



# **Dakota County**

## **Board of Commissioners**

### **Minutes**

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**Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**Boardroom, Administration Center,  
Hastings, MN**

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#### **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](mailto:CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us). No comments were received for this agenda.

#### **4. Agenda**

**4.1** Resolution No: 25-319  
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### **5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes**

**5.1** Resolution No: 25-320  
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on June 24, 2025

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

Ayes: 7

**6. Items Recommended by Board Committee\***

**6.1 Resolution No: 25-321**

Authorization To Execute Third Contract Amendment With The Boldt Company For Construction Manager/General Contractor Services For Phase II Of Byllesby Dam Water-To-Wire Development Project And Amend Total Project Budget

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 15-532 (October 20, 2015), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized staff to execute a contract for preliminary design tasks on a turbine upgrade project to replace the existing century-old equipment in the dam; and

WHEREAS, to complete this project, County staff developed a team including an engineering consultant to provide project design, a turbine manufacturer to provide turbine and generation equipment in a complete package (e.g., water-to-wire equipment), and a general contractor for installation of the equipment and modification to the powerhouse structure; and

WHEREAS, due to the complexities in the design, construction, and installation of the water-to-wire facilities, including new turbines and generators to maximize the electric power output of the dam in the future, staff concluded that the standard low bid methodology of awarding the construction contract was not appropriate and was unlikely to provide the best value to the County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-538 (October 23, 2018), in accordance with the authority granted in Minn. Stat. 130G.535, the County Board approved utilizing a special type of contractor relationship that provides both construction management and general contractor services on the project and allows staff to develop and solicit a request for qualification for services; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-773 (October 29, 2019), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a contract with The Boldt Company to perform Construction Manager/General Contractor Services related to the redevelopment of the site for the project; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-368 (July 20, 2021), the County Board authorized the execution of a contract with The Boldt Company to perform Construction Manager/General Contractor Services for Phase II of the development project; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-286 (July 19, 2022), the County Board authorized the first amendment to the contract, bringing the total contract value to a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,652,875.42; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-247 (May 21, 2024), the County Board authorized the second amendment to the contract, bringing the total contract value to a not-to-exceed amount of \$26,335,502.01; and

WHEREAS, the current amendment in the amount of \$1,300,000 is necessary to cover costs associated with dam safety, electrical and mechanical supporting components, and high voltage interconnection work associated with selling power on the open market to increase dam revenues and reduce the project payback period; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends execution of a third contract amendment with The Boldt Company, bringing the total contract amount to \$27,635,502.01 and including an amendment of the overall project budget in the amount of \$2,414,929, bringing the total project budget to \$50,546,365.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a third contract amendment with The Boldt Company to provide Construction Manager/General Contractor services for Phase II of the Byllesby Dam Water-To-Wire Redevelopment Project in the amount not to exceed \$27,635,502.01 and amend the overall project budget, totaling \$2,414,929 subject to the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2025 Byllesby Dam Capital Improvement Program Budget as follows:

**Revenue**

Environmental Legacy Fund

\$2,414,929

**Total Revenue**

**\$2,414,929**

**Expense**

Byllesby Dam Water-to-Wire (BD0008)

\$2,414,929

**Total Expense**

**\$2,414,929**

Ayes: 7

**6.2 Resolution No: 25-322**

Authorization To Allocate Local Affordable Housing Aid Funds To Dakota County Community Development Agency And Amend 2025 Non-Departmental Budget

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) is aid to metropolitan local governments of seven counties, including Dakota County, and 63 cities; and

WHEREAS, LAHA is funded through a dedicated sales tax in the seven-county metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, during the 2025 budget process, the County Board approved a budget of \$4.9 million of LAHA funding that included investments for Emergency Rental Assistance, Apartment Services, Prevention and Navigation Services, Housing Clinic, Family Voucher Program, and Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing Services; and

WHEREAS, based on LAHA revenues to date, staff projects annual LAHA revenues of \$9,800,000; and

