



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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 Halverson who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience

Chair Halverson 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: 26-209
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

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

5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

- 5.1** Resolution No: 26-210
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on May 5, 2026

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

Ayes: 7

6. Items Recommended by Board Committee*

- 6.1** Resolution No: 26-211
Approval Of Revised Policy 2751 Procurement, Contract And Grant

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

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

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

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

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

; and

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

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

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

Ayes: 7

- 6.2** Resolution No: 26-212
Update On Mental Health Promotion And Proclamation Of May As Mental Health Month

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, May is National Mental Health Month; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the Center for Disease Control:

- One in five United States (U.S.) adults experience mental illness
- One in twenty U.S. adults experience serious mental illness
- 50 percent of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75 percent by age 24
- In 2025, 1 in 5 employees in the U.S. reported experiencing burnout, with mental health problems being one of the key contributors
- 1 in 5 children aged 3-17 in the U.S. have a mental health condition, with ADHD, anxiety, and depression being the most common diagnoses

; and

WHEREAS, mental health is an important determinant of overall health and well-being for individuals; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic, along with compounding community trauma, continues to have a significant impact on adult and child mental health, particularly for people with pre-existing mental illness and Substance Use Disorder (SUD), and for communities of color; and

WHEREAS, many residents are struggling with the long-term impacts of illness, loss of loved ones, social isolation, job loss, changes in routines, racism or other forms of discrimination, and community trauma, resulting in many who are experiencing unprecedented levels of fear, anxiety, and stress; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has maintained a focus on connecting people to community mental health and SUD services, promoting mental health messaging and initiatives, addressing service needs and gaps through community partnerships, training, and engaging the perspective and voice of people with lived experience; and

WHEREAS, this includes providing community members with practical tools they can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective strategy to reduce the impact of mental health conditions and, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has a network of mental health services and initiatives that provide mental health support and promote mental health awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County staff, in partnership with other organizations, are committed to building public awareness and addressing stigma as important steps in supporting people to access treatment and support; and

WHEREAS, promoting mental health and awareness of resources and support is especially important given the impacts of the pandemic and community trauma on mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners proclaim May as Mental Health Month in Dakota County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 2026 as Mental Health Month in Dakota County and supports efforts to promote mental health awareness, training, education, and access to information, services, and supports to serve the mental health needs of the citizens of Dakota County.

Ayes: 7

7. Central Operations

7.1 Resolution No: 26-213

Authorization To Execute Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right To Use Agreement With City Of Apple Valley

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the City of Apple Valley desires the use of two strands of fiber from Redwood Park at 311 150th Street West, Apple Valley, to Apple Valley City Hall at 7100 174th Street West, Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Apple Valley desires the use of two strands of fiber from Kelley Park at 6855 Fortino Street, Apple Valley to Apple Valley City Hall at 7100 174th Street West, Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County agrees to grant to the City of Apple Valley the right to use four fibers within certain fiber optic cable segments; and

WHEREAS, City of Apple Valley agrees to pay Dakota County \$1,740 annually for the use of the four strands fiber; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of this agreement is ten years, with two separate five-year renewals; and

WHEREAS, a Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right To Use Agreement with City of Apple Valley is required for use of County fiber optic cable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute an

Indefeasible Right to Use Agreement with the City of Apple Valley, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

7.2 Resolution No: 26-214

Authorization To Execute Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right To Use Agreement With Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Independent School District 196

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Independent School District 196 desires the use of one fiber from Dakota County to provide the school district fiber connecting Western Service Center at 14955 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley to the new Rosemount Middle School at Boulder Trail and Biscayne Avenue, Rosemount; and

WHEREAS, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Independent School District 196 desires to lease the use of six fibers from Dakota County to connect the new Rosemount Middle School at Boulder Trail and Biscayne Avenue, Rosemount to 132nd Street NW and Robert Trail, Rosemount; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County agrees to grant to Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Independent School District 196 the right to use seven fibers within certain fiber optic cable segments; and

WHEREAS, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Independent School District 196 agrees to pay Dakota County \$9,290 annually for the use of the fiber; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of this agreement is ten years, with two separate five-year renewals; and

WHEREAS, a Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right To Use Agreement with Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Independent School District 196 is required for use of County fiber optic cable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute an Indefeasible Right to Use Agreement with Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Independent School District 196, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

7.3 Report On Invoices Paid In April 2026

Information only; no action requested.

8. County Board/County Administration

- 8.1** Resolution No: 26-215
Summary Of Conclusions Of Closed Executive Session To Hold Performance Review Of County Manager

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Open Meeting Law, Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, permits a public body to close a meeting to evaluate the performance of an individual subject to its authority; and

WHEREAS, the statute requires that the public body summarize its conclusions regarding the evaluation during a subsequent open meeting; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2026, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners held a closed executive session to hold a discussion of the mid-year performance of the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the mid-year review of the County Manager did not result in a rating and was conducted for performance feedback purposes only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners hereby reports that the review consisted of a discussion of the County Manager's accomplishments and observations over the past six months, along with challenges and opportunities she and the Board foresee for the performance of County Manager for the remainder of the year, and did not result in any conclusions regarding the County Manager's performance.

Ayes: 7

9. Community Services

- 9.1** Resolution No: 26-216
Proclamation Of Emergency Medical Services Week In Dakota County May 17-23, 2026

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 03-218 (April 22, 2003), the Board established the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Council's membership, structure, and advisory role to the Dakota County Public Health Director; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Dakota County EMS Advisory Council is to assure prompt, quality and coordinated EMS to the citizens of Dakota County by providing high-quality care through training, community awareness, system improvement, and assuring best practices; and

WHEREAS, EMS Council members include representatives from hospitals, ambulance providers, police, fire, medical directors, County emergency response staff, Dakota 911, and others, including Allina, Health East, Burnsville,

Hastings, North Air Care, South Metro Fire, Cannon Falls and Northfield EMS ambulance providers; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Advisory Council works collaboratively with the Public Health Department to enhance EMS services to Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2026, the Dakota County EMS awards were presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week in Dakota County by recognizing the value of emergency medical service providers in Dakota County.

Ayes: 7

10. Physical Development

10.1 Resolution No: 26-217

Approval Of Dakota County Fiscal Year 2026 One-Year Action Plan For Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, And Emergency Solutions Grant Programs

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County is an Entitlement County for funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and a Participating Jurisdiction for the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's Participating Jurisdiction status under the HOME Program pertains to a multi-jurisdiction consortium created in 1992 that includes Anoka, Washington, and suburban Ramsey Counties and the City of Woodbury (HOME Consortium); and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is designated as the Lead Agency for the HOME Consortium, responsible for certain administrative and reporting functions of the HOME Program; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) administers the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs on behalf of Dakota County, thereby requiring agreements between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Dakota County for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds and between Dakota County and the Dakota County CDA for CDBG, HOME, and ESG program administration; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the development and submission of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 One-Year Action Plan that proposes the allocation of the annual CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds to local governments and housing providers in the County; and

WHEREAS, CDA staff has worked with participating communities and agencies to identify CDBG, HOME, and ESG activities for FY 2026; and

WHEREAS, the proposed activities for HUD funds meet the housing and community development priorities identified in the Dakota County 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County FY 2026 CDBG allocation is \$2,015,752 with \$350,000 of anticipated program income, the Dakota County FY 2026 HOME allocation is \$918,712.28, including program income (Consortium total of \$3,070,410.20), and the Dakota County FY 2026 ESG allocation is \$166,414; and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends allocating FY 2026 CDBG funds to 23 eligible activities for cities and townships, two Countywide activities, and one grant administration activity as follows: affordable housing rehab (64%), public services (12%), public facilities (4%), neighborhood revitalization (2%), down payment assistance (3%), planning (2%), and grant administration (13%); and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends allocating FY 2026 HOME funds to four eligible activities as follows: affordable rental housing (36%), affordable homeowner housing (36%), CHDO activities (13%), and grant administration (15%); and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends allocating FY 2026 ESG funds to five eligible activities as follows: emergency shelter operations (60%), rapid re-housing activities (28%), homelessness prevention activities (1.5%), the Homeless Management Information System (3%), and grant administration (7.5%); and

