



AUGUST 22, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Jack Kolars, Marie Dranttel, Mark Dehen, and Kurt Zins. Commissioner Morrow was present via Zoom. 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 Dranttel 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 Zins to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

1. August 8, 2023 Board Minutes
2. End of Probations
3. Approval of Bills
4. Acknowledgment of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$144,295.55;
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$76,451.35;
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$236,316.79;

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

Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Sheriff's Office

Body Worn Camera Public Comment Meeting

Sheriff Lange and Chief Deputy Petersen came before the Board to discuss implementation of the Body Worn Camera policy. The floor was opened for public comments at 9:16 a.m. No comments were received and the public comment period was closed.

Sheriff Lange stated that the intent of body cameras is to capture detailed interactions between deputies and members of the public. The additional audio and visual details provided by body cameras will increase the safety and transparency of public safety interactions. Data will be kept in secured storage within the Sheriff's Office and information will be retained according to retention standards. Attorney Zehnder Fischer shared that body cameras will also help provide additional evidence in investigations.

County Attorney Update:

Attorney Zehnder Fischer started off by thanking Nicollet County staff and Commissioners in their fundraising efforts for the Backpack program. Enough money was raised to put together backpacks for 618 children in the area. In addition, the Attorney's Office was present at the Nicollet County fair to share information on fraud prevention. Staff also

participated in the Nicollet Night Out and Project Community Connect events last week. Finally, the Attorney's office received a competitive grant to fund a portion of the Victim Witness program, which helps crime victims navigate the often complex judicial system.

Chair's Report

- County Board
- Board Workshop
- Budget Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Nicollet County Fair
- City of St. Peter & N. Mankato Joint Meeting
- Diversity Council
- Traverse de Sioux Board Meeting

Commissioner Committee Reports:

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- Nicollet County Fair
- County Board
- Board Workshop

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- Nicollet County Fair
- County Board
- Board Workshop
- Personnel meeting
- Department Head
- VINE Transit Joint Powers
- BNCH Budget meeting
- Planning & Zoning Commission

Commissioner Mark Dehen

- Nicollet County Fair
- County Board
- Board Workshop
- REDA
- MRCI Annual Awards dinner
- ACWA booth @ Fair
- SCHASC meeting
- Cookies with a Congressman

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Nicollet County Fair
- County Board
- Board Workshop

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 on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Chair Kolars adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.



JACK KOLARS, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD