



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

9:00 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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; Kathryn M. Keena, County Attorney; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Slavik who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience

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

4. Agenda

4.1 Resolution No: 25-029
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

It is noted that Commissioner Halverson will abstain from voting on Item 6.4 as she sits on the Board of Directors for Wayside Recovery and unaware of their application for these funds. On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, the Consent agenda was approved as follows:

5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

- 5.1** Resolution No: 25-030
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on January 7, 2025

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

Ayes: 7

6. Items Recommended by Board Committee*

- 6.1** Resolution No: 25-031
Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Intermediate School District 917 For Smoke-Free Mentoring Cohort

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health (Public Health) has over a decade of working with local school districts in Dakota County through the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP); and

WHEREAS, SHIP supports community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating, commercial tobacco-free living, and preventing chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, one effective strategy supported by SHIP is collaborating with school districts to develop smoke-free peer mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, Public Health contracts with the Minnesota Tobacco Free Alliance (TFA) to oversee these peer-mentoring cohorts, train youth in vaping prevention best practices as part of school engagement tactics, and work on school policies that positively impact student health; and

WHEREAS, TFA supports youth in being empowered to take ownership in preventing vaping among their peers and practice leadership skills in the community; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. §471.59, subd.1, two or more governmental units may enter into an agreement to cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting Parties, and one of the participating governmental units may exercise one of its powers on behalf of the other governmental units; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting to enter into a JPA with Intermediate School

District 917 for Smoke-Free Mentoring Cohort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement with Intermediate School District 917 for the purpose of the Smoke-Free Mentoring Cohort for the term upon execution of the joint powers agreement through October 31, 2025.

Ayes: 7

6.2 Resolution No: 25-032

Authorization To Execute A Contract With Lionheart Wellness And Recovery Using Opioid Settlement Funds

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will receive \$9,127,527.20 in the first settlement and \$7,429,374.49 in the second settlement over a 19-year period; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this subcommittee included 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed

in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, advisory committee member Tiffany Neuharth is employed by Lionheart Wellness and Recovery and did not participate on the subcommittee and abstained from the committee vote; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorize a contract with the following vendor based on the following:

Lionheart Wellness and Recovery

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - Expand trauma-responsive, evidence-based, co-occurring treatment for adolescents.
 - Increase accessibility to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder for adolescents.
 - Provide holistic support to adolescents with Opioid Use Disorder and/or Mental Health conditions and their families.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies: A.1, A.3, and A.6**
 - **A.1:** Expand availability of treatment for Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD") and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health ("SUD/MH") conditions, including all forms of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder ("MOUD") approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, including by making capital expenditures to purchase, rehabilitate, or expand facilities that offer treatment.
 - **A.3:** Expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including MOUD, as well as counseling, psychiatric support, and other treatment and recovery support services.
 - **A.6:** Provide treatment of trauma for individuals with OUD (e.g., violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality), and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma.
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$75,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Lionheart Wellness and Recovery in a contract not to exceed amount of \$75,000, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to expand trauma-responsive, evidence-based, co-occurring treatment for adolescents, to increase accessibility to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder for adolescents, and to provide holistic support to adolescents with Opioid Use Disorder and/or Mental Health conditions and their families in accordance with the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items A.1, A.3, and A.6, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, Laurie Halverson, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Nay: 1

Mary Liz Holberg

6.3 Resolution No: 25-033

Authorization To Execute A Contract With Gateway Recovery Center Using Opioid Settlement Funds

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state 46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will receive \$9,127,527.20 in the first settlement and \$7,429,374.49 in the second settlement over a 19-year period; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this committee included 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, advisory committee member Michael Beltowsky is employed by Gateway Recovery Center and did not participate on the subcommittee and abstained from the committee vote; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorizes a contract with the following vendor based on the following:

Gateway Recovery Center

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - Provide transportation services for individuals with limited access to care at withdrawal management facilities.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items A.7 and B.7
 - **A.7:** Support detoxification (detox) and withdrawal management services for people with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions, including but not limited to medical detox, referral to treatment, or connections to other services or supports.
 - **B.7:** Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery

programs or services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$32,293.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Gateway Recovery Center in a not to exceed contract amount of \$32,293 to provide transportation services for individuals with limited access to care at withdrawal management facilities in accordance with the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items A.7 and B.7, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, Laurie Halverson, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Nay: 1

Mary Liz Holberg

**6.4 Resolution No: 25-034
Authorization To Execute A Contract With Wayside Recovery Center Using Opioid Settlement Funds**

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will receive \$9,127,527.20 in the first settlement and \$7,429,374.49 in the second settlement over a 19-year period; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of

Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorize a contract with the following vendor:

Wayside Recovery Center

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - Support individuals who are involved in or transitioning out of the criminal justice system in Dakota County through case consultation, comprehensive assessment, care coordination, and linkage to treatment.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items D.4 and D.5
 - **D.4:** Provide evidence-informed treatment, including Medication for Opioid Use Disorder ("MOUD"), recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD") and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health ("SUD/MH") conditions who are incarcerated in jail

or prison.

- **D.5:** Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MOUD, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison or have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$100,000

; and

WHEREAS, while Commissioner Laurie Halverson (“Commissioner Halvorson”), Community Corrections Director Suwana Kirkland (“Director Kirkland”), and Employment & Economic Assistance Director Nadir Abdi (“Director Abdi”) are board members of Wayside Recovery Center, Commissioner Halverson abstained from voting on the resolution and the contract will not be under the purview of Director Kirkland or Director Abdi for any decision-making.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Wayside Recovery Center in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 to support individuals who are involved in or transitioning out of the criminal justice system in Dakota County through case consultation, comprehensive assessment, care coordination, and linkage to treatment, in accordance with the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items D.4 and D5., subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Nay: 1

Mary Liz Holberg

Abstain: 1

Laurie Halverson

6.5 Resolution No: 25-035
Authorization To Execute A Contract With Thrive! Family Recovery Services
Using Opioid Settlement Funds

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will receive \$9,127,527.20 in the first settlement and \$7,429,374.49 in the second settlement over a 19-year period; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this committee included 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of

Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorize a contract with the following vendor based on the following:

Thrive! Family Recovery Services

- **Proposed Strategy:**
 - Establish a family resource center to support families impacted by Opioid Use Disorder.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** Items A.6, B.1, B.2, B.5, and B.10
 - **A.6:** Provide treatment of trauma for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (“OUD”) (e.g., violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality), and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma.
 - **B.1:** Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (“SUD/MH”) conditions, including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training, or childcare.
 - **B.2:** Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services.
 - **B.5:** Provide community support services, including social and legal services, to assist in deinstitutionalizing persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
 - **B.10:** Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their efforts to support the person with OUD in the family.
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$93,707.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Thrive! Family Recovery Services in a contract not to exceed amount of \$93,707, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to establish a family resource center to support families impacted by Opioid Use Disorder in accordance with the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A strategy items A.6, B.1, B.2, B.5, and B.10, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration

date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, Laurie Halverson, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Nay: 1

Mary Liz Holberg

6.6 Resolution No: 25-036

Authorization To Execute A Contract With Minnesota Recovery Connection Using Opioid Settlement Funds

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota was part of a multi-state \$46.6-billion-dollar lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will receive \$9,127,527.20 in the first settlement and \$7,429,374.49 in the second settlement over a 19-year period; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-277 (June 13, 2023), the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorized the formation of the Opioid Response Advisory Committee (ORAC) to assist in distributing part of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, this committee includes 17 voting members, including 7 appointed members with lived experience, 4 members from local government, 3 members from the healthcare field, and 3 members from community organizations; additionally, 4 non-voting Dakota County Staff attend meetings regularly; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the ORAC created a subcommittee to assist with the writing and scoring of the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project Request For Proposal (RFP); and

WHEREAS, this committee included 1 member from healthcare, 2 members with lived experience, 2 members from community partners and 1 member from

local government; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2024, the Dakota County Opioid Epidemic Response Services Project RFP was posted for 29 days, which resulted in nineteen proposals received from vendors with a variety of the abatement strategies listed in the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Exhibit A, including Treatment, Prevention and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, the subcommittee reviewed and scored the proposals and selected vendors to contract with at the amounts listed in the Resolution for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, the ORAC approved the subcommittee's RFP process and affirmed the decision to ask the Dakota Board of Commissioners to authorize each of the five contracts with the selected vendors; and

WHEREAS, the ORAC recommends that the Dakota Board of Commissioners authorize a contract with the following vendor based on the following:

Minnesota Recovery Connection

- **Proposed Strategies:**
 - Provide culturally appropriate long-term behavioral health and wellness for the Latine population suffering from Opioid Use Disorder.
 - Provide harm reduction education in accordance with Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate (CLAS) standards.
- **MOA Exhibit A Strategies:** B.13 and H.3
 - **B.13:** Create or support culturally appropriate services and programs for persons with Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD") and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health ("SUD/MH") conditions, including but not limited to new Americans, African Americans, and American Indians.
 - **H.3:** Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public.
- **Not to Exceed Dollar Amount:** \$89,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Minnesota Recovery Connection in a contract not to exceed amount of \$89,000, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to provide culturally appropriate long-term behavioral health and wellness for the Latine population suffering from Opioid Use Disorder and to provide harm reduction education in accordance with Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate standards, in accordance with the Opioid Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A

strategy items B.13 and H.3, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, Laurie Halverson, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Nay: 1

Mary Liz Holberg

6.7 Resolution No: 25-037

Authorization To Accept Additional Grant Funds From Minnesota Department Of Health For Children And Youth With Special Health Needs Program And Execute Grant Amendment

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health has provided follow-up services for children and youth with special health needs since 2011; and

WHEREAS, follow-up services include providing consultation, resources, and education to families who have a child with suspected or confirmed hearing loss, or a child with an identified birth defect that is known to hinder growth and development; and

WHEREAS, children enrolled in this program are identified through newborn screening with the goal being to detect disabling conditions early allowing for early intervention; and

WHEREAS, follow-up services are funded through the Children and Youth with Special Health Needs grant (CYSHN) from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-584 (December 17, 2021), the County Board of Commissioners approved grant funds from MDH for the CYSHN program in the amount of \$125,000 effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health has provided early intervention services through the Follow Along Program (FAP) since 2002; and

WHEREAS, FAP is a program that identifies young children at risk for developmental and social-emotional concerns through screening and provides connections to developmental activities and appropriate resources and services to support overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, FAP services are currently funded through the Title V Social Security Act; Maternal and Child Health Block grant; and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2024, the FAP grant funding is being moved from the Title V Social Security Act; Maternal and Child Health Block grant to the CYSHN grant; and

WHEREAS, MDH is allocating additional grant funds for the CYSHN program in the estimated amount of \$31,725, effective October,1 2024 through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant funds in the amount of \$31,725 and execute the Children and Youth with Special Health Needs grant amendment for the period of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

- 6.8** Resolution No: 25-038
Authorization To Accept Minnesota Department Of Health Cannabis And Substance Use Prevention Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement, Add 1.0 Grant-Funded Full-Time Equivalent, And Amend 2025 Public Health Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a

community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 legislative session, local and tribal public health agencies in Minnesota were allocated ongoing funding focused on cannabis prevention beginning in state fiscal year (SFY) 2025 (Chapter 121 - MN Laws; Article 1); and

WHEREAS, when the cannabis conference report passed, it contained language changing how local and tribal cannabis funding could be spent (Chapter 121 - MN Laws; Article 3); and

WHEREAS, eligible uses of the funds include prevention of use of other substances, including cannabis; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, Public Health was notified by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) of a Cannabis and Substance Use Prevention (CSUP) grant allocation of \$283,568 for the period of November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds were awarded to all Community Health Boards throughout the state to create prevention, education, and recovery programs focusing on substance misuse prevention and treatment options, with the main focus on primary prevention of substance use/misuse; and

WHEREAS, Public Health plans to utilize these grant funds to support the salary and benefits of a 1.0 grant-funded full-time equivalent Substance Use Prevention Specialist; and

WHEREAS, in addition, these grant funds will support 0.5 of the 1.0 full-time equivalent Public Health Supervisor for Substance Use Prevention that was approved through the 2025 budget process; and

WHEREAS, these positions will create infrastructure to support a substance use prevention program that can respond to the growing needs in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant funds and execute the Cannabis and Substance Use Prevention grant agreement for the period of November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025, for a total grant amount of \$283,568, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to add a 1.0 grant-funded, full-time equivalent (FTE) position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Public Health Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Staff Expense 1.0 FTE	\$130,631
Program Expense	<u>\$ 46,796</u>
Total Expenses	\$177,157

Revenue

Public Health Grant	(\$80,632)
Fund Balance (Indirect)	(\$25,779)
Substance Use Prevention Grant	<u>\$283,568</u>
Total Revenues	\$177,157

Ayes: 7

- 6.9** Resolution No: 25-039
 Authorization To Submit Grant Application To Minnesota Housing Finance Agency For Family Homelessness Prevention And Assistance Program Funds, Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement And Related Contracts, And Amend 2025 Social Services Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature established Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) in 1993 to assist families with children, youth and single adults who are homeless or are at imminent risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, by Minn. Stat. § 462A.204, FHPAP grant funding must be administered by counties in the metro area who, in turn, may sub-grant some or all funds to other entities; and

WHEREAS, funding is awarded through a competitive grant application process with predetermined criteria in four categories: planning, project design, program capacity/performance and need; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute also requires the establishment of an advisory

committee to assist in preparing the project proposal and the design, implementation and evaluation of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC) acts as the FHPAP Advisory Committee and a community-based subcommittee has been established by the AHC to help inform project direction and priorities; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has received these grant funds for the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-164 (April 25, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved submission of an application for a FHPAP grant in an amount up to \$5,200,000, and, if awarded, authorized subcontracting with three vendors for a combined total of up to \$5,200,000 for Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency (CAP) and with 360 Communities for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals for subcontractors was issued on February 7, 2023, as required by county procurement policies; and

WHEREAS, three responses were received and three subgrantees, CAP, 360 Communities and the YMCA were selected to serve homeless and at-risk families, single adults and youth; and

WHEREAS, for the upcoming biennium, staff requests authorization to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the FHPAP grant in the amount up to \$4,500,000; and

WHEREAS, this amount includes a combined total up to \$4,500,000 for the three recommended contracted subgrantees and up to 15 percent for administrative costs for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, staff recommends execution of contracts with the YMCA, CAP and 360 Communities for a combined total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000, for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of a Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) grant application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept grant funds and execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency in the amount awarded for the period of October 1, 2025 through

September 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contracts with the Young Men’s Christian Association, the Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency, and with 360 Communities in a combined total not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amounts and the contract terms up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the 2025 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Social Services Budget	<u>\$4,500,000</u>
Total Expense	\$4,500,000

Revenue

FHPAP Grant	<u>\$4,500,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$4,500,000

Ayes: 7

6.10 Resolution No: 25-040

Authorization To Apply For Minnesota Department Of Human Services Community Living Infrastructure Grant Funds For Dakota County And Regional Metro Counties, Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement, Execute Contracts With Vendors, And Amend 2025 Social Services Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Minnesota Legislature added language to the Minnesota Housing Support Act (Chapter 256I) to increase opportunities for Minnesotans with disabilities to live in the community; and

WHEREAS, the housing package included grant funding aimed at developing and supporting Community Living Infrastructure (CLI) throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the funding covers initiatives in three categories: 1) Outreach services to connect homeless individuals to housing, medical supports, employment and community resources; 2) Housing Resource Specialist services to assist individuals with obtaining required documentation so they can access housing; and 3) Administration and monitoring of the Housing Support program in order to monitor quality of services, increase efficiencies and build capacity to expand; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-261 (May 18, 2021), the County Board approved the two renewal applications to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for the grant period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$310,580 for Dakota County and \$379,415 for the Metro Area Housing Coordinating Board (MAHCB) and the two contracts were executed with Ally Supportive Services, LLC for street outreach services and with Mental Health Resources (MHR) on behalf of MAHCB for administration of the Housing Support Program in the Regional Metro Counties; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-280 (June 20, 2023), the County Board authorized an amendment to the current Dakota County grant agreement by adding CLI grant funds to Dakota County in the amount of \$231,966 for a total not to exceed amount of \$542,546 and extending the term of the grant agreement to June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to apply for CLI grant funds from DHS on behalf of Dakota County and MAHCB, and if received, accept grant funds from DHS on behalf of Dakota County and MAHCB, execute grant agreements, execute contracts, and amend the 2025 Social Services Budget in a combined amount up to \$870,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of the Community Living Infrastructure grant application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) on behalf of Dakota County, and if awarded, authorizes the Community

Services Director to accept Community Living Infrastructure grant funds and execute the grant agreement for Dakota County in an amount up to \$400,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of the Community Living Infrastructure grant application to DHS, and if awarded, authorizes the Community Services Director to accept Community Living Infrastructure grant funds and execute the grant agreement on behalf of the Metro Area Housing Coordinating Board in an amount up to \$470,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to contract with selected vendors in a not to exceed combined total contracts amount of up to \$870,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contracts amount and the contracts term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue

DHS CLI Grant	<u>\$870,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$870,000

Expense

DHS CLI Expense	<u>\$870,000</u>
Total Expense	\$870,000

Ayes: 7

6.11 Resolution No: 25-041

Authorization To Execute First Amendment With Max Steining, Inc. For Veterans Memorial Greenway Construction In Inver Grove Heights, County Project P00147

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, to provide high-quality recreational and educational opportunities in harmony with natural resource preservation and to honor Dakota County's more than 25,000 veterans, Dakota County is proceeding with the Veterans Memorial Greenway County Project (CP) P00147; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Memorial Greenway Phase I is the first segment of regional trail to be secured, designed, and constructed in order to connect the Mendota to Lebanon Greenway in Eagan to the Mississippi River Greenway in Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Memorial Greenway Phase I includes construction of two miles of trail starting 500' west of the intersection of Alameda Path and Cliff Road in Inver Grove Heights and extending east along Cliff Road through Flint Hills property and then ending at Rich Valley Park; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-188 (April 9, 2024), the County Board authorized the execution of a contract with Max Steining Inc., for the construction of Phase I of the Veterans Memorial Greenway, CP P00147; and

WHEREAS, the project is now substantially complete with only minor items of work and turf establishment remaining; and

WHEREAS, the construction contract has increases of \$598,476.58 or 22 percent over the original contract amount; and

WHEREAS, the construction cost increases include additional costs for excavation, grading, hauling, and quantity overruns for the trail base; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing a contract amendment with Max Steining Inc. in the amount of \$598,476.58 for construction cost increases; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Park's Capital Improvement Program Budget has sufficient funds to accommodate the construction contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a first amendment to the contract with Max Steininger Inc., in the amount of \$598,476.58 for increased costs, resulting in a total amount of \$3,345,698.88 for the construction work (County Project P00147) associated with the Veterans Memorial Greenway Phase I Segment, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

6.12 Resolution No: 25-042

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With Native Resource Preservation, LLC, For Restoration And Enhancement At Grannis and McCullough Conservation Easements

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation Plan, approved by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on November 17, 2020, identified 24 Preliminary Conservation Focus Areas and directed staff to pursue the acquisition and restoration of conservation easements with willing landowners within these Focus Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of conservation easements on the Gelhar-Emrick (now McCullough) property on July 22, 2008, and on the Grannis property on June 21, 2011, and June 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, funding for restoration work at these properties is derived from the Board of Water and Soil Resources Habitat Enhancement Landscape Program grant, authorized by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on June 25, 2024, and the Minnesota Legislature's 2022 Outdoor Heritage Fund grant, authorized on August 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a request for quotes was prepared and released on November 7, 2024, to ten vendors; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive, responsible quote was from Native Resource Preservation, LLC, for \$109,052.62; and

WHEREAS, Native Resource Preservation, LLC's submission for Alternate 1 will be included in the contract scope for an additional \$23,704.09.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Department Director to execute a contract with Native Resource Preservation, LLC, for restoration work on the Gelhar-Emrick/McCullough and Grannis properties, with a contract maximum of \$132,756.71, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

6.13 Resolution No: 25-043

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With Native Resource Preservation, LLC For Restoration And Enhancement Of County Conservation Easement On Wicklund Trust Property

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the 2020 Land Conservation Plan identified 24 Preliminary Conservation Focus Areas and directed staff to pursue conservation easements with willing landowners within these Focus Areas; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2021, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of a conservation easement on the Wicklund property; and

WHEREAS, funding for this work will be derived from the Minnesota Legislator's 2018 Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was prepared and released on December 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive, responsible proposal, including all alternates, was submitted by Native Resource Preservation, LLC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with Native Resource Preservation, LLC, for the Wicklund Conservation Easement Natural Resource Management Plan Implementation Project for a contract maximum of \$240,371, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

6.14 Resolution No: 25-044

Authorization To Execute Contract With Bolton & Menk, Inc. For Construction Administration And Inspection Services For Minnesota River Greenway In Burnsville And Eagan, County Project P00127

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-516 (October 18, 2011), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted the Minnesota River Greenway Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County requires professional services for the administration and inspection for the construction of the pedestrian bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad track; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was released on November 25, 2024, for construction administration and inspection services; and

WHEREAS, three responses were received from qualified proposers; and

WHEREAS, Bolton & Menk, Inc. was identified as the most responsive to the request for proposals and within the project budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. to provide construction administration services for the pedestrian bridge for the Fort Snelling Segment of the Minnesota River Greenway in Eagan in an amount not to exceed \$666,423, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

6.15 Resolution No: 25-045

Authorization To Acquire Wicklund Trust Property In Waterford Township And Amend 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Jerry C. Wicklund and Audrey C. Wicklund Trust, under Agreement dated October 25, 2021, (Wicklund Trust) own 151 acres in Waterford Township; and

WHEREAS, the Wicklund Trust property is located within the Chub Creek Conservation Focus Area, identified in the 2020 Land Conservation Plan for Dakota County, and includes a portion of the future Chub Creek Greenway corridor identified in the 2008 Dakota County 2030 Park System Plan; and

WHEREAS, several State-listed rare plants have been identified on the Wicklund Trust property, and Jerry and Audrey Wicklund (Wicklund) have allowed County staff to harvest native seeds for use within the park system; and

WHEREAS, the Wicklunds planted many native trees and prairie species over their lifetime of ownership, in addition to investing extensive effort into controlling invasive species, such as buckthorn; and

WHEREAS, County staff began working with the Wicklunds in 2009 to permanently protect a portion of their property, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-633 (December 14, 2020), the County Board of Commissioners approved the expenditure of up to \$291,912 to acquire a 121.60-acre permanent natural area conservation easement (Easement) on the Wicklund property; and

WHEREAS, due to a reduction in landowner donation and a slight increase in the size of the Easement, the County Board of Commissioners rescinded Resolution No. 20-633 and by Resolution No. 21-185 (April 6, 2021), approved the expenditure of up to \$339,412 to acquire a 122.43-acre Easement on the Wicklund property; and

WHEREAS, the Easement was acquired on May 14, 2021, using a combination of State Outdoor Heritage (OH) funds and County grant-match; and

WHEREAS, the Wicklunds transferred ownership of their property to the Jerry C. Wicklund and Audrey C. Wicklund Trust, under Agreement dated October 25, 2021, (Wicklund Trust); and

WHEREAS, the Easement area includes two countywide snowmobile trails and numerous mowed trails that can serve as future public hiking trails and function as natural resource management unit boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Easement would allow a future paved Chub Creek Greenway trail but would require approval from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC), which is responsible for administering OH funds; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Wicklund Trust continue improving natural resource quality within the Easement area through implementation of a natural resource management agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Wicklunds and the Wicklund Trust have allowed special turkey hunting opportunities for military veterans and youth on their property for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Wicklund Trust began exploring future ownership options for their property in 2023 and now desire to sell fee title to the Easement area and additional land to the County for a new County Park Conservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the County completed, reviewed, and approved an appraisal for acquiring fee title to the Easement area and an additional 1.07 acres for access and a small parking area; and

WHEREAS, County staff contacted the LSOHC to determine if OH funds previously appropriated to the County would be eligible for fee title acquisition since most of the property is already protected by the Easement; and

WHEREAS, the LSOHC recently denied a request to use OH funds for property already protected by an easement and affirmed an existing policy in which expenditure of additional OH funds for land already protected by an easement would not be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Wicklund Trust is willing to sell fee title to 123.5 acres and a 6,250 square foot access easement for 31 percent less than the \$617,000 appraised value, or \$425,000; and

WHEREAS the Wicklund Trust has requested that the County consider amending Section 3.7 of Park Ordinance 107 to allow Spring youth and military veterans turkey hunting within their former property once acquired by the County; and

WHEREAS, the estimated closing costs are \$3,500; and

WHEREAS, the Wicklund Trust property includes two, ten-year Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts with the Commodity Credit Corporation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the CRP contracts provides \$15,876 annual payments to the landowner, and the County would be eligible to receive the remaining CRP payments totaling \$63,305 for the years 2025 through 2028; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding for this fee title acquisition is available in the 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program budget through the 2022 Minnesota Legislature OH County grant-match; and

WHEREAS, the final acquisition costs of the property will be determined after the settlement statement is finalized and all associated acquisition expenses have been invoiced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the expenditure of up to \$428,500 to acquire 123.5 acres and a 6,250 square foot access easement in Waterford Township from the Jerry C. Wicklund and Audrey L. Wicklund Trust, under an Agreement dated October 25, 2021, including \$425,000 for fee title acquisition and \$3,500 in estimated closing costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Division Director to execute a purchase agreement with the Jerry C. Wicklund and Audrey L. Wicklund Trust, under an Agreement dated October 25, 2021, to acquire fee title to 123.5 acres and a 6,250 square foot access easement, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the property being acquired from the Jerry C. Wicklund and Audrey L. Wicklund Trust, under an Agreement dated October 25, 2021, as a new County Park Conservation Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs that the \$15,876 annual Conservation Reserve Program payments for the Wicklund Trust property be added to the Parks Capital Improvement Program budget for the years 2025 through 2028; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Wicklund Trust Property Acquisition	<u>\$63,305</u>
Total Expense	\$63,305
Revenue	
Conservation Reserve Program	<u>\$63,305</u>
Total Revenue	\$63,305

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs staff to submit a potential amendment to section 3.7 of Park Ordinance 107 for consideration that would allow for a limited number of permits to be issued to non-profit and other community organizations for hunting within identified County Park Conservation Areas.

Ayes: 7

6.16 Resolution No: 25-046

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Eagan For City Utility Improvement Incorporation Into 2025 Preservation Projects On County State Aid Highway 30, County Project 30-43

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with the 2025 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces; and

WHEREAS, included in the County's preservation work is an opportunity for coordination with the city stakeholders to partner on any necessary utility repairs within the road segments being included; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eagan desires to incorporate sanitary sewer, water main, or storm sewer repairs as part of County Project 30-43; and

WHEREAS, County Project 30-43 is the mill and overlay of County State Aid Highway 30 (Diffley Road) from Trunk Highway 13 to Interstate Highway 35E in Eagan; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement (JPA) between the County and the City of Eagan is necessary to outline roles, responsibilities, and cost participation; and

WHEREAS, the cost share for utility maintenance/improvements associated with storm sewer is 80 percent County and 20 percent City in accordance with the terms and conditions of the current adopted Maintenance Agreement for Storm Sewer Systems (Dakota County Contract No. C0025408); and

WHEREAS, the cost share for utility maintenance/improvements associated with water main and sanitary sewer is 100 percent City; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget includes sufficient funds to proceed with the 2025 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces, including the County's cost share for storm sewer improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a joint powers agreement between Dakota County and the City of Eagan for utility repair work associated with County Project 30-43 which is included in the 2025 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces.

Ayes: 7

- 6.17** Resolution No: 25-047
Authorization To Submit And Accept Grant Funds For 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability And Equity Federal Grant Program For County Projects 50-33 And 54-11

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is requesting project submittals for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the RAISE federal grant program funds up to 80 percent of project costs in urban areas and up to 100 percent in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, funding for County Project (CP) 50-33, the Interstate 35 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 50 bridge and interchange project, will improve freight capacity and general mobility, accommodate future growth and support economic development opportunities, promote safety, and enhance multimodal connections; and

WHEREAS, funding for CP 54-11 will address safety and modern design improvements for CSAH 54 and integrate pedestrian facilities between Hastings and the Dakota County line; and

WHEREAS, federal funding of projects reduces the burden on local taxpayers for regional improvements; and

WHEREAS, project submittals are due on January 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the two projects proposed are consistent with the adopted Dakota County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the resubmittal of County Project 50-33, the Interstate 35 and County State Aid Highway 50 bridge and interchange project, and County Project 54-11, reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 54 and

integration of pedestrian facilities to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program and authorizes the Transportation Director to accept grant funds, if awarded, and execute grant agreements subject to approval as to form by the Dakota County Attorney's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves requesting letters of support from cities within the project areas, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Council, the Prairie Island Indian Community, and the Dakota County congressional delegation.

Ayes: 7

6.18 Resolution No: 25-048

Authorization To Execute First Contract Amendment With Kimley-Horn And Associates, Inc. And Execute Joint Powers Agreements With City Of Apple Valley For Improvements To County State Aid Highway 42 In Apple Valley, County Project 42-163

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 42-163; and

WHEREAS, CP 42-163 is the preliminary and final engineering design of improvements to County State Aid Highway 42 in the City of Apple Valley from Redwood Drive to 147th Street and vicinity; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-602 (December 19, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a design services contract with consultant Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) to perform preliminary and final design engineering services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$959,920; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the additional out-of-scope and expanded work tasks and professional services to be performed by Kimley-Horn is \$619,285, resulting in a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,579,205; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends executing the first contract amendment with Kimley-Horn for Contract Number DCA20482 for preliminary and final engineering of CP 42-163; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute two joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley, first to define cost-share responsibilities for the preliminary and final engineering design contract costs and second to define cost-share responsibilities for right of way and construction costs for CP 42-163.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to amend the not-to-exceed contract value of \$959,920 for Contract Number DCA20482 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for County Project 42-163 to a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,579,205, including reimbursables; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute two joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley for County Project 42-163, first to define cost-share responsibilities for the preliminary and final engineering design contract costs and second to define cost-share responsibilities for right of way and construction costs.

Ayes: 7

6.19 Resolution No: 25-049

Authorization To Execute Amendment To Contract With HDR Engineering, Inc., For County Road 86 Railroad Bridge Replacement In Castle Rock Township, County Project 86-34

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is replacing the original timber railroad bridge over County State Aid Highway 86; and

WHEREAS, the design of the bridge plans was done by HDR Engineering, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a contract was executed with HDR Engineering, Inc., for the review of materials and plan changes; and

WHEREAS, the current contract amount is \$140,000; and

WHEREAS, the bridge completion date is February 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing the execution of an amendment to the contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000 funded by Sales & Use Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Transportation Director to execute an amendment to the contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$150,000 for additional review and approval of materials and changes to the bridge plans for County Project 86-34, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

6.20 Resolution No: 25-050

Authorization To Execute Purchase Agreement For Advanced Acquisition Of Property For Transportation, County Project 63-33

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, to promote a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project 63-33, Delaware Avenue Reconstruction in the Cities of Mendota Heights, and West St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, County Board authorized the execution of a contract with Kimley Horn, Inc. for professional design services for CP 63-33 and CP 4-18; and

WHEREAS, during the preliminary engineering process, it was determined that acquisition of the property owned by Russell and Angela Radabaugh located at 1211 Delaware Avenue might be necessary to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, County staff discovered that this property was listed for sale at \$325,000 in the open real estate market; and

WHEREAS, County staff collaborated with the design consultant to conduct an early engineering analysis of construction impacts and make the necessary determinations of early right of way acquisition needs; and

WHEREAS, preliminary engineering analysis indicated that construction would directly impact the property structure at the improved parcel, and thus an early acquisition of the parcel would be advantageous from a fiscal perspective; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that the early acquisition of the property owned by Russell and Angela Radabaugh located at 1211 Delaware Ave, for \$325,000, including an additional \$5,000 in transaction costs, is necessary to move forward with CP 63-33; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2028 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for right of way acquisition costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approve the advanced acquisition of 1211 Delaware Ave and authorizes the execution of a purchase agreement with Russell and Angela Radabaugh for a purchase price of \$325,000 with an additional \$5,000 to cover the transaction costs and authorizes payment from the 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget.

Ayes: 7

6.21 Resolution No: 25-051

Authorization To Execute Contracts With Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C., And Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., For Hazardous Waste Management

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 115A.96 requires counties to have a household

hazardous waste program to help keep hazardous waste out of the solid waste stream; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners wishes to provide a household hazardous waste program to further the goals of protecting public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C., and Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. are the State contract vendors for hazardous waste management; and

WHEREAS, the current Agreement for the Operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Program with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency indemnifies the County when the County uses State contracts for hazardous waste management; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County currently uses the State contract to manage hazardous waste collected at The Recycling Zone and one-day events; and

WHEREAS, the County's Attorney's Office and Risk Management determined that a County contract is needed for hazardous waste management; and

WHEREAS, the \$800,000 annual contract cost is included in the household hazardous waste annual budget; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends execution of contracts with Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C., and Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., for hazardous waste management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Environmental Resources Director to execute a contract with Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C., for hazardous waste management for waste collected at The Recycling Zone and one-day collection events subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Environmental Resources Director to execute a contract with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., for hazardous waste management for waste collected at The Recycling Zone and one-day collection events, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the terms of the contracts will start March 1, 2025, and will incorporate the same terms and conditions of the State contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Environmental Resources Department Director is authorized to execute annual renewals of the contracts for up to nine

years in an amount consistent with the annual budget for the required services .

Ayes: 7

6.22 Resolution No: 25-052

Approval Of Right Of Way Acquisition For Projects Included In 2025
Transportation CIP, Authorization To Make First Offers Based On Appraised
Values And Delegated Acquisition Settlement Authority

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota
County is proceeding with projects included in the 2025 Transportation Capital
Improvement Program (CIP); and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for right of way acquisition
necessary in 2025 for construction to begin in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of property interests, such as fee title and temporary
and permanent easements, from private property parcels identified in Dakota
County 2025 Transportation CIP projects by the County is necessary to deliver
and construct the projects during the programmed year; and

WHEREAS, all valuations of the property interests to be acquired are based
upon independent valuation reports; and

WHEREAS, delegation of authority to approval appraisals of value and all first
offers being made to the property owners by the Director of Physical
Development or their designee will allow for more time for property owners to
review the County's offers and resolved the acquisitions before eminent domain
may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, in the event that timely acquisition by direct negotiation of all
required parcels does not appear possible, staff will seek County Board
authorization for the County Attorney's Office to initiate quick-take condemnation
of the remaining unsettled parcels;

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-241 (May 18, 2011), second resolving clause
at item 13, the County Board delegated authority to the County Manager to may
acquisition payments of \$10,000 in excess of the County Board's approved
appraisal to settle right of way acquisitions;

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that Resolution No. 11-241 (May 18, 2011),
second resolving clause item 13, be rescinded and replaced with authority to for
the County Manager to make payments for property interests necessary for the
County's Capital Improvement Program in an amount up to \$30,000 in excess of
the County approved appraised value, upon determination that the payment is
reasonable, prudent and in the public's best interest, but not to exceed an award
by the condemnation commissioners or court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Physical Development or their designee to approve appraisals of value and to make initial offers based on appraised value for any right of way acquisitions needed for 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby rescinds item 13 in the second resolving clause of Resolution No. 11-241 (May 18, 2011) delegating authority to may payment for right of way acquisitions and authorizes the County Manager to make payments for property interests necessary for the County's Capital Improvement Program in an amount up to \$30,000 in excess of the County approved appraised value, upon determination that the payment is reasonable, prudent and in the public's best interest, but not to exceed an award by the condemnation commissioners or court.

Ayes: 7

6.23 Resolution No: 25-053

Approval And Authorization To Award Construction Contracts To Accomplish 2025 Transportation, Parks, And Facilities Capital Improvement Projects

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Physical Development Administration Department regularly requests County Board approval for actions required to deliver projects in the adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and

WHEREAS, awarding construction contracts to the lowest responsible bidder is a regular consent action item brought forward to the Board for projects in the CIP; and

WHEREAS, awards to bidders that are not the low bid would be brought to the County Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not alter the Board process for adopting projects in the CIP each year or the process for obtaining Board approval for professional services contracts, study recommendations, appraisals, and right of way settlements; and

WHEREAS, project updates would continue to be presented to the Board; and

WHEREAS, staff will provide the Board with a detailed list of authorized projects, including budget reference information, and provide periodic updates on executed and construction contract awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners delegates authority to the County Manager or designee to award construction contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, consistent with County Policies, provided sufficient funds are available for the following projects:

Transportation:

- CP 5-58 on CSAH 5 (County Road 5) at Southcross Drive W Signal Replacement in Burnsville
- CP 26-67 on CSAH 26 (Lone Oak Road) from TH 13 to I-35E in Eagan
- CP 28-69 on CSAH 28 (80th Street) from 730' E of Cahill Avenue to CSAH 56 (Concord Boulevard) in Inver Grove Heights; tied to CP 56-14
- CP 32-65 on "New" CSAH 32 (117th Street) from CSAH 71 to TH 52 in Inver Grove Heights
- CP 42-168 on CSAH 42 (150th Street) at Southcross Drive Signal Replacement in Burnsville
- CP 42-172 on CSAH 42 (150th Street) from 147th Street to CSAH 33 (Diamond Path) in Apple Valley
- CP 42-177 on CSAH 42 at Garrett Avenue and at Pilot Knob Road in Apple Valley
- CP 43-55 on CSAH 43 (Lexington Avenue) from CSAH 32 (Cliff Road) to Wescott Drive in Eagan
- CP 50-37 on CSAH 50 (202nd Street W) at Hamburg Avenue Roundabout in Lakeville
- CP 56-14 on CSAH 56 (Concord Blvd/Concord St) Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements in Inver Grove Heights; tied to CP 28-69
- CP 64-28 on CR 64 (195th Street) at Eureka Avenue in Farmington
- CP 85-23 on CSAH 85 (Goodwin Avenue) Reconstruct Bridge No. 19504 in Vermillion Township
- CP 91-30 on CSAH 91 (Nicolai Avenue) from Miesville Trail to Trunk Highway 61 (240th Street) in the City of Miesville/Douglas Township
- CP 97-218 on CSAH 38 (McAndrews Road) Retaining Wall Replacement in Apple Valley
- CP 97-144 Township Bridge L3285 Replacement on Inga Avenue in Hampton and Douglas Townships
- CP 97-164 Township Bridge L3249 Replacement on 205th Street East in Marshan Township
- Paved Highway Surfaces
- Gravel Highway Surface
- Gravel Highway Surface - Repairs
- Crack Seal
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- Retaining Wall Maintenance
- Traffic Safety & Operations - Pavement Markings
- Storm Sewer System Maintenance
- Signal Revisions/Communications
- Traffic Signal - New/Replacement
- Trail Gap Setaside

Parks:

- 2000232 - Mississippi River Greenway - Wayfinding, Landscaping,

Interpretation

- P30002 - River to River Greenway - Mendota Heights Valley Park - North of Marie
- 2000234 (CP 42-175) - Vermillion Highlands Greenway - Rosemount (Connemara to CSAH 42 to 155th)
- Mississippi River Greenway - Hastings Bluff and Overlook

Facilities:

- Judicial Center Water Softener Replacement
- Countywide Carpet Replacement Program
- Countywide Roof Replacement Program
- Law Enforcement Center Housing Unit Floor Replacement
- Countywide Parking Lots Seal and Repair
- Judicial Center Exterior Window Replacement
- Countywide Infrastructure Maintenance Allocation Projects
- Law Enforcement Center Boiler and Chiller Replacement
- Western Service Center Cooling System Replacement
- Law Enforcement Center Restroom Renovations
- Juvenile Services Center Intake Shower and Storage Area Renovation
- Law Enforcement Center Intake, Release, and Garage Renovation

Ayes: 7

6.24 Resolution No: 25-054

Authorization To Execute Contract With CityVerse For Real Estate Acquisition Tracking Software

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the County has identified a need for real estate acquisition tracking software; and

WHEREAS, CityVerse performed a demonstration and provided a quote for their software-as-a-service and was selected for their functionality and cost effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a contract with CityVerse to implement CityVerse software; and

WHEREAS, the projected total cost of the contract is \$150,000 for a period of three years, commencing on the date of execution of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Deputy Director to execute a contract with CityVerse for real estate acquisition software in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a period of three years commencing on the date of execution of the contract, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

7. County Board/County Administration

7.1 Resolution No: 25-055
Adoption Of Dakota County Strategic Plan Goals And Strategic Initiatives

Motion: Joe Atkins Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners held a strategic planning workshop on December 6, 2024 and discussed updated Dakota County strategic plan goals; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners desire to update the existing Dakota County Strategic Plan Goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following Dakota County Strategic Plan Goals and 2025 strategic initiatives with an overarching goal to make Dakota County ‘A Great Place to Live’:

- **Thriving People**
Dakota County creates access to opportunities, cares for vulnerable people, and fosters community safety, health and well-being.
- **Healthy Environment with Quality Natural Resources**
Dakota County maintains energy efficiency/sustainability and protects and maintains natural resources.
- **Successful Place for Business and Jobs**
Dakota County strives for dependable and modern infrastructure and systems and a prepared connected workforce.
- **Excellence in Public Service**
Dakota County desires to innovate and collaborate, communicate and engage, hire and retain excellent staff, ensure welcoming and responsive services for all people and be responsible stewards of taxes resources.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager to create and maintain a set of community indicators and organizational performance measures associated with the County’s Strategic Plan Goals.

