



July 8, 2025
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room. Commissioners Dranttel, Kolars, Helget, Zins, and Dehen were present at the meeting. County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer were also present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. June 16, 2025 CBAE Minutes
2. June 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Consider Acceptance of the MINNCOR laundry contract
4. Approval of Bills
5. End of Probations

Acknowledgement of the July 8, 2025, Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:

- a. General Revenue Fund - \$302,262.38
- b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$56,555.72
- c. Human Services Fund - \$142,462.86

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Property Services

June 16, 2025 Planning and Zoning Advisory Commission –

PLN25-04: Conditional Use permit with Findings of Fact – Dennis Michels

Zoning Specialist John Zehnder requested approval of the Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact for PLN25-04. This will allow the expansion of gravel parking areas to add storage for campers at Sawmill Campground.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the Conditional Use Permit and recommended Findings of Fact. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Services

Consider Resolution to Establish Absentee Ballot Board and County UOCAVA Ballot Board for the November 4, 2025 Election

Director Kopet requested approval of the Resolution to Establish Absentee Ballot Board and County UOCAVA Ballot Board for the November 4, 2025 Election and authorize the PPSD Director to Implement the Boards as provided in Minnesota Election Law. The ballot boards review, accept, and reject absentee ballots submitted by voters.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Resolution Establishing Absentee Ballot Board, County UOCAVA Ballot Board, and authorize the PPSD Director to implement the Board as provided in Minnesota Elections Law for the November 4, 2025 Election. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Public Works

Consider Award of 2025 Highway Striping Project

Director Greenwood requested the rejection of all bids for the 2025 Highway Striping Project. In response to the high bids received, Director Greenwood recommended utilizing MnDOT for restriping the seal coat roads through the existing Master Partnership Agreement between MnDOT and Nicollet County.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Zins to reject all bids for the 2025 Highway Striping Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Office

Consider litigation related to Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc., USA Medical & Psychological Staffing, Inc., Freedom Behavioral Health, Inc. et. al. vs. Paul Schnell, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

Sheriff Lange and County Attorney Zehnder Fischer requested authorization to join litigation involving Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc., USA Medical & Psychological Staffing, Inc., Freedom Behavioral Health, Inc., et al. vs. Paul Schnell, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. The litigation is related to the implementation of Minn. Stat. § 241.021, which mandates county jails continue to administer medications prescribed prior to incarceration, even when such medications may pose risks to the individuals.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the County joining litigation related to Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc., USA Medical & Psychological Staffing, Inc., Freedom Behavioral Health, Inc. et. al. vs. Paul Schnell, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration

Closed Session – Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, Subd. 3(c)(3), a closed meeting of discuss property located at 501 S. Front Street, St. Peter.

At this time 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Kolars motioned and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to move to a closed session, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3), a closed meeting of the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners is needed to discuss property located at 501 S. Front Street, St. Peter.

Commissioners Dranttel, Zins, Helget, Dehen and Kolars were in attendance. Also present were County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer, and County Administrator Landkamer. The meeting was reopened at 9:51 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the presentation of an offer concerning property located at 501 S. Front Street, St. Peter. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Update:

County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fisher mentioned there were no significant updates to report at this time.

Chair Report:

- None to Report

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Mark Dehen

- MRCI Executive Meeting

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- Informational Meeting with Brighton Township Residents

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- None to Report

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- None to Report

Approve Per Diems and Expenses:

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget 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 unanimously.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Marie Dranttel
MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Mandy Landkamer, Property & Public Services Director
MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD