

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 4, 2022

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Marie Dranttel, Terry Morrow, Jack Kolars, and John Luepke were present. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Morrow asked for nominations for Board Chair for 2022. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to nominate Commissioner Dranttel for the position of Chair of the Nicollet County Board for 2022. Commissioner Morrow asked three times for additional nominations and no other nominations were made. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Dranttel then asked for nominations for Board Vice Chair. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to nominate Commissioner Kolars for the position of Vice Chair of the Nicollet County Board for 2022. Commissioner Dranttel asked three times for additional nominations and no other nominations were made. Commissioner Morrow moved that the nominations be closed and Commissioner Luepke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the agenda with the addition of the Purchase of Service Agreement: 2022 Brown County Evaluation Center, Inc. Commissioner Morrow moved that the item be added to the consent agenda and Commissioner Kolars seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Morrow then moved to approve the agenda and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kolars. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

1. December 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes;
2. 2022 Solid Waste Collection and Transportation License Applicants
3. CVSO Operational Enhancement Grant Program Resolution for FY2022
4. Resolution to Delegate EFT Authority
5. South Central Community-Based Initiative 2022 Purchase of Service Agreement
6. 2022 Master Contract for MFIP/DWP and Notice of Funds Available
7. Resolution Approving the Official Newspaper for Publications in 2022
8. Publication of Transportation Advertisement for Bids on the Nicollet County Website
9. 2022 Gopher Bounty
10. 2022 Board Meeting and Workshop Schedule
11. End of Probations for Anthony Engesser, HCBS Case Manager; and Abby Alonso, Eligibility Worker
12. Approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
General Revenue Fund - \$34,324.37, Road & Bridge Fund - \$37,897.69, Human

Services Fund - \$66,459.30, and acknowledge review of the Auditor's Warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Public Appearances

Mike Stevenson appeared on behalf of the Nicollet Conservation Club with concerns about Chronic Wasting disease becoming an issue for the deer population in the area. He would like the Commission to think about putting a new ban on deer farms until there is more direction from the MN legislature. Jeff Holmin, a former deer farm owner, also spoke regarding this issue and shared similar concerns.

Public Works and Attorney

Eminent Domain Proceedings for County Road 15 Reconstruction

The reconstruction of County Road 15 requires the acquisition of right of way for completion of the project. Public Works Director Greenwood and Assistant Public Works Director Hawbaker have commenced the process for acquisition of right of way parcels, however, it may be necessary to initiate eminent domain proceedings for certain parcels. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to authorize the hiring of outside counsel to assist the County Attorney's Office with commencing the necessary proceedings to acquire property for the road project.

Administration

Resolution Setting the Minimum Salary for the County Sheriff and Attorney

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the resolution setting the minimum salary for the County Sheriff and Attorney. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Amendment to the 2022 Elected Officials Compensation and Per Diem Resolution

The proposed amended resolution includes a 2.5% increase for County Commissioners, a 3.5% increase for elected department heads, and no change in the per diem rate of \$70 per day. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the amendment to the 2022 Elected Officials Compensation and Per Diem Resolution. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Resolution Establishing the 2022 Committee and Board Assignments and Meetings that Qualify for a Per Diem Payment

The 2022 Committee and Board Assignments and Meetings were discussed to determine if any changes were needed to the proposed list. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the resolution establishing the 2022 Committee and Board Assignments and Meetings that Qualify for a Per Diem Payment. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

County Attorney Update

Attorney Zehnder-Fischer shared information from a recent school-related stakeholders meeting she attended. Mental health is still the biggest issue in the school-age population, often with co-occurring chemical dependency issues. These issues are also occurring within the community at large.

Chair's Report

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Highway 14 Committee
- Greater Mankato Growth
- Traverse de Sioux
- Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC)
- Union mediation

Commissioner John Luepke

- Highway 14 Committee
- Nicollet and Brown County Historical Society

Approve Per Diems and Expenses

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars 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.

Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER
CLERK TO THE BOARD