



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

3:30 PM

Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN

Special County Board Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to consider a letter to Minnesota's congressional delegation and potentially other appropriate federal and state officials regarding federal law enforcement and its impact on County operations.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Halverson who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda

3.1	Resolution No: 26-049 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)	
	Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland	Second: William Droste
	Ayes: 5	

REGULAR AGENDA

4. County Board/County Administration

4.1	Resolution No: 26-050 Consideration And Approval To Send Letter To Minnesota Congressional Delegation And Potentially Other Federal And State Officials' Regarding Federal Law Enforcement And Impact On County Operations
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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Chair Halverson and County Manager Heidi Welsch provided brief statements on the purpose of the special meeting. The draft letter being proposed was reviewed and discussion was held. There was unanimous direction to amend language of the letter as provided to Commissioners and the public.

Commissioner Atkins, who was not able to be in attendance, provided written comments that Chair Halverson shared aloud. Additional discussion was held amongst Commissioners and public comments were taken.

The following people came forward with comments:

Jacob Borealis (Lakeville)

Ken Behringer (Burnsville)

Heather (Inver Grove Heights)

Judy Finger (Apple Valley)

Gemma Manzey (Lakeville)

Mike Leibold (Greenvale Township)

Additional comments were received online and distributed to Commissioners.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approve sending a letter to Minnesota congressional delegation and potentially other appropriate federal and state officials' regarding federal law enforcement and the impact on County operations as discussed at the Special County Board meeting on January 27, 2026.

Ayes: 5

5. Adjournment

5.1 Resolution No: 26-051

Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Laurie Halverson
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager