



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

9:00 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN

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

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. No comments were received for this agenda.

4. Agenda

4.1 Resolution No: 25-590
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Ayes: 7

5. Presentation

Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) and Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
Annual Update

The following agencies and representatives gave brief legislative overviews and responded to questions.

- Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) - Nathan Jesson
- Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) - Matt Hilgart

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. County Administration - Approval of Minutes**6.1** Resolution No: 25-591

Approval of Minutes of Meetings Held on December 2, 2025

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

Ayes: 7

7. Items Recommended by Board Committee***7.1** Resolution No: 25-592

Approval Of 2026 Planning Commission Work Plan

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, Dakota County Ordinance No. 118 establishes the powers and duties of the Planning Commission to make recommendations on plans, policies, and programs, as directed by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, County Policy No. 1015 provides direction regarding citizen advisory committees and states that the Planning Commission is required to consult annually with the County Board to seek concurrence regarding the topics they will study or on which they will advise the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has identified topics for 2026, including the preparation of plans for natural resources, parks, greenways, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission's 2026 Work Plan is consistent with County Board projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Planning Commission's 2026 Work Plan as presented to the Physical Development Committee of the Whole on December 2, 2025.

Ayes: 7

7.2 Resolution No: 25-593

Approval Of Public Art Advisory Committee 2026 Work Plan

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, County Policy states that advisory committees are required to consult annually with the County Board to seek concurrence regarding the topics they will study or which they advise the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the Public Art Advisory Committee has discussed and drafted potential directions for their efforts in 2026; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Public Art Advisory Committee 2026 work plan to assist with public art blueprint planning, analyze public art inventory along greenways, host student art contest and collaborate and consult with departments on public art initiatives be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Public Art Advisory Committee 2026 work plan.

Ayes: 7

7.3 Resolution No: 25-594
Approval Of Library Advisory Committee 2026 Work Plan

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, County policy states that advisory committees are required to consult annually with the County Board to seek concurrence regarding topics they will study or advise on, which are outlined in their annual work plan; and

WHEREAS, the Library Advisory Committee drafted potential direction for their efforts in 2026; and

WHEREAS, Library staff recommends that the Library Advisory Committee 2026 work plan about community input on library services, spaces, policies and awareness efforts be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Library Advisory Committee 2026 work plan.

Ayes: 7

7.4 Resolution No: 25-595
Approval Of Right Of Way Acquisition And Authorization To Initiate Quick-Take Condemnation For Regional Trail Easement For Veterans Memorial Greenway In Cities Of Eagan And Inver Grove Heights, County Project P00147

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 08-162 (April 4, 2008), the Dakota County Board adopted the Dakota County Park System Plan that establishes a vision for a 200-mile network of connected greenway trails to provide safe and efficient multi-modal transportation across the region, along with high-quality recreational and educational opportunities which harmonize with natural resource preservation; and

WHEREAS, as part of this vision, by Resolution No. 17-493 (September 26, 2017), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the Rich Valley Regional Greenway Master Plan, now known as the Veterans Memorial

Greenway Master Plan, to honor Dakota County's more than 25,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the above-stated policies, Dakota County is proceeding with the Veterans Memorial Greenway County Project (CP) P00147, to construct approximately five miles of regional trail, including interpretive nodes placed along the trail that honor and recognize the sacrifice made by veterans and provide a place for healing and sharing their stories through interpretative elements; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for design, construction administration, and right of way acquisition for the Project; and

WHEREAS, construction is proposed to begin in 2026, and the project is being partially funded with federal funds, which require the timely acquisition of right of way for the authorization of project bidding; and

WHEREAS, the County Board previously authorized acquisition of right of way for Parcels 3, 4, and 5 through direct negotiation by Resolution No. 24-594 (December 3, 2024); and

WHEREAS, negotiations have not resulted in acquisition agreements for Parcels 3, 4, and 5; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the project schedule and comply with funding requirements, Dakota County must proceed with quick-take condemnation to acquire the required easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Attorney's Office to initiate quick-take condemnation of the following parcels:

20-58500-04-070 - Jacquelynne and Scott Baker - Parcel 3

A permanent easement for greenway purposes over, under, and across the north 60.27 feet of Lot 16, Block 1, Lakeside Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, Dakota County, Minnesota.

Said greenway easement contains approximately 6,026 square feet.

10-44300-01-170 - Robert Snyder - Parcel 4

A temporary easement for greenway purposes over, under, and across the south 15.00 feet of the north 75.27 feet of Lot 17, Block 1, Lakeside Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, Dakota County, Minnesota.

A permanent easement for greenway purposes over, under, and across

the north 60.27 feet of Lot 17, Block 1, Lakeside Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, Dakota County, Minnesota.

Said temporary easement contains approximately 1,506 square feet.
Said greenway easement contains approximately 6,054 square feet.

10-44300-01-180 - Nicole Medin - Parcel 5

A temporary easement for greenway purposes over, under, and across the south 15.00 feet of the north 75.27 feet of Lot 18, Block 1, Lakeside Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, Dakota County, Minnesota.

A permanent easement for greenway purposes over, under, and across the north 60.27 feet of Lot 18, Block 1, Lakeside Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, Dakota County, Minnesota.

Said temporary easement contains approximately 1,501 square feet.
Said greenway easement contains approximately 6,023 square feet.

Ayes: 5

Joe Atkins, Laurie Halverson, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Nay: 2

Mike Slavik, and Mary Liz Holberg

8. Central Operations

8.1 Resolution No: 25-596

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Cities Of Farmington, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, South St. Paul And West St. Paul For Continued Emergency Management Planning

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, since 2013 and with the approval of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, the County has provided emergency management planning services to the Cities of Farmington, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Farmington, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul have requested that the County continue to provide emergency management support through individual joint powers agreements (JPAs) for a one-year period; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County agrees to enter into individual JPAs and provide these cities with emergency management planning support with an already-approved sub-contractor for the

period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will be reimbursed by each participating city \$6,578.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Risk and Emergency Management Director to execute individual joint powers agreements (JPAs) with the cities of Farmington, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul, where the Dakota County will provide emergency management support through a sub-contractor, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

8.2 Resolution No: 25-597

Authorization To Execute Contract With Minnesota Department Of Public Safety For 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), have awarded Dakota County the sum of \$143,008 in grant funding for the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant period runs from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the grant provides for 50 percent matching funds from Dakota County and those funds are included in the Risk Management and Emergency Management Department budget; and

WHEREAS, funds received from this grant reimburse Dakota for 50 percent of the salary and benefits for the Emergency Management Coordinator and Specialist positions, Emergency Operations Plan requirements, Domestic Preparedness Committee annual fees, required emergency management conference per grant requirements, and equipment and supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a grant agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) for the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$143,008, subject to approval of the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

8.3 Resolution No: 25-598
Establishment Of 2025 Fund Balance Commitments

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has adopted Statement 54, a standard for reporting governmental fund balances; and

WHEREAS, the County's Fund Balance Policy No. 2003 states that the Board of Commissioners may impose certain constraints on spending that shall be determined by the close of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County desires to commit a portion of its fund balance for future funding; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Legacy Fund (ELF) was established to support environmental activities for the purpose of protection, preservation or enhancement of the environment; and

WHEREAS, by reporting ELF revenue and expenditures with the Environmental Legacy Fund as committed, ELF will meet the qualifications of a special revenue fund and allow the County to report the ELF activity in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with and pursuant to Policy 2003 Fund Balance, hereby commits the entire fund balance of the Environmental Legacy Fund as of December 31, 2025, to support environmental activities for the purpose of protection, preservation or enhancement of the environment.

Ayes: 7

8.4 Resolution No: 25-599
Authorization To Amend Environmental Legacy Fund Budget To Transfer Fund Balance To Byllesby Dam Enterprise Fund

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, Dakota County owns and operates the Byllesby Dam, a high-hazard hydroelectricity facility; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved a turbine upgrade as part of the Byllesby Dam Water-to-Wire Redevelopment Project, leading to a period where the Byllesby Dam has been unable to generate electricity; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with operating and maintaining the facility have been unable to be covered by revenues from electricity generation within the Byllesby Dam Enterprise Fund during the period of January 2023 to December 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommend a transfer in the amount of \$2,250,000 from the Environmental Legacy Fund to the Byllesby Dam Enterprise Fund to cover the operating costs of the Byllesby Dam.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2025 Budget and approves a transfer of \$2,250,000 from the Environmental Legacy to the Byllesby Dam Enterprise Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Environmental Legacy Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue

Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$2,250,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$2,250,000

Other Financing Use

Transfer to Byllesby Dam	<u>\$2,250,000</u>
Total Other Financing Use	\$2,250,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Byllesby Dam Enterprise Fund budget is hereby amended as follows:

Revenue

Use of Fund Balance	<u>(\$2,250,000)</u>
Total Revenue	(\$2,250,000)

Other Financing Source

Transfer from ELF	<u>\$2,250,000</u>
Total Other Financing Source	\$2,250,000

Ayes: 7

8.5 Report On Invoices Paid In November 2025

Information only; no action requested.

9. County Attorney

9.1 Resolution No: 25-600

Authorization To Execute An Agreement To Provide Legal Services To Dakota County Community Development Agency

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, pursuant to a legal services agreement, the Dakota County Attorney's Office is currently providing legal services to the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA); and

WHEREAS, the agreement will expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office is willing to provide legal services to the agency on terms agreeable to the County and the CDA; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office has identified that it is not aware of any current conflict of interest between its representation of Dakota County and its continued representation of the CDA; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legal services agreement with the CDA will extend through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the agreement, the County Attorney's Office will provide legal services to the agency at a rate of \$242 per hour for attorney time and \$132 per hour for paralegal time in 2026 and \$251 per hour for attorney time and \$138 per hour for paralegal time in 2027; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Finance determined that the hourly rates include direct and indirect administrative costs for a mid-level senior attorney and the Civil Division paralegal in the County Attorney's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Dakota County Attorney to execute an agreement for legal services, substantially as presented and subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form, with the Dakota Community Development Agency from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

Ayes: 7

9.2 Resolution No: 25-601
Authorization To Execute An Agreement To Provide Legal Services To
Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Attorney's Office has provided legal services to the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization ("VRWJPO") for many years; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office is willing to continue to provide legal services to the VRWJPO on terms agreeable to the County Attorney's Office and the VRWJPO; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office has identified that it is not aware of any current conflict of interest between its representation of Dakota County and its continued representation of the VRWJPO; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office has further identified that if a conflict arises during the course of representation, the County Attorney's Office will disclose the conflict and consult with both the County and the VRWJPO as to

whether continued representation of both parties or either party is possible with the parties' consent; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legal services agreement with the VRWJPO will be for the term of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the agreement, the County Attorney's Office will provide legal services to the VRWJPO at the internal rate of \$188.99 per hour for attorney time and \$103.62 per hour for paralegal time in 2026 and \$196.55 per hour for attorney time and \$107.76 per hour for paralegal time in 2027; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Finance determined that the hourly rates include direct and indirect administrative costs for a paralegal and attorney in the County Attorney's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Dakota County Attorney to execute an agreement for legal services, substantially as presented and subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form, with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization for the term of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

Ayes: 7

9.3 Resolution No: 25-602

Authorization To Join The Metropolitan Council In Challenging Environmental Impact Statement Adequacy Determination For Nelson Mine Backwater Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, Amrize Midwest Inc. (Amrize) is proposing to move its mine area that supports its existing Nelson Sand & Gravel Mine Facility; and

WHEREAS, the planned new mine area would be an approximately 395-acre parcel of privately owned land that the company leases in the backwaters of the Mississippi River on Lower Grey Cloud Island, and the move would occur over a 20- to 25-year period; and

WHEREAS, the proposed mining operation will impact a generation's use of Dakota County's Spring Lake Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the project required the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and

WHEREAS, Cottage Grove is the Responsible Government Unit designated for the EIS and is responsible for verifying the accuracy of environmental documents and complying with environmental review processes; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410 control the environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, Spring Lake Park Reserve is located on a west-to-east flowing reach of the Mississippi River with north-facing bluffs and river terraces that support rare ecosystems and offer expansive river views;

WHEREAS, as one of seven “park reserves” in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Park System, Spring Lake Park Reserve is distinguished by its close relationship with the Mississippi River and its breadth of cultural and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the County has made and will continue to make significant investment in the Spring Lake Park Reserve for the preservation of its natural resources and as a destination for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Schaar’s Bluff Gathering Center is a primary attraction of the park, along with its trailhead connection to trails (including part of the National Mississippi River Trail), picnic areas, overlooks and other amenities for the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the proposed mine will reach 200’ deep in the Mississippi River, approximately 2,000’ from Schaar’s Bluff in Spring Lake Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County provided written comments to the draft EIS by letter dated January 16, 2025, noting the following concerns:

1. Noise Impacts
2. Visual Impacts
3. Light Pollution
4. Impacts on Wildlife and the Mississippi River
5. Recreational impacts on Spring Lake and the Mississippi River users
6. Potential Upstream Flooding

; and

WHEREAS, Final EIS was substantially unchanged from the Draft EIS and non-responsive to the County’s substantive comments and lacking in mitigation measures related to Spring Lake Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 24, 2025, Dakota County addressed these substantive and procedural concerns regarding the Final EIS; and

WHEREAS, the determination of adequacy of the Final EIS was on the Cottage Grove consent agenda on November 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Cottage Grove received numerous comments objecting to the adequacy of the Final EIS, including comments from the Minnesota DNR, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Minnesota Stat Historic Preservation Office, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Metropolitan Council, Friends of the Mississippi River and Minnesota Indian Affairs Council; and

WHEREAS, the Cottage Grove City Council determined the Final EIS to be

adequate by vote on the consent agenda; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County finds the Final EIS to be both procedurally and substantive inadequate; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council is charged under state law with overseeing the acquisition and development of the regional parks system; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the implementing agency for the metropolitan parks within Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has also commented on the EIS, reiterating the County's concerns and raising additional issues; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Council and Dakota County share a similar interest in mitigating environmental impacts to the impacts to the Regional Parks and Trails System by the proposed mine expansion into the Mississippi river; and

WHEREAS, a person aggrieved by a final decision on the adequacy of an environmental impact statement is entitled to judicial review of the decision by a petition for a writ of certiorari to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Attorney's Office to coordinate with the Metropolitan Council and petition for review of the City of Cottage Grove's Determination of Adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Nelson Mine Backwater Project.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, Laurie Halverson, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Nay: 1

Mary Liz Holberg

10. County Board/County Administration

10.1 Resolution No: 25-603

Scheduling Of 2026 County Board/Committee Of The Whole Meetings, Workshops And Public Hearings

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following 2026 County Board/Committees of the Whole meeting schedule:

County Board

January 6, 20

February 3, 17

March 3, 24

April 7, 21
May 5, 19
June 9, 23
July 7, 21
August 4
September 1, 22
October 6, 27
November 10
December 1, 15

General Government and Policy (GGP) Committee

January 6, 20
February 3, 17
March 3, 10, 24
April 7, 14, 21
May 5, 12, 19
June 9, 23
July 7, 21
August 4
September 1, 22
October 6, 27
November 10
December 1

Community Services/Physical Development Committee

January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12
June 16
July 14
August 18
September 15
October 13
November 17
December 1

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the location of the Board/Committee of the Whole meetings shall be scheduled as follows:

- All County Board meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, Administration Center, in Hastings.
- General Government and Policy (GGP) Committee meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. (or following the County Board or Regional Railroad Authority meeting) in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center in Hastings.

- Physical Development (9:00 a.m.) and Community Services (at 1:00 p.m.). Committee meetings will be held in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center in Hastings.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That General Government and Policy meetings that fall on a day when Physical Development Committee of the Whole meets will be held at 9:00 a.m., prior to the Physical Development Committee of the Whole meeting, in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center in Hastings, on the following dates during the legislative session:

March 10, April 14, May 12

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Board will hold a Special County Board meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That County Board schedules Finance Work Sessions to discuss the 2027 budget and are hereby scheduled as follows:

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| • January 13, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |
| • February 10, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |
| • March 10, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |
| • April 14, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |
| • May 12, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |
| • June 16, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |
| • July 13, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. |
| • August 18, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |
| • September 15, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |
| • October 13, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |
| • November 17, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. or following other Board/Committee meetings |

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a public hearing is hereby scheduled for December 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Boardroom, Administration Center, Hastings, Minnesota, to receive comments on the 2027-2031 Capital

Improvement Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a public meeting is hereby scheduled for December 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Administration Center, Hastings, Minnesota, to receive input on the 2025 levy and budget.

Ayes: 7

10.2 Resolution No: 25-604

Establishment Of 2026 Elected Officials' And County Manager's Compensation And Commissioner General Expense Allowance

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the County Board will adopt the proposed 2026 Unclassified Employee Merit Compensation Policy and Plan provisions; and

WHEREAS, the County established a process within that Plan by which Elected Officials' and the County Manager's compensation is determined and it is necessary that proper compensation be established for all Elected Officials and the County Manager, pursuant to relevant provisions of the proposed 2026 Unclassified Employee Merit Compensation Policy and Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Dakota County to provide equitable compensation and financial incentives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes in the context of and consistent with the proposed 2026 Unclassified Employees Merit Compensation Policy and Plan and other relevant provisions, Elected Officials' and County Manager's 2026 compensation as follows:

County Commissioner, \$106,689; County Manager, \$281,450; County Attorney, \$253,938 plus a \$3,960 lump sum; County Sheriff, \$237,146; 2026 payable compensation per current policy:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	*\$106,689
COUNTY MANAGER	\$281,450
COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$253,938 + \$3,960 lump sum
COUNTY SHERIFF	\$237,146

* Prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 19, 2025, a County Commissioner may file with the Human Resources Director an election to decline part, or all their 2026 salary increase. For any Commissioner filing such a declination of part of their 2026 salary increase shall receive their elected portion. A Commissioner filing a declination of their full increase, the 2026 compensation level shall be *\$103,582; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Minn. Stat. 383D.05, hereby establishes a Commissioner car/expense allowance for 2026 in the amount of \$7,000 per year

per Commissioner.

Ayes: 7

11. Community Services

11.1 Resolution No: 25-605

Authorization To Execute Interagency Cooperative Agreement Between Minnesota Department Of Children Youth And Families, Child Support Division, And Dakota County

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreement sets forth respective responsibilities in providing services necessary to the operation of the child support program under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.), sections 651 through 699b, and meets the requirements of 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), sections 303.107 and 302.34; and

WHEREAS, such services include establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and securing financial support for minor children who are living apart from one or both parents as more fully set forth in Title IV-D of the Social Security Act program; and

WHEREAS, Title IV-D of the Social Security Act requires a Cooperative Agreement between Dakota County and other county entities that are a party to this Cooperative Agreement, namely the County Attorney and County Sheriff, in order to compensate said county entities with respect to reimbursement for costs incurred in providing services necessary to operate the child support program; and

WHEREAS, the County may be reimbursed for administrative expenses incurred as a result of the activities performed under this agreement pursuant to state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the Dakota County Child Support program in 2024 was \$7,447,748; and

WHEREAS, the amount budgeted for eligible Title IV-D cases and related services provided by the County Attorney in the budget year preceding this contract was \$2,399,802; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost for 2026 is \$2,523,055 and is \$2,651,731 for 2027; and

WHEREAS, we are estimating a 5.1 percent increase to county attorney expenses for both 2026 to 2027 due to the contract negotiations that include a cost of living and merit pay increases; and

WHEREAS, the amount budgeted for eligible Title IV-D cases' services provided

by the County Sheriff in the budget year preceding this contract was \$9,525; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost for 2026 is \$9,811, and for 2027 is \$10,105; and

WHEREAS, we are calculating the standard 3 percent increase for the sheriff expenses as these costs have remained low in previous years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Children Youth and Families for Title IV-D Services for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

Ayes: 7

11.2 Resolution No: 25-606

Authorization To Execute Subcontractor Agreement With Independent School District 196

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 05-601 (November 29, 2005), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized a joint powers agreement between the County of Dakota, Dakota County School Districts, and the Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency, Inc., for the purpose of establishing a Dakota County Integrated Children's Mental Health and Family Service Collaborative (Collaborative) in which Dakota County agreed to serve as Fiscal Agent Host for the Dakota County Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the County entered into a contract with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer the Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS), which is Minnesota's federally approved claiming mechanism for Medicaid and Title IV-E administrative reimbursement for approved Minnesota's Family Services and Children's Mental Health Collaboratives, the Financial Reporting and Payment Agent (FRAPA) from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, as part of the LCTS Contract, the County is the FRAPA and responsible for administering the LCTS on behalf of the Collaborative, and reporting on all LCTS funds to DHS; and

WHEREAS, the LCTS Contract cannot be assigned, and the County's duties as FRAPA cannot be delegated or assumed by ISD 196; and

WHEREAS, the County would like to subcontract with ISD 196 to meet those requirements; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Collaborative is to foster collaborative prevention and early intervention efforts to improve the stability and health of all children

ages birth to age 18, or children birth to age 22 with disabilities, and their families through the coordination of multi-agency services and informal and formal supports within the community; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has received approximately \$75,000 annually from the Collaborative to pay for a portion of the Collaborative's Coordinator's salary in support of day-to-day operations to carry out the Collaborative Governing Board's directives; and

WHEREAS, the county has also provided Legal, Risk Management, Contracts, Fiscal, Audit, Budget, and Administrative Operations services as in-kind contribution; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services staff evaluated the Fiscal Agent role and determined the following:

- Social Services budget constraints required the elimination of FTE in non-mandated services, which included the Collaborative Coordinator position; and
- Amount of time and resources being put toward the Collaborative; and
- Issues related to the County's liability in serving as the Fiscal Agent to the Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2025, written notice was provided to the Collaborative Chair indicating that the County will no longer provide coordination services and serve as the Collaborative Fiscal Agent; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2025, the Collaborative Governing Board unanimously approved ISD 196 to assume the Collaborative Fiscal Agent and Collaborative Coordinator role for the Collaborative effective January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a subcontractor agreement with Independent School District 196 to provide data and consultation for Dakota County to meet its fiscal reporting and payment agent duties from January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, substantially as presented to the Community Services Committee of the Whole on December 16, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

12. Physical Development

12.1 Resolution No: 25-607

Certification Of Dakota County Portion Of 2026 Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District Tax Levy

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 02-347 (June 25, 2002), and amended by Resolution No. 24-623 (December 17, 2024), the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners executed a joint powers agreement between Dakota County and Scott County to govern the Vermillion River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement establishes a Joint Powers Board consisting of two commissioners from Dakota County and one from Scott County; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed for Dakota County's share of costs associated with managing the Vermillion River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 02-296 (June 4, 2002), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners established the Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District through Ordinance No. 127 to fund Dakota County's share of costs associated with managing the Vermillion River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, approval and adoption of the Watershed Management Plan, as required by Minn. Stat. Ch. 103B, occurred in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement states that the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board will adopt a budget and recommend a levy for the portion of the Watershed Management Tax District in each county by September 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2025, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board adopted a proposed budget of \$2,848,648, including the use of 2025 fund balance and grant revenues, and recommended that the levy for the Dakota County portion be \$1,037,693 and the levy for the Scott County portion be \$40,532; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County must certify a levy on the Watershed Management Tax District by December 28, 2025, to be effective for taxes payable in 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County certified a proposed levy of \$1,037,693 for the Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District on September 9, 2025, to be effective for taxes payable in 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies the Dakota County portion of the Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District levy in the amount of \$1,037,693 for taxes payable in 2026.

Ayes: 7

12.2 Resolution No: 25-608

Authorization To Execute First Amendment To Joint Powers Agreements With Townships And Cities For Septic System Maintenance Programs

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, in 2016, the County entered into joint powers agreements (JPA) with 13 separate cities and townships to perform administrative services for each municipality's septic pumping program.

The municipalities include:

Townships:

Castle Rock

Douglas

Eureka

Greenvale

Hampton

Marshan

Nininger

Ravenna

Sciota

Cities:

Coates

Empire

Hampton

Miesville

; and

WHEREAS, the JPAs provide that the County will maintain a database of properties with septic systems within each Municipality, send required reminders to the property owners to pump their septic systems every three years, and maintain records of pumping compliance; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of each JPA was for ten years and the agreements will expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the JPAs provide that the parties may extend the initial term for another ten years with the approval of the parties' respective governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to extend each JPA for an additional ten-year term, so that the County may continue to provide record-keeping and other administrative services for each Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the parties further desire to update the JPA terms, including by modifying the method by which the County will provide records to each Municipality upon expiration or termination of each JPA; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities will continue to reimburse the County for its costs in providing the administrative services by paying the Pump Maintenance Program Fee established in the County's fee schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Environmental Resources Director to execute amendments to the joint powers agreements (JPA) with each of the Municipalities listed below, extending the terms of the JPAs through December 31, 2035 and providing updates to the JPAs, including by modifying the method by which the County will provide records to each participating municipality upon expiration or termination of each JPA, subject to approval of the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Townships:
Castle Rock
Douglas
Eureka
Greenvale
Hampton
Marshan
Nininger
Ravenna
Sciota

Cities:
Coates
Empire
Hampton
Miesville

Ayes: 7

12.3 Resolution No: 25-609

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization For Administration, Staffing, And Support Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board (VRWJPB) is governed by the joint powers agreement by and between Dakota County and Scott County dated January 21, 2025 with the counties providing staff support to the VRWJPB; and

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) has an Administrator and other staff services provided by Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, some staff services are provided as an underlying overhead cost as identified in Dakota County's Cost Allocation Plan, whereas other staff services are provided on a time and materials basis; and

WHEREAS, the VRWJPO will reimburse Dakota County for those staff services that are provided on a time and materials basis; and

WHEREAS, the VRWJPO will provide reimbursement to Dakota County for staff services on a monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, the VRWJPB approved the service agreement for Dakota County administration, staffing, and support services at its December 4, 2025, meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute the joint powers agreement with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board for administration, staffing, and support services, subject to approval by the Dakota County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

12.4 Resolution No: 25-610

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Inver Grove Heights For Natural Resources Restoration Within Select Parks And Amend Budget To Reflect Local Project Match

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Land Conservation Plan, adopted by County Board Resolution 20-568 on November 17, 2020, called for creating a City County Conservation Collaborative (4C) to “more effectively protect critical undeveloped areas, increase natural resource restoration and management, and share information and financial and staff resources within all incorporated areas”; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, a 4C development and implementation proposal was distributed to all cities located in the County. There was interest and support amongst all the cities, and a request to submit potential restoration projects was distributed. Five cities - Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Inver Grove Heights, and Mendota Heights, submitted project applications; and

WHEREAS, Inver Grove Heights’ Seidl’s Lake Park and Harmon Park Reserve/Salem Hills were selected to receive County support, including project management assistance and state Outdoor Heritage Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Inver Grove Heights committed a minimum of 15 percent match toward each project; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023, and March 28, 2023, the County Board of Commissioners approved to submit grant applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program and the Legislative-Citizen’s Commission on Minnesota Resources’ Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (LCCMR-ENRTF) program; and

WHEREAS, these RAISE and LCCMR-ENRTF grant applications included restoration work at key nodes along the Mississippi River Greenway, including Inver Grove Heights’ Ernster Park, Heritage Village Park, and Rock Island Swing Bridge Park; and

WHEREAS, both grants were awarded in full, eliminating the need for any additional local match; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Restoration joint powers agreement with the City of Inver Grove Heights establishes a standardized, citywide template for collaboration, replacing the need for multiple project-specific agreements for each of these projects; and

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement centralizes information for jointly managed restoration projects in an efficient, transparent format; and

WHEREAS, future amendments will be made by adding or updating exhibits as new projects are undertaken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Dakota County execute a joint powers agreement with the City of Inver Grove Heights for natural resources restoration projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the estimated city match contributions and amends the 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Budget as follows:

Revenue

Local Program Match-City of IGH \$92,758

Total Revenue **\$92,758**

Expense

Natural Resources Restoration \$92,758

Total Expense **\$92,758**

Ayes: 7

12.5 Resolution No: 25-611

Authorization To Amend Contract With Miller Dunwiddie Architecture, Inc., For Fischer Trailhead Project In Spring Lake Park Reserve

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the 2024-2028 Parks 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, by Resolution No. 24-133 (March 12, 2024), the Board approved to select Miller Dunwiddie Architecture, Inc., to provide professional design services; and

WHEREAS, since April 2024, staff have worked with a design team to progress the design and related review process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-426 (August 27, 2024), the Board approved the Schematic Design as presented by staff; and

WHEREAS, Miller Dunwiddie Architecture, Inc., 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, by Resolution No. (July 8, 2025), the Board approved Eureka Construction, Inc., to construct the Fischer Trailhead Project; and

WHEREAS, due to complications in design, bidding, and construction, an additional design service fee of \$78,400 is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract amendment to increase the contract with Miller Dunwiddie Architecture, Inc., by \$78,400 to a total \$430,167, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

12.6 Resolution No: 25-612

Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment With Bolton & Menk, Inc., For Construction Management Services For Minnesota River Greenway Fort Snelling Segment, In Cities Of Burnsville And Eagan, County Project P00127

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Minnesota River Greenway runs along the south side of the Minnesota River in Dakota County, 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 Loan Oak Trail Head, the Cedar Nicols Trailhead, and the Minnesota River Greenway Black Dog Segment to the west; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-044 (January 21, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc., for construction administration and inspection services for the bridge portion of the Fort Snelling segment of the Minnesota River Greenway in an amount not to exceed \$666,423.00; and

WHEREAS, construction of the bridge began in June 2025, a month later than scheduled, due to delays in the Xcel structure replacement; and

WHEREAS, in June, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources denied access to the west side until the temporary wetland permit was revised and an additional permit for the access road was approved; and

WHEREAS, progress towards construction of the bridge was further set back due to US Fish and Wildlife Service variance to remove trees within bat restriction time, delayed Xcel power outage, risk mitigation of fen impacts during pile driving, and encountering rock during drilling; and

WHEREAS, these incidents and additional challenges related to the

construction process have resulted in an expanded scope of work for Bolton & Menk, Inc., to oversee the construction process; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends execution of a contract amendment with Bolton & Menk, Inc., in the amount of \$644,375.90 for additional and expanded scope tasks occurring during construction of the Minnesota River Greenway, Fort Snelling Segment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to amend the contract with Bolton & Menk, Inc., by \$644,375.90 to an amended amount not to exceed \$1,310,798.90, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office.

Ayes: 7

12.7 Resolution No: 25-613

Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

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:

DEER CREEK 2ND ADDITION Empire

Ayes: 7

12.8 Resolution No: 25-614

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With Eureka Construction Inc., Amend Reimbursement And Relocation Agreement With Northern States Power Company; And Execute Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Transportation For Federal Participation In Advanced Construction (117th Street East), County Project 32-65

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota

County and the City of Inver Grove Heights are proceeding with County Project (CP) 32-65 to 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 project includes construction of a two-lane, median-divided 10-ton roadway to improve mobility, pavement condition, and freight movement along a Tier 1 regional truck corridor; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on December 4, 2025, and Eureka Construction, Inc., submitted the lowest responsible bid of \$14,599,448.50, approximately \$4.4 million below the engineer's estimate of \$19,000,016.20; and

WHEREAS, the bid is internally consistent and reflects strategic pricing advantages in several major items; and

WHEREAS, the City of Inver Grove Heights will contribute approximately \$6.5 million toward the project in accordance with County cost participation policies, and the project is anticipated to receive \$8 million in federal funding through the Metropolitan Highway Freight Program; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-214 (April 22, 2025) authorized a reimbursement and relocation agreement with Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy in an amount not to exceed \$1,206,000; and

WHEREAS, based on final coordination and scope adjustments, an amendment is needed to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$10,000, for a revised total of \$1,216,000; and

WHEREAS, to receive federal reimbursement for eligible construction costs, Dakota County must enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for federal participation in advanced construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to award the construction contract for County Project 32-65 to Eureka Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$14,599,448.50, 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 amendment to the reimbursement and relocation agreement with Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$10,000, for a revised total of \$1,216,000, 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 authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute an agreement

with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for federal participation in advanced construction of County Project 32-65, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

13. Public Safety

13.1 Resolution No: 25-615

Authorization To Execute Contract With City Of Empire To Provide A Full-Time Deputy For Police Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the City of Empire and the Dakota County Sheriff's Office wish to enter into an agreement where the Sheriff's Office provides one full-time patrol deputy for police services in the City at 40 hours per week from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City of Empire will compensate the County a maximum of \$171,330 for the year 2026 and a maximum of \$176,469 for the year 2027 to cover salary, benefits, and vehicle expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Dakota County Sheriff to execute a contract with the City of Empire to provide police services in the City at 40 hours per week for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027 where the City of Empire will compensate the County a maximum of \$171,330 for the year 2026 and a maximum of \$176,469 for the year 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

