



MARCH 22, 2022
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 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 Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the agenda, with the addition of the 2022 Election HAVA Grant on the consent agenda. 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. March 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes;
2. Out of State Travel Request for Child Maltreatment Conference 2022
3. Out of State Travel Request for Drug Task Force Agent
3. End of Probations for April Skramstad effective March 15, 2022;
4. Approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$306,357.67;
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$131,134.64;
 - c. Human Services Fund \$170,316.94;
5. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrant review.

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances

Jerome George approached the Board to inquire about land he was interested in purchasing in the Swan Lake area. County Attorney Zehnder Fischer responded that the County does not own the land and will follow up with him via a formal letter.

Sheriff

ARMER Radio Upgrades under ARPA Funding

Sheriff Lange came before the Board to discuss the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to purchase the ARMER radio upgrades. He provided a high-level review of the order estimate. The upgrade is needed because the current radios are nearing the end of their functional lives and will also be unable to support new encryption technology required by statute. This would be the best opportunity to replace the radios, as costs will continue to rise in the future. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to move forward with the ARMER radio purchase. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Works

Annual Agricultural Inspector's Report

Inspector Nate Henry came before the Board and gave an overview of the annual agricultural inspector's report. He also discussed the appearance of the emerald ash borer in Nicollet County this past fall. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the inspector's report. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Property and Public Services

Set Date for Public Hearing for Nicollet County Redistricting Plan

Director Kopet approached the Board to recommend April 19 at 9:00 a.m. as the public hearing date to consider the Commissioner redistricting plan and adoption. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the public hearing date noted above.

Administration

Proclamation Recognizing National County Government Month – April 2022

Administrator Landkamer came before the Board to discuss plans for National County Government Month in April. Activities are being planned for employees, and there will be additional press releases and social media posts throughout the month to highlight County services. Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the proclamation recognizing the 2022 National County Government Month. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

County Attorney

Proclamation for Women's History Month

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer spoke regarding Women's History Month. She read the proclamation and requested Board approval. Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to proclaim March 2022 as Women's History Month. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

County Attorney Update

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer, along with Sheriff Lange and Bonnie Peterson, Victim Witness Coordinator, recently held community presentations on both fraud and domestic violence. The Attorney's office has also been busy wrapping up the annual food drive and will announce the winners this week. Roxann Klein has also started her new position as an Assistant County Attorney.

Chair's Report

- Region 9 Board
- Connecting Nicollet County
- Department Head
- Board Workshop
- Region 9 Revolving Fund Committee
- Planning & Zoning Meeting

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Transportation Committee
- CHS Personnel Committee
- County Board Workshop
- Traverse de Sioux
- MVAC

Commissioner John Luepke

- Infrastructure Zoom meeting
- Farm Show, including a Legislative Forum
- County Board Workshop
- County Attorney's Fraud Presentation in Courtland

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- Food Access Network
- ACWA
- Employee Evaluation
- County Board Workshop
- MVAC Joint Powers Board

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 Kolars 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