



July 28, 2026
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nicollet County Board Room. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Dehen, Kolars, Helget and Dranttel. Commissioner Zins was absent. County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer was also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Bills
2. July 14, 2026, Board Minutes
3. Consider Professional Services Agreement: Wellness & Resiliency Program
4. Acknowledgement of the Auditor's Warrants and approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
 - a. General Revenue Fund - \$313,281.18
 - b. Road & Bridge Fund – \$88,167.41
 - c. Human Services Fund - \$186,092.68
5. End of Probations

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Helget 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 2 2026 Donations

Director McCormick requested approval of the Resolution to Approve Quarter 2 2026 Donations. This includes a compiled list of donations made to Nicollet County. April 1 through June 30, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Helget and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the Resolution to Approve Quarter 2 2026 Donations. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

County Attorney Update

County Attorney Zehnder Fischer will be attending the Courtland Fire Night Out, Lafayette Art Night Out and the Nicollet County Fair.

Chair's Report:

- GMG - Transforming Tomorrow Together Meeting
- Mental Health Meeting – Lighthouse on Marshall
- County Board Workshop

Commissioner Committee Reports, Meetings & Conferences**Commissioner Marie Dranttel**

- No committee report

Commissioner Nicole Helget

- MVAC Annual Banquet
- Diversity Council Meeting
- Constituent Meeting – Election Security

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Diversity Finance Council Meeting
- Board Workshop
- AMC Zoom State of Rural MM
- Constituent Meeting – Election Security

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 9:05 a.m.



MARK DEHEN, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MANDY LANDKAMER,
CLERK TO THE BOARD



**AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2026
COMMITTEE AND BOARD ASSIGNMENTS AND MEETINGS THAT
QUALIFY FOR A PER DIEM PAYMENT**



WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.055, the Nicollet County Board has established a per diem payment for service by individual county commissioners on any board, committee, or commission of county government including committees of the board, or for the performance of services by individual county commissioners when required by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.06, county commissioners may be paid a per diem in addition to their salary for each day necessarily occupied in the discharge of their official duties while acting on any committee under the direction of the board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Minnesota Attorney General Opinion, a county commissioner may only collect one per diem for each calendar day spent performing official duties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Minnesota State Auditor Opinion, when a board, committee, commission, joint powers or other entity provides a per diem, a commissioner may not collect another per diem from the county; and

WHEREAS, Nicollet County employees and the Nicollet County elected Sheriff and Attorney are not eligible for per diems; and

WHEREAS, certain citizen appointed members to a board, committee, or commission may be paid a per diem as approved by the County Board or as provided for by Minnesota Statute; and

WHEREAS, duties approved for a per diem payment must be reported back to the applicable board, committee or commission in order to receive the payment; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Auditor does not consider social events as work qualifying for per diem payments; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Auditor's statement of position regarding per diem payments states commissioners cannot claim a per diem payment whenever they meet with a constituent or group unless it is done under the authorization of the county board to meet with a single person or group to obtain information for a matter under consideration by the county board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, regularly scheduled County Board meetings, regularly scheduled Drainage Authority meetings held in conjunction with regularly scheduled County Board meetings and committee meetings held immediately prior to and immediately after regularly scheduled County Board meetings are not eligible for a per diem payment.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Nicollet County Board of Commissioners approves the attached list of 2026 committee and board assignments and meetings that qualify for a per diem payment from Nicollet County unless stated otherwise therein or the per diem is paid by another board or committee.



Dated this 11th day of August, 2026

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Mark Dehen, Chair
Nicollet County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Mandy Landkamer
County Administrator/Clerk to the Board