



# Dakota County

## General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

### Agenda

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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration  
Center, Hastings

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(or following County Board)

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#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Note: Any action taken by this Committee of the Whole constitutes a recommendation to the County Board.

#### 2. Audience

Anyone in the audience wishing to address the Committee on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda may come forward at this time. Comments are limited to five minutes.

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

##### 3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

#### CONSENT AGENDA

#### 4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

##### 4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on May 5, 2026 and May 12, 2026

#### REGULAR AGENDA

#### 5. County Board/County Administration

##### 5.1 *Communications and Public Affairs* - Legislative Update

#### 6. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

#### 7. Future Agenda Items

#### 8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

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# General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** DC-5677

**Agenda #:** 3.1

**Meeting Date:** 5/19/2026

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Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)



# General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** DC-5678

**Agenda #:** 4.1

**Meeting Date:** 5/19/2026

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Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on May 5, 2026 and May 12, 2026



# Dakota County

## General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

### Minutes

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Tuesday, May 5, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration  
Center, Hastings

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(or following County Board)

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Workman at 10:00 a.m.

**Present**

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

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

Chair Workman noted that all public comments can be sent to [CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us)  
No comments were received for this agenda.

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

##### 3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### 4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

##### 4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on April 21, 2026

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

## 5. Central Operations

### 5.1 Approval Of Revised Policy 2751 Procurement, Contract And Grant

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Finance Department periodically reviews and recommends revisions to policies and procedures to maintain and enhance the effective and responsive provision of Finance functions in the County; and

WHEREAS, staff determined that Policy 2740 Procurement and Policy 2751 Solicitation, Grant and Contract may be consolidated into one policy for simplification and cohesiveness; and

WHEREAS, proposed revisions to the new Policy 2751 Procurement, Contract and Grant also include:

- Federal Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) language updates to be consistent with current federally funded contract purchasing and acquisition thresholds.
- Raising the Professional Services contract threshold requiring County Board approval from \$100,000 to \$175,000, to be consistent with Uniform Municipal Contracting Law.
- Increasing the maximum amendment amount for construction contracts approved in the CIP Budget from \$250,000 to \$425,000 for administrative efficiencies.

; and

WHEREAS, the County Senior Leadership Team supports the recommended changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the revised Policy 2751 Procurement, Contract and Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby retires County Policy 2740.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 5/19/2026.

Ayes: 7

## REGULAR AGENDA

## 6. County Board/County Administration

### 6.1 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item. Dan Dwight and Paul Cassidy, Stinson representatives, were present via interactive technology and provided a state legislative update. Tom Downs, Downs representative, was present via interactive technology and provided a federal legislative update. Tom noted that President Trump signed a bipartisan spending bill on April 30, 2026, to end a record 76-day partial government shutdown affecting the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

## **7. Public Services and Revenue**

### **7.1 Discussion And Direction On Public Art Blueprint Draft Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles, And Opportunities**

Lil Leatham, Principal Planner, Physical Development Office of Planning and Teresa Mitchell, Deputy Director, Public Services and Revenue briefed this item and responded to questions. The project purpose, the draft public art vision, mission and guiding principles as well as opportunities and next steps were discussed. Feedback was provided by the committee and included ensuring equity across the County, keeping fiscal impact in mind due to budget, are there opportunities for fundraising or 'Friends of the Arts', etc. Look for opportunities to create connections and leverage partnerships.

Information only; no action requested.

## **8. Physical Development**

### **8.1 Discussion And Direction On Transportation Cost Policy Updates And County Gravel Roads Within Municipal Boundaries**

Transportation Director/County Engineer Erin Laberee and Assistant County Engineer Jake Chapek briefed this item and responded to questions. Following a presentation on cost share policy and County Road 73 (Akron Avenue) the committee directed staff to return to a future meeting this summer and share additional information such as costs, responses from cities, pro's/con's and what future projects may be affected by any revisions to the cost share policy.

Information only; no action requested.

## **9. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report**

County Manager Heidi Welsch provided no update.

## **10. Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items discussed.

## **11. Adjournment**

**11.1** Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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



# Dakota County

## General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

### Minutes

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026

9:00 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration  
Center, Hastings

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#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

**Present**

- Commissioner Mike Slavik
- Commissioner Joe Atkins
- Commissioner Laurie Halverson
- Commissioner William Droste
- Commissioner Liz Workman
- Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
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No comments were received for this agenda.

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

##### 3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### 4. County Board/County Administration

##### 4.1 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item. Paul Cassidy and Dan Dwight, Stinson representatives and Tom Downs, Downs representative were present via interactive technology and provided a state and federal legislative update. The updates were on legislative activity and the County's priority bills. As the legislative session comes to an end, lobbyists

encouraged commissioners to reach out to representatives at the Capital regarding bills and projects that relate to Dakota County. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

**5. Adjournment**

**5.1 Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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



# General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

## Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5680

Agenda #: 5.1

Meeting Date: 5/19/2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Communications and Public Affairs

**FILE TYPE:** Regular Information

### TITLE

**Legislative Update**

### PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Provide an update on legislative topics.

### SUMMARY

Staff will share developments related to the County’s legislative priorities. The update may also include discussion on other State and Federal legislative topics of interest to Dakota County.

### RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

### EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

- None
- Current budget
- Other
- Amendment Requested
- New FTE(s) requested

### RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

### PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Presentation Slides

### BOARD GOALS

- A Great Place to Live
- A Healthy Environment
- A Successful Place for Business and Jobs
- Excellence in Public Service

### CONTACT

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# Legislative Update

May 19, 2026

Mary Beth Schubert

- State update – session topline
- Federal update
- Other items?



# General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** DC-5679

**Agenda #:** 8.1

**Meeting Date:** 5/19/2026

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Adjournment