



MAY 9, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Jack Kolars, Marie Dranttel, Mark Dehen, and Kurt Zins. Commissioner Morrow was absent. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

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

1. April 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes;
2. End of Probations
3. Out of State Travel Request: National Association of County Veterans Service Officers Training
4. Out of State Travel Request: PPSD Annual Amplify Conference
5. Approval of Bills
6. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$170,625.63;
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$24,576.86;
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$119,648.27;

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

Public Appearances:

Mary Lade of New Ulm came forward to discuss property line and easement concerns related to the neighboring property. Ms. Lade requested clarification on how to obtain assistance to resolve the property line matter.

Health and Human Services

May as Mental Health Month

Director Sassenberg came before the Board to present information about Mental Health Month. Nicollet County observes Mental Health Month in May by offering information and educational activities to increase awareness and acceptance. Jeff Luke, a member of Lighthouse on Marshall, was also in attendance to read the Proclamation of May as Mental Health Month.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the Proclamation of May as Mental Health Month. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Additional Information:

Director Sassenberg provided additional updates on Health and Human Services. The Lighthouse on Marshall is currently going through an interior remodel. Garden beds are planned

for the outdoor area and volunteer programs are beginning. Health and Human Services has also partnered with the St. Peter school district to increase outreach efforts. Children's Mental Health will be teaching skills groups and classes on working cooperatively. They are also looking at alternative ways to use Respite funding, such as paying for summer camps and other activities.

Collaborative Safety Overview

Director Sassenberg introduced Scott Modell and Kelly Knutson from Collaborative Safety, LLC. They presented an overview of the safety model framework, which engages local and state agency leadership and others on safety science principles that support system change. The main focus is to move away from placing blame on an individual and focus on digging deeper to uncover systemic changes that may need to occur.

The Collaborative Safety model has shown promise in increasing staff retention, accountability, and quality of life improvement for people served. It will also assist in creating an environment that promotes staff engagement and values staff perspectives.

Human Resources

Utilization of Paid Leave During a Public Health Emergency

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Nicollet County activated a policy regarding utilization of paid leave during a Public Health Emergency. Since the Federal Public Health Emergency will expire on May 11, 2023, the County Administrator will deactivate the policy effective May 11, 2023. The County will continue to follow the CDC's recommendation for isolation and masking in the event of an exposure or positive test.

County Attorney Information:

Attorney Zehnder Fischer shared that staff are still training on the new data management program that was recently implemented. Attorney Zehnder Fisher thanked the Board once again for the approval of the new data management program and is excited for the added benefits once training has been completed.

Chair's Report

- Brown Nicollet Community Health Board
- Traverse de Sioux Finance
- HHS meeting
- MAPO
- Personnel Committee

Commissioner Committee Reports:

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- Brown Nicollet Community Health Board
- Personnel Committee

Commissioner Mark Dehen

- GMG- Business After Hours
- Brown Nicollet Community Health Board

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Public Works Tour
- Brown Nicollet Community Health 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 10:06 a.m.



JACK KOLARS, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD