



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

9:30 AM

**Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings**

(or following County Board)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Slavik at 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Slavik chaired the meeting in Commissioner Workman's absence.

Present	Commissioner Mike Slavik Commissioner Joe Atkins Commissioner William Droste Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland
Absent	Commissioner Laurie Halverson Commissioner Liz Workman

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

The audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

Commissioner Slavik noted that all public comments can be sent to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us
No comments were received for this agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 5

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the Consent agenda was approved as follows:

4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on April 22, 2025

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Ayes: 5

REGULAR AGENDA

5. County Board/County Administration

5.1 Legislative Update

Communications and Public Affairs Director Mary Beth Schubert was present for this item. Downs representatives Mike Erlandson and Tom Downs provided a brief federal legislative update. Stinson representative Dan Dwight provided a brief state legislative update. The Minnesota legislative session update included the County's priority bills and state budget proposals. Commissioners will be meeting with legislators at the Capitol later this week.

The board also received an update on federal legislation and the County's three 2026 funding requests.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Central Operations

6.1 Update From Criminal Justice Network Joint Powers Organization

Criminal Justice Network (CJN) Executive Director Mary Cerkenik, CJN Deputy Director Dawn Thongsavath and CJN Board Chair and West St. Paul Police Chief Brian Sturgeon briefed this item and responded to questions. The overview included CJN history, CJN applications, staff and growth update, CJN current practices, the impacts of the joint powers organization and what's next for CJN. This item was on the agenda as information only. No action was taken.

Information only; no action requested.

7. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch provided the following update:

- Staff continues to review budget strategies and will provide periodic updates.
- The Public Health Interim Director Gina Pistulka, was introduced.

8. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were brought forward.

9. Adjournment

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner

Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Ayes: 5

Respectfully submitted,
Jeni Reynolds
Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board