



FEBRUARY 8, 2022
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 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, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer, and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the agenda, with the omission of the Board Ratification for IFS Contract. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda

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

1. January 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes;
2. Renewal of Consumption and Display Permit for Nicollet Conservation Club, Inc.
3. Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant
4. 2022 St. Peter Library Contract
5. End of Probations for Danielle Theis, Building and Grounds Worker, effective February 16, 2022.
6. Approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$105,538.18;
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$36,820.66;
 - c. Human Services Fund \$ \$120,026.87;
7. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrant review.

Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Health and Human Services

South Central Community-Based Initiative Amended Joint Powers Board Agreement

Director Sassenberg came before the Board to discuss the South Central Community Based Initiative (SCCBI). This is a Board with a Joint Powers Agreement for the Counties of Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Martin, Freeborn, Le Sueur, Nicollet, Rice, Sibley, and Watonwan. This modification to the agreement allows more flexibility for the Joint Powers Board to address the needs of those in our region. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the South Central Community-Based Initiative Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Finance

2021 Quarter Four Donations

Finance Director McCormick appeared before the Board to request approval of the following 2021 Quarter Four donations:

Donations received by Nicollet County October 2021 through December 31, 2021:

FROM WHOM	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
American Legion Auxiliary #510	\$ 100.00	Van Services
Mr. T. Miller	\$ 50.00	Van Services
Various Donations	\$ 640.00	Van Services
Red Men Club	\$3,500.00	Sheriff/Public Safety Equipment
Various Donations	\$ 230.00	Loan Closet
Total:	\$4,520.00	

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the Resolution for the Acceptance of Donations as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Public Works

Consider Resolution for Final Acceptance for Project SP 052-621-028

Director Greenwood shared project updates from the CSAH 21 temporary stabilization project. Work was done in November 2020 to stabilize the embankment along the Minnesota River that had been damaged in June 2020. Mathiowetz Construction was the prime contractor for this project, and the final value of the contract was \$293,084.25. Emergency repair projects such as this are 100% funded by FHWA Emergency Relief funds.

There were questions as to why some trees were removed during the CR 21 emergency repair work in November 2020. It was easier to remove trees in the late fall to early winter because the northern long-eared bat population were hibernating in caves at that time.

With no more discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the resolution for final acceptance for Project SP 052-621-028. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Human Resources

Classification and Compensation Study Contract

Director Larson came before the Board to discuss the classification and compensation study details. The purpose of the study is to evaluate Nicollet County's pay scale and make sure it is fair and equitable in relation to wage growth, inflation, and other changes in the employment environment. Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the contract with Arthur J. Gallagher in the amount of \$52,000.00. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Administration

Nicollet County Health and Human Services (North Mankato) Interior Remodel Bid Approval

Director Landkamer discussed the bids for the North Mankato HHS remodel that were opened on January 20, 2022. The low bids, as presented in the bid tab, will need to be considered for the project as per the Minn. Stat. 471.345 Uniform Municipal Contracting Law. The purpose of the remodel is to address safety concerns, ADA compliance, and overall building efficiencies. Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the low bids and authorize the County Administrator to sign contracts with the approved bidders. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney Update

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer shared that the Attorney's office is continuing to work through the backlog of court cases due to the pandemic.

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)
- County Board Meeting
- Legislator zoom meeting
- BNEH
- Social Services zoom meeting

Commissioner John Luepke

- Legislator zoom meeting
- BNEH
- Social Services zoom meeting

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- Legislator zoom meeting
- BNEH
- Social Services zoom meeting

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 9:24 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER, CLERK TO THE BOARD