



# Dakota County

## General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

### Minutes

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Tuesday, January 20, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration  
Center, Hastings

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(or following County Board)

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

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Workman at 10:20 a.m.

**Present**

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

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

The audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

#### 2. Audience

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

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

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

Motion: William Droste

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

##### 4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on January 6, 2026

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 5. Central Operations

#### 5.1 Update On 2024 Audit Results

Troy Gabler and Chris Knopik, representatives from the accounting firm Clifton, Larson, Allen, briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

### 6. County Board/County Administration

#### 6.1 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item. Paul Cassidy and Dan Dwight, Stinson representatives, were present via interactive technology and provided a state legislative update. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

#### 6.2 Update On Effects Of Heightened Federal Law Enforcement On County Operations

County Manager Heidi Welsch gave a brief overview. The Committee held discussion and gave direction to prepare a draft letter for Board review and potential approval at a Special County Board meeting on January 27, 2026.

Information only; no action requested.

### 7. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch gave the committee an update on the current Boardroom update. Upon hearing the update, the committee directed staff to not order additional tables, chairs, microphones for the Boardroom. The committee chose to stay in conference room 3A for future committee meetings, rather than move those meetings to the Boardroom.

### 8. Future Agenda Items

There were no suggested topics for future meetings.

### 9. Adjournment

#### 9.1 Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Ayes: 7

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