



# **Dakota County**

## **General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole**

### **Minutes**

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**Tuesday, August 12, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

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

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**(or following County Board)**

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Workman at 9:15 a.m.

##### **Present**

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

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

The audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

#### **2. Audience**

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

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

##### **3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)**

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

##### **4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on July 8, 2025**

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Ayes: 7

**5. Central Operations**

**5.1 Report On Budget Amendments And Contracts**

Information only; no action required.

**6. County Board/County Administration**

**6.1 2025 Board Priorities Second Quarter Update**

Information only; no action requested.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**7. Physical Development**

**7.1 Authorization To Submit Second Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program Application for Recycling Zone Plus**

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Environmental Resources Director Nikki Stewart and Environmental Supervisor Dave Magnuson were present for this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-493 (September 18, 2018), the Dakota County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Plan supports the Dakota County Board of Commissioners' desire to remove household hazardous waste (HHW) from the solid waste stream because of health, safety, and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is partnering with Scott County on a joint HHW and recycling center known as the Recycling Zone Plus; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County received \$2 million in the 2020 Minnesota legislative session from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program (CAP) for the purchase of property and design; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County purchased 12 acres in the City of Lakeville, MN, in 2024 near the Scott County border for the Recycling Zone Plus; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-055 (January 23, 2024), Dakota and Scott counties executed a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for the design and construction of the facility; and

WHEREAS, Dakota and Scott counties, as part of the JPA, will contribute the remaining capital funds based on each county's population percentage; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County received \$6 million in CAP from the 2025 Minnesota

legislative session for the construction of the Recycling Zone Plus; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has prepared a second application for a CAP grant to construct the Recycling Zone Plus at an estimated total project cost of \$24 million; and

WHEREAS, the final grant application requires Dakota County to identify how it will pay for the total cost of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Dakota County will implement the project, provide necessary local financing, and accept and exercise the governmental powers necessary to develop and operate the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County pledges to use all funds made available exclusively for the capital costs of the project and to pay any additional amount by which the cost of the project exceeds the estimate by appropriation to the construction fund of additional funds or proceeds of additional bonds of Dakota County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County recognizes that any subsequent withdrawal of allocated or additional funds of Dakota County will impair the obligation of contract between the state of Minnesota, Dakota County, and the bondholders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to sign the second Capital Assistance Program Grant Application and the Capital Assistance Program Grant Agreement on behalf of Dakota County.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 8/26/2025.

Ayes: 7

**7.2** Authorization For Approval Of Schematic Design And Authorization To Amend Professional Services Contract With Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc. And Amendment Of 2025 Facilities Capital Improvement Program For Burnhaven Library Renovation Project

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

Capital Projects Manager Jay Biedny and Senior Project Manager Mike Wiese presented on this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, the 2025-2029 Facilities Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes a project to renovate the Burnhaven Library as part of the next cycle of library renovation work; and

WHEREAS, Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc. (HGA), was selected as the consultant firm to lead the design efforts for the project by Resolution No.

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25-207 (April 22, 2025); and

WHEREAS, HGA worked with a Core Planning Group to confirm the programmatic needs and develop the project through the schematic design phase; and

WHEREAS, a Core Planning Group has identified additional mechanical and electrical infrastructure systems that are in need of replacement within the renovation project scope; and

WHEREAS, public input was solicited through an open house event, sharing materials at the library, and on the project webpage; and

WHEREAS, comments were submitted and shared with the design team for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Library Advisory Committee recommended the proposed schematic design for approval to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners on July 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the cost estimates prepared for the schematic design developed to date are in alignment with the estimated project budget, provided an additional \$1,000,000 in funding is added to the project; and

WHEREAS, the construction funding will be included in the 2026 Facilities CIP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the recommended schematic design for the Burnhaven Library Renovation as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract amendment with Hammel, Green And Abrahamson, Inc., 420 North 5th Street, Suite #100, Minneapolis, MN 55401, in an amount not to exceed \$113,000.00 for a total maximum contract total not to exceed \$509,800.00, 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 amends the 2025 Facilities Capital Improvement Program Budget as follows:

**Expense**

Lebanon Hills Maintenance Facility (2000017)	(\$1,000,000)
Burnhaven Library Renovation (2000463)	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Revenue**

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Lebanon Hills Maintenance Facility (2000017)	(\$1,000,000)
Burnhaven Library Renovation (2000463)	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 8/26/2025.

Ayes: 7

## **8. County Board/County Administration**

### **8.1 Legislative Work Session Planning Update**

Communications and Public Affairs Director Mary Beth Schubert presented this item and responded to questions. Transportation Director and County Engineer Erin Laberee was present for discussion on letters of support to cities for transportation projects.

Information only; no action requested.

## **9. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report**

County Manager Heidi Welsch gave an overview of the agenda for the budget workshop that will be held on August 19, 2025.

## **10. Future Agenda Items**

The following future agenda items were presented:

- Cyber Security Update
- Future discussion regarding Transportation Alliance at a future Physical Development meeting

## **11. Adjournment**

### **11.1 Adjournment**

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Ayes: 7

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