WHEREAS, HUD requires that a public notice be published, and a public hearing be held to receive comments and inform the public on the Dakota County 2026 One-Year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, public notice of a minimum 30-day public comment period was published in the *Dakota Tribune* on March 13, 2026, and a public hearing notice was published in the *Dakota County Tribune* on March 27, 2026, and in the *Star Tribune* on April 2, 2026, and on the websites of participating cities, the Dakota County CDA website at www.dakotacda.org, and the Dakota County website at www.co.dakota.mn.us; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on April 21, 2026, to receive comments on the Dakota County Fiscal Year 2026 One-Year Action Plan, and no comments were received at the hearing, nor were comments submitted to the CDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approves the Dakota County Fiscal Year 2026 One-Year Action

Plan for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and hereby approves the 2026 Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, the 2026 Written Standards for the Emergency Solutions Grant program, and the 2026 Citizen Participation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Board Chair is hereby authorized to sign the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs and the Local Government and Specific Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Certifications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Board Chair is hereby authorized to execute Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the acceptance of Community Development Block Grant funds totaling \$2,015,752, HOME Investment Partnership funds totaling \$2,258,228.07 for the Consortium with \$918,712.28 distributed to Dakota County including program income, and Emergency Solutions Grant funds totaling \$166,414; and a subrecipient agreement with the Dakota County Community Development Agency for the administration of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Community Development Agency Director of Community and Economic Development is hereby designated as the certifying officer for environmental reviews for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Capital Fund Programs.

Ayes: 7

10.2 Resolution No: 26-218

Ratification Of Quarterly Entitlement And Special Funding Requests To U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) administers the entitlement funds of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program for Dakota County, and a special allocation of HOME American Rescue Plan Act funds; and

WHEREAS, funds expended from previously approved projects for Fiscal Years 2021-2025 of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs and special allocations must be ratified by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG entitlement expenses from January 1, 2026-March 31,

2026, totaled \$255,704.81; and

WHEREAS, the HOME entitlement and special allocation expenses from January 1, 2026-March 31, 2026, totaled \$217,722.76; and

WHEREAS, the ESG entitlement allocation expenses from January 1, 2026-March 31, 2026, totaled \$38,409.55; and

WHEREAS, the CDA has paid the requests for payment associated with the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the requisitions to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$511,837.12 for January 1, 2026-March 31, 2026, as presented.

Ayes: 7

10.3 Resolution No: 26-219

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Dakota County Soil And Water Conservation District For Lawns Reimagined Compost Grant Program

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 471.59 authorizes local governmental units to jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting party; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County and the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) are governmental units as that term is defined in Minn. Stat. § 471.59; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan counties are responsible for waste management policy and programs (Minn. Stat. § 115A.551); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-456 (September 23, 2025), the County Board adopted the 2024- 2044 Dakota County Solid Waste Management Plan (Solid Waste Management Plan), which includes tactics to increase the use of compost; and

WHEREAS, use of compost supports organics markets and has environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, the County has a food scraps drop-off program and other organics diversion programs to encourage residents, businesses, schools and other government organizations to compost organic materials that can be used for many different applications, including as a seedbed for fine fescue seeds; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County receives Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment (SCORE) funds from the State of Minnesota to implement landfill abatement programs and is required to expend at least 50 percent of SCORE

funds that exceed the State's fiscal year 2014 funding allocation on organics programming (Minn. Stat. § 115A.557); and

WHEREAS, dedicated organics programming SCORE funds can be used to cover the acquisition and delivery of compost to residents; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County SWCD established the Lawns Reimagined Program (Program), which provides education and support to Dakota County residents to convert their lawns to longer-rooted, drought tolerant fine fescue lawns with lower nutrient requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Resources Department and the SWCD have expressed mutual interest in executing a joint powers agreement to cooperate and coordinate activities related to the delivery of compost to Program participants who elect to receive compost along with SWCD's on-site review and follow-up visits as part of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the County's obligation for the purchase and delivery of compost for eligible Program participants shall not exceed \$5,000 per calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Assistant County Manager: Physical Development to execute a joint powers agreement with the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Lawns Reimagined Program through December 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the total joint powers agreement, subject to approval by County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.4 Resolution No: 26-220

Authorization To Execute Second Contract Amendment With KLJ Engineering, LLC, For Two Roundabouts On County State Aid Highway 86 (280th Street W), County Projects 86-43 And 86-44

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 86-43 and CP 86-44 to reconstruct intersections on County State Aid Highway 86 at Trunk Highway (TH) 3 and TH 56 into rural single-lane roundabouts; and

WHEREAS, the original contract with KLJ Engineering, LLC was authorized for \$541,313.30 (DCA21201), and the first amendment added \$232,221 for a total of \$773,534.30 (DCA21201.1); and

WHEREAS, the second amendment for additional out-of-scope work is required to complete the design, including design revisions and agency coordination, and assistance with construction administration for environmental monitoring and soil sampling within the areas of known contamination at a cost of \$158,843.40 which will bring the total contract value to \$932,376.70; and

WHEREAS, the second amendment amount will be equally split between the two projects as below:

County Project 86-043: \$79,421.20

County Project 86-044: \$79,421.20

; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist in the 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Transportation Department Director, or their designee, to execute a second amendment to the contract with KLJ Engineering, LLC, increasing the contract amount by \$158,842.40 resulting in a new contract total not to exceed \$932,376.70, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.5 Resolution No: 26-221

Authorization To Execute Contract With Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc., For Americans With Disabilities Act-Compliant Pedestrian Ramp Design Services For Countywide 2027 Preservation Of Paved Highway Surfaces Projects

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with the 2027 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces Projects; and

WHEREAS, due to staff capacity, a consultant is needed to complete the Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant pedestrian ramp design tasks within the project schedule; and

WHEREAS, County staff sent a request for proposals to four qualified professional consultants for the necessary pedestrian ramp design scope; and

WHEREAS, three proposals were received and evaluated by County staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. was determined to best meet the proposal scoring criteria as shown in the request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget includes \$1,300,000 for Preservation of Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends entering into a consultant contract with Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. for a total contract amount of \$169,090.

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

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Transportation Department Director, or designee, to execute a contract with Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. to perform Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant pedestrian ramp design services for 2027 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces in an amount not to exceed \$169,090, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.6 Resolution No: 26-222

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization, For Ravenna Trail Sontag Ravine Repairs Project, Ravenna Township

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, to promote a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County, in cooperation with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO), completed erosion stabilization on the Sontag Ravine, County Project 54-010; and

WHEREAS, the Sontag Ravine is located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 54 (Ravenna Trail), a half mile north of CSAH 68 (200th Street); and

WHEREAS, construction of the stabilization project was completed in the spring of 2024; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2025, high-intensity rainfall and elevated stream flows undermined the rock structures, displaced the riprap, and scoured the channel bed; and

WHEREAS, rainfall events caused damage to the previously constructed stabilization which necessitated repairs; and

WHEREAS, the VRWJPO staff prepared design drawings and specifications to repair the Ravenna Trail Sontag Ravine; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement (JPA) was drafted to allow the definition of the responsibilities of the County and the VRWJPO; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing the execution of the JPA with VRWJPO for the Ravenna Trail Sontag Ravine Repairs Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Transportation Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization for the Ravenna Trail Sontag Ravine Repairs Project, subject to approval by the Dakota County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.7 Resolution No: 26-223

Authorization To Execute State Aid Federal Aid Agency Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Transportation To Administer Federal Funding For Engineering Design For Reconstruction Of County State Aid Highway 50 And Interstate 35 Interchange In City Of Lakeville, County Project 50-33

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County seeks to provide a safe and efficient transportation system consistent with the adopted Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is advancing County Project (CP) 50-33 to address safety, and mobility needs on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 50/CSAH 5 and Interstate 35 (I-35) at the major interchange in the city of Lakeville; and

WHEREAS, CP 50-33 includes replacement of County and City roadway infrastructure and bridges within the interchange area and requires coordinated work affecting I-35; and

WHEREAS, construction of CP 50-33 is planned to commence in 2029 and to meet the project schedule, and associated federal funding deadlines, professional services for final engineering design and right of way activities are anticipated to begin this fall; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Act designated \$5,040,000 in Federal Highway Administration funding as Congressionally Directed Spending to support engineering design of the I-35 and County Road 50 Interchange Reconstruction project; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), acting as the pass-through agency for these federal funds, requires Dakota County to execute a State Aid Federal Aid Agency Agreement to ensure compliance with federal requirements and to establish the process for receiving and administering the federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the agreement must be executed to authorize the federal funding, which must be obligated by September 1, 2026, with a maximum federal share of 80 percent and a 20 percent non-federal match of \$1,080,000; and

WHEREAS, execution of the agreement will enable Dakota County to advertise a qualifications-based request for proposals for final engineering design and preliminary right of way activities, and subsequently submit invoices for reimbursement of eligible costs; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends executing a State Aid Federal Aid Agency agreement with MnDOT to administer federal funding for design and engineering for the reconstruction of CSAH 50 and I-35 interchange, CP 50-33 in Lakeville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County to execute a State Aid Federal Aid Agency Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to administer federal funding for engineering design related to County Project 50-33, the reconstruction of the County State Aid Highway 50 and Interstate 35 interchange in Lakeville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Director or their designee to execute said agreement, and any amendments thereto, along with any associated documents consistent with this action.

Ayes: 7

- 10.8** Resolution No: 26-224
Authorization To Amend 2026 Adopted Budget And Authorization To Execute Second Contract Amendment With SRF Consulting Group, Inc., For 117th Street (New County Road 32) In Inver Grove Heights, County Project 32-65

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is reconstructing 117th Street in Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, the design of the project was done by SRF Consulting Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a contract was executed with SRF Consulting Group, Inc., to provide construction management for the project; and

WHEREAS, design support during the construction phase includes reviewing of contractor submittals, shop drawings, and Requests for Information (RFIs), reissuing plan sheets as necessary, and performing additional services to support requests made by Dakota County, the City of Inver Grove Heights, Union Pacific Railroad, or other key stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the plans are required due to the addition of driveway at Pine Bend Sanitation; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad is requiring an additional geotechnical report for pipeline jacking crossing under their tracks; and

WHEREAS, SRF Consulting Group Inc., proposed a contract increase of \$120,330 to allow for these added tasks; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget requires an amendment for CP 32-65 to continue with the construction contract; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Sales & Use Tax contains sufficient funds to account for the budget amendment of CP 32-65 in the amount of \$120,330,

bring the total project budget to \$23,158,592; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing the execution of an amendment to the contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc., in the amount of \$120,330 funded by the current budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Assistant County Manager: Physical Development to execute a second amendment to the contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc., in the amount of \$120,330 for design support and an additional geotechnical report for the Union Pacific Railroad for County Project 32-65, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget is hereby amended to include funds for County Project 32-65 as follows:

Expense	
County Project 32-65	<u>\$120,330</u>
Total Expense	\$120,330
Revenue	
Transportation Sales & Use Tax	<u>\$120,330</u>
Total Revenue	\$120,330

Ayes: 7

10.9 Resolution No: 26-225
Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Liz Workman Second: Joe Atkins

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 plat:

RICH VALLEY SECOND ADDITION

Rosemount

Ayes: 7

10.10 Resolution No: 26-226

Authorization To Acquire And Restore Conservation Easements And Acquire Donated Land On John B. Dudley Revocable Trust Property

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the John B. Dudley Revocable Trust (Dudley Family) owns 341.65 acres of rural property (Property) in Waterford Township; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located within the Cannon River Conservation Focus Area and a portion straddles the Cannon River adjacent to the historic Waterford Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Property includes three acquisitions: 1) a 16.96-acre permanent natural area conservation easement straddling the Cannon River (West Easement); 2) a 17.97-acre wooded permanent natural area conservation easement (East Easement); and 3) a 3.12-acre land donation also straddling the Cannon River; and

WHEREAS, an independent appraisal was completed, reviewed, and approved by County staff; and

WHEREAS, the Dudley Family agreed to sell the West Easement and East Easement (29.93 acres total) to the County for the appraised value of \$416,400, and donate 3.12 acres of land valued at \$31,500; and

WHEREAS, the estimated closing costs to acquire the Easements and land are \$5,500; and

WHEREAS, initial natural resource restoration within the West Easement is included in an Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund grant, and initial natural resource restoration for the East Easement is estimated to cost \$198,300 over five years, with the Dudley Family donating land in lieu of contributing to restoration costs; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the West Easement and acquisition and restoration of the East Easement are eligible for state Outdoor Heritage (OH) funding appropriated to the County by the Minnesota Legislature in Minnesota Law 2022 (ML22); and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Parks and Greenways Capital Improvement Program budget includes adequate ML22 OH funds for the Easements and East Easement restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, the final acquisition costs 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 \$611,200, including \$416,400 for acquisitions, \$5,500 in estimated closing costs, and \$189,300 for estimated East Easement restoration costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Department Director to execute the purchase agreements with the John B. Dudley Revocable Trust to acquire two natural area conservation easements and accept donation of land, 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 County Board Chair to execute the natural area conservation easements and a Notice of Funding Restrictions for each easement as required for use of state Minnesota Law 2022 Outdoor Heritage funds appropriated to the County by the 2022 Minnesota Legislature for acquiring the natural area conservation easements on the John B. Dudley Revocable Trust property, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following the acquisition of the natural area conservation easements on the John B. Dudley Revocable Trust property, staff will submit the necessary forms and documentation to the State of Minnesota to receive approximately \$609,700 in reimbursement funds over five years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such reimbursement from the State of Minnesota will be returned to the 2026 Parks and Greenways Capital Improvement Program budget.

Ayes: 7

10.11 Resolution No: 26-227

Authorization To Execute Contract With Edge Ecosystems LLC For Natural Resource Restoration In Seidl's Lake Park

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-568 (November 11, 2020), the County Board of Commissioners adopted a Land Conservation Plan for Dakota County, which included as a goal the establishment of a City - County Conservation Collaborative for natural resources planning, protection, and management; and

WHEREAS, the City of Inver Grove Heights submitted proposals to the City-County Conservation Collaborative for restoration projects in both Seidl's Lake Park and Harmon Park Preserve / Salem Hills Park; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-610 (December 16, 2025), the City of Inver Grove Heights and Dakota County executed a joint powers agreement to utilize

state grant funds and City matching funds to enact natural resource restoration projects in the proposed parks; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2026, the County issued a request for proposals for the Seidl's Lake Park Restoration project; and

WHEREAS, best-value contracting was used to evaluate and award this RFP; and

WHEREAS, the proposal evaluation team scored each proposal and selected Edge Ecosystems LLC; and

WHEREAS, the selected proposal has been approved by the City of Inver Grove Heights as a condition of the joint powers agreement; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds for the contract are available within the 2026 Adopted Parks Budget; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing the contract with Edge Ecosystems LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to execute a contract with Edge Ecosystems LLC for the Seidl's Lake Park Restoration project to conduct natural resource restoration in a total amount not to exceed \$56,903, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

11. Public Services and Revenue

11.1 Resolution No: 26-228

Approval Of Application For Assemblage Of Large Numbers Of People License Submitted By Midwest Mopars, Inc.

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted by Midwest Mopars, Inc. to hold the Midwest Mopars in the Park car show and swap meet from May 29-31, 2026, at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, in Castle Rock Township; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is the local governing body having jurisdiction over the proposed license, and the application has been reviewed for compliance with the County Ordinance No. 112 and has been approved by the Public Services and Revenue Division, Public Health Department, Risk Management Department, Transportation Department and Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Castle Rock Township approved the application on April 28, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application for Assemblage of Large Numbers of People License received by Midwest Mopars, Inc. to hold the Midwest Mopars in the Park car show and swap meet from May 29-31, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, in Castle Rock Township, and authorizes the Public Services and Revenue division to issue the license.

Ayes: 7

11.2 Resolution No: 26-229

Approval Of Application For Temporary Intoxicating On-Sale Liquor License During Midwest Mopars In The Park From Dakota County Agricultural Society, Inc.

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, an application was received from Dakota County Agricultural Society, Inc. for a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license during the Midwest Mopars in the Park car show held May 28-31, 2026, at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock Township; and

WHEREAS, Castle Rock Township approved the application on April 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division will not issue a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license without prior approval by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application from Dakota County Agricultural Society, Inc. for a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license during the Midwest Mopars in the Park car show held May 28-31, 2026, at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Public Services and Revenue Division is authorized to approve the application and upon payment of the proper fees, submit it to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division to issue the license.

Ayes: 7

11.3 Resolution No: 26-230

Approval Of Application For Temporary Intoxicating On-Sale Liquor License During Dakota County Fair Submitted By Dakota County Agricultural Society

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, an application was received from the Dakota County Agricultural Society, Inc. for a 7-day temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the Dakota County Fair held August 10-16, 2026 at the Dakota County Fairgrounds

in Castle Rock Township; and

WHEREAS, Castle Rock Township approved the application on April 28, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division will not issue a 7-day temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the agricultural society for sales during the county fair without prior approval by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application from the Dakota County Agricultural Society, Inc. for a 7-day temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license from August 10-16, 2026 during the Dakota County Fair held at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Public Services and Revenue Division is authorized to approve the application and upon payment of the proper fees, submit it to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division to issue the license.

Ayes: 7

11.4 Resolution No: 26-231
Approval Of Application For Exempt Permit To Hold Raffle For Folds Of Honor Minnesota Foundation LLC

Motion: Liz Workman Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, gambling licenses are issued by the Minnesota Gambling Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Gambling Control Board requires County approval of an application when the gambling premises are located in a township; and

WHEREAS, as application for an Exempt Permit to hold a raffle on August 16, 2026, in Ahlberg Hall at the Dakota County Fair Grounds in Castle Rock Township has been submitted by Folds of Honor Minnesota Foundation LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is the local governing body having jurisdiction over the proposed gambling activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application from Folds of Honor Minnesota Foundation LLC for an Exempt Permit to hold a raffle in Ahlberg Hall at the Dakota County Fair Grounds in Castle Rock Township on August 16, 2026.

Ayes: 7

- 11.5** Resolution No: 26-232
Approval Of Application For Assemblage Of Large Numbers Of People License For Little Log House Properties

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted by Little Log House Properties to hold their annual antique power show at the Little Log House in Marshan Township; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is the local governing body having jurisdiction over the proposed license, and the application has been reviewed for compliance with the County Ordinance No. 112 and has been approved by the Public Services and Revenue Division, Public Health Department, Risk Management Department, Transportation Department and Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Marshan Township approved the application on May 19, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application for Assemblage of Large Numbers of People License received by Little Log House Properties to hold their annual antique power show on July 24-26, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day and authorizes the Public Services and Revenue division to issue the license.

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Closed Executive Session

- 12.1** Resolution No: 26-233
Closed Executive Session: Discuss Labor Negotiations Strategy

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the Closed Executive Session was approved. Prior to recessing the County Board meeting at 9:18 a.m. the County Board completed the rest of the agenda and then went into recess. Pursuant to public notice, the Board convened at 9:27 in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, to discuss labor negotiations strategy.

The following were present:

Commissioner Mike Slavik, District 1

Commissioner Joe Atkins, District 2

Commissioner Laurie Halverson, District 3

Commissioner William (Bill) Droste, District 4

Commissioner Liz Workman, District 5

Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, District 6

Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, District 7

Heidi Welsch, County Manager
David McKnight, Deputy County Manager
Andy Benish, Human Resources Director
Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney
Kathy Keena, County Attorney
Will Wallo, Finance Director
Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board

The Closed Executive Session continued until 10:24 a.m., at which time the Board reconvened the County Board meeting with all members present.

WHEREAS, upon adoption of a resolution by majority vote, the Dakota County Board is authorized, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, to hold a closed executive session to discuss labor negotiations strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners desires to meet to discuss labor negotiations strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby closes the County Board meeting on May 19, 2026, and recesses to Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, Hastings in order to discuss labor negotiations strategy.

Ayes: 7

13. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

14. County Manager's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch gave the following update:

- the Boardroom will be closed for the month of June due to the Boardroom technology remodel. The County Board meetings will be held in Conference Room 3A during the month of June.
- thank you to Communications and Public Affairs Director Mary Beth Schubert for her great work during the legislative session.
- Accounting/Payroll Manager Brian Christensen was recognized and congratulated on his retirement. Brian has worked for Dakota County for almost 51 years.

15. Information

15.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Resolution No: 26-234 Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Laurie Halverson
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager