



Dakota County Board of Commissioners Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:00 AM

**Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN**

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 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 9:00 a.m. by Chair Slavik who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience

Chair Slavik noted that all public comments can be sent to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us
No comments were received for this agenda.

4. Agenda

4.1 Resolution No: 25-173

Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: William Droste

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

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

5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

5.1 Resolution No: 25-174

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on March 25, 2025

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

6. Central Operations

6.1 Resolution No: 25-175

Authorization To Execute Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right To Use Agreement With Independent School District 196

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Independent School District 196 desires to obtain the use of twelve fibers from Dakota County to connect to Emerald Trail Elementary and two fibers for redundancy, as described in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has unused fiber available that was previous constructed; and

WHEREAS, a Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right to Use Agreement with Independent School District 196 is required for use of County fiber optic cable; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the proposed Agreement, ISD 196 will pay Dakota County \$65 per pair per mile per month for use of twelve strands of fiber optic cable and Dakota County will be responsible for all costs of maintenance, locates, breaks, and fixes on the fiber.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute an IRU with Independent School District 196 for use of twelve strands of Dakota County-owned Institutional Network Backbone, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

6.2 Resolution No: 25-176

Authorization To Execute Second Amendment To Agreement Between Criminal Justice Network Joint Powers Organization And County Of Dakota For Information Technology Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Network (CJN) Joint Powers Organization uses web-based tools to allow law enforcement agencies to electronically enter, track, access, and share data across agency boundaries; and

WHEREAS, CJN entered into an agreement with Dakota County to provide technology services that will expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, CJN desires to extend the agreement for information technology services through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, CJN and Dakota County staff have negotiated fees for these services in the amount of \$66,000 in 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute the second amendment between the Criminal Justice Network Joint Powers Organization and Dakota County for information technology services for the year 2026.

Ayes: 7

7. County Board/County Administration

7.1 Resolution No: 25-177

Summary Of Conclusions Of Closed Executive Session To Hold Performance Review Of County Manager

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Open Meeting Law, Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, permits a public body to close a meeting to evaluate the performance of an individual subject to its authority; and

WHEREAS, the statute requires that the public body summarize its conclusions regarding the evaluation during a subsequent open meeting; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2025, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners held a closed executive session to hold a discussion of the mid-year performance of the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the mid-year review of the County Manager did not result in a rating and was conducted for performance feedback purposes only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners hereby reports that the review consisted of a discussion of the County Manager's accomplishments and observations over the past six months and challenges and opportunities she and the Board foresee for the County Manager for the remainder of the year and did not result in any conclusions regarding the County Manager's performance.

Ayes: 7

8. Community Services

8.1 Resolution No: 25-178

Authorization To Accept Grant Funds From Minnesota Department Of Human Services For Fraud Prevention Investigations And Execute Grant Agreement

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County Employment and Economic Assistance (E&EA) has partnered with the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for Fraud

Prevention Investigations (FPI) services for many years; and

WHEREAS, FPI is a public assistance fraud program that conducts timely fraud prevention investigations of program applicants and participants; and

WHEREAS, the program preserves public funding, promotes repayment of fraudulent claims, and refers certain cases for criminal prosecution or for administrative disqualification of public assistance programs, including the Minnesota Family Investment Program, Diversionary Work Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Emergency Programs, Child Care, General Assistance, Minnesota Supplemental Aid, and Health Care programs; and

WHEREAS, this grant will continue to fund a 1.0 full-time equivalent Welfare Fraud Investigator in E&EA and bi-annual training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the County Board authorizes acceptance of the grant funds in the amount of \$330,560 and execution of the grant agreement for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant funds and execute a grant agreement in the amount of \$330,560 for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

8.2 Resolution No: 25-179

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement For Wellness Initiatives With Independent School District 200, Funded Through Minnesota Department Of Health Statewide Health Improvement Partnership

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is, and performs the duties and exercises the powers of, a community health board under Minn. Stat. ch. 145A, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the state of Minnesota legislature passed a health reform

law that created a comprehensive and coordinated health prevention strategy that spans across all of Minnesota's 87 counties and 10 tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, a key component of this reform was to create Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP), which invests in preventing chronic diseases before they start; and

WHEREAS, SHIP is overseen by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and is administered by local public and tribal health partners; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health receives an annual grant allocation through MDH to coordinate and fund SHIP strategies; and

WHEREAS, SHIP supports community-driven solutions to achieve four main goals, including increasing physical activity, improving access to healthy foods, improving mental wellbeing, and reducing the use of, and exposure to, tobacco; and

WHEREAS, SHIP specifically supports and funds community neighborhood organizations, school districts and childcare organizations, health care settings, and other government worksites in wellness policy, systems, and environmental change initiatives; and

WHEREAS, staff proposes a joint powers agreement with Independent School District 200, Hastings, MN, for wellness initiatives via the SHIP grant for worksite wellness at PineCrest Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, similarly, community grants to public schools and other local government agencies have also been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement with Independent School District 200, Hastings, MN, for worksite wellness in a not to exceed amount of \$2,000 for the term upon date of execution of the joint powers agreement through October 31, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the agreement shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the agreement in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

Ayes: 7

9. Physical Development

- 9.1** Resolution No: 25-180
Certification Of Property Assessed Clean Energy Charges For Energy Improvements On Property In City Of Lakeville

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the joint powers agreement (JPA) with the Port Authority of the City of Saint Paul (Port Authority) by Resolution No. 17-144 (March 21, 2017), designating the Port Authority to implement and administer Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) improvement financing on behalf of the County and providing for the impositions of special assessments pursuant to Minn. Stats. §§ 216C.435 and 216C.436 and Chapter 429 and as needed in connection with that program; and

WHEREAS, the County understands that the Port Authority will issue its PACE special assessment revenue bonds to finance the improvements and that the sole security for the bond will be special assessments imposed by the other cities and/or counties participating in PACE; and

WHEREAS, after imposition of the special assessments, the County will collect the assessment payments twice a year and remit them to the Port Authority for use in the repayment of the loan(s) or bond(s); and

WHEREAS, the County will take all actions permitted by law to recover the assessments, including, without limitation, reinstating the outstanding balance of assessments when the land returns to private ownership, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 429.071, subd. 4; and

WHEREAS, the special assessment will be certified to the County Treasurer-Auditor and entered into the tax lists for the following year; and

WHEREAS, the annual installment and interest for current and delinquent collections or payoffs will be collected and disbursed at the same time and in the same manner as real property taxes, in accordance with Minn. Stats. §§ 276.11 and 276.111; and

WHEREAS, the special assessment, with accruing interest, is a lien upon the benefited property until paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Treasurer-Auditor to extend the proposed special assessment plus accruing interest on the property set forth and listed below:

Property Owner: Lakeville Ind Acreage PRTNSHP

Parcel Number: 22-03600-07-011

Assessment: \$4,000,000

Interest Rate: 8.54%

Finance Period: 28 years

Accrual Date: 1/1/2027

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Treasurer-Auditor to extend the proposed special assessment plus interest on the properties identified herein and record this assessment against the properties with the Dakota County Recorder.

Ayes: 7

9.2 Resolution No: 25-181
Authorization To Reject All Bids For Western Service Center Cooling System Replacement Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the 2025 Facilities Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget authorized the Western Service Center Cooling System Replacement project; and

WHEREAS, bid documents and specifications were prepared by County staff and Obermiller Nelson Engineering, LLC; and

WHEREAS, one competitive bid was received on March 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the only bid received exceeds available project funding and was not advantageous to the County; and

WHEREAS, staff will work to reformulate and rebid the work to a better outcome in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the rejection of all bids for the Western Service Center Cooling System Replacement project.

Ayes: 7

9.3 Resolution No: 25-182
Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Eagan And City Of Inver Grove Heights For Design And Construction Of Lebanon Hills Greenway, County Project 2000513

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 13-442 (August 27, 2013), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted the Mendota-Lebanon Hills, now Lebanon Hills, Greenway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, to promote a safe and efficient greenway system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 2000513; and

WHEREAS, the existing intersection at Trunk Highway 149 and Wescott Road and Argenta Trail is aging and requires safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, a 2023 Dakota County preliminary design and alignment study for

the Mendota-Lebanon Hills Greenway (since renamed as the Lebanon Hills Greenway) regional trail identified an alignment adjacent to Dodd Road, Wescott Road, and Argenta Trail; and