WHEREAS, during the October 22, 2024, Community Services Committee meeting, the Board gave direction to budget 50 percent of LAHA in the Dakota County Social Services budget and hold 50 percent for future discussion of Community Development Agency (CDA) allocation; and

WHEREAS, Board authorization is needed to budget and distribute LAHA funds to the CDA in 2025 for qualifying projects, consistent with the County's Housing Business Plan; and

WHEREAS, the CDA's proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 budget will include the appropriated LAHA funds for eligible activities and projects; and

WHEREAS, staff will also briefly discuss options for the 2026 allocation process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to accept Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2025 Non-Departmental Budget as follows:

**Expense**

Community Development Agency Allocation \$4,900,000

**Total Expense** **\$4,900,000**

**Revenue**

LAHA Funding \$4,900,000

**Total Revenue** **\$4,900,000**

Ayes: 7

**7. Central Operations**

**7.1 Resolution No: 25-323**

Authorization To Amend Contract With EarthSoft, Inc., For Data Migration Services And Annual Licensing Agreement

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the Environmental Resources Department has purchased software

from EarthSoft, Inc., to better manage the well water and chemistry data collected over the years from wells located within Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, staff proposes to amend the contract for Professional Services and increase the contract maximum by \$60,120 for purposes of additional historical data migration; and

WHEREAS, staff proposes to amend the contract to cover annual license and maintenance costs for the term beginning on December 1, 2025 and ending on November 30, 2027 for an additional contract maximum increase of \$22,156; and

WHEREAS, funding for the data migration services project is available in the Physical Development Division Budget Incentive Program (\$60,120), and cost for the 2025 annual subscription and maintenance agreement renewal (\$22,156) is available in the Physical Development Division Operating Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to amend the contract with EarthSoft, Inc., for a total amount of \$82,276 for data migration services, and subscription and maintenance of the environmental data management software, 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 Deputy County Manager to execute amendments with Earthsoft, Inc., not to exceed a total contract amount of \$133,457, for annual licensing and maintenance of the environmental data management software and accompanying modules through November 30, 2028, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**7.2 Resolution No: 25-324**

Authorization To Execute Contract With Lodestar Solutions For IBM Cognos Reporting Software Licensing

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the County's current contract for Cognos licensing ends on July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, licensing costs for the County's Enterprise Resource Planning System, Dakota Connect, continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, County licensing for Dakota Connect can be reduced where business staff can get financial data through Cognos reports verses through Dakota Connect.

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

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a contract with Lodestar Solutions for IBM Cognos Reporting Software licensing from August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2028, in the amount of \$109,905 subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**7.3 Resolution No: 25-325**

Authorization To Adopt Amendments To Dakota County 2025 Fee Schedule

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, Social Services recommends that the County Board adopt amendments to the fee schedules for 2025 to include Family Child Care licensing fees; and

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted the 2025 Fee Schedule by Resolution No. 24-503 (October 29, 2024); and

WHEREAS, the authority to collect licensing fees for Family Child Care licenses is delegated to the counties under Minnesota Statutes, section 142B.12; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the legislature appropriated funding to cover licensing fees for family child care providers for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and this period will come to an end on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, previous communication from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) stated that from July 1, 2025, licensing fees would be collected by DHS through a centralized child care provider hub; and

WHEREAS, due to changes in the timeline for the rollout of the hub, DHS has recently informed counties that they will need to resume collecting fees for new applicants starting July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, later this year, counties will also need to collect licensing fees for providers to renew their licenses on January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Social Services recommends that the fee schedule be modified to add the following: Family Child Care Licensing, New Inspection (for one-year license): \$50; Inspection Renewal (for two-year license): \$100.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a modification to the fee schedule to add the following:

Family Child Care Licensing:

- New Inspection (for one-year license) fee is \$50
- Inspection Renewal (for two-year license) fee is \$100

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the proposed fee schedules will be implemented effective July 1, 2025.

