



**JANUARY 23, 2024**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Morrow, Dranttel, Kolars, Dehen and Zins. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

1. January 2, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
2. 2024 Nicollet County Conference/Meeting Room Lease
3. MN Deer Hunters Association Gambling Permit
4. Approval of Bills
5. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
  - a. General Revenue Fund - \$222,553.76;
  - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$136,538.66;
  - c. Human Services Fund - \$296,004.50

Motion carried with all voting in favor.

**Public Appearances:**

Marvin Krohn of Granby Township came forward to share comments concerning the proposed Minnesota state flag design.

**Human Resources**

***Employee Recognition Events***

Director Larson asked for approval of a resolution to use a portion of county funds on various employee recognition events for 2024. Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the attached resolution. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

## Finance

### **Quarter 4 2023 Donations**

Director McCormick presented various Quarter Four donations to Nicollet County:

| FROM WHOM                        | AMOUNT                     | PURPOSE                |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Various Donations                | \$ 460.00                  | Van Services           |
| American Legion Auxiliary #510   | \$ 100.00                  | VSO Van Program        |
| American Legion Lorentz Post #11 | \$ 1,000.00                | VSO Van Program        |
| Tuff Miller                      | <u>\$ 50.00</u>            | VSO Van Program        |
|                                  | \$ 1,610.00                |                        |
| Red Men Club, Inc.               | \$ 4,000.00                | Sheriff K9             |
|                                  | <u>\$ 6,000.00</u>         | Sheriff Boat and Water |
|                                  | \$ 10,000.00               |                        |
| Various Donations                | <u>\$ 430.00</u>           | Loan Closet            |
| Total:                           | <u><b>\$ 12,040.00</b></u> |                        |

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the Quarter Four Donations Resolution. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

## Administration

### **2024 – 2028 Nicollet County Strategic Plan**

Administrator Landkamer presented the 2024 – 2028 Nicollet County Strategic Plan. The Plan is amended each year to reflect new goals, amend existing goals, and/or remove completed goals. Additionally, the document serves as both a roadmap and communication tool for Nicollet County Commissioners, staff, and members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the 2024 – 2028 Nicollet County Strategic Plan. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

At this time, Commissioners Morrow and Zins joined the meeting.

## Public Works

### **Consider Professional Service Agreement for ROW Platting Services**

In March of 2023 the Board approved hiring Stonebrooke Engineering to develop plans and specifications for the reconstruction of portions of CSAH 5 and CSAH 16. Bolton & Menk has provided an estimate for platting services for a total cost of \$90,281.87.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the Bolton & Menk ROW platting services proposal and authorize the Public Works Director/County Engineer to sign the proposal. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

## County Attorney

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer discussed Stalking Awareness month and shared a reminder to be aware of stalking behaviors in individuals. Informational materials are on display

and available at the Government Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, and the North Mankato and St. Peter libraries.

### **Chair's Report**

- Board Workshop
- 2024 Nicollet County Legislative Meeting
- Workforce Development meeting
- County Board

### **Commissioner Committee Reports**

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

#### **Commissioner Marie Dranttel**

- Board Workshop
- AMC Open Meeting Law
- County Board
- Region 9 Development Commission

#### **Commissioner Mark Dehen**

- Board Workshop
- ACWA
- MRCI
- 2024 Nicollet County Legislative Meeting
- Region 9
- Greater Mankato Growth
- EMS Legislative Listening Session
- County Board

#### **Commissioner Kurt Zins**

- Board Workshop
- 2024 Nicollet County Legislative Meeting
- Rural Energy Board
- Planning & Zoning
- County Board

#### **Commissioner Jack Kolars**

- Board Workshop
- AMC
- 2024 Nicollet County Legislative Meeting
- Transportation Planning meeting
- Traverse de Sioux
- MVAC
- County Board

**Approve Per Diems and Expenses**

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Kolars 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 Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m.



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TERRY MORROW, CHAIR  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



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MANDY LANDKAMER,  
CLERK TO THE BOARD