

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 9, 2020

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. Commissioners Denny Kemp, Jack Kolars, Marie Dranttel, Terry Morrow, and John Luepke were present. Also present were County Administrator Ryan Krosch, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Abigail Lewis.

The meeting was held via teleconference pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021 due to the coronavirus pandemic. There were no public comments submitted by email or phone. No members of the public requested to participate in the meeting by phone. The meeting was recorded and broadcasted live online.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the consent agenda items as follows: approval of the May 26, 2020 Board Meeting minutes, approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts: Revenue Fund - \$197,555.83, Road & Bridge Fund - \$384.69 Human Services Fund - \$135,555.17 and acknowledge review of the Auditor's Warrants; Truancy Agent Contract with St. Peter Schools; Chemical Dependency Treatment Provider: County Need Letter for Inspire Services, LLC; Resolution Writing Off Recorder Uncollected Fees; end of probations: Bethann Christensen, effective June 17, 2020; Kelly Miller, effective May 7, 2020; Lindsay Stenger, effective April 2, 2020; Dawn Meier, effective April 29, 2020; Megan Roach, effective June 12, 2020. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances

Ron Gruber, resident of New Ulm, appeared before the Board to address two concerns he has. Mr. Gruber's first concern is about the truck and bicycle traffic on Nicollet County Road 21. Mr. Gruber would like the no truck traffic sign to be enforced and have the County address the issue of bicyclists on the narrow roadway. Mr. Gruber's second concern is in regards to the ditch near his residence that he says is not being sprayed for thistles.

Public Works

Consider XCEL Energy Haul Road and Access Agreement

Public Work Director, Seth Greenwood, appeared before the Board to request approval on the Haul Road and Access Agreement with XCEL Energy.

In 2017, XCEL Energy and ITC Midwest began a process to receive a permit from the MN Public Utility Commission (PUC) to construct an additional 345kV transmission line connecting the Huntley and Wilmarth Substations. XCEL and ITC Midwest was successful in obtaining their permit from the MN PUC. Construction of this line will start in June 2020. To complete this construction XCEL will need to use several Nicollet County roads and access points. Nicollet County and XCEL have been working on a Haul Road and Access Agreement for the use of these county roads and access points. Director Greenwood presented an overview of the final XCEL Energy Haul Road and Access Agreement to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the XCEL Energy Haul Road and Access Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Director Greenwood provided an overview of multiple projects in the County.

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities including:

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- Brown Nicollet Community Health Board Meeting
- AMC District Seven Meeting
- Region Nine Meeting
- 1W1P Meeting

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- County Extension Meeting
- Public Health Meeting
- AMC Public Health Meeting
- AMC District Seven Meeting
- Big Four Meeting

Commissioner Denny Kemp

- Brown Nicollet Community Health Board Meeting
- MRCI Board Meeting
- AMC District Seven Meeting
- Broadband Teleconference
- AMC Public Safety Committee Meeting

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- MAPO Planning Meeting
- AMC District Seven Meeting
- MAPO Meeting
- Traverse des Sioux Finance Meeting
- ATP Greg Ous-MnDOT

Chair's Report

- Rural MN Energy Board Meeting
- County Extension Meeting
- AMC District Seven Meeting

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 Morrow to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

 6-23-2020

JOHN LUEPKE, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



RYAN KROSCH
CLERK TO THE BOARD