13.2 Resolution No: 25-616

Authorization To Extend Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Eagan For Distribution Of High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Grant Funding

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, Dakota County has been identified as a High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and through that designation, became recipients of federal grant funding for investigation of narcotics trafficking offenses; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of that grant funding and the addition of a grant funded crime analyst position was approved by Resolution No. 17-173 (March 21, 2017); and

WHEREAS, the Grant funds the assigned Sheriff's Office crime analyst who supports the Dakota County Drug Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eagan is the fiscal agent for the Dakota County Drug Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the County must enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Eagan to allow the City to disburse HIDTA grant funding to the County through December 31, 2026 or until the Grant funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Sheriff is hereby authorized to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of Eagan to allow the City (as the Dakota County Drug Task Force fiscal agency) to disburse High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area grant funding to the County through December 31, 2026 or until the Grant funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

Ayes: 7

14. Public Services and Revenue

14.1 Resolution No: 25-617

Approval Of Applications For Property Tax Penalty Abatement

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Property Taxation & Records Department requests that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approve the abatement applications for MV Eagan Ventures and MVE Residential LLC; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minn. Stat. §375.192, subd. 2, upon written application by the owner of any property, the county board may grant the reduction or abatement of taxes of any costs, penalties, or interest if the board deems just and equitable; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Abatement Policy 8751 allows for approval of the abatement of penalty when a bank-issued stop-payment is filed within 30 days of the original payment due date, October 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, MV Eagan Ventures and MVE Residential LLC completed the Abatement Application, provided documentation from UPS confirming that the package was reported lost, and included a bank-issued stop-payment notice dated October 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, County Board action is required for abatements that the penalty, interest, and costs for delinquent taxes is \$10,000 or more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. §375.192, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the penalty abatements for the parcels described as follows:

Applicant: MV Eagan Ventures

Parcel ID Number: 10-82012-01-010

Owner: MV EAGAN VENTURES LLC

Property Location: 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan MN 55121
2025 2nd Half Penalty Abatement: \$19,113.36

Applicant: MVE Residential LLC
Parcel ID Number: 10-82013-01-030
Owner: MVE RESIDENTIAL LLC
Property Location: 700 Vikings Pkwy, Eagan MN 55121
2025 2nd Half Penalty Abatement: \$17,965.31

Ayes: 7

14.2 Resolution No: 25-618
Approval Of 2026 Intoxicating Liquor Licenses

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

WHEREAS, a public hearing is required for the purpose of receiving comments and informing the public on applications for off-sale intoxicating liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS, all interested parties were notified of the date, time and location of the public hearing on the Simman LLC, dba Castle Rock Bar and Grill, On and Off-Sale Intoxicating and Sunday Sales license application; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., the Dakota County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the Simman, LLC, dba Castle Rock Bar & Grill; and

WHEREAS, a county may not issue or renew a retail license to sell any alcoholic beverages until the County Board has received a written certification from the Sheriff and County Attorney that to the best of their knowledge the application is eligible to be license under Minn. Stat. § 340A.402 and Minn. Rules § 7515.0410; and

WHEREAS, the Simman, LLC application was approved by the Castle Rock Township on December 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County's approval of the Hidden Greens, Inc. application is contingent upon Marshan Township's approval at their meeting on December 16, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following 2026 intoxicating liquor licenses and authorizes the Public Services and Revenue Division to issue the licenses upon payment of the fees:

Castle Rock Township:

Simman, LLC, dba Castle Rock Bar and Grill: On and Off-Sale Intoxicating and Sunday Sale

Marshan Township:

Hidden Greens, Inc: On-Sale and Sunday Sale

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Central Operations

15.1 Resolution No: 25-619

Certification Of 2026 Property Tax Levy And Adoption Of Dakota County 2026 Budget And 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

Finance Director Will Wallo briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners has completed the 2026 budget process;
and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners held budget workshops on July 23, August 19, September 16, and November 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners held the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Public Hearing and the Levy and Budget Public Hearing meetings on December 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the total budget and property tax levy by department is included as an attachment to this Board action and published in the official paper of record, the Hastings Journal, after budget adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby
adopts the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$894,008,509; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the
2026 Dakota County budget as prepared, presented and set forth in the amount as follows:

Total Budget: \$527,684,094

Property Tax Levy: \$184,246,066

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, Laurie Halverson, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Nay: 1
Mary Liz Holberg

16. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

17. County Manager's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch thanked all leadership across the organization that assisted with the challenges that came with determining the final budget for 2026.

18. Information

18.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

19. Adjournment

**19.1 Resolution No: 25-620
Adjournment**

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Mike Slavik
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager