



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 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

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.

Commissioner Atkins attended the meeting remotely via interactive technology.

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: 25-517 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

The agenda was amended to remove Item 8.1 - Authorization To Amend 2025 County Board/Committee Of The Whole Meeting Schedule.

Ayes: 7

5. Public Hearing**5.1** Resolution No: 25-518
Public Hearing To Receive Comments And Adoption Of Dakota County 2026
Fee Schedules

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

The time being 9:10 a.m. and pursuant to public notice, a public hearing was conducted to receive comments and Adoption of Dakota County 2026 fee schedules. Finance Audit Manager Lucas Chase briefed this item and the public hearing was opened. No one came forward with comments and no comments were received via email. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:11 a.m.

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 373.41 authorizes the Dakota County Board to establish fees for various services provided to the public after holding a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County desires to recover costs for services, except where an increase would adversely affect the use of a program or service; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the recommended 2026 fee schedules was published from October 7, 2025, to November 4, 2025, on the Dakota County external website under Public Notices; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 4, 2025, to receive comments on the 2026 Fee Schedules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Dakota County 2026 fee schedules, as attached to this Board item.

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. County Administration - Approval of Minutes**6.1** Resolution No: 25-519
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on October 21, 2025

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

Ayes: 7

7. Central Operations

7.1 Resolution No: 25-520
Approval Of 2025 Dakota County Emergency Operations Plan And Authorization
To Execute Plan Approval Page

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) provides a comprehensive framework that outlines a coordinated response to emergencies and disasters within the County; and

WHEREAS, the EOP outlines an all-hazards approach providing the structure for emergency management operations, and describes the responsibilities, capabilities, and requirements across county departments, the cities and townships, response agencies, and partner organizations; and

WHEREAS, County Board approval of the EOP is required by HSEM once every four years to meet requirements within the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) program; and

WHEREAS, the County Board must also authorize the County Board Chair, County Manager, and County Emergency Manager to sign the Plan Approval page; and

WHEREAS, staff has completed an update of the 2025 Dakota County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in accordance with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2025 Dakota County Emergency Operations Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Board Chair, the Sheriff, and the County Manager are hereby authorized to sign the plan approval page.

Ayes: 7

8. County Board/County Administration

8.1 Authorization To Amend 2025 County Board/Committee Of The Whole Meeting
Schedule

This item was removed from the agenda. No action was taken.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a Regional Railroad Authority meeting on November 18, 2025, 9:30 a.m. (or following County Board), Boardroom, Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners

hereby schedules a General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole meeting on November 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (or following the Regional Railroad Authority meeting), Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a Budget Workshop on November 18, 2025, 10:30 a.m. (or following the General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole), Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN.

8.2 Resolution No: 25-521

Adoption Of 2026 Legislative Priorities And Updated Platform

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature will convene its 2026 session on February 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the interests of Dakota County and its citizens will be directly affected by the decisions of the 2026; and

WHEREAS, the General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole reviewed items for inclusion in Dakota County's 2026 Legislative Priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following legislative priorities:

Policy Priorities:

- Human services modernization
 - Solve immediate issues created by new federal requirements, reduce errors and fight fraud.
 - Get on track to replace outdated, disparate systems with a modern system with centralized core functions.
- Human services cost shifts
 - The State of Minnesota should absorb SNAP federal cost shifts.
- Housing support operations management allocation
 - Allow provider agencies, including counties, to set aside a portion of Housing Support funds to pay for their administrative work.
- Crisis mental health services.
 - The legislature should create a long-term funding plan to ensure sustainability of the mental health system in Minnesota.
 - While a long-term funding is being developed, the legislature should provide a direct appropriation to Dakota County to support and expand its existing, critical services.

Capital Priorities:

- County Road 50 and Interstate 35 interchange
 - County Road 50 safety and pedestrian improvements
 - Transportation improvements for construction detour

- Lebanon Hills and Lake Byllesby campground buildings and beach house replacement
 - County Road 46 expansion from Trunk Highway 3 to Trunk Highway 52
- ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the updated Legislative Platform.