WHEREAS, it is considered mutually desirable to complete construction of roughly 575 feet of new Lebanon Hills Greenway alignment and implement intersection improvements with the signals and pedestrian ramps along the city borders of Eagan and Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eagan is the lead agency for CP 2000513 to administer the contract with the construction contractor; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is partnering with the City of Eagan and the City of Inver Grove Heights for CP 2000513; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement with the City of Eagan and the City of Inver Grove Heights is required to define roles and associated costs for construction and cost participation for CP 2000513; and

WHEREAS, County and City construction costs for CP TBD will be in accordance with Greenway Collaborative Program Cost Share Practice, with the County's cost-share of 85 percent and Cities' cost-share of 15 percent of Greenway project-related items; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated County project costs is \$300,000, including 20 percent contingency; and

WHEREAS, CP 2000513 funding is included in the 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program in the Greenway Collaborative Set-Aside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director, or designated Department Director, to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of Eagan and City of Inver Grove Heights to proceed with County Project 2000513 for construction and reimbursement of the construction costs of the Lebanon Hills Greenway adjacent to Wescott Road and at the intersection of Argenta Trail and Trunk Highway 149 for the period of April 8, 2025 through December 31, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

9.4 Resolution No: 25-183

Authorization To Award And Execute Consultant Contract With KLJ Engineering LLC For Preliminary And Final Design Services And Amend 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget For Lebanon Hills Greenway In Eagan, County Project 2000454

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient greenway system, Dakota County is proceeding with the Lebanon Hills Greenway Dodd Road segment in Eagan, County Project 2000454; and

WHEREAS, County staff sent a Request for Proposals to eight qualified professional consultants; and

WHEREAS, one proposal was received and evaluated by County staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from KLJ Engineering LLC had the best value costs for the preliminary and final design and provides all the services needed; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2029 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget includes \$300,000 for County Project 2000454, Lebanon Hills Greenway, for preliminary and final engineering consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the County Parks Director recommends execution of a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC for engineering consulting services for County Project 2000454 for actual costs not to exceed \$417,922, including a 5 percent contingency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to execute a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC to perform preliminary and final engineering design consulting services for County Project 2000454 in an amount not to exceed \$417,922, which includes a 5 percent contingency, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	
2000454	<u>\$117,922</u>
Total Expense	\$117,922

Revenue	
Sales & Use Tax	<u>\$117,922</u>
Total Revenue	\$117,922

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Sales and Use Tax Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	
Transfer to Parks Fund	(\$117,922)
Total Expense	(\$117,922)

Revenue

Sales and Use Tax

(\$117,922)

Total Revenue

(\$117,922)

Ayes: 7

9.5 Resolution No: 25-184

Authorization To Submit Grant Application To Metropolitan Council Community Tree Planting Program

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council will be accepting Community Tree Grant applications; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council will be allocating \$2.5 million in total funding for fiscal years 2025 through 2027; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline for the grant funding request is April 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is an eligible grant applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby supports and authorizes the Parks director to submit a \$350,000 grant request to the Metropolitan Council Community Tree Planting Grant Program.

Ayes: 7

9.6 Resolution No: 25-185

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement And Amend 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget For County State Aid Highway 70 Intersection Improvement In City Of Lakeville, County Project 70-27

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, new subdivisions adjoining County highways are reviewed under the Dakota County Contiguous Plat Ordinance No. 108; and

WHEREAS, staff coordinates closely with city partners with proposed developments to determine County and local road systems improvement needs; and

WHEREAS, County Project 70-27 is the construction of a new full-access intersection on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 70 approximately 2300 feet southeast of CSAH 5 (Kenrick Avenue) that will include opposing center left-turn lanes and a westbound right-turn lane that is necessary for development; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to construct the intersection improvement in 2025 in conjunction with the Lakeville 35 Logistics Center North Addition developer-installed public improvements in anticipation of County

reimbursement per policies included in the current adopted Dakota County 2040 Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Transportation Plan Cost Policy allows for cost participation for left turn lanes required by the County through the access permitting process on high-speed, two-lane, undivided county highways; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 70 was reconstructed in 2021 to expand the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a 4-lane, divided, high-speed roadway and included the reconstruction of the existing 215th Street and CSAH 70 t-intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Lakeville 35 Logistics Center North Addition development originally proposed to connect their development to the existing 215th Street and CSAH 70 t-intersection; and

WHEREAS, the existing location of the 215th Street and CSAH 70 intersection is located on a high-speed horizontal curve and does not present a safe location to extend a northern street connection to as the sight lines create a hazard for public safety; and

WHEREAS, through plat review it was required that the Lakeville 35 Logistics Center North Addition development create a new-full access intersection with dedicated left-turn lanes and a westbound right-turn lane; and

WHEREAS, the City is updating their comprehensive plan and will include a future city street connection to the proposed full-access intersection CP 70-27 will create; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated left-turn lanes create mutual benefit for the future city intersection leg on the opposite side of CSAH 70 from the proposed development; and

WHEREAS, participation in CP 70-27 to establish a safe public intersection on CSAH 70 would provide mutual benefit to the County's highway system; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement (JPA) is necessary to establish county cost participation in County Project (CP) 70-27 for the CSAH 70 intersection improvement; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the execution of the JPA with the City of Lakeville to cost participate in CP 70-27 based on the intention of Cost Policy F.19; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget does not include sufficient funds for cost participation in CP 70-27; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends amending the 2025 Transportation Capital

Improvement Program budget.

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 Lakeville for cost participation in County Project 70-27, CSAH 70 intersection improvement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

County Project 70-27 County Construction Cost Share

\$395,000

Total Expense

\$395,000

Revenue

County Project 70-27 County Construction Cost Share

\$395,000

Total Revenue

\$395,000

Ayes: 7

9.7 Resolution No: 25-186

Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

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:

HERITAGE COMMONS 9TH ADDITION Lakeville
RESERVE AT CEDAR CREEK Lakeville

Ayes: 7

9.8 Resolution No: 25-187

Authorization To Execute Cooperative Construction Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Transportation For County State Aid Highway 28 Roadway Improvements In Inver Grove Heights, County Project 28-76

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 28-76; and

WHEREAS, CP 28-76 consists of a lane reduction, crossing improvements, signal revisions, and a signal replacement along County State Aid Highway 28 between Babcock Trail and Blaine Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the County is the lead agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, execution of Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1058176 will define right of way use, contract award and construction, and maintenance responsibilities for CP 28-76.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute Agreement No. 1058176 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to define right of way use, contract award, construction, and maintenance responsibilities for the County State Aid Highway 28 traffic signals at the Trunk Highway 52 east and west ramps, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10. Public Services and Revenue

10.1 Resolution No: 25-188

Authorization To Execute Amended Contract With Dominion Voting Systems Inc.

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, in 2015 the County purchased the Dominion Voting Systems Inc. ImageCast Evolution and ImageCast Central ballot counting systems; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 15-359 (July 7, 2015), Dominion Voting Systems Inc. and Dakota County entered into an initial five-year contract for licensing and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-353 (July 28, 2020), renewed that contract for another five-years; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-468 (September 21, 2021), the County Board

authorized the Public Services and Revenue staff to apply for grants from the Secretary of State's Office to improve election security and administration; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-247 (June 21, 2022), Elections staff applied for and was awarded a grant to purchase additional voting equipment through the Office of the Secretary of State's Voting Equipment Grant Account; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-400 (August 29, 2023), the County Board authorized a second contract amendment to align the billing, licensing, maintenance, and warranty for all equipment purchased on separate occasions into a single cycle and term ending November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County is beginning the process to evaluate and purchase new electronic voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, this third contract amendment seeks to extend the current contract though completion of that procurement process at a cost of \$191,091.29 for the period beginning December 1, 2025, and ending November 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Elections Director to execute an amendment, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form, to existing contract with Dominion Voting Systems Inc. to extend the contract from December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, at a cost of \$191,091.29.

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Community Services

11.1 Resolution No: 25-189

Proclamation Of April 2025 As Child Abuse Prevention Month In Dakota County

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Children and Family Services Director Nikki Conway and Children and Family Services Deputy Director Lawrence Dickens briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, the month of April 2025 is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, where the goal is to bring awareness to child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and promote the vital work of child welfare staff, along with the communities that provide prevention efforts and support, allowing families to thrive as when families thrive, communities thrive; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme is "Doing Things Differently: Believing in Communities"; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention efforts succeed through meaningful and trusting partnerships created between families, child welfare professionals, and education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, as well as businesses and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County promotes prevention programs and recognizes that children and families are an important part of our society, needing the support and protection of our community; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's enduring commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect demands that individuals and communities partner together to increase awareness of child abuse and support the social and emotional well-being of children and families in safe, stable, and nurturing environments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 2025 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Dakota County and encourages residents to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Ayes: 7

