

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 25, 2022

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Marie Dranttel, John Luepke, Jack Kolars, and Terry Morrow were present. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the agenda, with the omission of the Health and Human Services Adult Mental Health Initiatives Reform agenda item. 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. January 4, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes;
2. 2021 Natural Resources Block Grant Financial Reports
3. Approval of Minnesota State Law Library Agreement
4. Out of State Travel – National Coalition Academy
5. End of Probations for Rebecca DeYonge, HCBS Case Manager effective February 2, 2022.
6. Approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$812,379.44
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$4,535.24;
 - c. Human Services Fund \$ 251,299.19;and acknowledge review of the Auditor's Warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Property Services

December 20, 2021 Planning & Zoning Advisory Commission Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the three-year renewal of a mineral extraction permit for Herbert Chilman. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Services

Consider Resolution to Apply for Funding for Help America Vote Grant

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the resolution allowing Nicollet County to apply for the Help America Vote Grant. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll-call vote.

Community Corrections

Grant Subsidy Contract with the State and Nicollet County

Director Molitor came before the Board to discuss the grant related to Community Corrections funding. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the grant contract between the State of Minnesota and Nicollet County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Works

Intersection Control Evaluation Report Presentation: CSAH 5/Broadway/Sunrise Dr.

Ross Tillman, engineer at Bolton & Menk, appeared before the Board via Zoom to present a PowerPoint outlining their findings of the Intersection Control Evaluation and study. These findings are being used to evaluate current and future traffic safety and volume issues at the intersection of CSAH 5 and Sunrise Drive. Pete Moulton, St. Peter Public Works Director, along with Jeff Domras of Bolton & Menk, appeared before the Board and assisted in answering project questions related to funding. Because this presentation was informational only, no motion to approve the project was made.

Consider Out of State Travel

Public Works Director Seth Greenwood came before the Board to consider the approval of Out of State Travel for Matt Holicky, Sign Technician/HEO, and Mike Suska, Highway Maintenance Manager, to attend the annual American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) Conference. The 2022 Conference is being held in Fargo, ND, from March 14-16. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve to Out of State Travel request. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Administration

Resolution Reappointing Assistant Veterans Services Officer

Director Landkamer came before the Board to request approval of the attached resolution reappointing Assistant Veterans Service Officer Mr. Gerald Dotson for another four (4) year term. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the resolution reappointing Mr. Dotson as the Assistant Veterans Service Officer. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

2021 Budget Change Request

Director Landkamer requested consideration of the attached budget change request to address the use of Fund Balance Reserves associated with the purchase of property located at 1301 Marshall St. in St. Peter, MN. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the attached budget change request. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Human Resources

2022 Non-Licensed Law Enforcement Collective Bargaining Agreement

At this time, Commissioner Morrow motioned and Commissioner Luepke seconded to close the following portion of the meeting, pursuant Minnesota State Statutes Chapter 13D.03, for labor negotiations. The meeting was reopened at 9:57 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the 2022 Non-Licensed Law Enforcement Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney Update

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer shared that the Nicollet County Department Heads joined Jan Kemp two weeks ago at the Backpack for Food program. They volunteered in honor of the late Commissioner Kemp and packed over 170 boxes of food in one hour. The Attorney's Office is also working to schedule fraud prevention presentations in the community. Finally, they are looking to hire another Assistant County Attorney in their office.

Chair's Report

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- REDA
- County Board Workshop
- Greater Mankato Growth (GMG)
- Traverse de Sioux (TdS)
- Diversity Council

Commissioner John Luepke

- Brown-Nicollet Historical Society
- New Ulm Chamber of Commerce
- Rural Minnesota Energy Board

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- County Board Workshop
- MVAC
- Our St. Peter

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 Kolars to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER, CLERK TO THE BOARD