

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JULY 27, 2021

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 9:03 a.m. Commissioners Terry Morrow, Denny Kemp, Jack Kolars, Marie Dranttel, and John Luepke were present. Also present were Interim County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Abigail Lewis.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the consent agenda items as follows: July 13, 2021 Board Meeting minutes, and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts: General Revenue Fund - \$114,952.60, Road & Bridge Fund - \$105,349.82, Human Services Fund - \$261,230.34, and acknowledge review of the Auditor's Warrants. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Probation

Out of State Travel Request

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the out of state travel request for Kevin Olson and Hilary Chaffee. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Board Engagement Presentation

MnDOT District 7 Community Outreach

Peter Harff, Assistant District Engineer, and Sam Parker, Principal Planner, from MnDOT District 7 provided an overview of the 10-Year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) 2021-2030, process, and next steps.

Property Services

Ag BMP Low Interest Loan Project – Septic Lien

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the resolution authorizing the lien attachment to parcel 06.004.0500. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Public Works

Consider Great River Energy Facility Relocation/Reinforcement Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Kemp and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the Great River Energy Facility Relocation/Reinforcement Agreement and authorize payment of invoice. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consider Revised MnDOT Detour Agreement No. 1046838

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kemp to approve the revised MnDOT Detour Agreement No. 1046838 and resolution. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Works Director, and County Engineer, Seth Greenwood, provided an update on road projects throughout the County.

Administration

David Drown Associates Company Update

Gary Weiers, from David Drown Associates, provided an update on the hiring process for the Nicollet County Administrator.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Kemp to conduct Board interviews of Candidates Eight and Six. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chair Morrow recessed the meeting at 10:23 a.m. for a short break.

At 10:36 a.m. Chair Morrow called the meeting back to order.

Vetter Johnson Architects, Inc and Contegrity Group Presentation

Travis Fuechtmann with Contegrity Group, and Tyler Johnson, and Steve Johnson with Vetter Johnson Architects provided an overview of the two options for the North Mankato Health and Human Services Building. The two options would be to remodel the existing space, or complete the remodel along with an addition to the building.

Motion by Chair Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Kemp to have Contegrity and Vetter Johnson to proceed with the Design Development Phase to keep the project moving forward. Commissioner Morrow, Kemp, Luepke and Kolars voted in favor, Commissioner Dranttel voted against. Motion carried.

Star Tribune Top Work Place 2021 Designation

Nicollet County has been selected as a 2021 Star Tribune Top Work Place. This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of all Nicollet County employees. This special designation places the County among an elite group of organizations.

Proclamation of County Staff Appreciation Day

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Kemp to proclaim July 27, 2021 as County Staff Appreciation Day. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

County Attorney

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer reminded the Board about Night to Unit in Courtland tonight.

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities including:

Chair Morrow

- Board Workshop

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- Board Workshop
- A Hundred Rural Women Zoom Meeting

Commissioner Denny Kemp

- Board Workshop
- Statewide Communications Meeting
- Statewide Planning Committee
- Brown Nicollet Community Health

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- REDA
- Traverse des Sioux Meeting
- Minnesota Valley Action Council Annual Meeting
- Board Workshop
- CHS
- Immtrack
- Diversity Council

Commissioner John Luepke

- Board Workshop
- Soil and Water Meeting
- Brown Nicollet
- Rural Minnesota Energy Board

Approve Per Diems and Expenses

Motion by Commissioner Kemp 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 Commission Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kemp to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.



TERRY MORROW, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



JACI KOPET
CLERK TO THE BOARD