



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

(or following County Board)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Workman at 9:40 a.m.

Present

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

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

The audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

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

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

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

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

4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on April 7, 2026 and April 14, 2026

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Laurie Halverson

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

5. County Board/County Administration

5.1 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item. Capitol visits will take place tomorrow and the RZ Plus ground breaking will be held on April 29. Georg Fischer, Assistant County Manager-Physical Development, gave an update on the remaining funds for Thompson County Park Phase II Master Plan improvements. Dan Dwight, Stinson representative was present via interactive technology and provided a state legislative update. Mike Erlandson and Tom Downs, Downs representatives were present via interactive technology and provided a federal legislative update. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

- The committee previously approved a letter of opposition that was sent to the federal Dept. of Transportation expressing concerns with the Regional Solicitation's Community Considerations criteria and it's implementing process, which is scheduled to be approved by Met Council at its April 22, 2026 meeting. The committee directed staff to also send the letter to Metropolitan Council representatives as well as copy the Metropolitan Council Board. Commissioner Atkins recommended future follow-up with Metropolitan Council Chair, Robin Hutcheson, as well as let other members know that the letter is coming.

- Scott County has requested a letter of support for Trunk Highway 13 road reconstruction that would be sent to the MN Senate. The committee approved sending the letter with amended language, sharing the regional significance and that this is not a top priority for Dakota County.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Central Operations

6.1 Update On Services From Nonprofit Vendors

The following non-profit vendors were present and gave a high-level overview of their services. Representatives with the vendors responded to questions.

DARTS - Mike Lavin (President) and Vicki Patterson (Program Manager of Onsite Services)

Guild - John Adams (Chief Clinical Officer) and Jenni Kahmeyer (Director of Clinical Services)

Nexus Family Healing - Tatlor Wolf (Admission Supervisor) and Carly White (Operations Manager)

The Link - James Lewis (Chief Program Officer) and Tianna Odeen (Housing Division Director)

Information only; no action requested.

7. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch provided the following update:

- The Dakota-Scott joint workshop will be held on April 28 at Scott County.
- An update on upcoming finance work sessions.
- July 21 County Board meeting conflicts with travel for NACo Conference. Following discussion with the committee, it was determined to cancel the July 21, 2026 County Board, Regional Railroad Authority meeting and the General Government and Policy Committee.

8. Future Agenda Items

There were no suggested topics for future meetings.

9. Adjournment

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Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Laurie Halverson

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Ayes: 7

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