



January 27, 2026
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dehen, Kolars, Zins, Dranttel and Helget. County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and County Administrator Landkamer were also in attendance.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Helget to amend the agenda to discuss the allocation of financial resources to law enforcement. After a summary of the idea, Commissioner Kolars withdrew his motion.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Bills
- b. January 6, 2026 Board Minutes
- c. 2026 St. Peter Library Contract
- d. 2026 North Mankato Library and Bookmobile Contracts
- e. 2026 Solid Waste Collection and Transportation Licenses
- f. Carver County Juvenile Detention Contract with Blue Earth County
- g. Acknowledgement of the January 6, 2026, Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$1,230,425.12
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$180,666.51
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$376,606.53

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

Public Appearances – There were no public appearances.

Finance

Consider Resolution to Approve the Quarter 4 2025 Donations

Director McCormick requested approval of the Resolution for the Quarter 4 2025 donations in the amount of \$15,403.00.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Resolution for the Quarter 4, 2025 Donations. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Public Works

Consider Resolution of Support for Dissolution of TH 169 Coalition

Director/County Engineer Greenwood requested approval for the Resolution of Support for Dissolution of TH 169 Coalition. Leadership believes that the mission of the TH 169 Corridor has been fulfilled and that each member jurisdiction is now equipped to pursue corridor priorities independently. The Coalition has requested that each member jurisdiction consider approval of a resolution supporting the dissolution of the coalition by February 1, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Resolution of Support for Dissolution of the TH 169 Coalition. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Property Services

Set Public Hearing Date for Zoning Ordinance

Zoning Specialist Zehnder requested to set the public hearing date concerning the amendment of the zoning ordinance for February 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Helget to set the public hearing date for the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for February 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consider the Minnesota-River – Mankato Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and Resolution

County Assessor Jackson requested approval of the Resolution to submit, adopt, and implement the Minnesota River – Mankato Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Nicollet County took part in the development of the Minnesota River – Mankato Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan through a memorandum of agreement and policy committee participation. This partnership was formed in 2024 and included the counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Blue Earth, Le Sueur, and Nicollet, along with the cities of Lake Crystal, Mankato, North Mankato, and Saint Peter.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the Resolution to submit, adopt and implement the Minnesota River-Mankato Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Administration

Consider AIA Document B132-2019 with Vetter Johnson Architects, Inc.

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the AIA Document B132-2019 with Vetter Johnson Architects, Inc. for the Government Center re-roof project. The project was included in the approved 2026-2030 CIP. The project is estimated at \$500,000 based on 2025 project numbers.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the AIA Document B132-2019 between Nicollet County and Vetter Johnson Architects, Inc. and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement via DocuSign. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

County Attorney Update

County Attorney Zehnder Fisher reported she will be putting on a one-day Conference through Stakeholders for Education Success March 4, 2026 at Gustavus Adolphus College. She is also participating in the Polar Plunge event on February 7, 2026.

Chair Report:

- TRUE Transit
- GMG Business After Hours
- Leadership Nicollet County
- Legislative Meeting
- Board Workshop
- LAC - Mental Health
- GMG –Transforming Together 2040
- TAC Meeting

Commissioner Committee Reports, Meetings & Conferences

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Board Workshop
- Personnel Committee
- Legislative Meeting

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- MVAC Child Development
- Board Workshop
- Legislative Update

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- HRA
- 1W1P
- TdS Meeting
- Legislative Meeting
- AMC Webinar
- Board Workshop
- Department Head

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- MAPO Meeting Legislative Meeting
- Board Workshop
- TRUE Transit

Approve Per Diems and Expenses:

Motion by Commissioner Zins 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 with all voting in favor.

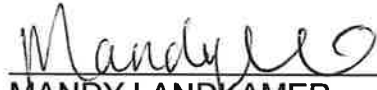
Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.



MARK DEHEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD