



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

9:00 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Mike Slavik
Commissioner Joe Atkins
Commissioner William Droste
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

Absent: Commissioner Laurie Halverson

Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland was present remotely, but not part of the voting quorum for the meeting.

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. Moment of Remembrance for First Responders

Chair Slavik called for a moment of silence to remember and honor the fallen Burnsville First Responders that were killed in the line of duty a year ago, February 18, 2024; Officer Paul Elmstrand, Officer Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth. Chair Slavik expressed thanks to all first responders for their bravery to selflessly serve others.

4. Audience

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

5. Agenda

5.1 Resolution No: 25-087
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

6.1 Resolution No: 25-088

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on February 4, 2025

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

7. Items Recommended by Board Committee*

7.1 Resolution No: 25-089

Authorization To Amend Contract With Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. And Amend 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget For Professional Services For County State Aid Highway 38 In Burnsville, County Project 38-61

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 38-61; and

WHEREAS, CP 38-61 is a preliminary corridor study intended to lay the groundwork for programming future projects within the corridor, including a traffic study, non-motorized crossing assessment, and recommendations report; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-585 (December 19, 2023), the County executed a contract with Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc., for a corridor study and preliminary engineering consulting services; and

WHEREAS, County staff recognizes and recommends that the proposed additional tasks are necessary to complete the project successfully; and

WHEREAS, staff negotiated an amount of \$129,500 with Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc., to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is necessary to proceed with the consultant

services contract amendment for CP 38-61.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract amendment with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., to perform additional engineering consulting services for County Project 38-61 in an amount not to exceed \$129,500, resulting in a total amended contract not to exceed \$279,415, 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 a budget amendment to increase the budget to \$279,415 and transfer \$129,500 from the Transportation fund balance to County Project 38-61; and

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

Expense

County Project 38-61	<u>\$129,500</u>
Total Expense	\$129,500

Revenue

Transportation Fund Balance	<u>\$129,500</u>
Total Revenue	\$129,500

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

7.2 Resolution No: 25-090

Authorization To Execute Contract With AJ Mobility dba Mobili-Fi, LLC., For Northern Service Center Distributed Antenna System Replacement And Amend 2025 Facilities Capital Improvement Program Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County owns and operates the Northern Service Center located at 1 Mendota Road, West St. Paul, MN 55118; and

WHEREAS, for several years, the cellular signal has been declining to the point of now adversely impacting life safety and emergency response in the facility; and

WHEREAS, the emergency notification in the building relies on expected cell coverage, and the Sheriff's Office staff cannot safely perform required building security functions without adequate cell coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Risk Management department manages all emergency drills

and broadcasts active shooter and shelter notifications to all employees' mobile devices; and

WHEREAS, due to declining coverage in the building, many of these notifications are not coming through as expected; and

WHEREAS, staff worked with Verizon Wireless to implement local and temporary measures to bridge the period until a broader solution could be designed and implemented; and

WHEREAS, staff worked with Pierson Wireless to design and specify a commercial-grade Distributed Antenna System solution to broadcast all cell carriers' signals throughout the facility; and

WHEREAS the Request for Proposal was publicly advertised on the Dakota County website, with five proposals received by the due date; and

WHEREAS, staff met on January 30, 2025, to discuss the proposals and identify vendor rankings; and

WHEREAS, based on the rankings identified, vendor reference checks, and verification of proposal completeness, staff unanimously recommends AJ Mobility, dba Mobili-Fi, LLC., to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the County Board of Commissioners authorize the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract with AJ Mobility, dba Mobili-Fi, LLC., for the Northern Service Center Distributed Antenna System Replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$388,394.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract with AJ Mobility, dba Mobili-Fi, LLC., for the Northern Service Center Distributed Antenna System Replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$388,394, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Facilities Management Capital Improvement Program budget be amended as follows. Funding is ready in the Prior Projects Saving Set-aside:

Expense

Prior Projects Savings Set-aside (1001646)	(\$388,394)
NSC Distributed Antenna System Project (TBD)	<u>\$388,394</u>
Total Expense	\$0

Revenue

Prior Project Savings Set-aside (1001646)	(\$388,394)
NSC Distributed Antenna System Project (TBD)	<u>\$388,394</u>

Total Revenue**\$0**

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

7.3 Resolution No: 25-091

Authorization To Execute Contract With Bolton & Menk, Inc. For Professional Services For Minnesota River Greenway In Burnsville And Eagan, County Project P00127

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

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 Saint 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 the 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. 18-487 (October 11, 2018), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized staff to proceed with consultant selection for the project to include 30 percent design for the river bottom trail (Project Component 1) and 100 percent design and engineering for the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge (Project Component 2); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-608 (November 28, 2018), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized staff to execute a contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for design services for the Union Pacific pedestrian bridge for a not-to-exceed amount of \$269,850; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-291 (June 16, 2020), the contract not-to-exceed amount was amended by \$69,730 to \$339,580 to address constraints to the bridge that are inherent to the project area; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-538 (November 16, 2021), the contract not-to-exceed amount was amended by \$292,000 to complete the design of the selected bridge alignment; and

WHEREAS, work was continued to complete the design of the bridge; and

WHEREAS, significant time and resources were required in reviewing and

revising the bridge design with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, reviewing design and obtaining required permits from Union Pacific Railroad, and reviewing design and obtaining required permits from multiple state and local permitting agencies with jurisdiction over the project area; and

WHEREAS, these actions were necessary to secure all agreements and permits required to advance the project to construction; and

WHEREAS, a majority of this work was carried out beyond the end of the contract term of September 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the execution of a new contract to enable payment for these additional necessary costs to produce a final design and obtain permits to proceed with construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to execute a contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc., to complete design services necessary to approve and construct the Union Pacific Railroad Pedestrian Bridge for the Minnesota River Greenway, Fort Snelling Segment (P00127) in an amount not to exceed \$149,158, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

8. Central Operations

8.1 Resolution No: 25-092

Authorization To Amend Contract With TD Synnex, LLC For Additional Enterprise Resource Planning Software Licenses

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, Dakota County staff issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Solution with implementation services; and

WHEREAS, by July 24, 2020, 16 proposals were received by the County in response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Sierra-Cedar, LLC for the Oracle Enterprise Resource Planning, Human Capital Management and Enterprise Performance Management Cloud applications was found to be the best solution to meet or exceed Dakota County's requirements as specified in the RFP and provide the best value to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into a Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work with Sierra-Cedar, LLC to provide the implementation,

training and support services required; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into a contract with TD Synnex, LLC (formerly known as DLT Solutions, LLC) for Oracle software licenses for an annual amount not to exceed \$511,112 (including 10% contingency), renewing each year for five years; and

WHEREAS, the County went live with the new system on January 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined a need for additional licenses beyond what was originally estimated; and

WHEREAS, the County contracted with TD Synnex, LLC (formerly known as DLT Solutions, LLC) in February 2024 for a 2024 total contract amount not to exceed \$590,103; and

WHEREAS, the County contracted with TD Synnex, LLC in November 2024 for an additional \$39,100 In licenses; and

WHEREAS, the County has worked with TD Synnex, LLC to provide an estimate for the new licenses in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a contract amendment with TD Synnex, LLC for a 2025 total contract amount not to exceed \$813,000 for additional Enterprise Resource Planning software licenses, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

8.2 Resolution No: 25-093

Authorization To Execute Contract With Oracle America, Inc. For Oracle Mission Critical Support Services

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020 Dakota County staff issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Solution with implementation services; and

WHEREAS, by July 24, 2020 sixteen proposals were received by the County in response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Sierra-Cedar, LLC for the Oracle Enterprise Resource Planning, Human Capital Management and Enterprise Performance Management Cloud applications was found to be the best solution

to meet or exceed Dakota County's requirements as specified in the RFP and provide the best value to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into a Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work with Sierra-Cedar, LLC to provide the implementation, training and support services required; and

WHEREAS, the County went live with the new system on January 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in July 2023 the County identified additional consulting needs not included in the current Agreement and Statement of Work with Sierra-Cedar, LLC and executed an additional contract with Sierra-Cedar, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County identified a need for additional support services in 2024 to assist with quarterly updates and resolution of system issues; and

WHEREAS, Oracle America, Inc. was identified as being able to provide these services through Oracle Mission Critical Support; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County executed a contract with Oracle America, Inc. for \$80,444 on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has identified a continued need for support in 2025 to assist with quarterly updates and resolution of system issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a renewal contract with Oracle America, Inc. for Oracle Mission Critical Support Services from February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026, for a total contract amount of \$89,651, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

8.3 Resolution No: 25-094

Approval Of Revisions To Policy 1015 Advisory Committees And Approval Of Bylaws For The Dakota County Disability Advisory Council

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized creation of the Dakota County Disability Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Policy 1015 Advisory Committees provides guidance for and information about advisory committees in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the Deputy County Manager recommends revising Policy 1015 to

include information about the Disability Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, as outlined in Policy 1015, each advisory committee shall have the responsibility to prepare and adopt bylaws prescribing the rules by which the committee will conduct its business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the proposed revisions to Policy 1015 Advisory Committees and authorizes the Deputy County Manager to modify said policy accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the bylaws for the Dakota County Disability Advisory Council.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

8.4 Report On Invoices Paid In January 2025

Information only; no action requested.

9. County Board/County Administration

9.1 Resolution No: 25-095

Acceptance Of Resignation From Member Of Opioid Response Advisory Committee

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation received from Q Mursal, Community Partner on the Opioid Advisory Committee and authorizes staff to begin the process to fill the vacancy.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

9.2 Resolution No: 25-096

Approval Of Revisions To Policy 3200 - Pay Practices

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Human Resources department periodically reviews and recommends revisions to policies to maintain and enhance the effective and responsive provision of Human Resource services in the County; and

WHEREAS, the following revisions are recommended:

- Updated shift differential pay

- Updated multilingual pay
- Retitled and revised lactation accommodations
- Other non-substantial language changes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the proposed revisions to Policy 3200 - Pay Practices and authorizes the Human Resources Director to modify said policy accordingly.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

10. Community Services

10.1 Resolution No: 25-097

Ratification Of Minnesota Department Of Health Grant Application For Additional Strong Foundations Funding And Authorization To Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Amendment, And Amend 2025 Public Health Budget

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

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, by Resolution No. 22-436 (October 18, 2022), the Board approved the application and acceptance of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Strong Foundations grant funds for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Strong Foundations grant funds support the Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home Visiting (MECSH) evidence-based home visiting model at Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, funding allocations are determined annually and are expected to be stable; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, Public Health was notified by MDH that they were awarded \$1,694,916 in Strong Foundations grant funds for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-612 (December 17, 2024), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized acceptance of the Strong Foundations grant funds in the amount of \$1,694,916 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, which is \$194,001 over the 2025 County Manager's Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, in addition, MDH informed counties to apply for additional Strong Foundations grant funding for professional development; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County applied for and was awarded up to \$98,000 in additional funding through Strong Foundations for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the 2025 Public Health Budget reflects an increase of \$292,001 which exceeds the amount allocated in the 2025 County Manager's Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Service Director to accept the Minnesota Department of Health Strong Foundation grant funds in the amount up to \$98,000 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Service Director to amend the Minnesota Department of Health Strong Foundation grant agreement to add up to \$98,000 in funds for the same period, 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 the current 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Service Director to amend the 2025 County Manager's Adopted Budget to reflect an increase of \$292,001 for the combination of the Strong Foundations core home visiting award, caseload expansion funding, and MESCH trainer award of \$194,001 and \$98,000 for professional development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the 2025 Public Health Budget to be amended as follows:

Expense

Program Expense	<u>\$ 98,000</u>
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Total Expense	\$ 98,000
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Revenue

Grant Revenue	\$292,001	
Fund Balance (Funding Existing Salary)		<u>(\$194, 001)</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 98,000	

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

10.2 Resolution No: 25-098

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Independent School District 197 For Wellness Initiatives Funded Through Minnesota Department Of Health Statewide Health Improvement Partnership

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

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 state of Minnesota legislature passed a health reform law that created a comprehensive and coordinated health prevention strategy that spans across all of Minnesota's 87 counties and 10 tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, a key component of this reform was to create the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP), which invests in preventing chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, SHIP is overseen by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and is administered by local public and tribal health partners; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health receives an annual grant allocation through MDH to coordinate and fund SHIP strategies; and

WHEREAS, human milk is an infant's first source of healthy nutrition, which supports lifelong positive public health outcomes for both mother and child; and

WHEREAS, an employer is an important support system in achieving sustained lactation goals; and

WHEREAS, adequate lactation accommodations via an employer are a federal legal requirement, but limited resources exist to support employers in accessing technical assistance and other resources to meet this mandate; and

WHEREAS, this initiative with Independent School District 197 (ISD 197) will support the development of two lactation spaces for employees and other

residents that may need to utilize a lactation space; and

WHEREAS, the initiative will include technical assistance in policy, systems, and environmental change to better serve the needs of new parents; and

WHEREAS, SHIP supports community-driven solutions to achieve four main goals including increasing physical activity, improving access to healthy foods, improving mental wellbeing, and reducing the use of, and exposure to, tobacco; and

WHEREAS, SHIP specifically supports and funds community neighborhood organizations, school districts and childcare organizations, health care settings, and other government worksites in wellness policy, systems, and environmental change initiatives; and

WHEREAS, for the past several years, grants have been awarded through a contract process with grantees and this year Dakota County will enter into a JPA for wellness initiatives via the SHIP grant with ISD 197 for Worksite Wellness Lactation Support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement with Independent School District 197 for worksite wellness lactation support, for the term upon execution of the joint powers agreement through October 31, 2025, with a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11. Physical Development

11.1 Resolution No: 25-099

Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

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:

AKRON RIDGE	Rosemount
NORTH WIND ADDITION	Rosemount
KWIK TRIP 1795	Eagan
MCDONALDS AT ORCHARD PLACE	Apple Valley

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.2 Resolution No: 25-100

Authorization To Execute Railroad Coordination Agreements For 117th Street Reconstruction

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights are proceeding with County Project 32-65; and

WHEREAS, the project will reconstruct 117th Street East from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 71 (Rich Valley Boulevard) to the Trunk Highway (TH) 52/117th Street Interchange; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the project is to meet 10-ton design standards, enhance transportation system efficiency and mobility, reduce access points, improve pavement conditions, and facilitate the phased development of an essential east-west transportation corridor within the region; and

WHEREAS, the 117th Street corridor is a part of the more extensive CSAH 32 network in Dakota County, which connects Interstate 35W in Burnsville to TH 52 in Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, the 117th Street and CSAH 71 corridors are considered Tier 1 regional truck corridors; and

WHEREAS, the design includes a two-lane, median-divided roadway for a one-mile segment of 117th Street between Rich Valley Boulevard and the Flint Hills Resources Refinery access, just west of the TH 52/117th Street Interchange; and

WHEREAS, County Project 32-65 addressed current and future traffic volumes

and safety improvements for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the County is the lead agency for the construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad Company is requiring the County to execute a two-pipeline crossing agreement to allow the County-owned storm sewer facility to cross underneath the rail; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with construction, Dakota County must enter into an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the two improved at-grade crossings and installation of warning devices as required by state design requirements; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad requires authorized flaggers and construction observers to be on site while any work is being done in the railroad right of way; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad Company requires the County to execute agreements with National Railroad Safety Services, Inc., for flagging operations, and with RailPros Field Services, Inc., for construction observation for 117th Street reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Dakota County to execute an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad, National Railroad Safety Services, Inc. for flagging operations, and with RailPros Field Services, Inc., for construction observation for 117th Street reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, to proceed with the CP 32-65 project, Dakota County needs agreements with Union Pacific Railroad Company to improve the two at-grade crossings of one track of the Union Pacific Railroad at its Mile Post 338.30 - Albert Lee Subdivision DOT# 876418Y (\$718,200) and Mile Post 516.22-Roseport Industrial Lead DOT# 184971C (\$761,347) and install warning devices as required by state design requirements; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad Company is requiring the County to execute storm sewer pipeline crossing agreements to allow the County-owned facility to cross underneath the rail, and the fee for these agreements is \$1,368.75 per utility crossing (\$2,737.5 total) and is set by State Statute 237.045, Subdivision 6; and

WHEREAS, CP 32-65 is scheduled for construction in 2025 and included in the Dakota County Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing agreements with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the two at-grade crossings and installing warning devices as required by state design requirements and two storm sewer pipeline crossing agreements to allow the County-owned facility to cross underneath the rail; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing agreements with National Railroad Safety Services, Inc. to provide Union Pacific Railroad required flagging operations; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing agreements with RailPros to provide Union Pacific Railroad-required construction observation services for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute agreements with Union Pacific Railroad Company for two improved at-grade crossings and installation of warning devices on County State Aid Highway 32 in the City of Inver Grove Heights, in the amount of the actual cost for such work in an amount not to exceed \$1,479,547, 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 Physical Development Director to execute an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company for storm sewer pipeline crossings associated with CP 32-65, 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 Physical Development Director to enter into agreements with National Railroad Safety Services, Inc., for flagging operations in the amount of the actual cost for such work in an amount not to exceed \$107,800, 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 Physical Development Director to enter into agreements with RailPros to provide Union Pacific Railroad-required Construction Observation services in the amount of the actual cost for such work in an amount not to exceed \$112,700, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.3 Resolution No: 25-101

Authorization To Execute Contract With SRF Consulting Group, Inc., For Construction Services For Multi-Use Trail And Pedestrian Crossings In Cities Of Inver Grove Heights And South St. Paul And Execute Joint Powers Agreements, County Projects 56-14 And 28-69

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County will be proceeding with County Projects (CP) 56-14 and 28-69; and

WHEREAS, CP 56-14 is the construction of pedestrian crossings from Coffman Path to Chestnut Street, and CP 28-69 is the construction of a multi-use trail from Cahill Avenue to Concord Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the County is the lead agency for CP 56-14 and CP 28-69, which are scheduled to begin in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 construction workload is greater than what is feasible for the number of available County staff; and

WHEREAS, an engineering firm with this specialty will provide construction management, inspection, surveying, and material testing in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from SRF Consulting Group, Inc., highlights their strong technical expertise, staff, and experience with complex transportation projects and meets the requirements of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Capital Improvement Program budget includes sufficient funding in 2025 for CP 56-14 and CP 28-69; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends execution of a contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc., for construction management, inspection, surveying, and material testing services for CP 56-14 and CP 28-69 for actual costs.

WHEREAS, joint powers agreements between the County and the City of Inver Grove Heights, City of South St. Paul, and Township of Nininger are necessary to outline cost participation and responsibilities for CP 56-14; and

WHEREAS, the cost participation for CP 56-14 will be in accordance with the adopted Cost Share Policies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for construction management, inspection, surveying, and material testing for CP 56-14 and CP 28-69 for \$365,215, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute joint powers agreements between Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights, City of South St. Paul, and Township of Nininger for County Project 56-14.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.4 Resolution No: 25-102

Authorization To Execute Second Contract Amendment With WSB LLC For County State Aid Highway 42 Federal Mill And Overlay, County Project 42-172, And Garrett Ave Intersection Modifications And Signal Replacements At Garrett Ave And CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Road) In Apple Valley, County Project 42-177

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 42-172, the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 federal mill and overlay, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements in the City of Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and need for CP42-172 is to preserve the paved highway surface and improve safety, multi-modal mobility, and traffic operations on CSAH 42; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is proceeding with CP 42-177, the Garrett Ave intersection modifications and signal replacements at Garrett Ave and CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Road) in the City of Apple Valley on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 in the City of Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and need for CP42-177 is to expand a City street, modify an intersection, and replace the aging signal systems on CSAH 42; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-602 (December 19, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a design services contract (DCA21196) with WSB LLC to perform preliminary and final design engineering consulting services for a total contract amount of \$352,535; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-429 (August 27, 2024), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the first contract amendment with WSB LLC (DCA21196.1) to provide right-of-way acquisition services and environmental review services for a total contract value of \$513,735; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget has sufficient funds for the requested contract amendment for CP 42-172; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Transportation CIP Adopted Budget has sufficient funds for the requested contract amendment for CP 42-177; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the additional out-of-scope work, unforeseen design tasks, coordination, and professional services to be performed by WSB LLC is \$30,000 for CP 42-172; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the additional out-of-scope work, unforeseen design

tasks, coordination, and professional services to be performed by WSB LLC is \$84,979 for CP 42-177; and

WHEREAS, WSB LLC's new contract amount is not to exceed \$628,714 for the completion of the final design and coordination for CP 42-172 and CP 42-177; and

WHEREAS, engineering design and construction costs will be shared between Dakota County and the City of Apple Valley in accordance with the adopted County policy; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends executing the second contract amendment with WSB LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to amend the contract value of \$513,735 with WSB LLC to add an amount of \$114,979 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$628,714, including reimbursables, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.5 Resolution No: 25-103

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Inver Grove Heights For County State Aid Highway 28 Roadway Improvements, County Project 28-76

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 28-76; and

WHEREAS, CP 28-76 consists of a lane reduction, crossing improvements, signal revisions, and a signal replacement along County State Aid Highway 28 between Babcock Trail and Blaine Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement between the County and the City of Inver Grove Heights is necessary to outline cost participation and responsibilities for CP 28-76; and

WHEREAS, the cost participation will be in accordance with the adopted Cost Share Policy F.1 Replacement and Modernization, Lane Reduction, F.4 Replacement and Modernization, Signal Replacement and Modernization, and F.15 Management, Small Safety Projects.

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

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a joint powers agreement between Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights for County Project 28-76.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.6 Resolution No: 25-104

Authorization To Execute Amendment To Contract With Alliant Engineering, Inc., For County Road 86 Railroad Bridge Inspection, Material Testing, And Track Monitoring Services In Castle Rock Township, County Project 86-34

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is replacing the original timber railroad bridge over County State Aid Highway 86; and

WHEREAS, a contract was executed with Alliant Engineering, Inc., for the inspection, material testing, and track monitoring; and

WHEREAS, the current contract amount is \$599,910; and

WHEREAS, the bridge completion date is spring 2025, with track cutover to occur after the ground thaws; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing the execution of an amendment to the contract with Alliant Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$254,000 funded by Sales and Use Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Transportation Director to execute an amendment to the contract with Alliant Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$254,000 for ongoing construction inspection, material testing, and track monitoring for the railroad bridge included in County Project 86-34, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.7 Resolution No: 25-105

Authorization To Approve Contract Amendment With McNamara Contracting, Inc. And Amend 2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget For 2024 Preservation Of Paved Trails And Facilities Project

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to promote a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County proceeded with the 2024 Preservation of Paved Trails and Facilities project; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 preservation work included resurfacing of trails and parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the work began in September and is essentially complete with only minor turf establishment remaining; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-384 (July 9, 2024), the County Board awarded the project to McNamara Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$1,379,518; and

WHEREAS, construction costs have increased by \$136,561 or 9.9 percent due to adjustment of manholes and gate valves, higher quantities of pavement, and turf establishment; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing a contract amendment in the amount of \$136,561 for a revised contract amount of \$1,516,079, and a budget amendment of \$71,291.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract amendment and authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract amendment with McNamara Contracting, Inc., for the 2024 Preservation of Trails and Parking Lot Project, in the amount of \$136,561, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

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

Expense

2024 Preservation of Paved Trails and Facility

\$71,291

2024 Parks CIP (Parks Asset Preservation)

(\$54,012)

2024 Facilities CIP (Parking Lots Seal & Repair)

(\$15,568)

2024 Transportation CIP (Ped. And Bicycle facilities)

(\$

1,711)

Total Expense

\$0

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.8 Resolution No: 25-106

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Construction Contract With Park Construction Company, Amend Design Contract With Bolton & Menk, Inc., And Amend 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget For County State Aid Highway 26 (Lone Oak Road) Roadway Improvements In City Of Eagan, County Project 26-67

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County (County) is proceeding with County Project (CP) 26-67, the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 26 from Trunk Highway (TH) 13 to CSAH 31 and a lane reduction of CSAH 26 from CSAH 31 to I-35E in the City of Eagan; and

WHEREAS, CP 26-67 includes a trail as part of the School Area Safety Assessment recommendations for Pilot Knob STEM School from TH 13 to CSAH 31; and

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

WHEREAS, the County utilized public engagement for this project, including public open houses, project websites, and project mailings; and

WHEREAS, bids for construction were received and tabulated on February 12, 2025 with Park Construction Company providing a bid of \$7,033,172.20 as the lowest responsive and responsible bid received; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), award of the project cannot take place prior to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) clearance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE); and

WHEREAS, the execution of a construction contract with Park Construction Company will not be fully executed until MnDOT OCR clearance is received; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends awarding the bid to Park Construction Company after clearances from the MnDOT OCR are received, subject to form by the County Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-043 (January 18, 2022), the County executed contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc., in an amount of \$381,381 for preliminary engineering of CP 26-66 and CP 26-67 corridor improvements; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-426 (September 26, 2023), the County Board authorized the first contract amendment with Bolton & Menk, Inc., to consolidate

both projects (CP 26-66 and CP 26-67) under CP 26-67 and add additional engineering design consulting services to the contract in an amount of \$488,985; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-386 (July 30, 2024), the County Board authorized a second contract amendment in the amount of \$92,000 due to unanticipated changes related to new environmental coordination needs, complexities in public engagement and roadway design modifications needed to minimize property owner impacts, bringing the current total contract value to \$962,366; and

WHEREAS, during the final design process, the project team encountered the need to address changes to the design outside of the anticipated scope, to which a third contract amendment for engineering design services is necessary to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, staff negotiated an amount of \$38,050 with Bolton & Menk, Inc., for a third contract amendment to complete final design for CP 26-67; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends the execution of a third contract amendment with Bolton & Menk, Inc., for design engineering services for CP 26-67 in an amount of \$38,050 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,416.00 including reimbursable items; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment to the 2025 adopted Transportation CIP Budget is necessary to establish the budget for CP 26-67 to proceed with construction in the spring of 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends a budget amendment to transfer \$410,000 of Transportation Fund Balance funds to CP 26-67, and \$80,000 Local City share for a total budget increase of \$490,000 to allow for the completion of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby awards the bid to and authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with Park Construction Company for County Project 26-67 in the amount of \$7,033,172.20 based on their low bid, 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 Physical Development Director to execute a third contract amendment with Bolton & Menk, Inc., to perform additional engineering consulting services for County Project 26-67 in an amount of \$38,050.00, resulting in a total amended contract not to exceed \$1,000,416.00, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

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

Expense

County Project 26-67

\$490,000**Total Expense****\$490,000****Revenue**

Dakota County Transportation Fund Balance

\$410,000

City's Local Share

\$ 80,000**Total Revenue****\$490,000**

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.9 Resolution No: 25-107

Authorization To Submit Grant Applications To Legislative-Citizen Commission On Minnesota Resources Program

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the state Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) was established following voter approval of a 1988 constitutional amendment "for the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources"; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) was established to make funding recommendations to the Minnesota Legislature for special projects that help maintain and enhance Minnesota's environment and natural resources, primarily from the ENRTF; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has received previous ENRTF funding for developing the Farmland and Natural Areas Program, the Vermillion River Corridor Plan, acquisition and restoration of high-priority natural areas and shoreland projects, and the bison reintroduction project; and

WHEREAS, the LCCMR issued a 2026 Request for Proposals, which includes "Resiliency," "Water," "Education and Outdoor Recreation," "Fish and Wildlife," "Energy," "Land" and "Small Projects" as priority funding categories; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$103 million from the ENRTF is projected to be available for LCCMR-recommended projects implemented between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County seeks up to \$15.4M for the following projects:

- Lake Byllesby Campground Building - Accessibility and Climate Resiliency Improvements- \$4.4M
- Lebanon Hills Regional Park- West Trailhead Natural Resources

Restoration Project and Sustainable Trails Improvements- \$2.6M

- River to River Greenway \$1.4M
- Thompson County Park Master Plan Improvements \$4M
- Veterans Memorial Greenway-Rich Valley Park Main Memorial Trailhead- \$3M

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners supports the above-referenced projects and authorizes the Physical Development Division Director, or designee, to submit a proposal for funding of these projects on behalf of Dakota County to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources in response to the 2026 Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund Request for Proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County understands that grants utilizing the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund are generally paid out on a reimbursement basis, and the County has the financial capability to pay for project expenses prior to seeking reimbursement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County has the financial capability to meet the match requirements and ensure adequate construction, operation, and maintenance of the projects once completed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Division Director to use the Parks Capital Improvement Program to provide a twenty-five percent match to provide a competitive application for capital improvement projects.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.10 Fiscal Year 2025 Countywide Community Development Block Grant Allocation Request

Information only; no action requested.

11.11 Resolution No: 25-108

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

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

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, special allocations of the CDBG and ESG programs for activities that prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus, and a special allocation of HOME American Rescue Plan Act funds; and

WHEREAS, funds expended from previously approved projects for Fiscal Years 2020-2024 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 and special allocation expenses during the timeframe of October 1, 2024-December 30, 2024, totaled \$627,890.94; and

WHEREAS, the HOME entitlement and special allocation expenses during the timeframe of October 1, 2024-December 30, 2024, totaled \$1,118,695.72; and

WHEREAS, the ESG entitlement and special allocations expenses during the timeframe of October 1, 2024-December 30, 2024, totaled \$45,093.67; 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 \$1,791,680.33 for October 1, 2024-December 30, 2024, as presented.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

11.12 Resolution No: 25-109

Authorization To Transfer National Park Service Grant Funding To City Of South St. Paul For Design And Construction Of Wakota Scenic Trailhead, County Project P00153

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the County received \$300,000 in National Park Service grant funding on September 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-268 (May 18, 2021), the County Board authorized a joint powers agreement (JPA) with the City of South St. Paul for the construction of P00153; and

WHEREAS, the construction of P00153 is complete; and

WHEREAS, the City of South St. Paul is the lead agency for the project and incurred expenses; and

WHEREAS, the original JPA, C0034615, expired on December 30, 2024.

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

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to transfer the National Parks Service grant funding as compensation for the completion of P00153 in an amount of \$300,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

12. Public Services and Revenue

12.1 Resolution No: 25-110

Authorization To Submit Grant Application To The Toro Company, To Accept Grant If Awarded, And To Execute Grant Agreement

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, a renovation is planned for the Wentworth Library beginning in April 2025; and

WHEREAS, the project budget does not include funds for enhancement of the surrounding grounds; and

WHEREAS, the library wishes to add a learning and event space outside Wentworth; and

WHEREAS, the library requests to apply for grant funds to pay for the development of the grounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the library to submit a Greenspace Enhancement grant application to the Toro Company in the amount of up to \$150,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Public Service and Revenue Director, or their designee, to execute a grant agreement with the Toro Company for Greenspace Enhancement in the amount of up to \$150,000, 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 Library budget as follows, if awarded:

Expense

Wentworth Library Greenspace Enhancement Project Expense \$150,000

Total Expense **\$150,000**

Revenue

Greenspace Enhancement Grant - Toro Company \$150,000

Total Revenue **\$150,000**

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

REGULAR AGENDA

13. County Board/County Administration

13.1 Resolution No: 25-111

Employee Recognition Day And Recognition Of HEROES And IDEA Leadership Awards Recipients

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

The annual Employee Recognition Day was recognized and current employees with 10 or more years of service were recognized.

The IDEA Leadership Award recognizes employees' efforts around inclusion, diversity, equity and access. The countywide IDEA task force reviewed nominations and selected this year's winners. This year's Group Award winner is the Mental Health Matters Employee Resource Group (ERG). The Co Chairs are Janan Putz from Transportation and Amanda Harrer from Public Health. This group has been pivotal in sparking dialogue and change around mental health awareness and de stigmatizing treatment.

This year's Individual Award winner is Elmore Roundtree, Black Employee Network ERG - Former Chair. Elmore's leadership has been pivotal in encouraging discussion around the experiences of Black employees. He has guided many staff members, sharing his vision of strong unity and connection. This year an Honorary IDEA Leadership Award was presented in memory of Terra Schuman. Terra's impact continues to touch employees across the County. Terra was a fierce advocate for justice, a mentor to many and a champion for inclusion.

The annual HEROES (Honoring Effective Responsive Outstanding Efficient Service) Award Recognition Ceremony was held. The HEROES Awards were presented, recognizing outstanding collaboration of achievements in 2024. The 2024 HEROES Award was presented to Library Self-Service Hours. The following programs were recognized as runner-ups: the Eviction Prevention project and the Interactive Voice Response project.

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners annually designates a day as Employee Recognition Day when long-service employees, finalists for the HEROES Collaboration Award and winners of the IDEA Leadership Awards are recognized; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County recognizes employees for 10 or more years of continuous service; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County recognizes outstanding collaborations through the HEROES (Honoring Effective Responsive Outstanding Efficient Service) Awards

to recognize employee groups who demonstrate the County's mission of *"Efficient, Effective, Responsive government"* to implement innovative and creative methods for serving customers and the public; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County recognizes the outstanding efforts of staff at the County who are working to make Dakota County a more inclusive, diverse, accessible and equitable organization through the IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Access) Leadership Awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the following employees for their years of service:

50 Years of Service

Brian Christensen

40 Years of Service

Joan Allery

Larry Huneke

Janice Larson

35 Years of Service

Ruth Burns

Kurt Chatfield

Daniel Endres

Kristin Grainer-Illies

David Magnuson

Teresa Mitchell

Patricia Molitor

Shannon Sailer

Kevin Schlangen

Lisa West

30 Years of Service

James Barton

Colleen Fodness

Kathryn Frenz

Douglas Gross

Dustin Hinrichs

Stacy Hughes

Janet Isaacson

Curt Peterson

Elmore Roundtree

Jodi Ulrich

Michael Vieburg

Darla Wallraff

25 Years of Service

Rachel Bailey
Sandra Baranick
Jill Besong
Lisa Bothun
Scott Allen Burkhardt
Barbara Castaneda
Dan Cater
Amy Causton
Cory Chenevert
Mark Cherne
Timothy Cheyne
Natalie Christensen
Rhonda Lee Doheny
Cajetan Egbujor
Vicki Englin
James Gabriel
Nicole Godfredson
Jennifer Grausnick
Angella Hanson
Patrick Hupp
Kathryn Keena
Karen Kollasch
Melissa Larson
Barbara Lee
Opal Lightsey
Tanya Liska
Gerald Livingston
Todd Lusk
Tonya Mcgregor
Erin Mcloone
Ryan Miller
Paula Mueske
Chance Munger
Jonathon Napper
Brenda Ann O'Connell
Christopher P'Simer
Sean Qualy
Stacy Ann Reilly
Theresa Roberts
Wanda Rodriguez
Tracy Sadowski
Pamela Sanford
Michelle Schneider
Tamara Smith
Nicole Steffel
Lisa Thomas
Rochelle Thompson
Sandra Tupy Schiprett

Jason Urbach
Donna Welter
Judith Wohnoutka

20 Years of Service

Nicole Baars
Elizabeth Bisciglia
Kevin Britt
Betsy Dantoft
Mahuya Das
Lawrence Dickens
Jennifer Dockter
Susan Erickson
Damion Giles
Gregory Holmes
Cami Huettl
Kevin Kelley
Emmy Kruger
Denise Levasseur
Mitzi Mabry
Rachel Mickus
Jennifer Munson
Ha-Vi Nguyen
Nanette Ottoson
David Senn
Jacob Siebenaler
David Thao
Chad Thielen
Lisa Watters
Matthew Wayne
Gabrielle Wilson
Marguedy Worden

15 Years of Service

Michelle Bollinger
Susannah Fisher
Katherine Heald
Daniel Hoover
Autumn Hubbell
Krystal Johnson
Katelyn Johnstone
Joseph Morneau
Stacie Paquette
Jonathan Reiners
Jeni Reynolds
Amalia Roberts
Dustin Roeller
Jennifer Salmon

Xee Thao
Hoang Ton
Anthony Welin

10 Years of Service

Lisa Ahuja
Peter Aldahl
Linda Vang Andersen
Mikaela Anderson
Randall Arntzen
Darold Ashton
Melissa Bailey
Mary Bambenek
Pamela Bechik
Patrick Blay
Crystal Carrillo
Thomas Carruth
Jill Cegla
Colleen Collette
Amanda Conroy
Shannon Coyne
Jeffrey Dohmen
Julie Dorn
Christina Drewitz
Annelise Edsten
Hannah Ellis
Paul Endres
Danielle Fouche
Cynthia Gebhard
Saadia Gentle
Allison Graner
Michael Hamm
Joel Hendrickson
Allyson High
Blake Hogan
Sara Jackson
Amanda Johnson
Meagan Keefe
Annette Kempe
Samantha Kendall
Blake Kiernan
Jeremy David Kobielush
Lee Kroseng
Michelle Lanning
Lillian Leatham
Andrew Leko
Samantha Levine
Brian Lor

Elizabeth Lundmark
Joseph Mac
John Majerus
Danny Martinez
Margaret James Meehan
James O'Meara
Lucie O'Neill
Stephanie Opstad
Rose Palubicki
Erin Paredes
Christopher Pope
Kimberly Renville
Tonya Resick
Julie Riveness
Mark Ryan
Kelli Ryman Moore
Emily Sames
Michelle Renee Schmidt
Rebecca Schoeneck
Mary Beth Schubert
Lisa Selby
Blair Snyder
Adedamola Sobande
Steven Steingruebl
Gail Stewart
Margaret Stone
Jolene Swan
Cody Swanson
Amy Syfko
Lisa Theisen
Sarah Thomas
Lori Tolzman
Timothy Trumpy
Eric Uddin
Alison Vandercook
Elyse Vaughan
Nicole Vojta Henk
Alicia Vopava
Joseph Walton
Sean Wasmund
Garrett Zaffke
; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the following employees and presents them with HEROES Awards for outstanding collaboration achievements in their service to Dakota County in 2024:

Interactive Voice Response

Nadir Abdi
Ahtasham Alvi
Christopher Sapp
Daren Nyquist
Hoang Ton
Matthew Tuggle
Nathan Franzen
Nimmo Diriye
Olivia Klinkner
Amber Higgins
Mark Jacobs
Thomas Schneider
Elizabeth Watson
Kathryn Mutchler
Michael Hamm
Aamie Calloway
Amber Giesen
Amy Shillings
Anthony Chao
Beth Bisciglia
Bria Iliff
Chris McLean
Christa Hendrickson
Christy Trutnau
Chrystal Hovaldt
Elizabeth Yang
Hope Boos
Jessa Becker
Kathleen Walls
Kendra Wendt
Lynn Carr
Mackenzie Rickard
Royce Phung-Vuong
Sam Kvilhaug
Samantha Levine
Sheng Thor
Stacia Hamilton
Tiffinie Miller
Tristan Skoglund
Abdul Abdulrahman
Jara Scott
Paul Hanten

Eviction Prevention & Homelessness

Teri Lazaretti - Social Services

Rebecca Bowers - Social Services
Madeline Kastler - Social Service
Kelley Esch - Social Services
Amanda Conroy - Social Services
James Albrecht - Social Services
Rob Monson - Social Services
Alicia Swenson - Social Services
Kou Chang - Social Services
Rachel Ojo - Social Services
Wendy Thomas - Social Services
Krystle Holliday - Social Services
Carrie Hamilton - Employment and Economic Assistance
Judge Tracy Perzel - Dakota County Courts
Judge David Knutson - Dakota County Courts
Anna Winzenburg - Dakota County Courts

Library Self-Service Hours

Margaret Stone - Library
Aimee Schreiber - Library
Alvin Yeo - Library
Andrew Cook - Library
Angella Hanson - Library
Barb Svoboda - Library
DJ Schuette - Library
Heather Stephenson - Library
Hillary Rausch - Library
Jennifer Reichert Simpson - Library
Michael Lopez - Library
Michelle Carter - Library
Natalie Fiscus - Library
Sandy Buchanan - Library
Shawn Foster-Huot - Library
Branch Managers - Library
Circulation Supervisors - Library
All library staff
Teresa Mitchell - PS&R Administration
Tom Novak - PS&R Administration
Dave Brynestad - Communications
Tad Dunham- Communications
Troy Mallat- Communications
Lucie O'Neill - Attorney
Adam Montain - Facilities Management
Bart Pritchett- Facilities Management
Michael Lexvold - Facilities Management
Randy Hanson - Facilities Management
Sarah Martin - Facilities Management
David Senn - Information Technology
Dave Milland- Information Technology

Jeff Sprenger- Information Technology
Matt Schneider- Information Technology
Ming Xu- Information Technology
Mike Agen- Information Technology
Jenny Groskopf - Risk and Homeland Security
; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the following employees and presents them with IDEA Leadership Awards for working to make Dakota County a more inclusive, diverse, accessible and equitable organization in 2024:

Inclusion Diversity Equity and Access (IDEA) Leadership Awards

IDEA Leadership Award - Individual

Elmore Roundtree

IDEA Honorary Leadership Award - Individual

Terra Shuman - In memory of her

IDEA Leadership Award - Team/Group

Mental Health Matters Employee Resource Group

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

Recess for Reception

14. Community Services

14.1 Workforce Shortage Workgroup Recommendation Implementation Update

Social Services Director Emily Schug and Social Services Program Coordinator Megan Zeilinger briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

14.2 Communities For A Lifetime Initiative Update

Public Health Manager Jess Luce briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

15. Physical Development

15.1 Resolution No: 25-112

Authorization To Implement Dakota County Chloride Reduction Program

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: William Droste

Environmental Resources Supervisor Valerie Neppl briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, chloride is a permanent pollutant, and excess salt and elevated chloride levels in water damage the environment and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in Dakota County, Thompson Lake in West St. Paul is impaired for chloride, and additional waterbodies have seen elevated chloride levels in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2030 Dakota County Groundwater Plan, strategy 1B4, identifies preventing chloride contamination as a high priority; and

WHEREAS, staff propose a Low Salt No Salt Chloride Reduction Program (Program) that will focus on reducing deicing salt use within the community without sacrificing safety and educating community members about the problem of chloride pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Program will be an extension and adaptation of the [Low Salt No Salt Minnesota <https://rpbcwd.org/low-salt-no-salt>](https://rpbcwd.org/low-salt-no-salt) program currently being implemented in Hennepin County and the Capital Region Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, the program proposes to leverage materials already developed, where practical; and

WHEREAS, the program will be implemented in partnership with cities, townships, and watershed organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Program will include developing educational materials to successfully implement the Program, outreach to local property owners and organizations to encourage participation, a pledge form committing to smart salting best practices, and incentive items (support tools) to implement smart salting best practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the implementation of the Low Salt No Salt Dakota County Chloride Reduction Program.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

16. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

17. County Manager's Report

No County Manager report was presented.

18. Information**18.1 Information**

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

19. Adjournment**19.1 Resolution No: 25-113
Adjournment**

Motion: William Droste

Second: Liz Workman

On a motion by Commissioner Droste, seconded by Commissioner Workman, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Ayes: 5

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

Excused: 1

Mary Hamann-Roland

Mike Slavik
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager