



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

(or following County Board)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair 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 for this meeting is unavailable due to technical issues.

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 Hamann-Roland, 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 20, 2026

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

5. County Board/County Administration

5.1 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item. Due to technical issues lobbyist were not able to join via interactive technology. They will provide a state legislative update via other means. Parks Director Niki Geisler gave a brief overview of Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). The Committee supported submitting proposals for the following five projects to the 2027 LCCMR for grants from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

- Veterans Memorial Greenway- Native American Veterans Restoration, Native Plantings, and Enhanced Memorial
- System-wide ADA Improvements
- Spring Lake Park Reserve Interpretive Messaging Plan Implementation
- Spring Lake Park Reserve Restoration Project
- North Creek Greenway Natural Resource Restoration, Pollinator-Themed Interpretation, and Greenway - Neighborhood Access at the Minnesota Zoo

The total of the requested projects is \$3,211,379 and would require a 25% match of the total project cost totaling \$1,070,460. The grant-match requirement would not draw funds from the County General Fund or levy.

This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

5.2 2025 Board Priorities Fourth Quarter Update

Senior Leadership staff presented this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Public Services and Revenue

6.1 Update On Impact Of Library Digital Book Pricing

Library Director Jennifer Reichert Simpson briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

7. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch referenced the Director's Report that was handed out.

8. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Halverson requested that Commissioners receive a weekly update regarding Incident Command. Commissioner Atkins requested future discussion on federal law enforcement and use of County property.

Following committee discussion, County Manager Heidi Welsch will bring an informational update on Operation Metro Storm to County Board on February 17, 2026.

9. Adjournment

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Motion: William Droste

Second: Liz Workman

On a motion by Commissioner Droste, seconded by Commissioner Workman, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Ayes: 7

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