Ayes: 7

9. Community Services

9.1 Resolution No: 25-522

Authorization To Execute Contract With Minnesota Labs For Community-Based Drug Testing Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the work of Children and Family Services requires access to community-based services for children, youth, and families, whether in addressing child protection issues, children's mental health needs, truancy, or youth transitioning from the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Act, specifically Minn. Stat. § 245.4874, subd. 1, requires county boards to develop a system of affordable and locally available children's mental health services based on a local service delivery system detailed in Minn. Stat. § 245.4875, subd. 2; and

WHEREAS, the juvenile protection provisions of the Juvenile Court Act, Minn. Stat. § 260C, reference child protection case plan services and the need for county social services agencies to provide support and services to prevent out-of-home placement, and to assist in family reunification following children being in out-of-home placement; and

WHEREAS, Children and Family Services contracts for supportive services that address the needs of children, youth, and families based on the concerns that brought them to Social Services; and

WHEREAS, Social Services requires research-supported testing for exposure to alcohol and other drugs on children, youth, and adults; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2025, staff issued a request for proposals for Community-Based Drug Testing Services; and

WHEREAS, a review committee from the Social Services team reviewed and scored the proposals; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a contract with Minnesota Labs for Community-Based Drug Testing Services for the term and the amount listed

below:

- Term of contract: date of execution through December 31, 2026
- Not to exceed (NTE) amount: \$200,000 (NTE amount is the same as previous contract period)
- Funding source: County Levy
- In 2024, 429 clients were referred for testing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Minnesota Labs for Community-Based Drug Testing services in a not to exceed amount of \$200,000 from the date of execution through December 31, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due.

Ayes: 7

9.2 Resolution No: 25-523

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Dakota County Community Development Agency For Family Voucher Administration Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Community Development Agency (CDA) established a pilot Levy Rent Assistance Program for families, a program designed to address system flow for residents at Dakota Woodlands by providing temporary tenant-based rental assistance to eligible households until they transition to the Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the CDA program sunset in June 2022 and due to the success of the pilot program, long waitlists for shelter and stagnation in flow out of shelter, Dakota County Social Services proposed utilizing the new Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) funding to relaunch a Family Housing Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-574 (December 19, 2023), the County Board authorized restarting the Family Voucher Program, formerly known as the CDA Levy Rent Assistance Program with funding from LAHA; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services has previously contracted with the

CDA to act as the rental assistance administrator for the program; and

WHEREAS, the CDA has succeeded as a vendor in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. §471.59, subd.1, two or more governmental units may enter into an agreement to cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting Parties, and one of the participating governmental units may exercise one of its powers on behalf of the other governmental units; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting to enter into a joint powers agreement (JPA) with Dakota County CDA for family voucher administrative services in an amount not to exceed \$1,225,000 for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County CDA served 29 households in 2025 and plans to increase households served to 34 per year in the next contract period; and

WHEREAS, this is a 22 percent increase in the amount of \$225,000 additional dollars in the two-year contract period.

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 Dakota County Community Development Agency for family voucher administration services in a not to exceed amount of \$1,225,000 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

9.3 Resolution No: 25-524

Authorization To Execute A Grant Amendment With Minnesota Department Of Employment And Economic Development And Contract Amendments For State Dislocated Worker Program Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each Workforce Development Area (WDA) to submit an annual plan describing how employment and training services will be provided to eligible program participants; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-299 (June 24, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of grant agreement with DEED to provide State Dislocated Worker Program services in the amount of \$662,657 and execution of contracts with DEED Job Service and HIRED in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for each contract for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2025, the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board approved the execution of the grant amendment with DEED to add an

additional amount of \$738,230 (\$559,578 Dakota County; \$178,652 Scott County) for a new not to exceed total of \$1,400,887; and

WHEREAS, this allocation is a decrease of 0.4% from last year's grant allocation; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a grant amendment with DEED to add \$738,230 to the current grant agreement of \$662,657 for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,400,877 and execute contract amendments with DEED Job Service and HIRED to add an additional \$100,000 to each contract for a new not to exceed amount of \$200,000 for each contract for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a grant amendment with DEED to add \$738,230 for a new not to exceed grant amount of \$1,400,877 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract amendment with DEED Job Service in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 and with HIRED in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due.

Ayes: 7

9.4 Resolution No: 25-525

Authorization To Submit Biennial Service Agreement, Accept Funds For Minnesota Family Investment Program With Minnesota Department Of Children, Youth, And Families, And Execute Contract With Avivo For Employment Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §142G.76, subd.4, requires counties to have an approved biennial service agreement (BSA) with the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to receive consolidated funds; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of this service agreement is to assess statewide efforts toward the goal of “economic stability for low-income families” under Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP); and

WHEREAS, the agreement assesses the ongoing needs of families and children within program areas, the resources available to address these needs, budgeting of allocated resources, and community participation and review in the planning and development of the service agreement; and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2027 BSA builds upon existing efforts by counties to serve the needs of families and children, and to assess how well current efforts are leading to better outcomes for Minnesota families; and

WHEREAS, counties use the MFIP Consolidated Fund to administer MFIP financial assistance, the Diversionary Work Program (DWP), deliver MFIP and DWP employment services, and provide emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, as required by law, Employment and Economic Assistance provided an opportunity for public comment through an online public posting on Dakota County’s website, available for comment for thirty days prior to the submission of the agreement to DCYF; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County did not receive any public comments as a result and the announcement closed for comments on October 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to submit the BSA for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, and accept funds for a total not to exceed amount of \$8,812,654 (\$4,406,327 for each year); and

WHEREAS, this is a decrease of \$232,796 (-2.6%) from the funding received in the prior biennium; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract with Avivo for MFIP employment services in a not to exceed amount of \$1,390,406 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this is an increase of \$190,406 (15.9%) from the prior year and is

increasing as individuals previously enrolled in DWP will now be moving to the MFIP program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Dakota County to submit the Biennial Service Agreement for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Community Services Director to accept funds from the Minnesota Family Investment Program with the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) in an amount not to exceed \$8,812,654 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Avivo for Minnesota Family Investment Program employment services in a not to exceed amount of \$1,390,406 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due.

Ayes: 7

10. Physical Development

10.1 Resolution No: 25-526

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Lakeville For Greenway And Trail Segment Maintenance

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-517 (October 11, 2011), the Dakota County

Board of Commissioners adopted the North Creek Greenway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeville and Dakota County have constructed or reconstructed about 1.75 miles of the North Creek Greenway to Dakota County Greenway standards in 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is mutually agreeable for the City of Lakeville and Dakota County to execute a maintenance agreement to define routine, deferred, and replacement responsibilities of the County's Greenway, site amenities and furnishings, vegetation, utilities, and structural infrastructure like bridges or tunnels; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will reimburse the City of Lakeville annually for routine maintenance activities at an agreed-upon rate per mile of Greenway; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will continue to perform routine trail inspections, graffiti removal, and routine, deferred, and replacement maintenance of Greenway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Asset Preservation set-aside and project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director, or their designee, to execute a Maintenance Agreement, as substantially presented, with the City of Lakeville for the North Creek Greenway that require routine and deferred maintenance, or replacement of Greenway Regional trail infrastructure according to the County's existing maintenance service standards, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.2 Resolution No: 25-527

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Hastings For Greenway And Trail Segment Maintenance

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 99-526 (September 21, 1999), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted the Mississippi River Greenway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-767 (October 29, 2019), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted the Vermillion River Greenway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has constructed or reconstructed about 4.4 miles of the Mississippi River Greenway to Dakota County Greenway standards in 2020 and 2021 and constructed or reconstructed about 2.1 miles of the Vermillion River Greenway in 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is mutually agreeable for the City of Hastings and Dakota County to execute a maintenance agreement to define the routine, deferred, and replacement responsibilities of the County's Greenway, site amenities and furnishings, vegetation, utilities, and structural infrastructure like bridges or tunnels; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will reimburse the City of Hastings annually for routine maintenance activities at an agreed-upon rate per mile of Greenway; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will continue to perform routine trail inspections, graffiti removal, and routine, deferred, and replacement maintenance of Greenway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Asset Preservation Set-aside project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director, or their designee, to execute a Maintenance Agreement, as substantially presented, with the City of Hastings for the Mississippi River Greenway and Vermillion River Greenway that require routine and deferred maintenance, or replacement of Greenway Regional trail infrastructure according to the County's existing maintenance service standards, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.3 Resolution No: 25-528

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Farmington For Greenway And Trail Segment Maintenance

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 11-517 (October 11, 2011), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted the North Creek Greenway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has constructed or reconstructed about 1.2 miles of the North Creek Greenway to Dakota County Greenway standards in 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is mutually agreeable for the City of Farmington and Dakota County to execute a maintenance agreement to define the routine, deferred, and replacement responsibilities of the County's Greenway, site amenities and furnishings, vegetation, utilities, and structural infrastructure like bridges or tunnels; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will reimburse the City of Farmington annually for routine maintenance activities at an agreed-upon rate per mile of Greenway; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will continue to perform routine trail inspections, graffiti removal, and routine, deferred, and replacement maintenance of Greenway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Asset Preservation Set-aside project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director, or their designee, to execute a Maintenance Agreement, as substantially presented, with the City of Farmington for the North Creek Greenway that require routine and deferred maintenance, or replacement of Greenway Regional trail infrastructure according to the County's existing maintenance service standards, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.4 Resolution No: 25-529

Authorization To Execute Consultant Contract With SRF Consulting Group, Inc., For Professional Services, And Amend 2025 Adopted Budget For County State Aid Highway 56 And 28 In City Of Inver Grove Heights, County Projects 56-14, And 28-69

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, to support a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights are advancing County Project (CP) 56-14 and CP 28-69; and

WHEREAS, CP 56-14 includes intersection, pedestrian crossing, and accessibility improvements along County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 56 from Chestnut Street in South St. Paul to Coffman Path in Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, CP 28-69 includes construction of a multi-use trail and crossing improvements along CSAH 28 from 500 feet east of Cahill Avenue to CSAH 56; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for both projects; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Nos. 22-354 (August 23, 2022), 23-149 (April 11, 2023), and 23-485 (October 24, 2024), the County Board authorized a contract and subsequent amendments with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for design services related to CP 56-14 and CP 28-69; and

WHEREAS, the previous contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. expired on December 31, 2024, and a new contract is required to complete the projects; and

WHEREAS, the expired contract had a remaining balance of \$11,525.71, which may be used to help fund the new contract; and

WHEREAS, staff negotiated additional scope of services in the amount of \$175,376 with SRF Consulting Group, Inc., and recommend a new contract not to exceed \$186,902 to account for additional coordination and design needs; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is needed to execute the new contract.

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 engineering consulting services for County Projects 56-14 and 28-69, in an amount not to exceed \$186,902, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

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

Expense

CP 56-14	\$ 80,145
CP 28-69	<u>\$ 95,231</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$175,376</u>

Revenue

CP 56-14 (Sales and Use Tax)	\$ 80,145
CP28-69 (Wheelage Tax)	\$ 17,927
CP28-69 (City)	<u>\$ 77,304</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$175,376</u>

Ayes: 7

10.5 Resolution No: 25-530

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Saint Paul Board Of Water Commissioners For City Utility Improvement Incorporation Into 2026 Preservation Projects On County State Aid Highway 73 In City Of West St. Paul, County Projects 73-044 And 73-045

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with the 2026 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces; and

