



July 14, 2026
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dehen, Zins, Kolars, Helget and Dranttel. County Administrator Mandy Landkamer and County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer were also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills
2. June 23, 2026, Board Minutes
3. June 15, 2026, Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Minutes
4. Consider Church of St. George's Exempt Gambling Permit
5. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$209,014.59
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund – \$35,518.88
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$240,191.49

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

Public Appearances

Warren Krohn appeared before the Board with comments concerning a conditional use permit for the movement of soil.

Administration

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

County Administrator Landkamer requested the Board consider an amendment to the resolution and committee list to appoint Commissioner Helget to replace Commissioner Kolars on the Greater Mankato Diversity Council.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the amended resolution and list establishing the 2026 Committee, Meeting and Board Assignments that Qualify for a Per Diem Payment. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Chair Dehen declared a recess until 9:30 a.m.

Property Services

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing to Consider Interim Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on the Permitting of Data Centers within Nicollet County

John Zehnder, Zoning Specialist, summarized the proposed interim ordinance that would establish a 12-month moratorium on the permitting of new data centers in the Nicollet County. The moratorium would allow time for staff to research the impacts of data centers and draft language for potential amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. There was no public comment during the hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Helget to approve the resolutions adopting an Interim Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on the Permitting of Data Centers within Nicollet County. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

County Attorney Update

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer had no specific updates.

Chair's Report:

- MRCI Open House
- Rockwell Open House
- Insurance Committee
- North Mankato Fun Days

Commissioner Committee Reports, Meetings & Conferences

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- Personnel Committee
- 1W1P: Minnesota River – Mankato
- South Central Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- AMC Zoom – State of Rural Minnesota
- City of St. Peter/Nicollet County Liaison Meeting
- NACo Webinar

Commissioner Kurt Zins

- Personnel Committee
- Insurance Committee

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Greg Ous, MnDOT District Engineer Retirement Celebration
- Area Transportation Planning Meeting
- Declaration of Independence Recording
- Greater Mankato Diversity Council
- AMC Zoom – State of Rural Minnesota

Approve Per Diems and Expenses:

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Zins 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.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Helget to adjourn the meeting.

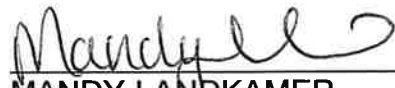
Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.



MARK DEHEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD

