



**MARCH 28, 2023**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jack Kolars, Marie Dranttel, Mark Dehen, and Kurt Zins 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 Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

1. March 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes;
2. End of Probations
3. Approval of Bills
4. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
  - a. General Revenue Fund - \$195,363.01
  - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$122,158.31
  - c. Human Services Fund - \$145,075.93

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Public Appearances:**

There were no public appearances.

**Human Resources**

***Employee Recognition Events***

Human Resources Director Larson approached the Board to ask for approval of a resolution to use a portion of county funds on various employee recognition events for 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the use of county funds for employee recognition events. Motion passed with all voting in favor.

**Public Services**

***Purchase Election Equipment***

Director Kopet came before the Board to request approval to purchase a DS450 central count ballot tabulator. The equipment will integrate with the election products currently used at the County and would greatly increase efficiency. American Rescue Plan funds would be used to pay for the equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the purchase of DS450 election equipment. Motion passed with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

## **County Attorney**

### ***Minnesota Opioid Settlement Participation Agreement and Resolution***

Administrator Landkamer came before the Board to discuss the Minnesota Opioid Settlement. In 2021, the Board approved participation in the Minnesota Opioid Settlement. The amended agreement will cover settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the resolution and the amended Minnesota Opioid Settlement Participation Agreement and authorize the County Attorney to execute the agreement.

### **Additional County Attorney Information:**

Attorney Zehnder Fischer shared updates from the Attorney's Office. On Monday, April 3, Stakeholders for Education Success is holding a conference that focuses on how to best provide educational resources for Gen Z and how to discuss global events that are directly influencing that population. The Food Shelf Challenge is currently in its second week and the county is actively collecting donations for the Echo Food Shelf through April 3.

### **Chair's Report**

- Traverse de Sioux
- MVAC
- Board Workshop
- Collective Bargaining
- County Board

### **Commissioner Committee Reports:**

#### **Commissioner Marie Dranttel**

- County Board
- Board Workshop
- Collective Bargaining

#### **Commissioner Mark Dehen**

- County Board
- Board Workshop
- EMS Joint Powers

#### **Commissioner Kurt Zins**

- County Board
- Board Workshop
- Rural MN Energy Board
- Emergency Communication Board

### **Approve Per Diems and Expenses**

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dehen 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**

Chair Kolars adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.



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JACK KOLARS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



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MANDY LANDKAMER, CLERK TO THE BOARD