WHEREAS, included in the County's preservation work is an opportunity for coordination with city stakeholders to partner on any necessary utility repairs within the road segments being included; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul Regional Water Services desires to incorporate water main repairs as part of County Projects 73-044 and 73-045; and

WHEREAS, County Project 73-044 is the mill and overlay of County State Aid Highway 73 from 980' North of County State Aid Highway 14 to County State Aid

Highway 8 in Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, County Project 73-045 is the mill and overlay of County State Aid Highway 73 from County Road 4 to Annapolis Street East in Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners is the governing body of Saint Paul Regional Water Services; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement between the County and the City of Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners is necessary to outline roles, responsibilities, and cost participation; and

WHEREAS, the cost share for adjustments to city utilities needed for the County to perform pavement preservation work is 100 percent County in accordance with the cost share policies outlined in the 2040 Dakota County Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the cost share for water main maintenance/improvements/repairs beyond what is needed for pavement preservation is 100 percent Saint Paul Regional Water Services; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget includes sufficient funds to proceed with the 2026 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces, including the County's cost share for utility adjustments.

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 Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners for utility repair work associated with County Projects 73-044 and 73-045, which are included in the 2026 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces.

Ayes: 7

10.6 Resolution No: 25-531

Authorization To Execute Contract With Bolton And Menk, Inc., And Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Burnsville For Design Of Roundabout At County State Aid Highway 32 And Interstate 35W East Frontage Road In Burnsville, County Project 32-113

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County, in partnership with the City of Burnsville, is proceeding with County Project (CP) 32-113; and

WHEREAS, CP 32-113 includes the preliminary and final engineering design of a roundabout at County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 32 and Interstate 35 West (I-35W) East Frontage Road in Burnsville; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Department sent a Request for Proposal (RFP) to five qualified professional consultants; and

WHEREAS, the proposals received were evaluated by County and City staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Bolton and Menk, Inc. (BMI) provided the best value costs with the most complete response to the RFP, including project details, and the most comprehensive cost for all the services needed; and

WHEREAS, the Adopted 2025-2029 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget includes sufficient funding for CP 32-113 engineering consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends execution of a contract with BMI for engineering consulting services for CP 32-113 for actual costs not to exceed \$418,518; and

WHEREAS, the City's staff concurs with this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement with the City of Burnsville is necessary to establish project responsibilities and cost share.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Transportation Director to execute a contract with Bolton and Menk, Inc., to perform engineering consulting services for County Project 32-113 in an amount not to exceed \$418,518, 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 joint powers agreement with the City of Burnsville, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.7 Resolution No: 25-532

Authorization To Execute Second Contract Amendment With Kimley-Horn And Associates, Inc., To Provide Final Design Engineering Services And Amend 2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget For Improvements To County State Aid Highway 42 In City Of Apple Valley, County Project 42-163

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 42-163; and

WHEREAS, CP 42-163 is the preliminary and final engineering design of improvements to County State Aid Highway 42 in the city of Apple Valley from Redwood Drive to 147th Street and vicinity; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-602 (December 19, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a design services contract with consultant Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) to perform preliminary and final design engineering services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$959,920; and

WHEREAS, the scope and scale of CP 42-163 have increased based on the need for total reconstruction, including significant underground work and coordination of the County's roadway project with the City of Apple Valley's (City) additional elements, including water and sewer utility work and anticipated City lighting preferences, to be led by the City; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-048 (January 21, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of Contract Amendment No. 1 for additional preliminary engineering services to be performed by Kimley-Horn, adding \$619,285 to the contract, resulting in a contract amount not to exceed \$1,579,205; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the additional out-of-scope and expanded work tasks, primarily for expanded final engineering design services, significant support to right of way work, and environmental professional services specified for Amendment No. 2 as work to be performed by Kimley-Horn is \$598,485, resulting in a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,177,690; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends executing the second contract amendment with Kimley-Horn for Contract Number DCA20482 for preliminary and final engineering of CP 42-163; and

WHEREAS, a project budget amendment is now needed to reconcile changes to the consulting services portion of the current 2025 project budget, including Contract Number DCA20482 Amendments 1 and 2, plus \$262,310 for services under seven contracts in real estate title research, appraisals, cultural resources, and specialty survey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to amend the not-to-exceed contract value of \$1,579,205 for Contract Number DCA20482 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for County Project 42-163 to a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,177,690, including reimbursables; and

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

Expense

Project 42-163	<u>\$1,480,080</u>
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Total Expense	\$1,480,080
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Revenue

City of Apple Valley	\$ 222,012
Transportation Sales Tax	<u>\$1,258,068</u>
Total Revenue	\$1,480,080

Ayes: 7

10.8 Resolution No: 25-533

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of West St. Paul For Design, Right Of Way Acquisition, And Construction Of Multi-Use Trail Along County State Aid Highway 8, County Project 08-035

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, to promote a safe and efficient multi-modal transportation system, the County is partnering with the City of West St. Paul to conduct preliminary engineering, final design engineering, right-of-way acquisition and of a multi-use trail along County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 8 (Wentworth Avenue) between Robert Street and CSAH 73 (Oakdale Avenue), County Project 08-035; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County and the City of West St. Paul identified this trail gap as a priority for improving safety and access for pedestrians and bicyclists to destinations such as housing, retail, and transit; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County and the City of West St. Paul completed a feasibility study and preliminary design in 2025 to establish project parameters, costs, and right of way needs; and

WHEREAS, costs of final design, right of way acquisition, and construction will be shared 85 percent County funds and 15 percent City funds in accordance with adopted County Policy; and

WHEREAS, funding for final design and right of way acquisition services in 2025 and 2026 have been allocated to the project through the Transportation Trail Gap Set-aside fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of West St. Paul will be the lead agency for preliminary engineering, final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction for the project; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement with the City of West St. Paul is required to define responsibilities and cost share obligations through the construction of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of West St. Paul to identify costs and responsibilities for final design, right of way acquisition, and construction in accordance with County policy for a multi-use trail along County State Aid Highway 8 in the City of West St. Paul, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.9 Resolution No: 25-534
Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

WHEREAS, new subdivisions adjoining County highways are reviewed under the Dakota County Contiguous Plat Ordinance No. 108; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission examines plats prior to County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission has reviewed and recommends approval of the final plats by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the final plat approval by the County Board is subject to the conditions established by the Plat Commission review; and

WHEREAS, the following plats below require approval by their respective City Council prior to the recording of the plats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following final plats:

KYLA CROSSING 2ND ADDITION

Lakeville

Ayes: 7

11. Public Services and Revenue

11.1 Resolution No: 25-535
Scheduling Of Public Hearing To Receive Comments On 2026 Off Sale
Intoxicating Liquor License Applications

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

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, a Notice of the public hearing will be given to all interested parties, Castle Rock Township Clerk, Randolph Township Clerk, and published in the County's Official Newspaper on November 20, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on December 2, 2025, in the Boardroom of the Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota, to receive comments on all 2026 off sale intoxicating liquor license applications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Public Service and Revenue Division is hereby directed to publish in the Official County Newspaper, notice of the public hearing and give notice to all interested parties and to any city located within three miles of the premises proposed to be licensed.

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Community Services

12.1 Resolution No: 25-536

Proclamation Of Operation Green Light For Veterans Week In Dakota County
November 4-11, 2025

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Director of Veteran Services Lisa Thomas briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, Dakota County Veterans Services has a long and proud history of serving our nation's service members, veterans, and their families, whose contributions and sacrifices, including placing themselves in harm's way, have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, this legacy continues to this day as staff work with federal, state, and local partners to ensure that service members, veterans, and their families have access to the resources they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Operation Green Light for Veterans is an initiative that was started by a collaboration of public agencies in New York State to show support for those who have served their nation and connect them with benefits; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life, and active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, lighting up homes, businesses, and government buildings in green, the color that stands for "go" and symbolizes hope, renewal, and well-being, is a way to visibly show that the community honors the service and sacrifice of veterans, active military, and their families, and encourages veterans to reach out to their county veteran service officers; and

WHEREAS, while many veterans simply blend in with ordinary society when not in uniform, making it more difficult to honor those who served, Dakota County

wants them to know their sacrifice and that of their families is appreciated and believes specific recognition should be granted; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-495 (October 24, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners proclaimed the week of November 6-12, 2023, as Operation Green Light for Veterans week and lit up County service centers to celebrate all veterans; and

WHEREAS, again, this year, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has embraced Operation Green Light nationally and is inviting counties across the United States to join Operation Green Light; and

WHEREAS, staff requests that the week of November 4-11, 2025, which includes the Veterans Day holiday, be proclaimed Operation Green Light week in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, in observance of this proclamation, the Northern Service Center, Western Service Center, and Administration Center buildings will be lit up in green during this week; and

WHEREAS, staff will use inexpensive green filters with the building's existing lights to create the green light; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County residents and businesses are also encouraged to shine a green light, to let the military community know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported and their service to our nation is always present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners proclaims November 4-11, 2025, as Operation Green Light for Veterans Week, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of those who have served, are currently serving, and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in observance of Operation Green Light, the Dakota County Northern Service Center, Western Service Center, and Administration Center will be lit in green from November 4-11, 2025, and residents and businesses are encouraged to also shine a green light to let the military community know that they are seen, appreciated, supported and their service to our nation is always present.

Ayes: 7

13. Central Operations

13.1 Resolution No: 25-537

Authorization To Execute Metropolitan Council Contract With Dakota County For Geospatial Data Formatting To Continue Dakota County Participation In MetroGIS

Motion: William Droste

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

GIS Manager Joe Sapletal briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 471.59 authorizes local governmental units to jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, through the MetroGIS initiative, established in 1996, the seven metropolitan counties (hereafter “counties”), the Metropolitan Council (hereafter “Council”), and other interests have been working on regional and collaborative solutions to create, maintain, and distribute commonly needed geospatial (GIS) data; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the MetroGIS Policy Board (hereafter “Board”) directed MetroGIS staff to develop a Business Plan to provide direction for future collaborations necessary to realize the MetroGIS vision; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council Board accepted a Business Plan for MetroGIS on June 14, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Business Plan identified the need for the Council and the counties to collaborate to build regional GIS datasets for distribution to public sector stakeholders, such as state agencies, municipalities and watershed districts; and

WHEREAS, the counties subsequently entered into agreements with the Council to build regional GIS data sets; and

WHEREAS, in August 2020, the County entered into the current such agreement with the Council; and

WHEREAS, that agreement expires on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the new agreement shall commence on January 1, 2026, and remain in effect until December 31, 2028, with an option to be extended for a single, two-year term; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to continue to participate in the MetroGIS collaborative; and

WHEREAS, under this agreement, the Metropolitan Council will provide \$4,000 per year to help cover costs of performing tasks defined in the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute the Metropolitan Council Contract with Dakota County for Geospatial Data Formatting, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That \$4,000 per year received from the Metropolitan Council under this agreement be deposited in the GIS Enterprise

Fund.

Ayes: 7

14. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented. Chair Slavik shared condolences to the family of Pete Zajec, the 15-year veteran and school resource officer with the Farmington Police Department that recently passed by suicide.

15. County Manager's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch gave a brief update on the following:

- Thank you to Community Services staff for providing stability to those living in Dakota County during the Federal shutdown.
- The 2026 Dakota County Emergency Operations Plan was approved today on the consent agenda.
- On a recent tour of the Empire Transportation facility, let it be noted that the snow plow trucks are ready for this season!

16. Information

16.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

17. Adjournment

17.1 Resolution No: 25-538 Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Mike Slavik
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager