

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR
NICOLLET COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 14, 2021

The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Terry Morrow, Marie Dranttel, Jack Kolars, and John Luepke were present. Also present were County Administrator Mandy Landkamer, County Attorney Michelle Zehnder Fischer and Recording Secretary Sarah Frahm.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the agenda with the omission of item five on the agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- November 23, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes;
- December 2, 2021 Budget and Tax Levy Minutes;
- 2022 Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Screening Grant Award;
- 2022-23 State of Minnesota - County Child Support Program Interagency Cooperative Agreement;
- ~~Farm Lease Renewals~~—moved to the Regular Agenda
- ~~Purchase of Service Agreement—2022 Brown County Evaluation Center, Inc.~~ - omitted
- 2021 Federal Boat Equipment Grant
- End of Probations for Christal Mercier, HCBS Case Manager;
- Approval of the Commissioner Warrants as presented for the following amounts:
General Revenue Fund - \$66,660.80, Road & Bridge Fund - \$56,094.18, Human Services Fund - \$193,247.43, and acknowledge review of the Auditor's Warrants.
Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Public Works

Highway 169 Corridor Study Presentation – Charles Androsky, MAPO and Rhonda Allis, MNDOT, and Resolution of Support for the Highway 169 Corridor Study

Charles Androsky, MAPO Transportation Planner and Rhonda Allis, MNDOT District 7 Planning Director, provided a high-level overview of the MAPO recommendations for the Highway 169 Corridor.

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the resolution of support related to the outcomes and recommendations of the Highway 169 Corridor Study. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Health and Human Services

County, City, Tribal, and State Health and Human Services Worker Day Proclamation

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to proclaim Wednesday, December 8, 2021 as County, City, Tribal and State Health and Human Services Worker Day. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

At this time, Commissioner Morrow moved to take item six, Purchase of Service Agreement – 2022 Brown County Evaluation Center, Inc., off the agenda to review the language used and make sure it is not exclusionary. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Luepke to reconsider the consent agenda. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Attorney

Contract with Diversion Services

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the contract with Diversion Solutions to increase lawful driving on Nicollet County roads. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Finance

Public Hearing for 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan and Resolution

Following MN State Statute 373.40, Nicollet County is holding a public hearing to present the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The purpose of this hearing is to review, discuss, and approve the proposed 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan for Nicollet County. The plan identifies estimated capital expenditures and funding sources for a five-year period.

Commissioner Morrow opened the Public Hearing. No comments were made, and the Public Hearing was closed. Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the resolution for the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Reimbursement Resolution for CSAH 15 Road Construction Project

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the reimbursement resolution regarding bonding and expenses for the CSAH 15 Road Construction Project. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Administration

2022 Fee Schedule Public Hearing and Resolution

The 2022 Fee Schedule came before the Board in a Public Hearing to consider the proposed changes. No comments were made, and the Public Hearing was closed. Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Morrow to approve the proposed changes and resolution for an implementation date of January 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

2022 Budget Resolution

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the resolution setting the 2022 Nicollet County Budget at \$49,348,079.00. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

2022 Tax Levy Resolution

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the resolution setting the 2022 Nicollet County net property tax levy at \$24,257,237.00, which is a 2% increase from the 2021 net property tax levy. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

2022 Elected Officials Compensation and Per Diem Resolution

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the resolution identifying a 2.5% pay increase for County Commissioners, a 3.5% increase for

elected department heads, and a per diem rate of \$70/day. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Rural Minnesota Energy Board JPA

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to approve the amended Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB). Motion carried with all voting in favor.

PACE of MN Assessment

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to consider the resolution for placement of special assessments on a property for a loan obtained through the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE). The total loan amount is \$1,000,000.00. The interest rate is 6.13% and will be paid back over a period of 19 years beginning January 1, 2023. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Minnesota Opioid Settlement Resolution

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to consider approval of the resolution to participate in the Minnesota Opioid Settlement. Motion carried with all voting in favor on a roll call vote.

Property and Public Services

AgBMP Low Interest Loan Project – Septic Liens

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the resolution that authorizes the placement of liens onto the properties identified below for the total amount of \$31,200.00. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

<u>AgBMP LIEN ATTACHMENT #7</u>		
PARCEL #	ACTUAL COST	LIEN DATE
03.002.0605	\$13,700.00	June 24, 2021
09.034.1100	\$17,500.00	July 13, 2021

Consider Resolution to Apply for Funding for Voting Equipment Grant

Motion by Commissioner Kolars and seconded by Commissioner Luepke to approve the resolution to allow Nicollet County to apply for VEGA-3 funds. Grant money is set to be awarded in February 14, 2022 and equipment would need to be purchased by April 29, 2022. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Farm Lease Renewals

At this time, Commissioner Morrow opened up discussion of the Farm Lease Renewal item originally on the Consent agenda. It was agreed to move this item to the regular agenda. Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Dranttel to approve the Farm Lease renewals for property located in Brighton Township and Courtland Township. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Committee Reports

The Commissioners reported on various meetings and activities, including:

Chair's Report

Commissioner Marie Dranttel

- Broadband (Nuvera) Meeting
- Liaison Committee
- One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)
- Truth in Taxation
- County Board Meeting

Commissioner Jack Kolars

- Truth in Taxation
- AMC Annual Meeting
- Transportation Meeting
- REDA Meeting
- MAPO Presentation
- County Board Meeting

Commissioner John Luepke

- Soil and Water meeting
- Truth in Taxation
- AMC Meeting
- South Central Clean Energy via Zoom
- County Board Meeting

Approve Per Diems and Expenses

Motion by Commissioner Luepke and seconded by Commissioner Kolars 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

Motion by Commissioner Dranttel and seconded by Commissioner Kolars to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.



TERRY MORROW, CHAIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



MANDY LANDKAMER
CLERK TO THE BOARD