



July 23, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consent Agenda:

1. July 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Church of St. George Exempt Gambling Permit
3. Approval of Bills
4. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$227,242.00
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$39,549.96
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$323,255.73

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

Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Health and Human Services:

Statewide Affordable Housing Aid: Budget Proposal

Director Sassenberg appeared before the Board to request consideration of the proposed budget and funding priorities that are required as per the Local Housing Trust Fund Ordinance. The Ordinance was adopted in May of 2024 for the purpose of developing and preserving affordable housing and to assist those experiencing homelessness.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the budget and funding priorities as submitted. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Finance:
2024 Quarter 2 Donations

Director McCormick appeared before the Board to request approval of the following Quarter Two 2024 donations:

<u>FROM WHOM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Karl and Emily Jensen	\$500.00	Lawnmower (estimated value) For Community Corrections STS Work Crew
So Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Chapter	\$2,000.00	1/2 Hy-Vee and 1/2 Kwik Trip Gift Cards
Mankato Elks Lodge	<u>\$500.00</u>	1/2 Hy-Vee and 1/2 Kwik Trip Gift Cards
	\$2,500.00	To be distributed to Nicollet County Veterans
Various Donations	\$920.00	Van Services
Joyce Cornelius	<u>\$400.00</u>	VSO Donation in memory of Frank Cornelius
	\$1,320.00	
Mayo	\$250.00	Project Community Connect
UCare	\$500.00	Project Community Connect
Pioneer Bank	\$500.00	Project Community Connect
BCBS of MN	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	Project Community Connect
	\$2,250.00	
Various Donations	\$465.00	Loan Closet
Total	<u>\$7,035.00</u>	

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

Property Services:
PUBLIC HEARING: Amendment to the Official Zoning Map

Zoning Specialist Crawford appeared before the Board to open the Public Hearing scheduled for July 23, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. to amend the Official Zoning Map. As a result of a lack of a quorum at the July 15, 2024 Planning and Zoning Advisory Commission meeting. Zoning Specialist Crawford requested the Public Hearing be continued until August 27, 2024, at 9:15 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to continue the Public Hearing until August 27, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney:***Minnesota Property Tax Forfeiture Class Action Settlement***

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer and Property and Public Services Director Kopet appeared before the Board to provide information related to recent tax forfeiture court cases. As a result, settlement discussions have taken place, including an allocation by the Minnesota Legislation to pay for the settlement claims. The County must determine whether to opt-in or opt-out of the settlement.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the County's opt-in to the tax forfeiture class action settlement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to authorize Property and Public Services Director Kopet to sign the Attestation that she engaged in a good faith effort search of all forfeited property and that she provided accurate and complete data regarding the same. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney Update:

Attorney Zehnder Fischer shared that her office continues to see increased filings in several adult and juvenile areas based on the first half of 2024 activities. Many of the cases are related to chemical use and mental health concerns.

Chair's Report:

- Personnel Committee
- County Board Workshop
- HRA

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Mark Dehen

- LAC Mental Health
- Celebration of Ag event
- GMG
- County Board Workshop

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- County Board Workshop
- Individual Department Head

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Diversity Council
- Personnel Committee
- County Board Workshop

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- SWCD
- Planning and Zoning/Board of Adjustment and Appeals
- Individual Department Head
- Rural MN Energy Board

Approve Per Diems and Expenses:

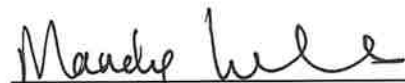
Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the expenses and per diems for the meetings noted above during the Commissioner Reports and/or as submitted on approved expense reports, and authorize payment of those expenses and per diems by the Finance Office. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Kolars abstained.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.


TERRY MORROW, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:


MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD