



NOVEMBER 22, 2022
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Marie Dranttel, Jack Kolars, Terry Morrow, John Luepke, and David Haack were present. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Haack to approve the agenda, with the addition of the DHS Contract Renewal under Health and Human Services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda

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

1. November 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes;
2. Farm Lease Renewals
3. 2022 SSTS Upgrade Amendment
4. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$134,640.81;
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$57,579.27;
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$157,641.51;

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Finance

Motion for December 2022 and January 2023 Bill Approval

Finance Director McCormick came before the Board to request authorization to issue the following Commissioner Warrants with Board approval for the dates listed:

Payment Date:	Board Approval Date:
12/27/2022	01/03/2023
12/30/2022	01/03/2023
01/10/2023	01/24/2023

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to authorize payment of the Commissioner Warrants on the dates noted above. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Community Corrections

Carver County Juvenile Detention Contract with Blue Earth County

Director Molitor came before the Board to present an agreement between Nicollet County, Blue Earth County, and Carver County Juvenile Detention Center. There is currently a critical shortage of emergency beds for juveniles throughout the state. The agreement guarantees Nicollet County the use of at least one juvenile bed in the Carver County Juvenile Detention Center for the 2023 calendar year.

Motion by Commissioner Haack and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to enter into an agreement with Blue Earth County and Carver County for Juvenile Placement Services. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Sheriff

Chief Deputy Appointment

Sheriff Lange approached the Board to request the appointment of Investigator Aaron Petersen as Chief Deputy. Investigator Aaron Petersen is also requesting a leave of absence from his investigator role for the next four (4) years to fulfill his role as Chief Deputy.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the appointment of Aaron Petersen as Nicollet County Chief Deputy. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Property Services

Minnesota Regional LiDAR Acquisition Project

PPSD Director Kopet approached the Board to present information about partnering with other Counties from the Minnesota River East Acquisition area to obtain high-quality LiDAR (3D) mapping services. The current LiDAR data is over ten (10) years old, and new imaging will directly benefit both private citizens as well as County staff.

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Haack to approve the Minnesota Regional LiDAR Acquisition Project. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Works

Consider Final Payment for Project SP 052-614-010

Public Works Director Greenwood came before the Board to request the final payment of \$39,598.74 to Mathiowetz Construction for their work on the repair and reconstruction of CSAH 14 due to flooding that occurred in the Spring of 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the final payment of project SP 052-614-010. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Health and Human Services

County, City, Tribal, and State Health and Human Services Worker Day Proclamation

Director Sassenberg came before the Board to proclaim Wednesday, December 14, 2022 as County, City, Tribal and State Health and Human Services Worker Day. The proclamation thanks our dedicated HHS workers for their efforts in protecting the vulnerable and providing outstanding services to the people of Nicollet County.

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

2023 Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Screening Grant Award

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Screening Grant Award. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2023 Master Contract for MFIP/DWP and Notice of Funds Available

Director Sassenberg shared that Nicollet County contracts with the Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) to provide services to Nicollet County residents using state funds received for MFIP/DWP.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the Master Contract for MFIP/DWP. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

DHS Grant: Community Support Program

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the DHS Contract. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

2022 Collections Policy Revision

Director Sassenberg stated that as of August 1, 2022, Minnesota's statutory language was revised to no longer require Counties to assign parental fees once a child was placed outside the custodial home. Nicollet County is revising their collections policy to align with the updated statutory language. County Attorney Zehnder Fischer shared that she was also in agreement of the updated Collections policy revision.

Motion by Commissioner Morrow and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the revised Collections Policy for Out of Home Placements. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney

Crime Victim Services – Year End Report

Victim Witness Coordinator Bonnie Petersen provided an update on the crime victim services offered through Nicollet County. Her position started as part-time, and in the past five years her caseload has increased by 100 people. She assists crime victims by explaining the court process, answering hearing questions, and finding translators to assist. She also provides follow-up surveys to find ways the County can improve the process. There have been many positive comments left in the surveys, and Ms. Petersen believes the need for crime victim services will continue to grow in the future.

Chair's Report

- Brown Nicollet Community Health
- Ditch Hearing in Gaylord
- Board Workshop

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner David Haack

- Board Workshop
- Canvassing
- ACWA

- South Central EMS

Commissioner John Luepke

- SHIP Meeting
- Board Workshop
- Ditch meeting in Gaylord

Commissioner Terry Morrow

- NA

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Traverse de Sioux
- MVAC
- Board Workshop

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.

Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Haack to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER, CLERK TO THE BOARD