Ayes: 7

7.2 Resolution No: 25-056
Adoption Of Revised 2025 Legislative Platform

Motion: Joe Atkins Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, at the January 7, 2025, County Board meeting, the Board partially approved the 2025 Legislative Platform and requested an opportunity to provide further direction on the following topics or subtopics:

Environmental Protection

- Increased SCORE funding to metropolitan counties to offset the cost of meeting increased state mandates on waste diversion.

Health and Human Services

- Investments in modernizing technology solutions for Department of Human Services programs.
- Simplification of Department of Human Services program rules and reporting requirements.

Jobs and Economic Growth

- Equitable distribution of Broadband Grant program funds to include unserved and underserved areas in metro-area counties.
- Updates to policies within the Office of Broadband to expand eligible program costs to take advantage of advances in broadband technology.

Other Organizations

; and

WHEREAS, at the January 14, 2025, General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole, the Committee directed staff to incorporate recommended changes to the legislative platform and bring the platform forward for final approval at the next County Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature convened its 2025 session on January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the interests of Dakota County and its residents will be directly affected by the decisions of the 2025 Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2025 legislative platform as revised.

Ayes: 7

7.3 Resolution No: 25-057
Designation Of Local Officials For Campaign Finance And Public Disclosure Board Reporting Requirement

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules 4501.0400, subpts. 1 and 2, require a metropolitan governmental unit (MGU) to determine which positions within the MGU meet the definition of local official as defined in Minn. Stat. § 10A.01, subd. 22; and

WHEREAS, the MGU must provide a list to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the full-time and part-time positions meeting this definition annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the following Dakota County positions as local officials in 2025, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 10A.01, subd. 22, for the purpose of reporting to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board:

Adult Services Director, Social Services
Assessing Services Director/County Assessor
Assistant County Engineer
Budget Manager
Capital Projects Management Manager
Chief Deputy County Attorney
Chief Deputy Sheriff
Chief Information Officer
Children and Family Services Director, Social Services
Communications and Public Affairs Director
Community Corrections Director
Community Services Director
Community Services Deputy Director
Construction Engineer
County Commissioner
County Manager
County Attorney
County Sheriff
Deputy County Manager
Elections Director
Employment and Economic Assistance Director
Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director
Enterprise Finance and Information Services Deputy Director
Environmental Resources Director
Facilities Management Director
Finance Director
Finance Deputy Director
First Assistant County Attorney
Fleet Management Manager
Human Resources Director
Library Director
Parks and Open Spaces Director
Physical Development Deputy Director
Physical Development Director

Property Taxation and Records Director
 Public Health Director
 Public Services and Revenue Deputy Director
 Public Services and Revenue Director
 Service and License Centers Director
 Transportation Director/County Engineer
 Veterans Services Director

Ayes: 7

- 7.4** Resolution No: 25-058
 Acceptance Of Resignation From Member Of Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Motion: Joe Atkins Second: Laurie Halverson

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation received from Luke Hellier, City representative on the Opioid Advisory Committee and authorizes staff to begin the process to fill the vacancy.

Ayes: 7

- 7.5** Resolution No: 25-059
 Authorization To Execute 2025-2026 Labor Agreement With Minnesota Nurses Association

Motion: Joe Atkins Second: Laurie Halverson

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute the Labor agreement with Minnesota Nurses Association in the Public Health and Social Services Departments for the period January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and those contract modifications submitted to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners dated January 21, 2025, and subject to approval by the County’s contracted labor counsel as to form.

Ayes: 7

8. Enterprise Finance and Information Services

- 8.1** Report On Invoices Paid In December 2024
 Information only; no action requested.

- 8.2** Resolution No: 25-060
 Authorization To Execute Contract With Minnesota Department Of Public Safety For 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative Homeland Security Grant And Amend 2025 Office Of Risk Management Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, has been provided funding from the

federal government under the homeland security grant program to enhance preparedness activities related to natural disasters and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County desires to improve internal preparedness efforts and to assist local agencies to be better prepared for any potential disasters/emergencies in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, acting through the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, has awarded a 2024 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$367,551 to Dakota County for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to execute a contract with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for the 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$367,551 for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the Office of Risk Management 2025 budget as follows:

Expense	
2024 UASI Homeland Security Grant CEP	\$212,000
2024 UASI Homeland Security Grant Operations	<u>\$155,551</u>
Total Expense	\$367,551
Revenue	
2024 UASI Homeland Security Grant	<u>\$367,551</u>
Total Revenue	\$367,551

Ayes: 7

9. Physical Development

9.1 Resolution No: 25-061
Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Joe Atkins Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, new subdivisions adjoining County highways are reviewed under the Dakota County Contiguous Plat Ordinance No. 108; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission examines plats prior to County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission has reviewed and recommends approval of the final plats by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the final plat approval by the County Board is subject to the conditions established by the Plat Commission review; and

WHEREAS, the following plats below require approval by their respective City Council prior to the recording of the plats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following final plats:

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Ayes: 7

9.2 Resolution No: 25-062

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Lakeville And Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization For North Creek - City Of Lakeville, Firelight Way Total Suspended Solids Reduction Project

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) received Watershed Based Implementation Funding (Grant) for the Firelight Way Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Reduction Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project is located near Flagstaff Avenue and Firelight Way in Lakeville, MN; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project is \$296,010; and

WHEREAS, the Grant award provides up to \$184,300 for the design and construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project will reduce TSS and will result in improved water quality conditions in North Creek; and

WHEREAS, the County will ensure it is in compliance with its Waste Load Allocation (WLA), a regulatory mechanism assigned to the County and other Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit holders by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that requires permittees to implement practices that reduce pollutant loading to area waterbodies; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires a minimum 10 percent local match, which will be provided using a combination of funding from Dakota County, the City of Lakeville, and the VRWJPO; and

WHEREAS, the County will directly contribute up to \$10,000 toward the local match from the approved 2025 Environmental Resources Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Project activities are planned to be implemented in 2025, 2026,

and 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Lakeville and with the Vermillion River Joint Powers Organization for the North Creek - City of Lakeville, Firelight Way Total Suspended Solids Reduction Project, as presented to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on January 21, 2025, subject to approval by the Dakota County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

9.3 Resolution No: 25-063

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Farmington And Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization For Vermillion River In City Of Farmington, 4th And Willow Total Suspended Solids Reduction Project

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) received Watershed Based Implementation Funding (Grant) for the 4th and Willow Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Reduction Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project is located near 4th Street and Willow Street in Farmington, MN; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project is \$117,120; and

WHEREAS, the Grant award provides up to \$71,013 for the design and construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project will reduce TSS and will result in improved water quality conditions in the Vermillion River; and

WHEREAS, the County will ensure it is in compliance with its Waste Load Allocation, a regulatory mechanism assigned to the County and other Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit holders by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that requires permittees to implement practices that reduce pollutant loading to area waterbodies; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires a minimum ten percent local match, which will be provided using a combination of funding from Dakota County, the City of Farmington, and the VRWJPO; and

WHEREAS, the County will directly contribute up to \$5,000 toward the local match from the approved 2025 Environmental Resources Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Project activities are planned to be implemented in 2025, 2026, and 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Farmington and with the Vermillion River Joint Powers Organization for the Vermillion River - City of Farmington, 4th and Willow Total Suspended Solids Reduction Project, as presented to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on January 21, 2025, subject to approval by the Dakota County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

9.4 Resolution No: 25-064

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Hastings And Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization For Vermillion River In City of Hastings, 15th And Bailey Total Suspended Solids Reduction Project

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) received Watershed Based Implementation Funding (Grant) for the 15th and Bailey Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Reduction Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project is located near 15th Street East and Bailey Street in Hastings, MN; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project is \$325,000; and

WHEREAS, the Grant award provides up to \$197,055 for the design and construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project will reduce TSS and will result in improved water quality conditions in the Vermillion River; and

WHEREAS, the County will ensure it is in compliance with its Waste Load Allocation, a regulatory mechanism assigned to the County and other Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit holders by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that requires permittees to implement practices that reduce pollutant loading to area waterbodies; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires a minimum ten percent local match, which will be provided using a combination of funding from Dakota County, the City of Hastings, and the VRWJPO; and

WHEREAS, the County will directly contribute up to \$5,000 toward the local match from the approved 2025 Environmental Resources Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Project activities are planned to be implemented in 2025, 2026, and 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Hastings and with the Vermillion River Joint Powers Organization for the Vermillion River - City of Hastings, 15th and Bailey Total Suspended Solids Reduction Project, as presented to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on January 21, 2025, subject to approval by the Dakota County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

9.5 Resolution No: 25-065

Authorization To Execute Contract With SRF Consulting Group, Inc., For North Creek Greenway Construction Administration Services And Amend The Parks CIP And Sales And Use Tax Capital Improvement Program 2025 Budgets For North Creek Greenway, Lakeville And Farmington Gap Project, In Cities Of Lakeville And Farmington, County Project P00146

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient greenway system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) P00146, North Creek Greenway in Lakeville and Farmington; and

WHEREAS, CP P00146 is the final design and construction of the North Creek Greenway from 173rd Street East in Lakeville and 189th Street East in Farmington; and

WHEREAS, the County is the lead agency for the project; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-523 (November 2, 2021), the County Board authorized a contract with SRF Consulting Services, Inc. (SRF) for final design of CP P00146; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-562 (December 13, 2022), the County Board authorized the execution of a contract amendment with SRF for additional funding to complete out-of-scope final design, right of way, and construction administration services work; and

WHEREAS, additional funding in the amount of \$35,393 is needed for SRF to complete the additional construction services work; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a new contract with SRF to include additional construction management, testing, survey, as-built, and inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Sales and Use Tax has sufficient funds for the contract amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Director to amend the

contract with SRF Consulting Services, Inc., to perform construction management, testing, survey, and inspection services for County Project P00146 in an amount not to exceed \$35,393, which includes a five percent contingency, resulting in a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$811,362.61, including reimbursable items, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

North Creek Greenway - Lakeville/Farmington Gap (P00146)

\$35,393

Total Expense

\$35,393

Revenue

Use of Sales and Use Tax

\$35,393

Total Revenue

\$35,393

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Sales and Use Tax Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Transfer to P00146

(\$35,393)

Total Expense

(\$35,393)

Revenue

Use of Sales and Use Tax

(\$35,393)

Total Revenue

(\$35,393)

Ayes: 7

- 9.6** Resolution No: 25-066
Authorization To Submit Grant Application To Metropolitan Council’s Regional Parks System Fishing Piers Grant Program, To Accept Grant If Awarded, And To Execute Grant Agreement

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the 2024 legislative session appropriated grant funds to Regional

Park Implementing Agencies for new fishing piers to increase fishing opportunities on lakes in the metropolitan parks system, and Metropolitan Council is tasked with soliciting proposals from the implementing agencies; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is eligible to apply for the fishing piers grant program through Metropolitan Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director, or their designee, to submit a grant application to Metropolitan Council for a fishing pier grant in the amount of up to \$125,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director, or their designee, to execute a grant agreement with Metropolitan Council for a fishing pier funding in the amount of up to \$125,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program as follows, if awarded:

Expense	
Fishing Piers Project Expense	<u>\$125,000</u>
Total Expense	\$125,000
Revenue	
Fishing Piers Grant - Met Council	<u>\$125,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$125,000

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Community Services

10.1 Update On Sentence To Service Program

Field Services Deputy Director Sarah Reetz briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

11. Physical Development

11.1 Update On 2024 Dakota County Americans With Disabilities Act Transition Plan For County Highway Rights Of Way

Senior Transportation Planner Scott Peters briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

11.2 Resolution No: 25-067

Authorization To Submit Recommended Design Alternative To Minnesota Department Of Transportation For Interchange Improvements At County State Aid Highway 50/5 And Interstate 35 In City Of Lakeville, County Project 50-33

Motion: Mary Liz Holberg

Second: William Droste

Senior Project Manager Doug Abere briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 50-33; and

WHEREAS, CP 50-33 includes the preliminary engineering design of improvements at the interchange of County State Aid Highway 50 (CSAH 50) and Interstate 35 (I-35) in Lakeville; and

WHEREAS, the interchange project is planned for 2028-2029 construction, with current project management goals addressing the need to submit a recommended geometric layout to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for review by February 1, 2025, per Minn. Stat § 161.178 Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact Assessment; and

WHEREAS, County staff and engineering consultants have completed technical studies of project alternatives, working with the City of Lakeville and MnDOT, and completed two public meetings on September 9 and December 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, County, City, and MnDOT staff evaluated efficient and safe service for increasing traffic when evaluating design alternatives, as well as other criteria including opportunities to limit property impacts and construction costs; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommend submitting the Diverging Diamond interchange alternative to MnDOT for further technical review by February 1, 2025, formatted as a study layout following MnDOT procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Engineer to submit the Diverging Diamond interchange alternative to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for further technical review by February 1, 2025, formatted as a study layout.

Ayes: 7

12. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

13. County Manager's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch provided a brief update on the following:

- The annual unsheltered 'Point in Time Count' will be held the evening of January 22, 2025. This is an annual event to reach out to those experiencing homelessness in Dakota County and an opportunity to assist.

14. Information

14.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

15. Adjournment

**15.1 Resolution No: 25-068
Adjournment**

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Mike Slavik
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager