



January 6, 2026
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Dranttel, Kolars, Zins, Helget, and Dehen were present at the meeting. County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer were also present.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Dranttel requested nominations for 2026 Board Chair. Commissioner Kolars moved to nominate Commissioner Dehen for the role of Chair of the Nicollet County Board for 2026, and Commissioner Helget seconded the motion. No other nominations were made and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Dehen then requested nominations for the Board Vice Chair. Commissioner Kolars moved to nominate Commissioner Zins for the role of Vice Chair of the Nicollet County Board for 2026, with Commissioner Helget seconding the motion. No other nominations were made and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. December 16, 2025 Board Minutes
2. December 22, 2025 Board Minutes
3. Consider Out of State Travel – Public Works
4. Consider MN Deer Hunters Association Gambling Permit
5. Consider 2024 EMPG Grant Agreement
6. End of Probations
7. Approval of Bills
8. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$244,858.89
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$55,713.31
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$289,862.81

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

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Finance

Consider Resolution to Delegate EFT Authority

Director McCormick requested approval of the Resolution to Delegate Authority for Electronic Funds Transfers. Minn. Stat. §471.38 allows the use of EFT for various payments.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Resolution to Delegate EFT Authority. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Health and Human Services

Consider 2026 Resolution for Execution of HHS Contracts and Agreements

Director Sassenberg requested approval of the 2026 Resolution for the Execution of HHS Contracts and Agreements. This will enable the Health and Human Services Director to effectively manage and approve contracts for programs that have already been budgeted.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the 2026 Resolution for the Execution of Contracts and Agreements. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Human Resources

Consider Employee Recognition Events Resolution

Director Flier requested approval of the Resolution to use County Funds for Employee Recognition Events. This will allow the County to use budgeted county funds to pay for employee recognition events throughout the year.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the Resolution for the use of County Funds for Employee Recognition Events. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Administration

Consider 2026 Gopher Bounty Resolution

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the Resolution to establish the 2026 Gopher Bounty. The Resolution will set the 2026 bounty at \$1.00/gopher.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the 2026 Gopher Bounty Resolution. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consider 2026 Board Meeting and Workshop Schedule Resolution

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the Resolution for the 2026 Board Meeting and Workshop Schedule per Minn. Stat. §375.07.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the 2026 Board Meeting and Workshop Schedule Resolution. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consider Resolution to Approving the Official Newspaper for Publications in 2026

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the Resolution to designate the Official Newspaper for Publications in 2026. The Resolution will approve the St. Peter Herald as the official newspaper for Nicollet County.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the St. Peter Herald as the Official Newspaper for Publications in 2026. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consider Resolution for the Publication of Transportation Advertisement for Bids on the Nicollet County Website.

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the Resolution for the Publication of Transportation Advertisement for Bids on the Nicollet County Website per Minn. Stat. §311A.12. This will enable transportation project advertisements for bids to be published on the Nicollet County website.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Resolution for the Publication of Transportation Advertisement for Bids on the Nicollet County Website. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote

Consider Resolution Establishing the 2026 Committee and Board Assignments and Meetings that Qualify for a Per Diem Payment

Administrator Landkamer summarized the 2026 Committee and Board Assignments and Resolution. The Board discussed the assignments and Commissioners were added to various Committees. The Resolution identifies the Committee and Board assignments for 2026 and outlines the payment of Per Diem for eligible meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the Resolution Establishing the 2026 Committee and Board Assignments and Meetings that Qualify for a Per Diem Payment. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consider Resolution Setting the Minimum Salary for the County Sheriff and Attorney.

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the Resolution Setting the Minimum Salary for the County Sheriff and Attorney for 2027.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Resolution for the Setting the Minimum Salary for the County Sheriff and Attorney in 2027. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consider a MNDOT Limited Use Permit and Resolution for a Non-Motorized Trail

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the Limited Use permit and Resolution provided by the MNDOT for a non-motorized trail along T.H. 4 that enters Fort Ridgely State Park.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the Limited Use Permit and Resolution for a Non-Motorized Trail. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consider Alliance Contracting Inc. Construction Agreement

Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the Alliance Contracting Inc. construction agreement for the repair of the Nicollet County Services building located in North Mankato. The repair is the result of a vehicle collision in spring of 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the Alliance Contracting Inc. construction agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer shared she will be attending the Stakeholders Education for Success conference on March 4. There will be presentations on internet and exploitation of children.

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Chairs Report

- Sheriff Retirement Ceremony
- MRCI Executive Board Meeting
- Sheriff Swearing-In Event
- Special Board Meeting

Commissioner Dranttel

- TdS Board Meeting
- Board Workshop
- Region 9 Finance Committee
- Sheriff Swearing-In Event

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Personnel Committee
- Sheriff's Retirement Ceremony
- Sheriff Swearing-In Event

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- Nicollet County Family Services Collaborative
- Sheriff's Retirement

Commissioner Jack Kolars

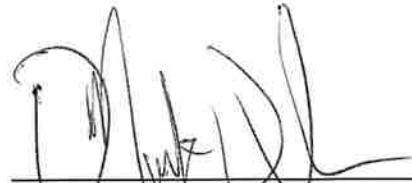
- Diversity Council - Finance
- Sheriff's Retirement Ceremony
- Special Board Meeting
- Diversity Council
- Sheriff Swearing-In Event

Approve Per Diems and Expenses

Motion by Commissioner Kolars 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.

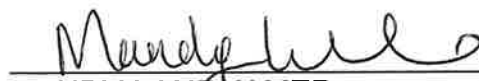
Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



MARK DEHEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD

