



JULY 26, 2022
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Marie Dranttel, Jack Kolars, John Luepke, Terry Morrow and David Haack were present. Also present were County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Haack to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

1. July 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes;
2. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants, and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$105,656.72;
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$101,476.54;
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$204,996.37

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

Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Administration

Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) Outreach Presentation - MnDOT

Samuel Parker and Zak Tess of MnDOT came before the Board to present information on the CHIP Highway Investment Plan. Mr. Parker provided a breakdown of how dollars are allocated, as well as area highway and bridge performance data. Mr. Tess discussed current and planned MnDOT construction projects, such as the Highway 14 expansion project and the interchanges at New Ulm and Courtland. They also gave an overview of the longer-term transportation improvement plans. Budgets for these projects will need to be more fluid than in years past due to cost increases in materials. Finally, they discussed the CHIP projects being planned for 2027-2032. One of the projects, the corridor area north of US Highway 169, was moved to the long-term improvement plan due to the recent improvements made. MnDOT would like to continue working with local partners to get funding in place for future projects.

Finance

2022 Quarter Two Donations

Finance Director McCormick appeared before the Board to request approval of the following 2022 Quarter Two donations:

FROM WHOM	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Various Donations	\$ 300.00	Van Services
Various Donations	<u>\$ 635.00</u>	Loan Closet
Total:	\$ 935.00	

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

Public Works

Consider Award of Contract for SAP 052-623-027

Public Works Director Greenwood appeared before the Board to request approval of the contractor's bid for Project SAP 052-623-027. The two bids received were over the original engineer's estimate. The severity of the eroded slopes has increased the difficulty of the project, which in turn has increased the cost. Delaying the project would increase the cost even more, however, as both the slope erosion and cost of materials will continue to increase. Because of the immediate need of the project, Director Greenwood recommended moving forward with awarding the contract to the lowest bidder.

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Haack to award the contract to Holtmeier Construction in the amount of \$1,731,897.96. Motion carried on a roll call vote. After further discussion of the project, Commissioner Morrow motioned to amend the previous motion to include authorizing Director Kopet to sign contract SAP 052-623-027 on behalf of the County in Administrator Landkamer's absence. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Kolars. The amended motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Consider Financial Participation in TH 22 Corridor Study

Director Greenwood discussed the planned TH 22 corridor study being led by the City of St. Peter. There are two county road intersections in the study, CSAH 20 and CSAH 15, so the County has a vested interest in the project and would ultimately benefit from the study. Director Greenwood recommended County participation in the TH 22 corridor study and providing financial support in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve financial support of the TH 22 corridor study in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Consider Cooperative Construction Agreement for CSAH 5/Sunrise Dr./Broadway Ave. Roundabout Project

Public Works Director Greenwood appeared before the Board to request approval of the Cooperative Construction Agreement for CSAH 5/Sunrise Dr./Broadway Ave. Roundabout Project. The City of St. Peter submitted a grant application to fund improvements at the intersection due to both the anticipated population growth on the west side of St. Peter as well as increased traffic from the new fire station. The City presented their findings from the ICE study at the Nicollet County Board meeting on January 25, 2022, and they shared that a roundabout was determined to be the best solution for intersection improvements.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the Cooperative Construction Agreement for CSAH 5/Sunrise Dr./Broadway Ave. Roundabout Project. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

After further discussion, Commissioner Morrow motioned to amend the previous motion and approve the agreement as well as authorize Director Kopet to sign on behalf of the County in Administrator Landkamer's absence. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Luepke. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Board Recess

There was a short recess at 9:58 a.m. as the Drainage Authority opened the continued public Hearing of CD87A. The regular Board of Commissioners meeting was resumed at 10:14 a.m.

County Attorney Update:

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer shared that their office continues to focus on community outreach efforts and is attending tonight's "Night to Unite" event in Courtland. They will be sharing information on fraud prevention. Attorney Zehnder Fischer also presented information regarding truancy and the juvenile justice system at last Friday's Town Hall meeting in North Mankato. Participants received information on drug trends from the Drug Taskforce, and representatives from the Health and Human Services Department shared resources on children's mental health. The meeting was well attended, with about 30 community members in attendance.

Chair's Report

- State Auditor meeting via Zoom
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Department Head
- County Board Workshop
- Region 9 Revolving Loan Fund
- County Board
- Union Negotiations

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- Highway 169 Corridor Coalition via Zoom
- LAC meeting
- Department Head
- County Board Workshop
- Community Health Board

Commissioner John Luepke

- SWCD
- County Board Workshop
- Department Head

- BNEH
- Public Health meeting – New Ulm
- MN Rural Energy Board

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Personnel Committee
- MVAC
- County Board Workshop
- Traverse de Sioux
- Mediation
- County Board
- Comp Study

Commissioner David Haack

- Department Head
- County Board Workshop
- BNEH

Approve Per Diems and Expenses

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke 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 on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER, CLERK TO THE BOARD