

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF NICOLLET
APRIL 23, 2019

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 23, 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 Lynette Peterson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Introduction of New Employees

The following new employees were introduced by their Department Head to the Board:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>
Health and Human Services	David Sellnow	Eligibility Worker

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: April 9, 2019 Board Minutes, approval of bills and end of probation for Administrative Support Assistant LuAnn Schloesser effective April 24, 2019. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances - None

Health and Human Services

Proclamation for May as National Mental Health Month

Health and Human Services Director Cassie Sassenberg requested the Board consider adopting a proclamation proclaiming May as National Mental Health Month. Mental health is essential to overall physical health and emotional well-being. There is a need to recognize that mental illness affects the lives of many of our citizens and residents of all ages and sectors. Annually, the Nicollet County Local Advisory Council observes Mental Health month in May by offering educational activities to increase community awareness. Rene Mosher, Chair of the Local Advisory Council and Adult Mental Health Social Worker and Intake Worker, read the Mental Health Proclamation. Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to adopt the proclamation proclaiming May as National Mental Health Month. On a roll call vote, motion carried with all voting in favor.

**NICOLLET COUNTY PROCLAMATION
 May is National Mental Health Month**

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall physical health and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to recognize that mental illness affects the lives of many of our citizens and residents of all ages and sectors; and

WHEREAS, mental illness will strike one of five adults and children in a given year regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or economic status; and

WHEREAS, people who have mental illnesses can recover and lead full productive lives; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 60% of adults who have mental health disorders are not receiving the help they need; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 90% of those who die of suicide have an underlying mental illness.

WHEREAS, stigma continues to be a significant barrier to people getting the help they need; and

WHEREAS, the cost of untreated and mistreated mental illnesses and addictive disorders to American businesses, governments and families continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, community-based services that respond to individual and family needs are cost-effective, and beneficial to consumers and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Nicollet County Local Advisory Council observes Mental Health month every May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and illness.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Denny Kemp, as Chairperson of the Commissioners of the County of Nicollet, Minnesota, on behalf of the entire County and staff, do hereby proclaim May of 2019 as NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. I also urge all citizens of Nicollet County, Minnesota to become involved to increase awareness and understanding of mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people who have mental illnesses.

Finance

Quarter 1 2019 Donations

Finance Director Heather McCormick requested the Board consider approval of the donations made to Nicollet County for the period of January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 as listed below:

DONATIONS RECEIVED BY NICOLLET COUNTY
 JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019

<u>From Whom</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Various Donors	\$500.00 \$500.00	Veteran's Van
Rodning Excavating	\$100.00	Property Services SSTS Class
Forrey Septic Systems	\$125.00	Property Services SSTS Class
Seppman Well Drilling	\$65.00	Property Services SSTS Class
Crystal Construction	\$200.00	Property Services SSTS Class
Lafayette Excavating Inc	\$50.00	Property Services SSTS Class
Boening Brothers	\$100.00	Property Services SSTS Class
2 Various Donors	\$80.00 \$720.00	Property Services SSTS Class
Various Donors	\$470.00	Loan Closet

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the donations made to Nicollet County for the period of January 1 through March 31, 2019. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Works

Consider Advertising for 2019 Bituminous Materials

Public Works Director Seth Greenwood requested the Board consider approving advertising for 2019 Bituminous Materials (asphalt emulsion) and setting a bid opening date of May 20, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Nicollet County Public Works Office. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve advertising for 2019 Bituminous Materials (asphalt emulsion) and setting a bid opening date of May 20, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Nicollet County Public Works Office. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Submit Nicollet County Highway Department's 2018 Annual Report

Public Works Director Greenwood distributed the 2018 Nicollet County Highway Department Annual Report. The Highway Department's Annual Report accounts for all costs and activities needed to maintain Nicollet County's road and bridge infrastructure for 2018. This report is submitted to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to acknowledge receipt of the 2018 Nicollet County Highway Department's Annual Report. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Works Director Greenwood gave an update on road, park and other damages from the flooding in Nicollet County.

Annual Agricultural Inspector's Report

Agricultural/Ditch inspector Nate Henry presented the 2018 Annual Agricultural Inspector's Report and Work Plan Summary. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to acknowledge receipt of the 2018 Annual Agricultural Inspector's Report and Work Plan Summary. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

At 9:39 a.m., the Chair recessed the County Board meeting to hold the Drainage Authority meeting. The meeting reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

Administration

Resolution Proclaiming Public Service Recognition Week in Nicollet County

Administrator Ryan Krosch requested the Board consider adopting a resolution proclaiming Public Service Recognition Week on May 5-11, 2019. The 2nd Annual Public Service Recognition Picnic will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to adopt the resolution proclaiming Public Service Recognition Week in Nicollet County on May 5-11, 2019. On a roll call vote, motion carried with all voting in favor.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK IN NICOLLET COUNTY

Whereas, since 1985 the United States Congress and United States President have designated the first week of May as Public Service Recognition Week to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees; and

Whereas, residents are served every single day by public employees at the county level and these unsung heroes do the work that keeps our communities working; and

Whereas, public employees day in and day out provide the diverse services demanded by the residents of Nicollet County of their government with efficiency and integrity; and

Whereas, without these public employees at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners do hereby announce and proclaim to all residents, that May 5-11, 2019, is Public Service Recognition Week in Nicollet County. All residents are encouraged to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Nicollet County government employees.

Informational Items – None

Commissioner Committee Reports

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

Chair's Report

- Finance Committee Meeting for Statewide ECM Board
- Mental Health Advisory Council Meeting
- County Board Workshop
- Cindra Kamphoff Training

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- County Board Workshop
- AMC Board Meeting

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- County Board Workshop
- Nicollet County/St. Peter Liaison Meeting
- Tri-County Transit Meeting

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- Mental Health Advisory Council Meeting
- Nicollet County/St. Peter Liaison Meeting

Commissioner John Luepke

- County Board Workshop
- Cindra Kamphoff Training
- Constituent Concerns regarding Flooding/Road Closures
- Bolton & Menk Open House

Commissioner Kemp requested the Board consider sending a letter of support to the AMC Board of Directors for Commissioner Kolars to be appointed as a representative on the NACo Board. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to direct Administrator Krosch to draft a letter in support of the appointment of Commissioner Kolars as a representative on the NACo Board. Motion

carried with Commissioners Luepke, Morrow, Dranttel and Kemp voting yes and Commissioner Kolars abstaining.

Commissioner Kolars reminded the Board of the AMC District 7 meeting on Wednesday, June 5 at 8 a.m. in Watonwan County at the St. James Legion Club.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel 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.

County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer reminded staff and Commissioners to wear denim on Wednesday, April 24 for Denim Day, a day to raise awareness of sexual assault. Victim Witness Coordinator Bonnie Petersen and Attorney Zehnder Fischer will be at Gustavus on Wednesday with an informational table for their event.

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.



DENNY KEMP, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



RYAN KROSCH
CLERK TO THE BOARD