



Dakota County

Physical Development Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

9:00 AM

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Holberg.

Present

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

Also in attendance were David McKnight, Deputy County Manager; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; Georg Fischer, Assistant County Manager; Physical Development; Liz Hansen, Administrative Coordinator.

Commissioner Slavik arrived at 9:01 a.m.

The audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

Commissioner Holberg asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Physical Development Committee of the Whole on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda. No one came forward and no comments were submitted to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us.

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

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the agenda was unanimously approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 6

Excused: 1

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On June 16, 2026

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 7

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Update On Safety And Operations Mitigations At County State Aid Highway 50 And 60 Intersection In City Of Lakeville

Tyler Krage, Traffic Engineer, and Erin Laberee, Transportation Director, presented this item and responded to questions.

County staff provided an update on discussion with the city of Lakeville about the Roundabout located at the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 50 and County State Aid Highway 60. Staff met with the Lakeville City Council on July 6, 2026, and discussed three options: enhanced roundabout, enhanced roundabout with bypass lanes on selected approaches, and conversion of the roundabout to a traffic signal. The city had raised concerns related to the uncertainty of the traffic growth projections and ensuring that all options were reviewed. Historical data shows a 2% to 2.7% annual traffic volume growth rate, but the 2020 demand model predicts an even higher rate. Lakeville also inquired on the impact if the nearby Kenrick Avenue was extended to provide an alternate route from CSAH 60 to CSAH 50. Even if the schedule for that potential city-led project was known, the route is expected to divert no more than 2,000 trips per day (5% of current traffic volume), far fewer than needed to impact the crash rates at 50/60.

Staff also sought direction on a cost-share policy exception for this project. The roundabout was built in 2015 with a 45% cost-share from the city. Due to the fact that this project is a larger project addressing significant safety concerns, and that the 2015 project has not met its projected viable life expectancy, the Committee was supportive of a 100% County Cost share for whatever the final solution is determined to be.

Based on the feedback from the Committee and the City of Lakeville, staff will move forward with mitigations immediately, such as rumble strips and pavement marking) and begin the engineering phase to look at several alternatives.

Information only, no action requested.

5.2 Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment Five With Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Incorporated To Provide Additional Engineering Services For Greenway Trail And Memorial Nodes Design For Veterans Memorial Greenway In Cities Of Inver Grove Heights And Eagan, County Project P00147 (1000636)

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: William Droste

Tony Wotzka, Greenways Manager, provided an update on the Veterans Memorial Greenway project and answered questions regarding the current contract amendment request. Parks Director Niki Geisler also presented. The three phase Veterans Memorial Greenway is a \$27 million project that includes external funding from numerous sources in addition to \$9.9M in County funding from the Environmental Legacy Fund.

The Committee was supportive of the current contract amendment request but requested that staff look at the overall budget of the Veterans Memorial Greenway to determine if any of the allocated Environmental Legacy Fund dollars could be released to support other capital project around the County. Staff will review the current budget and commitments along with potential match requirements for pending grant dollars to determine how much of the remaining Environmental Legacy funding within the project budget may be available for release. This information will be provided to the board at a later date.

WHEREAS, the Veterans Memorial Greenway Project (P00147) will provide a link between Lebanon Hills Regional Park and the Mississippi River in central Dakota County and through the cities of Inver Grove Heights and Eagan; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Memorial Greenway will include memorials along the trail, giving users the opportunity to learn about the sacrifices veterans have made over the years as they travel the trail; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-430 (September 1, 2020), the County executed a contract with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Incorporated, for preliminary and final design engineering consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the County Board authorized four previous amendments to the contract for additional services; and

WHEREAS, a fifth amendment is proposed for additional services to complete phase 2 design (significant 90%-95% design updates, plan re-submissions, and additional permits), four enhanced memorial nodes design (Native American Veterans, Gold Star Families, Support Organizations, and Military Units and Flyers), and supplemental services to design phase 3 (topographic survey, wetland re-delineation, soil borings, Level 2 geometric layout, and railroad storm sewer license); and

WHEREAS, County staff recognizes and recommends the additional tasks as

necessary to complete phase 2 design, the four enhanced memorial nodes design, and supplemental services to design phase 3; and

WHEREAS, staff negotiated an amount of \$992,000 with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Incorporated, to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget includes sufficient funding for the Veterans Memorial Greenway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Assistant County Manager: Physical Development, or designee, to execute an amendment to the contract with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Incorporated, for additional services necessary for the Veterans Memorial Greenway in an amount not to exceed \$992,000, resulting in a total amended contract not to exceed \$5,302,025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 8/4/2026.

Ayes: 5

Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Halverson, Commissioner Droste, and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

Nay: 2

Commissioner Workman, and Chairperson Holberg

5.3 Update On Excess Property Disposition Process

Erin Stwora, Deputy Director, reported on the real estate office's inventory of 408 parcels, with eight identified for potential for sale. The Real Estate Office conducted research and vetting, engaging department heads and external agencies. The recommended evaluation and disposition process includes independent appraisals for parcels over \$500,000 and market analysis for those between \$50,000 and \$500,000. A Comparative Market Analysis would be used for properties valued between \$50,00 and \$100,000 and assessed values would be used for properties with a valuation of less than \$50,000. All parcel sales require county board approval and may involve auctions. Staff invited questions and stressed the need to track acquisition costs so that the resulting funds from the sales could be placed in the appropriate fund upon closing. Commissioners praised the update and the team's work and indicated their support for the outlined process.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Assistant County Managers' Report

Georg Fischer, Assistant County Manager: Physical Development, provided the Committee with a written Report.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair, Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, asked the Committee if anyone had a topic they would like to hear more about at an upcoming Physical Development Committee of the Whole. No Commissioners requested topics for future meetings at this time.

8. Adjournment

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Liz Workman, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Hansen
Administrative Coordinator

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