11.2 Resolution No: 25-190

Proclamation Of Public Health Week In Dakota County April 7-13, 2025

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Public Health Deputy Directors Tracy Howard and Gina Pistulka briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 375A.04, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is and performs the duties and exercises the powers of a community health board under Minn. Stat. Ch. 145A, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 7-13, 2025, is National Public Health Week, where the goal is to recognize and promote the vital work public health plays, along with the behavior of individuals and families, in creating a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme is "It Starts Here: Your Health is Our Mission"; and

WHEREAS, public health is more than just health care; it is taking steps to make sure our neighborhoods and environment are free from pollution and making sure our food and water are safe to eat and drink; and

WHEREAS, public health is also relationships fostered in our communities, being aware that we are all interconnected and when we all come together to

support public health, all of us - individuals, families, communities, and the public health field - can achieve the goals of public health; and

WHEREAS, preventing diseases before they start is critical to helping people live longer, healthier lives while managing health-related costs; and

WHEREAS, strong public health systems are critical for sustaining and improving community health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 7-13, 2025, as Public Health Week in Dakota County and encourages residents to take action to promote their health, the health of their families, and the health of their community.

Ayes: 7

12. Closed Executive Session

12.1 Resolution No: 25-191

Closed Executive Session: Emergency Response Procedures Training For Senior And Elected Officials

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Laurie Halverson

A short recess was taken at 9:55 a.m. to hold the General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole. Following the committee at 11:22 a.m. and pursuant to public notice, the County Board recessed to the Emergency Operations Center, Administration Center, to conduct in accordance with Minnesota Statutes sections 13D.021 and 13D.03 a Closed Executive Session to discuss Senior and Elected Officials roles and responsibilities before, during and after emergencies and disasters, emergency management planning and response and communication strategy.

The following were present:

Commissioner Mike Slavik, District 1

Commissioner Joe Atkins, District 2

Commissioner Laurie Halverson, District 3

Commissioner Bill Droste, District 4

Commissioner Liz Workman, District 5

Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, District 6

Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, District 7

Kathy Keena, County Attorney

Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney

Joe Leko, Sheriff

Dan Bianconi, Chief Deputy Sheriff

Kelly Miller, Emergency Manager

Jenny Groskopf, Risk and Homeland Security Manager

Tom Olmsted, Emergency Management Coordinator

Craig Latch, SOT Manager

Doug Nelson, REP Contractor

Heid Welsch, County Manager
Jeni Reynolds, Clerk to the Board
Andy Benish, Human Resources Director
Stacy Manka, Human Resources Deputy Director
Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director
Tom Novak, Public Services and Revenue Director
Teresa Mitchell, Public Services and Revenue Deputy Director
Marti Fischbach, Community Services Director
Gil Acevedo, Community Services Deputy Director
Georg Fischer, Physical Development Director
Erin Stwora, Physical Development Deputy Director
Jessie Parker Carlson, Central Operations Deputy Director
Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Liz Hansen, Administrative Coordinator

The Closed Executive Session continued until 12:14 p.m., at which time the Board reconvened the County Board meeting with all members present.

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Emergency Management requests the Dakota County Board of Commissioners to move to a closed executive session for a Senior and Elected Officials Roles and Responsibilities in Emergency Response training; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd 3 (d), a meeting may be closed to discuss emergency response procedures if disclosure of the information discussed would pose a danger to public safety or compromise security procedures or responses; and

WHEREAS, public disclosure of the information discussed during this meeting would compromise security procedures or responses, which would pose a danger to public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby closes the Dakota County Board meeting on April 8, 2025, to recess to the Dakota County Emergency Operations Center, Judicial Center, Hastings, MN to discuss:

- Senior and Elected Officials Roles and Responsibilities before, during, and after emergencies and disasters;
- Emergency Management planning and response; and
- Communication strategy.

Ayes: 7

13. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

14. County Manager's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch noted that County staff are being proactive in reacting to the current uncertainties at the federal and state levels. Careful review of work and programming is being done.

15. Information

15.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

16. Adjournment

**16.1 Resolution No: 25-192
Adjournment**

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Mike Slavik
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager