



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 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 11:15 a.m.

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

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: William Droste

Ayes: 6

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, 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 24, 2026

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 6

5. Central Operations

5.1 Update On Dakota County Investment Portfolio For 2025
Information only; no action requested.

6. County Board/County Administration

6.1 2026 Board Priorities First Quarter Update
Information only; no action requested.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. County Board/County Administration

7.1 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item.

- HF3927 - a bonding bill for Lebanon Hills and Lake Byllesby campground buildings and swimming beach facility replacement will be heard at an informational hearing at the House Capital Investment Committee today.

- Heard in passing that Region's Hospital wants to be included on any Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) bailout and have indicated they may approach Dakota County to join a coalition of support.

- As of last week, all applications for Congressionally Directed Spending have been submitted to Craig, Klobuchar and Smith's offices. These also included letters of support from Cities of Rosemount, Farmington, Lakeville, the Lakeville Chamber, Dakota County Regional Chamber and Farmington Area Public Schools ISD 192.

- A potential letter of opposition was presented in opposition 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 proceed with the letter.

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.

Information only; no action requested.

8. Central Operations

8.1 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.

360 Communities - Jeff Mortensen (President and CEO)
Ally - Amber Hanson (Director of Housing and Homeless Services)
Avivo - Becca Lopez (Vice President) and Julie Kizlik (Director)
Center City Housing - Nancy Cashman (Executive Director)
Dakota Woodlands - Colleena Carlisle (Executive Director)

Information only; no action requested.

9. Public Services and Revenue

9.1 Discussion And Direction On Public Art Blueprint Draft Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles, And Opportunities

This item was not presented due to time constraints. Discussion on this topic will be held at a future meeting.

Information only; no action requested.

10. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch provided a brief update on the budget and referenced the Division Director's Reports that were distributed.

11. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Slavik shared information regarding the upcoming Open House for Ravenna Trail, County Project 54-011. Continued discussion on this topic may potentially come to a future meeting.

12. Adjournment

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On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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