



March 24, 2026
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dehen, Zins, Kolars, Dranttel and Helget. County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills
2. March 10, 2026 Board Minutes
3. Renewal of Consumption and Display Permit for Nicollet Conservation Club Inc.
4. Consider WIC Program RFP
5. Consider Cooperative Agreement Between Nicollet County Community Corrections and St. Peter Public Schools 2026-2028
6. End of Probation
7. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$206,257.57
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund – \$47,424.79
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$144,527.20

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

Public Appearances

Tim Waibel appeared before the board to express concerns regarding County Ditch 86A.

Administration

Consider Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Land Acquisition and Resolution

Tim Koppelman, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) Acting Area Wildlife Supervisor, requested approval of a resolution concerning a proposed MNDNR land acquisition located in section 30 of Courtland Township.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Resolution for the MNDNR land acquisition. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consider Public Hearing Dates for Rifle Use for Deer Hunting

Administrator Landkamer requested approval of April 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. and April 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. for two public hearings to gather feedback on whether to restrict deer hunting to shotguns only and if the county should consider an ordinance allowing only shotguns or allow rifle usage as permitted by state law.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the public hearing dates of April 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and April 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. for rifle use and to consider a shotgun only ordinance. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consider Nicollet County Government Center Roof Project Bid

Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the low bidder of Ballman Roofing & Coatings, and alternates 1, 2, and 4 in the amount of \$361,145.82 for the Nicollet County Government Center roof project. Seven bids were received.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the low bidder of Ballman Roofing & Coating including Alternates 1, 2 and 4 in the amount of \$361,145.82 and authorize the County Administrator to sign the contracts with the approved bidder. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Kolars was not present for the vote.

Summary of and Responses to Public Comments

Administrator Landkamer summarized the responses from public comments received during the February 24, 2026 Board meeting.

Property Services

Public Hearing to Consider Zoning Ordinance Amendments and Resolution

Zoning Specialist Zehnder, requested approval of the proposed revisions to the Nicollet County Zoning Ordinance; concerning the Floodplain and Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems sections. Chair Dehen asked for public comments regarding the proposed zoning ordinance amendments. No comments were made and Chair Dehen closed the Public Hearing at 10:14 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the proposed zoning ordinance amendments and the resolution adopting the proposed amendments. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

County Attorney Update

County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fisher reported she attended the final of a two part series: Building Community Connections meeting on Friday, March 20, 2026.

Chairs Report:

- GMG Annual Meeting
- Blue Earth County Public Works Tour
- Board Workshop
- SCHSAC Meeting

Commissioner Committee Reports, Meetings & Conferences

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- Personnel Committee Meeting
- SCMMCHRA Meeting
- Region 9 Meeting
- TdS Library Board Meeting
- Board Workshop

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- MVAC Meeting
- South Central Workforce Council Meeting
- AMC Lunch and Learn Workforce Reality Meeting
- NACo Rural Action Council Meeting
- NACo Central Region Meeting
- Good Neighbor Council Meeting
- ACWA Meeting

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Personnel Committee Meeting
- Board Workshop
- Leadership Nicollet County Meeting

Commissioner Jack Kolars

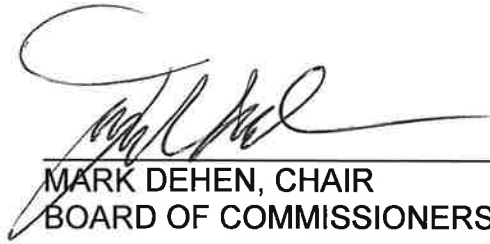
- Diversity Board Meeting
- ATP 7 Meeting
- Board Workshop
- AMC Lunch and Learn Workforce Reality Meeting

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 with all voting in favor.

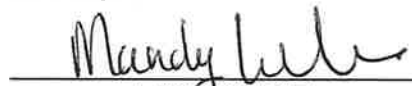
Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.



MARK DEHEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD