



Dakota County

General Government and Policy

Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

10:00 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

(or following Regional Railroad Authority)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Workman at 10:41 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
No comments were received for this agenda.

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

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

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

4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on December 2, 2025

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Central Operations

5.1 Approval Of Disability Advisory Council 2026 Work Plan

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

Jessica Johnson, Access Management Coordinator and members from the Disability Advisory Council, Sumukha Terakanambi (Chair) and Ann Bailey (Vice Chair), briefed this item and responded to questions.

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 Disability Advisory Council drafted potential direction for their efforts in 2026; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Disability Advisory Council 2026 work plan be approved.

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

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 1/20/2026.

Ayes: 7

6. County Board/County Administration

6.1 Update And Discussion On Parking Permit Accommodation During Waterfowl Hunting Season At Spring Lake Park Reserve And Staff Recommendation On Naming Of The Mississippi River Access Area At Fisher Avenue

Georg Fischer, Physical Development Director and Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item and responded to questions. Following discussion, the committee directed staff to proceed with the naming of the access location as 'Mississippi River Access at Bud's Landing'.

Information only; no action requested.

6.2 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item. Dan Dwight, Stinson representative, was 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.

6.3 Review Of Dakota County Strategic Plan Goals And Priorities

Heidi Welsch, County Manager, briefed this item and responded to questions. The committee reviewed the Strategic Plan Goals and 2026 Initiatives and provided feedback.

Information only; no action requested.

7. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

Marti Fischbach, Community Services Director, and Dana DeMaster, Employment & Economic Assistance Director gave a brief overview of how potential federal funding cuts may impact the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and responded to questions.

8. Future Agenda Items

There were no suggested topics for future meetings.

9. Adjournment

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Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Ayes: 7

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