



# Dakota County

## Board of Commissioners

### Minutes

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Tuesday, June 4, 2024

9:00 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,  
Hastings, MN

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#### 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 Tom Novak, Interim County Manager; Kathryn M. Keena, County Attorney; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

#### 2. Pledge Of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Joe Atkins who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. Audience

Chair Atkins 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.

#### 4. Agenda

**4.1** Resolution No: 24-287  
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

**5.1** Resolution No: 24-288  
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on May 21, 2024

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

## **6. County Board/County Administration**

### **6.1 Resolution No: 24-289 Scheduling Of Special County Board Meetings**

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners received notice from the current County Manager of his planned retirement on May 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, David Drown and Associates (DDA) was selected to conduct the executive search process for a new County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager position was posted from March 27 to April 24, 2024, during which time a total of 52 applications were received; and

WHEREAS, of the 52 applications, 15 semi-finalists were presented to the Dakota County Board for consideration; and

WHEREAS, of the 15 semi-finalists, five semi-finalists were selected as finalists for interview by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves scheduling a special County Board meeting on June 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., in conference room 3A, Administration Center, Hastings, MN, for the purpose of providing an orientation to the interview process and holding interviews for the vacant County Manager position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves scheduling a special County Board meeting on June 25, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., in conference room 3A, Administration Center, Hastings, MN, for the purpose of holding discussion and providing direction on potential recommendations of finalists following the interviews and meet and greet sessions.

Ayes: 7

### **6.2 Resolution No: 24-290 Scheduling Of County Board Work Session For Meet And Greet Of Dakota County Manager Finalists**

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a special work session for June 24, at 5:00 p.m., Western Service Center atrium and conference room L 139, to provide an opportunity for Community stakeholders to meet finalist candidates for the vacant County Manager position and provide feedback.

Ayes: 7

**6.3** Resolution No: 24-291  
Appointment To Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Mike Slavik

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individual to the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board to fill a two-year term ending June 30, 2025.

Private - Angela Blomquist

Ayes: 7

**6.4** Resolution No: 24-292  
Authorization To Renew Contract With Cornerstone OnDemand For Countywide Learning Management System

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Dakota County has had a software license with Cornerstone OnDemand since 2017 for a comprehensive Learning Management System (LMS) to manage and track employee training; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive learning management system is needed to efficiently manage and track employee training; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County wishes to renew its contract with Cornerstone OnDemand for a one-year subscription; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the one-year contract is currently included in budgeted funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or their designee, to

execute a one-year contract with Cornerstone OnDemand to provide learning management software for an amount not to exceed \$82,547.81 for one year subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

## 7. Enterprise Finance and Information Services

### 7.1 Resolution No: 24-293

Approval To Continue Participation In State Standard Measures Program

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation in 2010, and the Council released a standard set of performance measures for cities and counties in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 11-318 (June 21, 2011), to participate in the voluntary performance measurement program and began assembling the necessary data; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County values the use of performance measurement to continually improve program and services for the residents of Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, participation in the standard measures program by a city or county is voluntary, but those who choose to participate in the program must officially adopt the corresponding performance measures developed by the Council, and file a report with the Office of the State Auditor by July 1, 2024, as part of annual reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties who participate in the program must implement a local performance measurement system as defined by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, to include: outcome goals; outcome and output performance measures; and reporting on results of the performance measures to their residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following standard performance measures developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation and authorized by the Minnesota Legislature:

- Part I and II Crime
- Average County Pavement Condition Rating
- Workforce Participation Rate Among Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program Participants
- Percentage of Children Where There Is a Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 12 Months Following an Intervention
- Level of Assessment Ratio
- Accuracy of Post-Election Audit

- Dollars Brought into the County for Veterans’ Benefits
  - Bond Rating
  - Citizens’ Rating of the Quality of County Park, Recreational Programs, and/or Facilities
  - Amount of Hazardous Household Waste and Electronics Collected
- ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager to cause the collection, maintenance, and publication of the set of performance measures, as defined by the Council on Local Results and Innovation.

Ayes: 7

**7.2** Resolution No: 24-294  
 Authorization To Renew Commercial Automobile Insurance Contract With Travelers Insurance

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Dakota County purchases insurance for automobile physical damage and liability coverage; and

WHEREAS, the current policy on automobile insurance will expire on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation of the marketplace for competitive pricing was completed; and

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the marketplace, staff is recommending renewal of the automobile insurance coverage with Travelers Insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director to purchase the following insurance to be paid at current rates from the Office of Risk Management insurance budget:

Automobile Insurance		
Travelers Insurance	July 1, 2024 - July 1, 2025	Premium \$470,506

Ayes: 7

**7.3** Resolution No: 24-295  
 Authorization To Renew Commercial Property Insurance Contract With Affiliated FM Insurance

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Dakota County purchases insurance for property losses; and

WHEREAS, the current policy on commercial property insurance will expire on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation of the marketplace for competitive pricing was completed; and

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the marketplace, staff is recommending renewal of the commercial property insurance coverage with Affiliated FM Insurance Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director to purchase the following insurance to be paid at current rates from the Office of Risk Management insurance budget:

Property Insurance  
Affiliated FM July 1, 21024 through July 1, 2025 Premium \$437,779

Ayes: 7

**8. Physical Development**

**8.1** Resolution No: 24-296  
Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Mike Slavik

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:

CASLANO THIRD ADDITION Lakeville  
ROSEMOUNT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOURTH ADDITION Apple Valley

Ayes: 7

**8.2** Resolution No: 24-297  
Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Inver Grove Heights For 80th Street East Trail Gap, County Project 28-69

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights are partnering on County Project (CP) 28-69 for design, right of way, construction, and cost participation; and

WHEREAS, County Project 28-69 is the construction of a multi-use trail project along County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 28 (80th Street East) from Cahill Avenue to CSAH 56 (Concord Boulevard) in the City of Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat § 162.17, subd. 1 and 471.59, subd. 1, two 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 recommends entering a joint powers agreement with the City to define design, right of way acquisition, construction, maintenance responsibilities, and cost share for the trail gap project; and

WHEREAS, costs for the multiuse trail for CP 28-69 will be shared 85 percent County and 15 percent City after application of Federal and State funding in accordance with adopted County policy; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget includes sufficient funds for 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 between Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights for the design and construction of County Project 28-69.

Ayes: 7

**8.3** Resolution No: 24-298

Authorization To Execute Engineering Contract With Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc., For County State Aid Highway 50 And Hamburg Avenue Intersection Improvement In Lakeville, County Project 50-37

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County monitors intersections for safety or operational issues; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 50 and Hamburg Avenue in Lakeville began exhibiting safety issues with crash trends that are above the statewide average; and

WHEREAS, County staff conducted a traffic analysis for the intersection, and the recommendation from the Intersection Control Evaluation is that a

single-lane roundabout be implemented; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-071 (February 6, 2024), the County Board authorized an amendment to the 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget to include County Project (CP) 50-37 to construct a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of CSAH 50 and Hamburg Avenue in Lakeville; and

WHEREAS, staff sent a request for proposal to three qualified professional consultants; and

WHEREAS, three proposals were received and evaluated by Dakota County and City of Lakeville staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc., provided the best display of project understanding and approach and provided the best value project scope; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc., addressed the priority scope items for public engagement, traffic analysis, and preliminary engineering evaluation to ensure an appropriate and thorough project approach is conducted; and

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

WHEREAS, the amended 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget includes sufficient funds for CP 50-37 consultant services; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends execution of a contract with Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc., for preliminary and final design engineering consultant services for CP 50-37 for actual costs not to exceed \$242,071.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. to perform preliminary and final design engineering consultant services for County Project 50-37 in an amount not to exceed \$242,071.00, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

- 8.4** Resolution No: 24-299  
Authorization To Award And Execute Contract With SRF Consulting Group, Inc. For Corridor Signal Timing In City Of Eagan, County Project 26-56

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, to promote a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County (County), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), is proceeding with



County Project (CP) 26-56; and

WHEREAS, CP 26-56 is an Advanced Traffic Management System project along County State Aid Highways (CSAH) 26, 28, 31, and 43 in the City of Eagan; and

WHEREAS, CP 26-56 contains a construction component (completed in 2023) and a traffic signal timing optimization component; and

WHEREAS, the County is the lead agency for both project components; and

WHEREAS, the traffic signal timing component of CP 26-56 consists of developing and implementing traffic signal timing optimization of 27 traffic signals along CSAH 26 (Lone Oak Road), CSAH 28 (Yankee Doodle Road), CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Road), and CSAH 43 (Lexington Avenue) in the City of Eagan; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-525 (May 21, 2019), the County Board authorized the execution of Agreement No. 1033271 with MnDOT for the use of federal aid funds of up to \$155,300 for the traffic signal timing optimization component of CP 26-56; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was publicly advertised on March 13, 2024, and five technical and cost proposals were received on April 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, SRF Consulting Group, Inc. was scored highest by a selection team of County staff ranking the five consultant proposals; and

WHEREAS, SRF Consulting Group, Inc.'s project cost was \$110,424, and staff determined this estimate to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends awarding the project to SRF Consulting Group, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby awards the contract to and authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute the contract with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for County Project 26-56, in the amount of \$110,424, based on their selected and negotiated proposal, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

- 8.5** Resolution No: 24-300  
Authorization To Award Construction Contract For 2024 Preservation Of Paved Highway Surfaces Projects And Reallocate 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with the 2024 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces projects; and

WHEREAS, the projects to be completed in 2024 include County Projects (CP) 4-20, 5-57, 11-31, 28-70, 50-36, 64-26, 70-24, and 98-49; and

WHEREAS, the preservation work is scheduled for construction in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes funding for Pavement Preservation, Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities, and Storm Sewer Repairs; and

WHEREAS, to allow for 2024 preservation construction to begin on schedule, staff is requesting the County Board authorize the Department Director to award the construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder, consistent with County Policies, provided the award does not require a budget amendment; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces construction contract was advertised for bids on April 25, 2024, and is scheduled for bid letting on May 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, awarding construction contracts to the lowest responsible bidder is a regular consent action item brought forward to the Board; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting authorization to reallocate the adopted 2024 Transportation CIP Budget from the Paved Highway Surface, Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities, and Storm Sewer Repairs set-asides and allocate cost share from local partners to the individual project numbers contained within the 2024 Preservation of Paved Highway Surfaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners delegates authority to the Department Director to award the construction contract for 2024 Preservation Of Paved Highway Surface projects to the lowest responsible bidder, consistent with County Policies, provided sufficient funds are available for the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners delegates authority to the Department Director to allocate the 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget preservation set-aside dollars and the cost share from local partners to the individual projects of the 2024 Preservation Of Paved Highway Surface, consistent with County Policies, provided sufficient funds are available for the projects.

Ayes: 7

**8.6** Resolution No: 24-301  
 Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With Northern Air Corporation For Burnhaven Library Boiler Replacement And Amend 2024 Facilities Capital Improvement Program Budget

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the 2024 Facilities Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget authorized the Burnhaven Library Boiler Replacement Design and Construction Project; and

WHEREAS, bid document and specifications were prepared by County staff and MG Solutions; and

WHEREAS, three competitive bids were received on April 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Northern Air Corporation has submitted the low bid of \$263,955; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the qualifications of the bidder and recommends award to Northern Air Corporation as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$263,955 for the Burnhaven Library Boiler Replacement Design and Construction Project; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project is within the amended 2024 Building CIP Adopted Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks, Facilities, and Fleet Management Director to execute a contract for the Burnhaven Library Boiler Replacement Design and Construction Project to Northern Air Corporation, 1001 Labore Industrial Ct. Suite B, Vadnais Heights, MN 55110, in an amount not to exceed \$263,955, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Buildings Capital Improvement Program budget is hereby amended as follows:

<b>Expense</b>	
Prior Project Savings (1001646)	(\$25,000)
Burnhaven Library Boiler Replacement (2000244)	<u>\$25,000</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Prior Project Savings (1001646)	(\$25,000)
Burnhaven Library Boiler Replacement (2000244)	<u>\$25,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Ayes: 7

- 8.7** Resolution No: 24-302  
Authorization To Award And Execute Contract With Obermiller Nelson Engineering, LLC, dba CMTA INC For Architectural And Engineering Services Required For Law Enforcement Center Boiler And Chiller Replacement Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the 2024 Facilities Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget authorized the Law Enforcement Center Boiler and Chiller Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, staff advertised a request for proposals for architectural and engineering services on March 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, staff received three architectural and engineering services proposals, and staff interviewed three design teams for this project; and

WHEREAS, staff unanimously recommends Obermiller Nelson Engineering, LLC, dba CMTA INC (CMTA), as the firm to provide architectural and engineering services required for the new facility project; and

WHEREAS, CMTA has submitted a total fee proposal for \$399,500 for architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, funding for the architectural and engineering services is within the approved Building CIP Adopted Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks, Facilities, and Fleet Management Director to execute a contract with Obermiller Nelson Engineering, LLC, dba CMTA INC, 2345 Rice Street, Suite 230, Roseville, MN 55113-5603 for the Law Enforcement Center Boiler and Chiller Replacement project for a combined fixed fee of \$398,000 and a reimbursable cap of \$1,500, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

## **9. Public Services and Revenue**

- 9.1** Resolution No: 24-303  
Approval Of Chair To Special Board Of Equalization

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners appoints the Chair for the Special County Board of Appeal and Equalization; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Special County Board of Appeal and Equalization voted in 2023 to reappoint Patricia Zuzek as Chair for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners appointed Patricia

Zuzek as Chair of the Special County Board of Appeal and Equalization for 2024; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Zuzek has informed staff that she will not be available for the Special County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for 2024; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Baddeley was Vice Chair for the 2023 meeting, and is willing to Chair in 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Christopher Baddeley as Chair of the Special County Board of Appeal and Equalization for 2024.

Ayes: 7

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 10. Physical Development

#### 10.1 Resolution No: 24-304

Authorization To Enter Into Cost Share Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Transportation For Two Roundabouts On County State Aid Highway 86 (280th Street W), County Projects 86-43 And 86-44

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Laurie Halverson

Transportation Senior Project Manager Saeed Kanwar and Traffic Engineer Pranav Sharma briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Projects (CPs) 86-43 and 86-44; and

WHEREAS, CP 86-43 is the reconstruction of the intersection of CSAH 86 and TH 56 to a single-lane rural roundabout in Castle Rock, Hampton, and Randolph Townships; and

WHEREAS, CP 86-44 is the reconstruction of the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 86 and Trunk Highway (TH) 3 to a single-lane rural roundabout in Castle Rock and Waterford Townships; and

WHEREAS, County staff applied for and received federal dollars from the Highway Safety Improvement Program for the construction phases of CPs 86-43 and 86-44; and

WHEREAS, County staff coordinated a cost-share split with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the consultant services design contract for CPs 86-43 and 86-44; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget includes \$300,000 for CP 86-43 and \$300,000 for CP 86-44 for

engineering consulting services; and

WHEREAS, both CP 86-43 and CP 86-44 are comprised of intersections that contain two legs under County jurisdiction and two legs under State jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the cost share for the 2024 budget year for each project is 50 percent State and 50 percent County funds; and

WHEREAS, execution of a cost-share agreement is necessary to receive reimbursement from MnDOT for their cost-share of the \$541,313.30 consultant contract that the County Board authorized by Resolution No. 24-024 (January 2, 2024).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to enter into a cost-share agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for reimbursement of up to \$300,000 for the invoices by design consultant out of a total of \$541,313.30 contract for County Projects 86-43 and 86-44, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

## **11. Closed Executive Session**

### **11.1 Resolution No: 24-305**

Approval Of Legal Strategy In Tory Hart v. Dakota County et al.

Motion: William Droste

Second: Laurie Halverson

This item did not go into closed session.

WHEREAS, Tory Hart, trustee for the heirs and next-of-kin of E.K.A.H (Plaintiff), commenced a lawsuit against Dakota County (County) and certain County staff; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff provided the County with a settlement demand on May 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2024, the County Attorney's Office provided a confidential memorandum to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners (County Board) explaining the legal strategy in this matter; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the information contained in the confidential memorandum, the County Board determined a closed session discussion with the Dakota County Attorney's Office was not required prior to providing direction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Dakota County Attorney's Office to proceed with the proposed legal strategy as set forth in the confidential

memorandum provided to the Board.

Ayes: 7

**12. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates**

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

**13. County Manager's Report**

Interim County Manager Tom Novak provided details on the Agricultural Task Force of the National Conference of State Legislatures Tour, Friday, June 7 at 2:45 p.m. (Spring Lake Park Reserve)

**14. Information**

**14.1** Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

**15. Adjournment**

**15.1** Resolution No: 24-306  
Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Joe Atkins  
Chair

ATTEST

Tom Novak  
Interim County Manager