

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MAY 11, 2021

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Terry Morrow, Denny Kemp, Jack Kolars, Marie Dranttel, and John Luepke were present. Also present were Interim County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Abigail Lewis.

The meeting was held via teleconference pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Zoom meeting technology was used to conduct the meeting. Chair Morrow, Interim County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and Recording Secretary Lewis were in attendance at the County Board Room. All others participated via Zoom. The meeting was also video recorded.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kemp to approve the agenda with acknowledgement to the correction on the April 27, 2021 minutes. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: April 27, 2021 Board Meeting minutes, May 6, 2021 Special Board Meeting minutes, end of probation for Amanda Vortherms effective May 4, 2021, 2020, Federal Boat Equipment Grant, and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts: General Revenue Fund - \$59,381.91, Road & Bridge Fund - \$80,460.41, Human Services Fund - \$151,927.53 and acknowledge review of the Auditor's Warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Public Appearances

Mary Milbrath, with Belgrade Township, brought forth a request for the Board to review a variance that was approved by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals at the April 2021 meeting. Mrs. Milbrath also commented that the appeal deadline for this is May 19, 2021.

Health and Human Services

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the resolution to observe May as National Mental Health Month in Nicollet County. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Director Sassenberg provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccination efforts by Public Health.

Public Works

County Engineer and Public Works Director, Seth Greenwood, provided an overview of the Highway Department's 2020 Annual Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Kemp to acknowledge the receipt of the Highway Department's 2020 Annual Report. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

County Engineer Greenwood provided an overview of road projects in the County.

Administration

Resolution Re-Appointing County Engineer

A motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Kemp to approve the Resolution Re-Appointing Seth Greenwood as County Engineer. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

County Attorney

Acknowledged the importance of Mental Health Month and thanked the Commissioners for their support on this matter. Attorney Zehnder Fischer noted that their office is experiencing an uptick in requests for community presentations and noted a tentative save the date of October 7, 2021 for the Tall Cop Says Stop event.

Department Heads provided updates in regards to their respective departments.

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities including:

Chair Morrow

- Special Board Meeting

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- Special Board Meeting
- Rush River Joint Powers Board Meeting
- David Drown Associates Interview
- Department Head Evaluations
- Union Negotiations

Commissioner Denny Kemp

- Special Board Meeting
- Education for Success Teleconference
- David Drown Associates Interview
- AMC Education and Training Committee
- MRCI Executive Board

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Special Board Meeting
- Union Negotiations
- Toward Zero Deaths
- MAPO
- David Drown Associates Interview

Commissioner John Luepke

- Special Board Meeting
- Rush River Joint Powers Board Meeting
- David Drown Associates Interview
- Tourism Person of the Year Award New Ulm

Approve Per Diems and Expenses

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the expenses and per diems for the meetings noted above during the Commissioner Reports and/or as submitted on approved expense reports, and authorize payment of those expenses and per diems by the Finance Office. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Commission Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.


TERRY MORROW, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



JACI KOPET
CLERK TO THE BOARD