



September 23, 2025
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dranttel, Kolars, Zins, Dehen, and Helget. County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and County Administrator Landkamer were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consent Agenda:

1. September 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
 2. Approval of the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC)
 3. Approval of Bills
- Acknowledgement of the September 23, 2025, Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
- a. General Revenue Fund - \$105,893.79
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$19,477.62
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$260,058.04

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

Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Administration

MnDOT Presentation: Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP) Outreach

District 7 Engineer Greg Ous and Transportation Planning Director Sam Parker reviewed the District 7 Capital Highway Investment Plan, which included MnDOT statewide updates, District 7 updates, and projects specific to Nicollet County. Nicollet County projects highlighted were the Lafayette snow fence, Nicollet pavement repairs, the MN 99 trail project in St. Peter, and the US 14 study in Mankato/North Mankato. This was presented for information only; no action was required.

Consideration of the Transforming Tomorrow Together 2040 Regional Plan Resolution

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of a resolution supporting the Transforming Tomorrow Together 2040 Regional Plan, a regional community

planning initiative focused on long-term strategic positioning and creating a vision and roadmap for the future.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Resolution to support the Transforming Tomorrow Together 2040 Regional Plan. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Consideration of the 2026 Preliminary Property Tax Levy and Setting of the 2026 Levy and Budget Meeting

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the resolution establishing the 2026 Preliminary Property Tax Levy at \$29,988,069 (a 9.7% increase) and setting the Levy and Budget public comment meeting for December 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Resolution of the 2026 Preliminary Property Tax Levy and Setting the 2026 Levy and Budget Meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Health & Human Services

Consideration of Housing Advisory Committee Funding Recommendations

Director Sassenberg requested approval of the Housing Advisory Committee's recommendation to fund the proposal and authorization to execute the grant agreement. The request allocates \$50,000 to Habitat for Humanity to help cover the gap between fair market value sales prices and homebuyer eligibility in Nicollet County.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the Housing Advisory Committee Funding Recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of TipCo Purchase of Service

Director Sassenberg requested approval of the TipCo Purchase of Service agreement. The Agreement is to implement TipCo's Employee Virtual Assistant (EVA) into the Health and Human Services Department. EVA supports compliance, strengthens efficiency, and enhances customer services to meet the County's growing demands.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the TipCo Purchase of Service agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney

Secondary Manufacturer Opioid Settlement Participation Agreement

County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer requested approval of the Secondary Manufacturer Opioid Settlement Participation Agreement. This will approve the County's participation in the settlement and authorize the County Attorney to execute the agreement. Nicollet County would receive approximately .157% of the settlement proceeds.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Secondary Manufacturer Opioid Settlement Participation Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Update:

County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer reported no significant updates to department activities.

Chair Report:

- Budget Workshops #3 & #4
- Board Workshop
- Region 9

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Mark Dehen

- Budget Workshops #3 & #4
- ACWA
- Board Workshop
- MRCI Leadership Meeting
- Joint EMS Board Meeting

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- Budget Workshops #3 & #4
- ACWA
- Board Workshop
- South Central Workforce Council Meeting
- MVAC
- AMC Fall Policy Conference
- National Council of Environmental & Land Use

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Budget Workshops #3 & #4
- SWCD
- Planning & Zoning Advisory Commission

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Budget Workshops #3 and #4
- Board Workshop
- Diversity Council
- AMC Fall Policy Conference

Approve Per Diems and Expenses:

Motion by Commissioner Kolars 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 unanimously.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD