



JULY 25, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Jack Kolars, Terry Morrow, Marie Dranttel, Mark Dehen, and Kurt Zins. Also present were 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.

Consent Agenda

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

1. July 11, 2023 Board Minutes
2. Out of State Travel: UKG Aspire Annual Conference
3. End of Probations
4. Approval of Bills
5. Acknowledgment of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$148,538.32;
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$86,424.21;
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$223,214.49;

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances:

Vincent Guertin, resident of Judson Bottom Road, came before the Board to address poor pavement conditions on Judson Bottom Road. The portion most in need of repair runs from Valerie Lane to the intersection of Lookout Drive and is maintained by the City of North Mankato. Commissioner Morrow will bring the issue forward for discussion at the upcoming Nicollet County and City of North Mankato joint meeting in September.

Informational Items:

REDA Joint Economic Development Service Agreement

Tim Penny from the Southern MN Initiative Foundation (SMIF) presented information on various initiatives in the area. The Foundation is investing heavily in early childhood needs, entrepreneurship, and programming for less populated towns in the area. They will continue to work closely with area organizations and towns to assist in their economic growth.

Finance

2023 Quarter Two Donations

Director McCormick appeared before the Board to request approval of the following 2023 Quarter Two donations:

FROM WHOM	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Various Donations	\$ 380.00	Van Services
Donation "in remembrance of Lavonne"	\$ 300.00	Lighthouse on Marshall
Mayo Foundation for Medical	\$ 250.00	<i>Project Community Connect</i>
Pioneer Bank	\$ 500.00	<i>Project Community Connect</i>
UCARE	\$ 500.00	<i>Project Community Connect</i>
Various Donations	\$ 480.00	Loan Closet
Total:	\$2,410.00	

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the Resolution for the Acceptance of Donations as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Human Resources

Nursing Mothers, Lactating Employees, and Pregnancy Accommodations Policy

Director Larson presented the updated Nursing Mothers, Lactating Employees, and Accommodations Policy. The policy will be distributed among County employees upon approval.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the Nursing Mothers, Lactating Employees, and Pregnancy Accommodations Policy as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Public Works Title VI and Non-Discrimination Implementation Plan

Directors Larson and Greenwood presented the Title VI Non-Discrimination Implementation Plan. The Federal Highway Administration requires organizations that receive federal funds to comply with a formal Title VI plan to ensure non-discrimination.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the Nicollet County Public Works Title VI and Non-Discrimination Implementation Plan as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Public Works

Consider Award of 2023 Highway Striping Project

Public Works Director Greenwood came before the Board to present the bid received for the 2023 Highway Striping Project. One bid was received from Sir Lines-A-Lot in the amount of \$259,138.15. Director Greenwood recommends approval of the bid to complete the highway striping project.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to award the contract for the 2023 Highway Striping Project to Sir Lines-A-Lot in the amount of \$259,138.15. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Dranttel voting no.

Chair's Report

- Traverse de Sioux Board & Personnel
- MVAC Head Start
- Personnel Committee
- Rural MN Energy Board
- Board Workshop
- County Board
- Township Meeting
- Sibley & Nicollet County Joint Meeting

Commissioner Committee Reports:

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- County Board
- Board Workshop
- Sibley & Nicollet County Joint Meeting
- HRA Meetings
- Highway 169 Meetings
- Nicollet County Collaborative

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- County Board
- Board Workshop
- Sibley & Nicollet County Joint Meeting
- VINE Transit meeting
- Ditch meeting - Gaylord

Commissioner Mark Dehen

- County Board
- Board Workshop
- Sibley & Nicollet County Joint Meeting
- Celebration of Ag

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- County Board
- Board Workshop
- Sibley & Nicollet County Joint Meeting
- Rural MN Energy 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 9:57 a.m.



JACK KOLARS, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD