



October 28, 2025
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 28, 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 Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the agenda with the addition of an item to Consider Designation of Hearing Officer for Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous Dog Hearings. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. October 14, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
2. End of Probations
3. Approval of Bills

Acknowledgement of the October 28, 2025, Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:

- a. General Revenue Fund - \$129,968.31
- b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$136,579.04
- c. Human Services Fund - \$294,027.77

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.

Health & Human Services

Consider Proclamation to Support Operation Green light for Veterans

Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Nathan Tish requested the Board proclaim November 4 – 11, 2025 in support of Operation Green Light to honor Nicollet County veterans.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the proclamation Supporting Operation Green Light in Nicollet County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Technologies

Consider Proclamation Recognizing October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Nicollet County

Director Dragvold requested the Board proclaim October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Nicollet County.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Proclamation Recognizing October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Nicollet County. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Finance

Consider Resolution to Approve the Quarter 3 2025 Donations

Director McCormick requested approval of the Resolution for various Quarter 3 2025 Donations.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the Resolution of the Quarter 3 2025 Donations. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Consider 2025 Budget Change Request

Director McCormick requested approval of a 2025 Budget Change Request as a result of the 2018B Debt Services Issuance being paid off.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the 2025 Budget Change Request. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Property Services

October 20, 2025 Planning & Zoning Advisory Commission

- ***PLN25-12: Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact – Chris Schutrop/George Peichel (Ridgely Farms)***

Zoning Specialist Zehnder requested approval of the Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact for PLN25-12. Mr. Schutrop proposes to install and operate a 90-kWh ground-mounted solar energy system.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact for PLN25-12. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***PLN25-15: Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact – Christine Engel/Paul A. and Marie Engel***

Zoning Specialist Zehnder requested approval of the Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact for PLN25-15. Ms. Engel proposes to establish a dog training kennel.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact for PLN25-15. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***PLN25-17: Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact – Andrew Emich/Michelle and Andrew Emich***

Zoning Specialist Zehnder requested approval of the Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact for PLN25-17. Mr. Emich proposes to establish a Level 2 Home Occupation.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Conditional Use Permit with Findings of Fact for PLN25-17. Motion carried unanimously.

Administration

Consider Retirement Resolution for the Sheriff

Administrator Landkamer requested acknowledgement and acceptance of a Resolution stating Sheriff Lange's intent to retire on December 31, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to acknowledge and accept the Resolution stating Sheriff Lange's retirement. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Consider Resolution to Establish a Position Review Process

Administrator Landkamer requested approval to establish a formal Position Review Process as a result of state and federal government cost shifts onto Nicollet County.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the Resolution establishing a Position Review Process. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Consider Designation of Hearing Officer for Potentially Dangerous and Dangerous Dog Hearings

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer requested designation of Dr. Shelley Reicks, DVM, as the Hearing Officer to hear appeals of any potentially dangerous or dangerous dog designation.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to designate Dr. Shelley Reicks, DVM, as the Hearing Officer for potentially dangerous and dangerous dog hearings. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney Update

County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer reported staff continue to conduct outreach to educate individuals about fraud and scams.

Chair Report:

- City of St. Peter/Nicollet County Liaison Meeting
- Public Works Road Tour

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Mark Dehen

- MRCI Meeting
- REDA – State of Economy Event
- MNDOT Hwy. 169 St Peter Project Overview Meeting

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- City of St. Peter/Nicollet County Liaison Meeting
- Public Works Road Tour
- Community Corrections Meeting

- Sheriff's Office Ride-Along
- ECHO Food Shelf Event

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Public Works Road Tour
- Planning and Zoning Advisory Commission

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Traverse de Sioux Library Board Meeting
- ATP Meeting
- Public Works Road Tour
- AMC District 7 Meeting
- Diversity Council
- AMC SNAP Webinar
- Open Enrollment Meeting

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 unanimously.

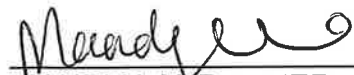
Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD

