



October 14, 2025
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dranttel, Dehen, Kolars, Zins, 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 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
2. End of Probations
3. Approval of Bills

Acknowledgement of the October 14, 2025, Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:

- a. General Revenue Fund - \$182,593.37
- b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$137,790.89
- c. Human Services Fund - \$310,266.06

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

Public Appearances:

Sharon Schindle appeared before the Board with concerns related to the preliminary levy and CSAH 13 bike traffic, speed limit, and sidewalks.

County Attorney

Presentation: Overdose Deaths and Use of Opioid Settlement Funds to Prevent Use

In recognition of National Substance Abuse Prevention Month, family members of Travis Gustavson, shared the story of his fentanyl poisoning and how they have taken the call for action to address fentanyl poisoning and overdose deaths. Nicollet County staff summarized the current activities and programs implemented as a result of the opioid settlement funds to assist with prevention and the resources available. Staff also noted a drug take back bin is located in the Sheriff's Office lobby to dispose of unused and outdated medications.

Consider Authorization for County Attorney to sign Opioid Agreements

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer requested authorization to execute future opioid settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies,

after consultation with the County Administrator. The County Board will be provided with the settlement agreement prior to signature when it is possible to meet required deadlines.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to authorize the County Attorney to execute future opioid settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies, after consultation with the County Administrator.

Health & Human Services

Consideration Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Master Grant Agreement

Director Sassenberg requested approval of the SHIP Master Grant Agreement as a single county program. Earlier this year, Nicollet County voted to approve moving forward as an independent SHIP program.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the SHIP Master Grant Agreement. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consideration of 2026-2027 MFIP Biennial Service Agreement

Director Sassenberg requested approval of the MFIP Biennial Service Agreement (BSA). The BSA outlines the local strategies aimed at improving economic stability for low-income families and identifies strengths and service delivery gaps. The BSA was posted for comment and received no feedback.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve Nicollet County's 2026-2027 MFIP BSA. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Public Works

Consider Snow Removal Agreement with City of New Ulm

Director/County Engineer Greenwood requested approval of the proposed Snow and Ice Removal Agreement with the City of New Ulm. The agreement provides reimbursement to the City of New Ulm for services on CSAH 37.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Snow and Ice Removal Agreement with the City of New Ulm. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Human Resources

Consider MCH Renewal for 2026 Medical Insurance

Director Flier requested approval of the Minnesota Healthcare Consortium renewal document for 2026 medical insurance and authorization for the Human Resources Director to sign the 2026 insurance renewal.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the insurance renewal for 2026 and authorize the Human Resources Director to sign the renewal document. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney Update

County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer reported October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month and National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Materials are located in the lobbies of the Government Center and Health and Human Services buildings.

Chair Report:

- SCMMCHRA Meeting
- Region 9 Meeting
- Personnel Committee
- Sibley/Nicollet County Joint Drainage Meeting

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Mark Dehen

- MRCI Finance Board Meeting
- Joint EMS Board Annual Meeting
- Data Practices Training
- North Mankato Fire Station Open House
- Business After Hours
- SCHSAC Retreat
- North Mankato/Nicollet County Liaison Meeting

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- Community Correction Annual Conference
- Stakeholders in Education
- Mental Health Walk
- Sibley/Nicollet County Joint Drainage Meeting
- ECJC Advisory
- NACo EELU

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Building Committee
- Twin Valley Boy Scout Event
- Sibley/Nicollet County Joint Drainage Meeting
- Personnel Committee

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Building Committee
- Diversity Council
- Data Practices Training
- Diversity County
- North Mankato/Nicollet County Liaison Meeting

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.

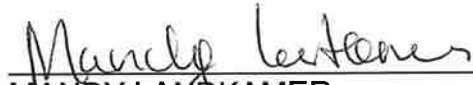
Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD