Board approved a 2019 transportation funding resolution for all counties to consider. The resolution encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to adopt the Resolution Encouraging Adequate Funding for Minnesota's Statewide Transportation. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution Encouraging Adequate Funding for Minnesota's Statewide Transportation

WHEREAS Minnesota Counties maintain 30,742 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) roads and 14,141 miles of county roads, totaling over 30% of the state's roadways; and

WHEREAS the total annual need is \$1.084 billion annually over the next 25 years just to maintain the current CSAH and county road system, not including expansion; and

WHEREAS the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive and sustainable transportation solution should include robust funding for roads, bridges, and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state; and

WHEREAS increased funding for Minnesota's Highway User Tax Distribution Fund would provide additional, stable funds for MnDOT, all 87 counties, all cities with a population of 5,000 or more, and townships across the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding to Minnesota's statewide transportation system.

HHS and Technologies Expansion Projects

Administrator Krosch requested the Board consider approval of an additional appropriation for the HHS Expansion Space Project and approval to complete the Technologies Expansion Space Project. The HHS Expansion Space Project consists of construction of the 2nd floor HHS expansion space into usable office space as included in the 2019 budget. An additional appropriation from the Human Services reserve fund balance is needed to complete the project. The scope of the project has expanded since last summer due to several unknowns at the time the budget was created. With the demand for technology increasing each year, the need for additional office space for the Technologies Department has increased. Expanding the Technologies Office into the 1880s basement was approved in the last 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. There is money in the current 2019 budget that can be reallocated to pay for this project. Staff would like to complete this project in conjunction with the HHS Expansion because there is a possibility of obtaining better bids/quotes on the work by combining the projects. There was additional discussion concerning the equipment, office furniture and future staff needs.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve an additional appropriation of \$175,000 for the HHS Expansion Space Project. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the completion of the Technologies Expansion Space Project. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Informational Items – Replacement Hirings

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various past and future activities/meetings, including:

Chair's Report

- Board meeting
- CHS Personnel Committee
- County Board Retreat
- Department Head
- Board Workshop
- Meeting with Legislators

Commissioner John Luepke

- County Board Retreat
- Meeting with Legislators
- Board Workshop
- Brown County Veterans Capital Tour
- MN Rural Energy Board

- County Ditch Meeting

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- County Board
- St Peter Food Access
- County Board Retreat
- Meeting with Legislators
- Solid Waste Meeting
- Census Workshop
- Department Head
- Board Workshop
- State Capital

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- County Board Retreat
- County Board
- Solid Waste Meeting
- Planning and Zoning
- Department Head
- Meeting with Legislators
- Board Workshop
- Law Library
- Region 9

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- CHS Personnel
- County Board Retreat
- AMC Board Meeting
- Board Workshop
- TDS
- Housing Meeting
- County Board
- Joint Sibley County Meeting
- Department Head

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the expenses and per diems for the meetings noted above during the Commissioner reports and/or listed on the Claims Listing, and authorize payment of those expenses and per diems by the Finance Office. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.



DENNY KEMP, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



RYAN KROSCH
CLERK TO THE BOARD