Ayes: 7

## 8. County Board/County Administration

### 8.1 Resolution No: 25-326

Authorization To Accept 2024 State Bond Funding, Ratify Grant Agreement Execution, And Amend 2025 Capital Improvement Project Budget

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature held its 2024 session from February 12 to May 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted a legislative platform which included positions of support for the use of state funding for priority capital projects for the 2024 State Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, during the 2024 legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature authorized \$500,000 in state funding for the Energy Improvement Initiatives project; and

WHEREAS, the project was underway during the 2024 session and was substantially complete in March 2025; and

WHEREAS, the work included solar arrays at four locations, LED lighting in approximately half of the County facilities that were previously fluorescent, and HVAC retro commissioning at the Northern and Western Service Centers; and

WHEREAS, the contract for the work guarantees annual energy savings of \$304,941 in the first year, which escalates over time as utility rates increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to ratify the grant agreement with the Commissioner of Commerce and to accept \$500,000 in 2024 state funding for costs associated with the 2025 Capital Improvement Program budget; and

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

#### Revenue

County Funding (Energy Improvements Initiative Project)	(\$500,000)
State Bonding - Energy Improvements Initiative Project	<u>\$500,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Ayes: 7

- 8.2** Resolution No: 25-327  
Authorization To Amend Location Of Budget Workshop

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the meeting location of the July 23, 2025 budget workshop to the Empire Maintenance Facility, conference room W 137, 2800 160th Street West, Rosemount, MN 55068; scheduled from 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ayes: 7

- 8.3** Resolution No: 25-328  
Acceptance Of Resignation From Member Of Planning Commission

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation received by John Wallace, District 5 representative on Planning Commission, and authorizes staff to begin the process to fill the vacancy.

Ayes: 7

## **9. Community Services**

- 9.1** Resolution No: 25-329  
Authorization To Submit Transportation Coordination Grant Proposal To Minnesota Department Of Transportation To Improve Access To Transportation Services And Public Transportation Alternatives To Seniors And Persons With Disabilities, And If Awarded, Accept Grant Funds And Execute Grant Agreement, And Provide Local Share

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, since 2018, Dakota County has received Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Assistance (Section 5310) grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to utilize mobility management strategies to increase coordination efforts and improve mobility access to older adults and persons with disabilities in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-305 (July 18, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Manager to execute the grant with MnDOT to continue grant funding through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is currently administering Transit Coordination Assistance Project (TCAP) work through GoDakota; and

WHEREAS, continued grant funding through MnDOT with the local match will allow for the continued commitment of the TCAP work in Dakota County through GoDakota activities, programs and projects; and



WHEREAS, MnDOT is issuing a request for proposals, that requires respondents receive Board approval prior to submission; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County intends to submit a proposal and therefore is requesting authorization to submit a 2026-2027 MnDOT FTA Section 5310 TCAP grant proposal for funding in an amount up to \$638,747 in grant funds plus a \$159,686 (20 percent) County match for a total project cost of \$798,433 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, Dakota County will accept grant funds and execute a grant agreement with MnDOT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to submit a grant proposal to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for a Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Transit Coordinator Assistance Program grant to improve access to transportation services and public transportation alternatives for seniors, persons with disabilities, low income, and individuals who are system involved and transportation dependent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Community Services Director to execute the MnDOT grant agreement and accept the grant funds in the amount awarded for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 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.

Ayes: 7

**9.2 Resolution No: 25-330**

Authorization To Accept Minnesota Department Of Health Cannabis And Substance Use Prevention Grant Funds And Execute Grant Amendment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

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, 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; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-038 (January 21, 2025), the County Board authorized acceptance of grant funds and execution of a grant agreement in the amount 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 utilized 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 supported 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 create infrastructure to support a substance use prevention program that can respond to the growing needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, in June 2025, Public Health was notified by MDH that they would be releasing the CSUP grant allocations for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, in an amount less than year 1, but unspecified at this time; and

WHEREAS, in order for the county to receive these funds, the county must respond with a Letter of Intent for year 2 funding by July 15, 2025.

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 amendment with the Minnesota Department of Health for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026, for a total grant amount not to

exceed \$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 continue the 1.0 grant-funded, full-time equivalent 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 the amended 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

## **10. Physical Development**

### **10.1 Resolution No: 25-331**

Authorization To Award And Execute Contract With UrbanWorks Architecture LLC For Architectural And Engineering Services Required For Administration Center And Northern Service Center Kitchenettes And Break Spaces Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the 2025 Building Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget authorized the Administration Center (ADC) and Northern Service Center (NSC) Kitchenettes and Break Spaces project; and

WHEREAS, staff issued a request for proposals for architectural and engineering services on May 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff received six architectural and engineering services proposals, and staff interviewed three design teams for this project; and

WHEREAS, staff unanimously recommends UrbanWorks Architecture LLC as the firm to provide architectural and engineering services required for the ADC and NSC Kitchenettes and Break Spaces project; and

WHEREAS, UrbanWorks Architecture LLC has submitted a total fee proposal for \$139,500 for architectural and engineering services including reimbursables.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract with UrbanWorks Architecture LLC for the Administration Center and Northern Service Center Kitchenettes and Break Spaces project for a combined fixed fee of \$138,500 and a reimbursable cap of \$1,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**10.2** Resolution No: 25-332

Authorization To Accept Grant Funds From Mississippi National River And Recreation Area For Current Mississippi River Greenway Projects And Amend 2025 Capital Improvement Program Budgets

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, in 2022, Dakota County requested \$668,000 to the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) for consideration to include in their Five-Year Alternative Transportation System Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is within the MNRRA and can request up to 20 percent of project costs that are eligible for Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) Alternative Transportation Program (ATP) funding; and

WHEREAS, the funding received will be used to fund wayfinding, interpretation, and trail safety improvements along the Mississippi River Greenway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to accept funding from the Federal Lands Transportation Program Alternative Transportation Program and execute grant agreements as to form by the Dakota County Attorney's Office.

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

**Expense**

MRGW - Wayfinding, Landscape (2000232)	<u>\$168,000</u>
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$168,000</b>
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**Revenue**

FLTP (DOI) - MRGW - Wayfinding project (2000232)	<u>\$168,000</u>
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$168,000</b>
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense**

CP 56-14	<u>\$500,000</u>
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
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**Revenue**

FLTP (DOI) - CP 56-14	<u>\$500,000</u>
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
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Ayes: 7

**10.3** Resolution No: 25-333

Authorization To Amend Agricultural Easement On Gerald E. Taylor Revocable Living Trust And Mary E. Taylor Revocable Living Trust Property In Sciota Township

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the Gerald E. Taylor Revocable Living Trust and Mary E. Taylor Revocable Living Trust (Taylor Trust) own 78.94 acres (Parcel Identification Number 35-02200-04-011) in Sciota Township; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the trustees of the Taylor Trust submitted an agricultural easement (Easement) application to Dakota County's 2010 Farmland and Natural Area Program; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 10-130 (February 23, 2010), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners (County Board) authorized staff to submit a funding application, including the Taylor Trust property, to the 2010 federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP); and

WHEREAS, the FRPP subsequently approved matching funds for the six agricultural easements, including the Easement on the Taylor Trust property; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-319 (June 28, 2011), the County Board approved the acquisition of a 53.4-acre Easement on the Taylor Trust property; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-319 (June 28, 2011), the County Board approved the acquisition of the six agricultural easements, including a 54.3-acre Easement on the Taylor Trust property; and

WHEREAS, the Easement on the Taylor Trust property was acquired on December 1, 2011, and recorded as Document No. 2837130 on December 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, in April 2025, the Taylor Trust contacted County staff to request minor changes to the Easement boundary in preparation for a proposed future parcel subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the requested boundary change would add a portion of a spring-fed creek and approximately 0.4 acres of cultivated land to the Easement area while subtracting an equivalent amount of former pasture; and

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary change would be located three feet outside of the existing fence line along the eastern portion of the Easement exception area to create a more easily distinguishable boundary and result in no net change to the Easement acres; and

WHEREAS, the revised legal description of the Easement is as A permanent agricultural conservation easement over and across the following described property:

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 112 North, Range 19 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, EXCEPT the east 157.00 feet of the north 281.00 feet of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter and also EXCEPTING that part of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner said East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds West, assumed bearing, along the north line of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 1325.50 feet to the northwest corner of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 37 seconds West along the west line of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 509.66 to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence continuing South 00 degrees 01 minutes 37 seconds West along said west line of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 949.13 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 791.36 feet; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 20 seconds East a distance of 895.94 feet; thence North 50 degrees 31 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 303.76 feet; thence North 69 degrees 53 minutes 08 seconds West a distance of 80.60 feet; thence North 01 degrees 33 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 313.55 feet to the traveled centerline of Sciota Trail (said centerline is described below); thence southwesterly a distance of 692.44 feet along said centerline to the point of beginning.

And also EXCEPTING from the permanent agricultural conservation easement the following described parcels:

The east 55.00 feet of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 for public road purposes.

AND

That part of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 lying within 33.00 feet northerly and 50.00 feet southerly of the traveled centerline of Sciota Trail for public road purposes, said centerline of Sciota Trail is described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds West, assumed bearing, along the north line of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter a distance of 339.23 feet; thence South 88 degrees 26 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 401.27 feet; thence southwesterly a distance of 269.23 feet along a tangential curve concave to the southeast having a radius of 325.00 feet and a central angle of 47 degrees 27 minutes 51 seconds; thence South

40 degrees 58 minutes 28 seconds West tangent to said curve a distance of 431.19 feet; thence southwesterly a distance of 292.99 feet along a tangential curve concave to the northwest having a radius of 1400.00 feet and a central angle of 11 degrees 59 minutes 26 seconds and said centerline there terminating

; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.4 of the Easement allows easement boundary adjustments with written approval by the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an amendment to the boundary of the permanent agricultural conservation easement on the Gerald E. Taylor Revocable Living Trust and Mary E. Taylor Revocable Living Trust property, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**10.4** Resolution No: 25-334

Authorization To Execute Agreement With Xcel Energy Inc. For Relocation Of Transmission Pole Utilities Along Harry Avenue In Lake Byllesby Park Reserve, County Project 2000458

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient parks and greenways system, Dakota County is proceeding with the Harry Avenue and Mills Town State Trail Realignment Project (2000458); and

WHEREAS, County Project 2000458 will entail the realignment of about 240 feet of the Mills Town State Trail, about 220 feet of Harry Avenue, and the paving of a concrete pad for interpretation in Lake Byllesby Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy Inc. owns a transmission pole adjacent to the road and trail; and

WHEREAS, County Project 2000458's alignment was selected to improve safety for park and trail visitors in Lake Byllesby Park Reserve and the Mills Town State Trail; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County and Xcel Energy Inc. have reviewed the proposed alignments to assess the County Project's impact on Xcel Energy Inc.'s facilities; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy Inc. has completed its review and requires a new stub pole, span guys, and new and relocated down guywires; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy Inc. estimates the cost to complete their proposed

work is \$139,688, with the County to pay 100 percent of the costs; and

WHEREAS, to proceed with Xcel Energy Inc.'s proposed work, Dakota County must enter a relocation agreement with Xcel Energy Inc. and pay a down payment of \$28,863; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends execution of a relocation agreement with Xcel Energy Inc. for the estimated County cost amount of \$139,688.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to execute a relocation agreement with Xcel Energy Inc. for the necessary work on Xcel Energy Inc.'s facilities for County Project 2000458 in the amount of the actual costs currently estimated at \$139,688, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**10.5 Resolution No: 25-335**

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With Eureka Construction, Inc. To Provide General Contractor Services For Spring Lake Park Reserve Fischer Avenue Trailhead Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the 2024-2028 Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes a project to design and construct a trailhead along Fischer Avenue within Spring Lake Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, since April 2024, staff have worked with a design team led by Miller Dunwiddie Architecture, Inc. to progress the design and related review process; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2024, the County Board approved the schematic design as presented by County staff; and

WHEREAS, Miller Dunwiddie has prepared the construction documents, posted on March 4, 2025, and advertised in the *Hastings Journal* on March 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, one valid bid was received on April 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Eureka Construction, Inc. submitted a bid of \$4,235,959.55.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract with Eureka Construction, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$4,235,959.55 for the Spring Lake Park Reserve Fischer Avenue Trailhead project, subject to approval by the MnDOT State Aid office, and County Attorney's office as to form.



Ayes: 7

**10.6** Resolution No: 25-336

Authorization And Approval To Award Construction Contracts To Accomplish 2025 Parks Greenway Preservation And Parks Asset Preservation Capital Improvement Projects

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

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:

Parks:

- 2000230 - Greenway Preservation
- 1006040 - Parks Asset Preservation

Ayes: 7

**10.7** Resolution No: 25-337

Authorization To Execute Professional Design Service Contract With SRF For Mississippi River Landing Use Area and Access Project In Spring Lake Park Reserve

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes a project to design and construct the Mississippi River Landing

Use Area and Access project in Spring Lake Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the work includes professional design services for design through construction administration; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was prepared and issued to the public via the internet on May 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, three proposals were received on June 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, following the proposal evaluations, staff invited all three firms to interview for this project on June 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, following the interviews, staff reached a unanimous decision to recommend SRF as the consultant firm to provide the specified professional design services for this project; and

WHEREAS, SRF has submitted a total fee proposal of \$315,221.50 for professional design services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Director to execute a contract with SRF to perform professional services for Mississippi River Landing Area and Access Project in Spring Lake Park Reserve in an amount not to exceed \$315,221.50, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**10.8 Resolution No: 25-338**

Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment With S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. For Construction Services For Minnesota River Greenway Fort Snelling Segment In Burnsville And Eagan

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the Minnesota River Greenway runs along the south side of the Minnesota River in Eagan and Burnsville, extending from I-35W in Burnsville to Lilydale Regional Park in St. Paul; and

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

WHEREAS, the rapidly developing and robust recreational network that has developed in the area has created increased demand for completion of the trail connection between the recently constructed Lone Oak Trail Head, the Cedar Nicols Trailhead, and the Minnesota River Greenway Black Dog Segment to the west; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-423 (September 26, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with S.M.

Hentges & Sons, Inc. for construction service for the trail portion of the Fort Snelling segment of the Minnesota River Greenway in an amount not to exceed \$8,866,975.35; and

WHEREAS, construction of the trail began in December 2023 but was suspended due to insufficient permitting clearances related to a cultural site within the project area; and

WHEREAS, progress towards construction of the trail was further set back due to severe flooding of the project area, resulting in damage to construction materials; and

WHEREAS, these incidents resulted in a delay of one year and increased costs for mobilization, restoration, cultural site protection, wage inflation, and additional materials required to address the stoppage, reauthorize the project, and continue with construction in 2025; and

WHEREAS, these additional costs have prompted a total of 12 change orders to the contract with S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. to facilitate required actions and allow for construction to continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its Parks Director to amend a contract with S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. to an amount not to exceed \$11,876,677.61.

Ayes: 7

**10.9** Resolution No: 25-339

Authorization To Execute Cooperative Construction Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Transportation For County State Aid Highway 42 (145th Street) At Trunk Highway 52 Interchange Improvements In Rosemount, County Project 42-174

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 42-174; and

WHEREAS, CP 42-174 includes signalization of the TH 52 and CSAH 42 ramps, turn lane additions, and geometric modifications; and

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

WHEREAS, execution of Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1060247 will define right of way use, contract award, and construction, and signal maintenance responsibilities for CP 42-174.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute Agreement No. 1060247 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to

define right of way use, contract award, construction, maintenance responsibilities for the County State Aid Highway 42 traffic signals at the Trunk Highway 52 ramps, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**10.10 Resolution No: 25-340**

Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

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:

ASPEN FIELDS      Rosemount

Ayes: 7

**11. Public Services and Revenue**

**11.1 Resolution No: 25-341**

Approval Of Application For Off-Site Gambling For Lakeville Lions Club

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, off-site gambling permits 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, an application to conduct off-site gambling at Dakota County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock Township from August 4-10, 2025 has been submitted by the Lakeville Lions; and

WHEREAS, Castle Rock Township approved the application on June 10, 2025;

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 Lakeville Lions to conduct off-site gambling activities at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock Township from August 4-10, 2025.

Ayes: 7

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **12. Community Services**

#### **12.1 Resolution No: 25-342**

Proclamation Of Pretrial, Probation, And Parole Supervision Week In Dakota County July 20-26, 2025

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Community Corrections Director Suwana Kirkland briefed this item and responded to questions. Suwana recognized the staff that works in these roles and expressed appreciation and gratitude for the hard work they do.

WHEREAS, every year on the third full calendar week of July, Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week is celebrated to recognize the hard work of people involved in community corrections; and

WHEREAS, Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week honors all community corrections workers across the country who spend their days working to improve outcomes both for the individual they are supervising and for the public safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, probation officers are an essential part of the criminal justice system, upholding the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, probation officers are responsible for supervising adults and juveniles in the community; and

WHEREAS, they are trained professionals who provide services and referrals to clients, by working in partnership with community agencies and groups and promoting prevention, intervention, and advocacy on behalf of the clients they supervise; and

WHEREAS, probation officers support victims, promote restorative justice, and help individuals make meaningful changes; and

WHEREAS, probation officers serve as a driving force for safer and stronger communities in Dakota County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims July 20-26, 2025, as National Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week in Dakota County, honoring and recognizing probation officers for their service and dedication to caring for and improving the wellbeing of Dakota County residents.

Ayes: 7

**12.2** Resolution No: 25-343

Authorization To Apply For Minnesota Department Of Health Statewide Health Improvement Partnership Grant, Accept Funds and Execute Grant Agreement

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Interim Public Health Director Gina Pistulka and Deputy Public Health Director Erin Carder briefed this item and responded to questions.

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, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) was signed into law as an integral public health component of the Minnesota Health Reform Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the statewide focus was to implement policy, systems, and environmental changes aimed at reducing obesity and tobacco use to reduce the statewide burden of chronic disease and decrease health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has received funding through this grant since 2009; and

WHEREAS, applications for the next five-year grant are due to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) by August 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2025, the County received an estimated award letter from MDH for an estimated annual award of \$778,431 for the period of November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2030; and

WHEREAS, MDH stated that “While SHIP grants are on a five-year basis, only the first year of funding has been determined at this time; funding is also contingent on legislative approval each biennium and the MDH reserves the right to change funding amounts based on the total appropriated to SHIP each biennium”; and

WHEREAS, MDH requires grantees to work on strategies in the areas of schools, workplaces, food access, active living, commercial tobacco reduction and health care; and

WHEREAS, proposed strategies will be developed upon execution of a contract and will be tailored based on the Dakota County Public Health (DCPH) Community Health Assessment and the DCPH Community Health Improvement Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Health for Statewide Health Improvement Partnership Grant funds for the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2030; and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, That if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant funds and execute the grant agreement for the period of November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2030, 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

### **13. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates**

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

### **14. County Manager's Report**

Deputy County Manager David McKnight highlighted the Governor's 2024 Gold Achievement Award for excellence in workplace safety by the Minnesota Safety Council. This award reflects the County's commitment to staff safety and effective claims management. Risk and Homeland Security Manager Jenny Groskopf was present and thanked her staff as well as partners across all divisions and departments in the County.

### **15. Information**

#### **15.1 Information**

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

### **16. Adjournment**

**16.1** Resolution No: 25-344  
Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Mike Slavik  
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch  
County Manager