



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

10:00 AM

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

(or following Regional Railroad)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Workman at 10:21 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; County Attorney; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

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)

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

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

4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on March 11, 2025 and March 18, 2025

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

5. County Board/County Administration

5.1 Legislative Update

Communications and Public Affairs Director Mary Beth Schubert was present for this item. Downs representatives Tom Downs and Mike Erlandson provided a brief federal legislative update. Stinson representative Dan Dwight provided a brief state legislative update.

Parks Director Niki Geisler was present and provided a summary of a request to sign a letter from Metropolitan Parks and Trails System to oppose capital replacement fund proposal. The committee directed staff to submit a letter in opposition.

Library Director Margaret Stone gave a brief overview to the committee on the potential impact of federal cuts on libraries. The committee held discussion. Communications staff will compile a running list of potential areas that could sustain cuts and bring this back for discussion at a future meeting.

Discussion was held on pressures that the Lakeville licensing center is experiencing with the demand for same-day drivers licenses. The committee directed staff to proceed with a request to the Department of Public Safety. The request should ask the Department to provide Dakota County with the future plan regarding expanding the option to offer same-day drivers licenses at additional locations or if the program should be shut down.

Discussion regarding a recent bill introduced on local control was held and no additional direction at this time.

Information only; no action requested.

5.2 Update On Expo 2031

Expo 2031 Chief Executive Officer Wendy Meadley, Expo 2031 Chief Financial Officer Scott Swenson and Weber Johnson Managing Partner Richard Larkin McLay presented an update on Expo 2031 and responded to questions. County staff pointed out that the current potential site may have transportation projects (road construction) during the currently planned dates of the Expo. Staff advised Expo 2031 staff to look into the impacts. Any future updates will be brought as needed at a future date. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes and no action was taken.

Information only; no action requested.

6. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

No update was presented.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Ayes: 7

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