



# Dakota County

## Board of Commissioners

### Minutes

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Tuesday, June 23, 2026

9:00 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration  
Center, Hastings

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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 Heidi Welsch, County Manager; 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 Halverson who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. Audience

Chair Halverson 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: 26-259  
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

Ayes: 7

#### CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

**5.1** Resolution No: 26-260  
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on June 9, 2026

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

Ayes: 7

**6. Central Operations**

**6.1 Resolution No: 26-261  
Reappointment To Disability Advisory Council**

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-038 (January 23, 2024) the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the formation of a County Board appointed Disability Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the Disability Advisory Council offers individuals, parents, families, businesses, and community service providers the opportunity to make a difference in how disability access and services are provided in their community; and

WHEREAS, the council is a group of stakeholders who actively develop and work for a community that welcomes and integrates people with disabilities into all aspects of living, working, and thriving in Dakota County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby reappoints the following individuals to the Disability Advisory Council to fill two-year terms ending June 30, 2028:

Members with disabilities and self-advocates: Stephanie Thomas

Members with disabilities and self-advocates: Sheila Hawthorne

Members with disabilities and self-advocates: Amy Hunting

Members with disabilities and self-advocates: David Shaw

Members with disabilities and self-advocates: Linda Bailey

Members with disabilities and self-advocates: Michael Cashman

Members with disabilities and self-advocates: Sumukha Terakanambi

Family Member or Guardian: Ali Niemi

Family Member or Guardian: Eva Johnson

Supporting Organization: Ann Bailey

Supporting Organization: Jodi Yanda

Supporting Organization: Michael Dahl

Supporting Organization: Mike Welsh

Supporting Organization: Toby Hearn

Supporting Organization: Susan Pagnac

Ayes: 7

**6.2 Resolution No: 26-262  
Authorization To Renew Commercial Automobile Insurance Contract With  
Travelers Insurance**

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

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, 2026; 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 Director of Risk and Emergency Management 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, 2026 - July 1, 2027 Premium \$451,830

Ayes: 7

**6.3** Resolution No: 26-263  
Authorization To Renew Commercial Property Insurance Contract With Affiliated FM

Motion: William Droste Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County purchases insurance for property losses; and

WHEREAS, the current policy on commercial property insurance will expire on July 1, 2026; 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 Director of Risk and Emergency Management 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, 2026 - July 1, 2027 Premium \$429,516

Ayes: 7

**6.4** Resolution No: 26-264  
Authorization To Purchase Commercial Property Insurance For Byllesby Dam Powerhouse

Motion: William Droste Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County purchases insurance for property losses; and

WHEREAS, the Byllesby Dam powerhouse is a new property structure requiring adequate replacement coverage; and

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

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the marketplace, staff is recommending purchasing of the commercial property insurance coverage with HSB Insurance Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Risk and Emergency Management to purchase the following insurance to be paid at current rates from the Byllesby Dam operating budget:

HSB Insurance Company	June 15, 2026 - June 15, 2027	Premium
\$186,266.49		

Ayes: 7

**6.5** Report On Invoices Paid In May 2026

Information only; no action requested.

**6.6** Resolution No: 26-265

Approval Of Revisions To Policy 2003 Fund Balance And Unrestricted Net Position

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Finance Department reviews and recommends revisions to policies and procedures to maintain and enhance the effective and responsive provisions of financial management functions in the County; and

WHEREAS, staff recommend revisions to Policy 2003 Fund Balance and Unrestricted Net Position, including the addition of a formal framework for General Fund unassigned fund balance replenishment, updates to fund balance minimums for special revenue funds, new fund balance minimums for the capital projects and debt service funds, and updates to the unrestricted net position minimums for the County's enterprise funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the proposed revisions to Policy 2003 Fund Balance and Unrestricted Net Position.

Ayes: 7

**6.7** Resolution No: 26-266

Approval Of Resolution Increasing Wheelage Tax Rate In Dakota County From \$10 To \$20 Per Year

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §163.051 subdivision 1, provides, in part, that the Board of Commissioners of each county is authorized to levy by resolution a wheelage tax at the rate of up to \$20 per year, in any increment of whole dollar, as specified by each county that authorizes the tax; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §163.051 further provides that the board may provide by resolution for collection of the wheelage tax by county officials or it may request that the tax be collected by the state registrar of motor vehicles, and the state registrar of motor vehicles shall collect such tax on behalf of the county if requested; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §163.051, subdivision 2, provides, in part, that the wheelage tax levied, if made collectible by the state registrar of motor vehicles, shall be certified by the county auditor to the registrar not later than August 1 in the year before the calendar year or years for which the tax is levied, and the registrar shall collect such tax with the motor vehicle taxes on the affected vehicles for such year or years; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §163.051 subdivision 4, provides that the treasurer of each county receiving proceeds from the wheelage tax is to deposit such proceeds in the county road and bridge fund, which moneys shall be used for purposes authorized by law which are highway purposes within the meaning of the Minnesota Constitution, article 14; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners desires to implement an increase in the wheelage tax from \$10 to \$20 and have the state registrar of motor vehicles collect the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and imposes a wheelage tax as provided in Minn. Stat. §163.051 of \$20 per year on each motor vehicle, except a vehicle exempt from the tax as defined in Minn. Stat. §163.051, subdivision 1(c), which is kept in Dakota County when not in operation and is subject to annual taxation and registration under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the wheelage tax be collected at the rate of \$20 by the state registrar of motor vehicles, as provided for in Minn. Stat. §163.051, subdivision 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager to certify the wheelage tax rate of \$20 to the state registrar of motor vehicles before August 1, 2026, and that the tax be effective January 1, 2027.

Ayes: 5

Nay: 2

**7. County Board/County Administration**

**7.1** Resolution No: 26-267  
Designation Of Voting For 2026 National Association Of Counties Annual Business Meeting

Motion: William Droste Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the annual National Association of Counties (NACo) conference is being held in Orleans Parish / New Orleans, Louisiana, July 17-20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has paid its membership dues and has at least one paid registrant for the conference and is, therefore, eligible to participate in the Associations' annual election of officers and policy adoption, according to NACo bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the following individual(s) as voting delegates for the 2026 NACo annual conference:

Designated Delegate - Commissioner Slavik  
; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the president of the Association of Minnesota Counties to pick up Dakota County's ballot and cast votes in the event that the ballot is not picked up by the County's delegate or alternate.

Ayes: 7

**7.2** Resolution No: 26-268  
Acceptance Of Resignation From Member Of Public Art Committee

Motion: William Droste Second: Joe Atkins

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation received by Allen Tsai, At-Large representative on the Public Art Committee and authorizes staff to begin the process to fill the vacancy.

Ayes: 7

**7.3** Resolution No: 26-269  
Approval Of Revisions To Policies 3122 Job Evaluation And Classification And 3160 Compensation Guidelines

Motion: William Droste Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Human Resources is recommending changes to policies 3122 Job Evaluation and Classification and 3160 Compensation Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the following revisions are recommended:

Policy 3122 Job Evaluation and Classification

- Add definitions for “Classification” and Salary Grade”
- Revise section heading and clarifying process for “Classifying New Positions”
- Revise/Update antiquated language throughout

Policy 3160 Compensation Guidelines

- Revise language for Salary Offers to New Employees to comply with Minnesota Pay History Ban law
- Revise language for Promotions to comply with Minnesota Pay History Ban law
- Revise/Update antiquated language throughout

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the proposed revisions to policy 3122 Job Evaluation and Classification and 3160 Compensation Guidelines and authorizes the Human Resources Director to modify said policy accordingly.

Ayes: 7

## 8. Community Services

### 8.1 Resolution No: 26-270

Ratification To Submit Unified Local Youth Plan To Minnesota Department Of Employment And Economic Development For Minnesota Youth Program 2027 And Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act Youth Program 2026

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 requires local areas to provide services to low-income, at-risk youth, to promote educational and employment success; and

WHEREAS, this requirement is fulfilled by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) through grants to local governments for the WIOA Youth Program and Minnesota Youth Program (MYP); and

WHEREAS, the WIOA Youth Program grant is allocated between the Counties of Dakota and Scott based on a DEED formula and anticipated needs; and

WHEREAS, the MYP grant is Dakota County specific and funding is based on a DEED formula; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Development Areas (WDA) are required to update individualized Unified Local Youth Plans for activities funded under the Program Year (PY) 2026 WIOA Youth Program for the grant period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2028, and the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027 MYP for the

grant period of July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, updates to Unified Local Youth Plans must be approved by corresponding Local Workforce Development Boards (WDB) and narrative updates to the plan were due to DEED on April 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2026, the Dakota-Scott WDB approved the submission of the Unified Local Youth Plan to DEED for the PY 2026 WIOA Youth Program and the SFY 2027 MYP; and

WHEREAS, DEED tentatively approved the Dakota-Scott Unified Local Youth Plan narrative updates on April 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, full approval was issued on May 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dakota-Scott Workforce Services was notified on May 29, 2026 that it will receive \$442,476 for WIOA Youth PY 2026; and

WHEREAS, funding will be allocated between Dakota and Scott Counties; and

WHEREAS, ten percent will be retained for administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, notification of SFY 2027 MYP funding in the amount of \$167,756 for Dakota County was received on December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, ten percent of the amount allocated will be retained for administrative expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the submission of the Unified Local Youth Plan to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for the Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program.

Ayes: 7

**8.2** Resolution No: 26-271

Authorization To Accept Minnesota Youth Program State Fiscal Year 2027 And Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act Youth Program Year 2026 Funds, Execute Minnesota Department Of Employment And Economic Development Grant Agreements, And Execute Related Contracts

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 requires local areas to provide services to low-income, at-risk youth to promote educational and employment success; and

WHEREAS, this requirement is fulfilled by the Minnesota Department of Employment And Economic Development (DEED) through grants to local

governments for the WIOA Youth Program and the Minnesota Youth Program (MYP); and

WHEREAS, MYP grant is Dakota County specific, and funding is based on a DEED formula; and

WHEREAS, the WIOA Youth Program grant is allocated between Dakota and Scott Counties based on a DEED formula and anticipated needs; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-297 (June 24, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with Tree Trust to provide MYP services for the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 period of July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$426,540; and

WHEREAS, the contracted amount was less ten percent for administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, residual SFY 2026 MYP funding was tied to a solicitation for services issued on June 2, 2025, in which the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board selected Tree Trust to continue as the Dakota County MYP services provider; and

WHEREAS, notification of SFY 2027 MYP funding in the amount of \$167,756 for Dakota County was received on December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, ten percent of funding will be retained for administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-297 (June 24, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with HIRED to provide WIOA Youth Program services for the Program Year (PY) 2025 period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$468,922; and

WHEREAS, the contracted amount was less ten percent for administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, a solicitation for WIOA Youth services issued on November 7, 2025, in which the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board selected HIRED to continue as the Dakota County WIOA Youth Program services provider; and

WHEREAS, in March 2026, an amendment was executed to extend the PY 2025 contract term to March 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, notification of PY 2026 WIOA Youth funding in the amount of \$442,476 for Dakota and Scott Counties was received on May 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, of the allocated amount, Dakota County's funding is \$353,981 and

Scott County's funding is \$88,495; and

WHEREAS, ten percent will be retained for administrative expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to accept the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Minnesota Youth Program (MYP) grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$167,756 for the period of July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, and execute the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Assistance (DEED), subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to accept the WIOA Youth Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$442,476 for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2028, and execute the grant agreement with DEED, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to execute a contract with Tree Trust to provide MYP services for a not to exceed amount of \$150,981 for the term of July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to execute a contract with HIRED to provide WIOA Youth Program services for a not to exceed amount of \$318,582 for the term of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**8.3** Resolution No: 26-272

Authorization To Execute Grant Agreement For Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act Adult Services And Dislocated Worker Services And Execute Related Joint Powers Agreements And Contracts

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each Workforce Development Area (WDA) to submit an annual plan describing how employment and training services will be provided to eligible program participants; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-049 (January 23, 2018), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a restated and amended joint powers agreement between Dakota County and Scott County for delivery of employment services; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-301 (July 18, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a grant agreement with DEED for employment and training programs in the Dakota-Scott WDA for the WIOA Adult and WIOA Dislocated Worker (DW) programs in the amount of \$345,851 for WIOA Adult and \$539,023 for WIOA DW for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, based on the allocation formula used by DEED, and execution of contracts with DEED Job Service and HIRED for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, based on a solicitation that was completed on March 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners also authorized execution of contracts with DEED Job Service and HIRED for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, based on a solicitation that was issued in 2019; and

WHEREAS, a solicitation was issued on March 8, 2024, in which a thorough review of proposals was completed; and

WHEREAS, the funding allocation for WIOA Adult is \$414,490 (\$314,183 for Dakota County and \$100,307 for Scott County) and WIOA DW programs is \$515,156 (\$390,488 for Dakota County and \$124,668 for Scott County) for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2025, the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board's Executive Committee approved the execution of the grant agreement and execution of JPAs with DEED Job Service and execute contracts with HIRED for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for the acceptance of funds for employment and training programs in the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Area for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult in an amount of \$414,490 (\$314,183 for Dakota County and \$100,307 for Scott County) and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Worker program in the amount of \$515,156 (\$390,488 for Dakota County and \$124,668 for Scott County) for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to execute joint powers agreements with DEED Job Service in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to execute a contract with HIRED in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**8.4** Resolution No: 26-273

Authorization To Execute Grant Agreement For State Dislocated Worker Program Services And Execute Related Joint Powers Agreement And Contract

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each Workforce Development Area (WDA) to submit an annual plan describing how employment and training services will be provided to eligible program participants; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-302 (July 18, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for employment and training programs in the Dakota-Scott WDA for the State Dislocated Worker (DW) program in the amount of \$1,384,786 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, based on the allocation formula used by DEED, and execution of contracts with DEED Job Service and HIRED for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the funding allocation for the State DW program for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, is \$1,407,141 (\$1,066,613 Dakota County; \$340,528 Scott County); and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on March 1, 2024, in which one joint proposal was received from HIRED/DEED Job Service for services; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2026, the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board's Executive Committee approved the execution of the grant agreement with DEED in an amount of up to \$1,700,000 (\$1,288,600 Dakota County; \$411,400 Scott County) and execution of a JPA with DEED Job Service and execution of a contract with HIRED for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to provide State Dislocated Worker Program Services in an amount of up to \$1,700,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners

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hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to execute a joint powers agreement with DEED Job Service in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 and execute a contract with HIRED in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**8.5** Resolution No: 26-274  
Authorization To Submit Grant Application To Minnesota Department Of Public Safety Office Of Justice Programs For Crisis Intervention Grant

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County operates an embedded social worker program with Joint Powers Agreements with cities through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, eight full-time equivalent (FTE) embedded social workers are funded with a combination of levy, state grant dollars and American Rescue Plan (ARP); and

WHEREAS, with ARP funding source expiring December 31, 2026, staff is seeking alternate funding sources; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2026, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) released a request for proposal (RFP) with funding from the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) for the purpose of enhancing crisis intervention and behavioral health services in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, funding is to support initiatives that improve crisis response systems, address behavioral health workforce shortages, and increase access to crisis intervention services; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is anticipated to be approximately 23 months, beginning on or around November 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2028, and the maximum amount an applicant can propose is \$250,000 for the grant period; and

WHEREAS, indirect costs can be requested in one of the following ways: budget expenses directly in eligible categories, using the Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost rate, and using the 15 percent de Minimis Indirect Cost Rate; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's application will maximize the allowable indirect rate; and

WHEREAS, applications are due July 13, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an Assistant County Manager, Community Services, to submit an application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety

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for Crisis Response Grant funds in an amount up to \$250,000 for the period of November 1, 2026 through September 30, 2028.

Ayes: 7

**8.6** Resolution No: 26-275  
Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment With Dakota Woodlands For  
Emergency Shelter Services For 2026 Allocation Of Minnesota Department of  
Human Service Cost-Neutral Transfer Funds

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota Woodlands provides emergency shelter services to families with minor children; and

WHEREAS, they receive several funding sources from Dakota County Social Services to help pay for these services; and

WHEREAS, these funding sources include: county levy, Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA), and a portion of the Minnesota Department of Human Service (DHS) Cost-Neutral Transfer funds; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Woodlands also receives funding from Dakota County Employment and Economic Assistance from Emergency Assistance; and

WHEREAS, this Request for Board Action relates specifically to the DHS Cost-Neutral Transfer funds; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Dakota County received approval from the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to create a cost-neutral transfer of Housing Support funds to Dakota County in the form of an annual allocation under the authority of Minn. Stat. 256I.05, subd. 11; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-038 (January 22, 2019), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the first agreement for the Cost-Neutral Transfer allocation; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County receives a new transfer allocation amount in July of each year; and

WHEREAS, this allocation provides funding for shelter services at Dakota Woodlands and the Dakota County Emergency Hotel Shelter; and

WHEREAS, contractors for housing services are selected via a competitive solicitation process every four years; and

WHEREAS, for the 2026 Cost-Neutral Transfer allocation, Dakota County will receive \$979,926.33 for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to be allocated as follows:

- Indirect Administrative Expenses for Countywide Budget: \$97,929.63

(10%)

- Dakota Woodlands: \$385,909.00 (39.4%)
- Dakota County Emergency Hotel Shelter: \$496,087.70 (50.6%); and

WHEREAS, staff recommends Board authorization to execute a contract amendment with Dakota Woodlands to add the 2026 allocation of \$385,909 to their existing contract for DHS Cost-Neutral Transfer funds; and

WHEREAS, the new not to exceed amount will be \$1,146,022 and the term of the contract will extend by one year and will be July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, previous authorizations for this same contract exist in Resolution No. 24-317 (June 25, 2024) and Resolution No. 25-300 (June 24, 2025).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or delegate, to execute a contract amendment with Dakota Woodlands to add \$385,909 to the current not to exceed contract amount of \$760,112.40 for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,146,022 and extend the term an additional year to June 30, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**8.7** Resolution No: 26-276  
Authorization To Amend 2026 Social Services Budget For Family Homelessness Prevention And Assistance Program Grant

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature established Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) in 1993 to assist families with children, youth and single adults who are homeless or are at imminent risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, by Minn. Stat. § 462A.204, FHPAP grant funding must be administered by counties in the metro area who, in turn, may sub-grant some or all funds to other entities; and

WHEREAS, there is \$20 million statewide for this program; and

WHEREAS, funding is awarded through a competitive grant application process with predetermined criteria in four categories: planning, project design, program capacity/performance and need; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute also requires the establishment of an advisory committee to assist in preparing the project proposal and the design, implementation and evaluation of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC) acts as the

FHPAP Advisory Committee and a community-based subcommittee has been established by the AHC to help inform project direction and priorities; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has received these grant funds for the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-039 (January 21, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved submission of an application for a FHPAP grant in an amount up to \$4,500,000 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027, and authorized subcontracting with three vendors for a combined total of up to \$4,500,000 for Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency (CAP) and with 360 Communities; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County was awarded \$1,745,000 for this same time period; and

WHEREAS, The three subcontractors provide homelessness prevention services with FHPAP funds and Dakota County retains 5.3% for direct administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, the MN State Legislature authorized one-time additional \$40 million for the FHPAP program during the 2026 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, these funds are required to be spent by December 31, 2026, subject to amendments to extend the spending deadline by the funder; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will receive an additional \$2,448,000; and

WHEREAS, This amount includes administrative costs as established in the original application to the state in 2025 which must be used for direct administrative expenses related to the grant; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will subcontract the additional funds to the three subcontractors selected for the first FHPAP award and they will continue to provide homelessness prevention services; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services is requesting to amend the 2026 Social Services budget to add \$2,448,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the 2026 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

<b>Expense</b>	
Program Expense	<u>\$2,448,000</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,448,000</b>

**Revenue**

Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP)

\$2,448,000

**Total Revenue**

**\$2,448,000**

Ayes: 7

**9. Physical Development**

**9.1 Resolution No: 26-277**

Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

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:

PALMER CROSSING Lakeville

Ayes: 7

**9.2 Resolution No: 26-278**

Authorization To Execute Third Contract Amendment With Alliant Engineering, Inc., For Professional Engineering Services For County Road Retaining Wall Assessments And Final Design Of County State Aid Highway 38 (McAndrews Road) Retaining Walls, County Project 97-218

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County is undertaking County Project (CP) 97-218 to evaluate, repair, and replace deteriorating retaining walls along the County roadway system; and

WHEREAS, four retaining walls along County State Aid Highway 38 have been identified as priority structures requiring full replacement or design solutions with

equivalent service life; and

WHEREAS, the County Board previously executed Contract DCA20887 with Alliant Engineering, Inc. for engineering design services for CP 97-218, with subsequent amendments due to evolving project scope; and

WHEREAS, additional structural complexity, right of way limitations, sightline deficiencies, and constructability challenges have necessitated design modifications and specialized engineering not included in the original scope of work; and

WHEREAS, staff has negotiated the cost for the additional engineering services and determined the fee to be reasonable and consistent with industry standards; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding exists within the adopted CP 97-218 budget to proceed with the requested amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Assistant County Manager: Physical Development to execute the third contract amendment with Alliant Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$508,993, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**9.3** Resolution No: 26-279

Authorization To Execute Contract With Minger Construction Companies, Inc. And Related Grant Agreements And Amendment To 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget For Multimodal Improvements On County State Aid Highways 28 And 56, County Projects 28-69 And 56-14

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County is implementing County Project (CP) 28-69, CSAH 28 (80th Street) Trail Gap, and County Project (CP) 56-14, CSAH 56 (Concord Boulevard) Pedestrian and Corridor Improvements, which together complete key elements of the Mississippi River Greenway Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, to improve construction efficiencies, reduce staging impacts, and coordinate federal funding under a single Federal Highway Administration authorization, CP 28-69 and CP 56-14 were designed and bid together as State Project (SP) 019-090-027; and

WHEREAS, bids for SP 019-090-027 were opened on May 12, 2026, and the lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Minger Construction Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$4,677,338; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budgets for CP 28-69 (\$1,416,801) and CP 56-14 (\$2,899,444) total \$4,316,245 and are insufficient to fully fund the construction

contract, meet federal match requirements, cover construction administration and soft costs, and satisfy the cost-share obligations of the executed joint powers agreements; and

WHEREAS, all available federal and state funding sources-including Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE), Congressional Directed Spending (CDS), National Park Service (NPS) Alternative Transportation Program (ATP) funds and State Active Transportation (AT) funds are fully allocated at their authorized caps and cannot be increased; and

WHEREAS, the required additional budget authority totals \$2,219,808, consisting of \$731,975 for CP 28-69 and \$1,487,833 for CP 56-14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby awards the construction contract for State Project 019-090-027 (CP 28-69 and CP 56-14) to Minger Construction Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$4,677,338 and authorizes the County Engineer to execute the contract, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Engineer is authorized to execute all necessary grant documents, funding agreements, and administrative actions required to secure and administer RAISE, CDS funds, NPS ATP funds, and State AT funds for CP 28-69 and CP 56-14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program to increase the budgets for CP 28-69 and CP 56-14 by a combined amount of \$2,219,808, with \$731,975 allocated to CP 28-69 and \$1,487,833 allocated to CP 56-14, funded with RAISE adjustments, Federal CDS, State Active Transportation, and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) funds, as follows:

<b>Expense</b>	
CP 28-69	\$ 731,975
CP 56-14	<u>\$1,487,833</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,219,808</b>

<b>Revenue CP 28-69</b>	
RAISE Adjustment (Reallocation)	\$592,614
CSAH	<u>\$139,361</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$731,975</b>

<b>Revenue CP 56-14</b>	
RAISE Adjustment (Reallocation)	(\$592,614)
CDS	\$850,000
State AT	\$500,000
CSAH	<u>\$730,447</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,487,833</b>

Ayes: 7

- 9.4** Resolution No: 26-280  
Authorization To Distribute Environmental Assessment Worksheet For County Project 54-11

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County is advancing County Project 54-11 to reconstruct CSAH 54 between 18th Street East and CSAH 68 to improve safety, mobility, drainage, and flood-resiliency; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) has been completed for County Project 54-11 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 4410 and is ready for distribution to initiate the 30-day public comment period; and

WHEREAS, the EAW evaluates multiple design alternatives, including trail and no-trail options, and the County Board has identified the Road-Only option as the preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, the EAW remains valid and supports the project moving forward under the Road-Only preferred alternative; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the adopted Dakota County 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to distribute the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for County Project 54-11 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 4410.

Ayes: 7

- 9.5** Resolution No: 26-281  
Authorization To Approve Letters Of Support To West St. Paul And Lakeville For Applications To Regional Solicitation Funding Opportunity

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council's Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) is requesting project submittals for funding through the Regional Solicitation process; and

WHEREAS, the Solicitation programs fund between 80 and 95 percent of project construction costs; and

WHEREAS, funding of projects reduces the burden on local taxpayers for regional improvements; and

WHEREAS, project submittals are due on June 25, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves letters of support for the aforementioned city-led project application(s) to be signed by the Board Chair.

Ayes: 7

**9.6** Resolution No: 26-282  
Authorization To Execute Contract With Minnowa Construction, Inc., And Amend Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget For Reconstruction Of Bridge Number 19578 In Vermillion Township, County Project 85-23

Motion: William Droste Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 85-23; and

WHEREAS, CP 85-23 is the reconstruction of Bridge Number 19578 in Vermillion Township; and

WHEREAS, the adopted 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program includes funding for preliminary engineering and deck replacement for this project; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Minnowa Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,417,682 was the lowest responsible bid received; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends awarding the bid to Minnowa Construction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is necessary to provide sufficient funding for construction, contingency, and non-CSAH cost participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby awards the construction contract for County Project 85-23 to Minnowa Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,471,682 and authorizes the County Engineer to execute the contract subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the Transportation Capital Improvement Program as follows:

<b>Expense</b>	
CP 85-23	<u>\$2,489,200</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,489,200</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Transportation Fund Balance (non-CSAH)	\$93,000
County State Aid Highway (CSAH)	<u>\$2,396,200</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,489,200</b>

Ayes: 7

- 9.7** Resolution No: 26-283  
Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With JM Hauling LLC To Provide Construction Services For West Lake Byllesby Regional Park Master Plan Improvements

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the 2025---2029 Parks Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget includes a project to develop project sites on the west side of Lake Byllesby Regional Park to formalize access and create basic trailhead amenities; and

WHEREAS, staff selected Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects (AFLA) through a Request for Proposals process to provide the design services for this project; and

WHEREAS, an internal Core Planning Group worked with AFLA to develop and refine the project schematic design; and

WHEREAS, the schematic design was presented to and approved by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners by Resolution No. 26-113 (March 24, 2026); and

WHEREAS, after approval, AFLA and the Core Planning Group further developed the project design, which concluded in May 2026; and

WHEREAS, AFLA prepared construction bid documents to obtain competitive bids that included a Base Bid and two Bid Alternates; and

WHEREAS, the project was released for bidding on May 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, six competitive bids were received on June 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by JM Hauling LLC; and

WHEREAS, after review, staff recommends award to JM Hauling LLC as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and proceeding with the Base Bid and acceptance of Alternate Bid #1 and Alternate Bid #2 for a total amount not to exceed \$529,636.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorized the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract with JM Hauling LLC, 6514 81st St S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016, in an amount not to exceed \$529,636 for the construction of the West Lake Byllesby Regional Park Master Plan Improvements project, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**9.8** Resolution No: 26-284

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With Ebert, Inc. dba Ebert Companies To Provide General Contractor Services For Lake Byllesby Regional Park Campground Building Project

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the adopted 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program includes a project to replace or renovate campground buildings within Lebanon Hills and Lake Byllesby Regional Parks; and

WHEREAS, staff hired Locus Architecture to conduct a study that evaluated all buildings at two campgrounds and recommended the addition of a storm shelter into the campgrounds; and

WHEREAS, staff worked with Bloom Companies to develop the design of a storm shelter and restroom building within Lake Byllesby Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, construction documents were prepared by Bloom Companies, the project was advertised for bid on May 14, 2026, and fifteen bids were received on June 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Ebert, Inc. dba Ebert Companies submitted a bid of \$1,967,700; and

WHEREAS, staff and Bloom Companies reviewed the qualifications of the bidder and recommend award to Ebert Companies as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$1,967,700 for the Lake Byllesby Storm Shelter project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract with Ebert Companies, 23350 County Road 10, Corcoran, MN 55357, in an amount not to exceed \$1,967,700 for the Lake Byllesby Storm Shelter Project.

Ayes: 7

**9.9** Resolution No: 26-285

Authorization To Execute Contract With Certified Recycling, LLC For Mattress Recycling And Reuse Services At The Recycling Zone Plus

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-456 (September 23, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the 2024-2044 Dakota County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Plan, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners

encourages residents and businesses to properly manage hazardous wastes and recyclables; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Plan, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners supports the opportunity and collection of household items including mattresses that are challenging for residents to recycle; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Plan, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners seeks to increase residential reuse opportunities using County collection facilities for household items that are challenging to reuse including mattresses; and

WHEREAS, collected mattresses for recycling and reuse require comprehensive training, storage, transportation, and management services; and

WHEREAS, the Recycling Zone Plus recycling area can accommodate collection services for recycling and reuse of mattresses; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County staff issued a request for proposals on February 18, 2026, seeking a vendor to provide comprehensive mattress recycling and reuse services at the Recycling Zone Plus; and

WHEREAS, two potential vendors submitted proposals which were evaluated by staff; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County requests services for a two-year contract term, with a two-year extension option; and

WHEREAS, Certified Recycling, LLC has a demonstrated excellent service record and submitted a complete and comprehensive proposal for mattress recycling and reuse services; and

WHEREAS, the \$111,000 annual contract cost is included in the household hazardous waste annual budget; and

WHEREAS, mattresses will be collected for a fee from residents for recycling and reuse to offset the annual contract cost; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends execution of a contract with Certified Recycling, LLC for mattress recycling and reuse services at the Recycling Zone Plus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Environmental Resources Director to execute a contract with Certified Recycling, LLC for a term from date of execution to June 29, 2028, with a two-year extension option, and not to exceed contract amount of \$444,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form and subject to approval by the County's Risk and Homeland Security Manager.

Ayes: 7

**9.10** Resolution No: 26-286

Authorization To Implement 2026-2027 Pilot Grant Program For Farmers Market Food Rescue

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, in Minnesota, metropolitan counties are responsible for waste management policy and programs to achieve state goals for waste management and that support the State Waste Management Hierarchy, with waste prevention being the most preferred waste management method (Minn. Stat. § 115A.551); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-456 (September 23, 2025), the County Board adopted the 2024-2044 Solid Waste Management Plan (Solid Waste Management Plan) which incorporates Minnesota Pollution Control Agency-mandated enhanced focus on waste prevention, including food waste prevention; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is responsible to implement the Solid Waste Management Plan strategy 11a to “Provide support (e.g., funding, technical assistance) to organizations (e.g., food shelves, restaurants, grocery stores, schools) to improve the safe storage and transportation of surplus edible food,”; and

WHEREAS, seasonal farmers markets operate in Dakota County where vendors provide direct sale of produce to residents, and some produce spoils before it is able to be sold at the next available market; and

WHEREAS, staff proposes to pilot a 2026-2027 Grant Program for Farmers Market Food Rescue (Grant Program) to implement food waste prevention at farmers markets to support the recovery, collection, and transportation of unsold produce that would otherwise be disposed of with rescued edible produce to be redistributed to Dakota County food shelves; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Grant Program components include guidelines, an application and selection process, a reimbursement process, and performance reporting; and

WHEREAS, organizations will be able to request \$10,000-\$85,000 annually for eligible Grant Program activities implemented during the annual farmers market season; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County receives Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment (SCORE) funds from the State of Minnesota to implement landfill abatement programs and is required to expend at least 50 percent of SCORE funds that exceed the State’s fiscal year 2014 funding allocation on organics programming (Minn. Stat. § 115A.557); and

WHEREAS, dedicated organics programming SCORE funds can be used to implement a grant program to prevent food from being wasted at farmers market; and

WHEREAS, the County’s obligation for eligible Grant Program participants shall not exceed \$85,000 per calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a 2026-2027 Pilot Grant Program for Farmers Market Food Rescue (Grant Program), in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 annually through December 31, 2027, as presented at the June 23, 2026, County Board meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Environmental Resources Director to execute grant agreements with selected applicants, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**9.11** Resolution No: 26-287  
Authorization To Accept Fee Title To Big Rivers Regional Trailhead Property In Mendota Heights From Minnesota Department Of Transportation

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Mendota Trailhead site (Property) is the primary access point to the Big Rivers Regional Trail segment of the Minnesota River Greenway located at 1498 Mendota Heights Road in Mendota Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Property and its improvements occur on property owned by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), and negotiations with MnDOT have been ongoing since 2018 to transfer ownership of the Property to the County; and

WHEREAS, these negotiations include a legislative reapportionment of the boundary of Fort Snelling State Park, which has now been completed; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT wishes to convey to the County the underlying fee title to the Property legally described as:

That part of Tracts A and B described below:

Tract A. That part of Government Lot 4, Section 33, Township 28 North, Range 23 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, which lies northeasterly of the northeasterly right of way line of the Chicago, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company as the same is now located and established over and across said Government Lot 4 and westerly and northwesterly of a line run parallel with and distant 200 feet easterly and

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southeasterly of the following described line: From a point on the east and west quarter line of said Section 33, distant 1435.6 feet westerly east quarter corner thereof; thence northwesterly at an angle of 78 degrees 34 minutes with said east and west quarter line for a distance of 259.1 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence southeasterly along the last described course for a distance of 100 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 04 degree 30 minute curve, delta angle 59 degrees 30 minutes for a distance of 1322.2 feet and there terminating;

Tract B. That part of Government Lot 4, Section 33, Township 28 North, Range 23 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, which lies northeasterly of the northeasterly right of way line of the Chicago, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company as now located and established over and across said Government lot 4, which lies northwesterly of the northwesterly right of way line of the public road running northeasterly and southwesterly across said tract and southeasterly of a line run parallel with and distant 200 feet northwesterly the following described line: From a point on the east and west quarter line of said Section 33, distant 1435.6 feet westerly of the east quarter corner thereof; thence northwesterly at an angle of 78 degrees 34 minutes with said east and west quarter line for a distance of 259.1 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence southeasterly along the last described course for a distance of 100 feet; thence deflect to the right on a 04 degree 30 minute curve, delta angle 59 degrees 30 minutes for a distance of 1322.2 feet; thence on tangent to said curve for a distance of 335.8 feet and there terminating; which lies within the following described line: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Government Lot 4; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 42 seconds West (assumed bearing) along the south line of said Government Lot 4 for 312.44 feet to Right of Way Boundary Corner B205 as shown on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat No. 19-93 according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for said County and the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence continue along the last described course for 318.00 feet; thence northerly for 387.97 feet on a nontangential curve, concave to the west, having a radius of 2963.54 feet, a delta angle of 07 degrees 30 minutes 03 seconds and a chord bearing of North 00 degrees 42 minutes 41 seconds East; thence North 03 degrees 02 minutes 21 seconds West for 619.45 feet; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes 27 seconds East for 417.92 feet; thence North 18 degrees 18 minutes 58 seconds East for 317.52 feet to the north line of said Government Lot 4; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 18 seconds East for 64.52 feet to the westerly right of way line of Old Trunk Highway No. 13 (also known as Sibley Memorial Highway); thence South 01 degree 30 minutes 25 seconds West along said highway right of way line for 8.15 feet; thence southerly along said highway right of way line a distance of 162.69 feet along a tangential curve, concave to the west, having a radius of 2633.13 feet and a delta angle of 03 degrees 32 minutes 24 seconds; thence South 05 degrees 02

minutes 49 seconds West along said highway right of way line for 9.49 feet; thence southerly along said highway right of way line a distance of 125.08 feet along a tangential curve concave to the west having a radius of 1479.16 feet and a delta angle of 04 degrees 50 minutes 42 seconds; thence South 09 degrees 53 minutes 31 seconds West along said highway right of way line for 279.55 feet; thence South 10 degrees 45 minutes 46 seconds West along said highway right of way line for 253.72 feet to the boundary of said Plat No. 19-93; thence westerly along the boundary of said plat to Right of Way Boundary Corner B4 as shown on said plat; thence southwesterly along the westerly boundary of said plat to the point of beginning; containing 10.78 acres, more or less.

; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing the acceptance of fee title to the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the acceptance of fee title to the Mendota Trailhead site for the Big Rivers Regional Trail Mendota Trailhead project from Minnesota the Department of Transportation.

Ayes: 7

**9.12** Resolution No: 26-288

Authorization To Submit Application For 2026 Federal Emergency Management Agency Building Resilient Infrastructure And Communities (BRIC) Program

Motion: William Droste

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is accepting applications for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the BRIC program provides federal funding for hazard mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the program funds up to 75 percent of community saferoom construction costs; and

WHEREAS, project applications are due July 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a tornado or severe weather, campers at Lebanon Hills Regional Park Campground currently lack access to a proper safe room; and

WHEREAS, existing facilities used for shelter were not designed to withstand high winds or severe weather conditions and the campground restroom building suffers from foundation issues, a failing ventilation system, and structural deterioration; and

WHEREAS, the facility does not meet current accessibility standards or modern building codes; and

WHEREAS, replacing the existing campground restroom building with a new building that also functions as a storm shelter is needed for the safety of campers and to address maintenance issues; and

WHEREAS, the community saferoom components of the Lebanon Hills Regional Park campground building is are eligible for BRIC funding and consistent with the Dakota County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Lebanon Hills saferoom would be integrated into a new campground restroom building, with an estimated cost of \$5,000,000 and \$2,000,000 eligible for grant funding; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners would consider authorization to execute a grant agreement at a future meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submittal of the Lebanon Hills Campground Community Saferoom grant application for up to \$2,000,000.

Ayes: 7

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **10. Public Services and Revenue**

#### **10.1 Update On Election Readiness**

Elections Director Michelle Blue briefed this item and responded to questions. The County has strong safeguards, clear procedures, remains in close communication with legal counsel and Secretary of State's Office to administer elections in accordance with state/federal laws. The County ensures that voting locations remain safe, welcoming and free from intimidation, for both voters and election judges alike. The County ensures voters have accurate information and every eligible voter can participate in elections that are secure, fair and transparent.

Information only; no action requested.

### **11. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates**

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

### **12. County Manager's Report**

County Manager Heidi Welsch shared the following:

- Approval of a pilot grant program for farmers market food rescue was approved today on the consent agenda. This pilot will assist in recovering unsold edible produce from farmers markets for distribution to Dakota County food shelves.

- The Boardroom IT updates are almost complete with testing being done over the next couple of weeks.

**13. Information**

**13.1 Information**

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

**14. Adjournment**

**14.1 Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Laurie Halverson  
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch  
County Manager