



April 22, 2025
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room. 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.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consent Agenda:

1. April 8, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
2. March 11, 2025 Amended Board Meeting Minutes
3. End of Probations
4. Contract extension with the State of Minnesota, St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, for reimbursement for housing certain individuals.
5. Approval of Bills
6. Acknowledgement of the April 22, 2025, Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$162,861.40
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund - \$34,843.89
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$242,301.29

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

Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Tri-County Solid Waste

Nicollet County Letter of Support for Certificate of Need (CON) for Blue Earth County

Director Christensen requested approval of the Nicollet County Letter of Support for Certificate of Need (CON) for Blue Earth County. This letter supports a landfill expansion in Blue Earth County that will provide Nicollet County residents with a local and convenient place to properly dispose of waste materials.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Nicollet County Letter of Support for CON for Blue Earth County. Motion carried unanimously.

Nicollet County Letter of Support for a Capital Assistance Program (CAP) Grant for Blue Earth County

Director Christensen requested approval of the Nicollet County Letter of Support for a Capital Assistance Program (CAP) Grant for Blue Earth County. This letter supports a CAP grant for Blue Earth County to build an additional service building for residential use at the Ponderosa Landfill.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the Nicollet County Letter of Support for a CAP Grant for Blue Earth County. Motion carried unanimously.

Health and Human Services

Proclamation of May as Mental Health Month

Director Sassenberg appeared before the Board to present information about mental health and the scheduled activities planned in May. Nicollet County observes Mental Health Month in May by offering information and educational activities to increase awareness and acceptance. Anthony Hanson, Lighthouse on Marshall, was in attendance and read the Proclamation of May as Mental Health Month.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the Proclamation of May as Mental Health Month. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Consider Approval to Apply for Community Living Infrastructure Funding

Director Sassenberg requested approval to apply for Community Living Infrastructure funding. This will allow Health and Human Services to integrate housing resources into health and human service delivery systems to support individuals transitioning from segregated settings, experiencing housing instability, or homelessness through Community Living Infrastructure funding.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve Health and Human Services to apply for Community Living Infrastructure funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works

Consider Final Payment for SAP 052-637-006

Director Greenwood requested approval to accept the SAP 052-637-006 project as complete, approve final payment, and authorize the County Administrator to sign the Certificate of Final Acceptance.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the completion of project SAP 052-637-006, approve final payment, and authorize the County Administrator to sign the Certificate of Final Acceptance. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Office

Consider Shared Services Agreement/Income Contract with the State of Minnesota Human Services Department

Sheriff Lange requested approval of the Shared Services Agreement/Income Contract with the State of Minnesota Human Services Department upon final approval

of the Attorney's office. This will allow the Sheriff's Office to work with the State to provide education and support to counties and county correction facilities on protocols and best practices for the provision of involuntary medications, provide technical assistance on injectable psychotropic medication, and survey county correctional facilities on their capacity and barriers to performing these services under Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 127, Article 53, Sec.2.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the Shared Services Agreement/Income Contract with the State of Minnesota Human Services Department upon approval of the Attorney's office.

Administration

Continuous Improvement – Award for Most Impactful 2024

County Administrator Landkamer came before the Board to recognize the staff with the Sheriff's Office and Health and Human Services Department, who completed the Most Impactful Continuous Improvement Project of 2024. This project converted all paper medical records to EMRs to more efficiently access digital files by County staff, medical staff and other agencies as needed. Benefits to the County include cost savings, labor savings, fewer process steps, handoffs, decisions, defects, overproduction, and delays/waits. No action required, informational only.

Nicollet County 2024 Year in Review

County Administrator Landkamer presented before the Board an overview of Nicollet County's 2024 Year in Review report. This report highlights Nicollet County's department milestones and achievements. No action required, informational only.

2025-2027 Nicollet County Strategic Plan

County Administrator Landkamer presented before the Board an updated Strategic Plan for the years 2025-2027. The plan reflects changes to the content, format, and overall length. The purpose of the update is to have a document that clearly states the outcomes, strategies, and goals of Nicollet County.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dehen to approve the 2025-2027 Nicollet County Strategic Plan.

Consider Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program Grant Application Letters of Support

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of three letters of support for Nuvera, Midcontinent Communications (Midco), and Charter Communications for the BEAD grant program. The grant program could support the expansion of broadband services within Nicollet County.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the three Letters of Support for the BEAD Grant Applications.

Consider Nicollet County Health and Human Services Project Bid Approval

County Administrator Landkamer requested approval of the low bids, as presented for the Nicollet County Health and Human Services project, and authorize the

County Administrator to sign the contracts with the approved bidders and Contegrity Group Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Dehen and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the Health and Human Services project bids and authorize the County Administrator to sign the contracts with the approved bidders and Contegrity Group Inc.

County Attorney Update:

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer encouraged staff to wear denim on April 30th, in support of National Denim Day to bring awareness to the continued existence of misinformation about sexual assaults and to show support for survivors.

Chair Report:

- St. Peter/Nicollet County Liaison Meeting
- Region 9
- Board Workshop
- Personnel Committee
- Blue Earth and Nicollet County Joint Meeting
- Broadband Committee

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Blue Earth and Nicollet County Joint Meeting
- Nicollet Township Association Meeting
- Personnel Committee
- Board Workshop
- Broadband Committee

Commissioner Mark Dehen

- Blue Earth and Nicollet County Joint Meeting
- Board Workshop
- LAC – Mental Health
- ACWA Meeting
- SCHSAC

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- AMC Lunch n' Learn
- Nicollet County Family Services Collaborative Joint Powers Board
- Blue Earth and Nicollet County Joint Meeting
- Board Workshop
- Nicollet Township Association Meeting

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Blue Earth and Nicollet County Joint Meeting
- Board Workshop
- AMC Zoom Research Committee
- Diversity Exec Committee
- Nicollet Township Association 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 unanimously.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



MARIE DRANTTEL, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD