

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 9:07 a.m. Commissioners Denny Kemp, Marie Dranttel, Terry Morrow, Jack Kolars and John Luepke were present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Abigail Lewis.

Approval of Agenda

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

Introduction of New Employees - None

Public Appearances – None

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the consent agenda items as follows: approval of the January 28, 2020 Board Meeting minutes, approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts: Revenue Fund - \$207,850.14, Road & Bridge Fund - \$70,462.69, Human Services Fund - \$140,548.66 and acknowledge review of the Auditor's Warrants; MPCA Feedlot Grant Agreement and end of probation for Debra Wettergren effective February 11, 2020. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Works

Consider Final Payment for SP 052-601-023

Public Works Director, Seth Greenwood, appeared before the Board to request approval on the final payment for SP 052-601-023.

Director Greenwood stated that project SP 052-601-023 was the replacement of a collapsed culvert on CSAH 1 due to flooding in the spring of 2019. The final payment amount is \$1,546.57, which brings the contract total value to \$154,657.00. Funding for this project was split 80% Federal and 20% State.

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Chair Kolars to approve the final payment for SP 052-601-023. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consider Resolution

Public Works Director, Seth Greenwood, requested approval on a resolution in support of a TH 14 INFRA Grant.

Director Greenwood stated that MnDOT will be submitting a Federal INFRA Grant application for the TH 14 expansion project from CSAH 37 to the City of Nicollet. Applications are due February 25, 2020. MnDOT has asked if Nicollet County would be willing to provide a resolution of support for the grant application.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the resolution to support the TH 14 INFRA Grant. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT TH 14 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
REBUILDING AMERICA (INFRA) GRANT

WHEREAS, U.S Highway 14 is a major freight corridor across southern Minnesota and serves a vital role in connecting individuals and businesses in communities and regional trade centers;

WHEREAS, Only 12 miles are left to fund of U.S. Highway 14 from New Ulm to Nicollet until all 110 miles of the highway from New Ulm to Rochester is a completed four-lane highway;

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 14 from New Ulm to Nicollet has a history of severe and fatal crashes that will continue if improvements to the highway aren't made;

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 14 from New Ulm to Nicollet remains a priority for Nicollet County and local partners;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NICOLLET COUNTY Supports:

- MnDOT's application for a grant to help fund expanding U.S. Highway 14 under Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program
- Expanding U.S. Highway 14 from a 2-lane highway to a 4-lane highway from CSAH 37 to the bypass of the City of Nicollet
- Constructing an interchange at the intersection of Highway 14 with CSAH 37 with Nicollet County cost participation of about 25% of the construction costs, approximately \$1,500,000.
- Constructing an interchange at the intersection of Highway 14 and the extension of CSAH 24 and realignment of CSAH 12 in Courtland with Nicollet County cost participation of about 25% of the construction costs, approximately \$2,000,000.
- Constructing restricted crossing U-turns (RCUTs) from 571st Ln to 561st Ave.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2020.

Informational Items

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities including:

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- Nothing to report

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- Dean Enter Retirement Party
- St. Peter Free Clinic
- Courtland Meeting

Commissioner Denny Kemp

- MRCI Events
- Multi County HRA Meeting

- North Mankato Liaison Meeting

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- North Mankato Liaison Meeting
- MAPO Policy Board Meeting

Chair's Report

- Dean Enter Retirement Party
- Courtland Meeting

Administration

County Administrator Krosch provided updates on various topics. Our Health and Human Services staff is helping with the St. Peter Free Clinic. The bid opening for the North Mankato Services Building exterior renovations will take place on March 19, 2020 with bid approval coming to the Board on March 24, 2020. Conversations with a broadband feasibility study consultant have begun and a proposal and more information should be available this week.

Approve Per Diems and Expenses

Motion by Commissioner Kemp 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 Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.



JOHN LUEPKE, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



RYAN KROSCH
CLERK TO THE BOARD