



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 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.

Commissioner Atkins attended the meeting remotely via interactive technology.

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: 25-475
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the approval of the agenda was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the Consent agenda was approved as follows. Commissioner Halverson arrived to the meeting after the consent agenda was voted on.

5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Resolution No: 25-476
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on October 7, 2025

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: William Droste

Ayes: 6
Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and
Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1
Laurie Halverson

6. Items Recommended by Board Committee*

- 6.1 Resolution No: 25-477
Adoption Of Mississippi River Greenway Natural Resource Management Plan

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-274 (May 23, 2019), the County Board adopted the Dakota County Natural Resources Management System Plan, which demonstrates a need to develop Natural Resource Management Plans (NRMP) for all County Parks, Greenways, and Conservation Easements; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-568 (November 17, 2020), the County Board adopted the Land Conservation Plan, which aims to improve County coordination and collaboration with other agencies and organizations regarding land protection and long-term natural resource management; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 99-526 (September 21, 1999), the County Board adopted the Mississippi River Greenway master plan, which established a 28-mile preferred alignment from St. Paul to downtown Hastings; and

WHEREAS, a consultant was hired to develop the first NRMP for the Mississippi River Greenway; and

WHEREAS, there are plans to potentially extend the greenway southeast along County Road 54 to the Goodhue County border, which would add approximately 9.5 miles of trail; and

WHEREAS, the public lands along the greenway are owned by Dakota County, the Cities of South St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, and Hastings; and

WHEREAS, a stakeholder meeting was held on October 16, 2024, to solicit input on the NRMP. Participants included staff from the cities of South St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, and Hastings, as well as staff from Mississippi Park Connection and the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, the NRMP addresses the natural resource inventory, future vegetative cover goals, and recommended projects developed in cooperation with landowner partners; and

WHEREAS, Ecologists conducted field work and identified 22 natural area nodes; and

WHEREAS, these nodes were selected because they contain existing natural areas or parks where opportunities exist to increase habitat; and

WHEREAS, trail corridors between these nodes were also surveyed; and

WHEREAS, an estimate of \$2,389,000 in projects were identified; and

WHEREAS, \$589,000 has been secured, to date, from an Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant and a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant to begin implementing the recommendations in the plan; and

WHEREAS, external grant funding will be used to fund additional restoration projects, and grant match and cost share fiscal impacts will be established and individually brought to the County Board for review in the form of future joint powers agreements between partners prior to project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the draft NRMP was presented to the Dakota County Planning Commission on June 26, 2025, at which time it voted to recommend to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners to release the draft plan for public review; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-360 (July 29, 2025), the County Board authorized the Mississippi River Greenway NRMP be released for a 30-day community review period, which occurred from July 29 through August 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, no comments were received from the public during the comment period; and

WHEREAS, during this time, County staff gave presentations about the NRMP to the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission of Inver Grove Heights (August 13) and to the Rosemount Parks and Natural Resources Commission (August 18).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Mississippi River Greenway Natural Resource Management Plan.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

6.2 Resolution No: 25-478
Approval Of Unified Schematic Design And Authorization To Amend
Professional Services Contract With ALLiiANCE For Empire Maintenance
Facility Redevelopment Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Improvements were completed at the Empire Maintenance Facility in 2020, including only part of the proposed South Building due to budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, with unmet needs identified, an addition to the South Building was included in the 2024-2028 Facilities Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget and partially funded in 2024; and

WHEREAS, a previously proposed project to develop a new maintenance facility in Hampton was not approved to proceed; and

WHEREAS, the County Board instead directed staff to develop and present an alternate to the Hampton facility that would meet its objectives of closing the existing Hastings and Farmington Shops through a phased approach; and

WHEREAS, ALLiiANCE was selected as the consultant firm to provide early phase design services for this project by Resolution No. 24-147 (March 26, 2024); and

WHEREAS, ALLiiANCE and staff were authorized to develop a unified design for phased equipment storage and an office addition for Transportation Department staff by Resolution No. 24-564 (December 3, 2024); and

WHEREAS, the unified design for phased equipment storage would construct an approximate 53,400 square foot storage addition to the South Building by mid-2029 (Phase 1) to allow for future closure and sale of the Hastings Highway Shop site; and

WHEREAS, the unified design would also construct an approximate 22,200 square foot new Pre-Fabricated Cold Storage Building in 2032 (Phase 2) to allow for the closure and sale of the Farmington Highway Shop site; and

WHEREAS, additional efforts to complete the design through construction are necessary; and

WHEREAS, ALLiiANCE has provided a proposal to provide design through construction closeout for an approximate 53,400 square foot storage addition to the South Building; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient Sales and Use Tax (SUT) funds within the project budget to cover this contract increase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the schematic design of the Phase 1 South Building storage addition as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the schematic design of the Phase 2 Pre-Fabricated Cold Storage Building as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes amending the professional services contract with ALLiiANCE, 400 Clifton Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55403 to increase professional design fees for the Empire Maintenance Facility Redevelopment project Phase 1, in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000, for an amended contract total of \$1,430,267, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

6.3

Resolution No: 25-479

Authorization To Offer One Supplemental Group Short Term Disability Plan and Approval of Rate For 2026

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Short-Term Disability is a voluntary employee-paid benefit offered by the County; and

WHEREAS, due to the implementation of Minnesota Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) in 2026, it is no longer practical for the County to continue offering traditional short-term disability (STD) plans with multiple elimination period options; and

WHEREAS, to align with medical leave of PFML, the County will now offer a new supplemental STD benefit; and

WHEREAS, Deloitte Consulting LLP reviews the County's STD claims experience annually and provides premium rate recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Deloitte's recommended premium rates for the 2026 STD plan is .0685 of \$10 weekly benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2026 Voluntary Short Term Disability benefit plan option and its rate.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

7. Central Operations

7.1 Report On Invoices Paid In September 2025

Information only; no action requested.

7.2 Resolution No: 25-480

Authorization To Execute Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right To Use Agreement With City Of Lakeville

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeville desires to obtain from Dakota County the use of 12 strands of Dakota County-owned fiber optic cable to provide fiber connecting Lakeville’s Fairfield Water Tower to Lakeville City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeville will be allocated the following strands:

- Strands 61-72 of 288F at NE Kensington Blvd and Juniper Way spliced to
- Strands 61-72 of 288F at NW of Jacquard Avenue and 215th Street West spliced to
- Strands 61-72 of 288F at NE of Dodd Blvd and 215th Street West spliced to
- Strands 61-72 of 288F at NE of Cedar Avenue and 215th Street West spliced to
- Strands 61-72 of 288F at NE of Cedar Avenue and Lakeville Blvd spliced to
- Strands 61-72 of 288F at SE of Cedar Avenue and 202nd Street West spliced to
Lakeville City Hall at 20195 Holyoke Avenue

; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County desires to obtain from the City of Lakeville use of 24 strands of City of Lakeville-owned fiber optic cable to connect Fairfield 800 MHz Radio Tower with a fiber cable; and

WHEREAS Dakota County will be allocated the following strands:

- Lakeville Fairfield 800 MHz Water Tower at 11075 210th Street West, Lakeville, MN spliced to Strands 13-36 of 48F of Kensington Blvd and Juniper Way splice vault

; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will utilize \$9,094 from the Dakota County 2025 General Fund fund balance to pay for the construction costs to connect existing

fiber optic cable; and

WHEREAS, a Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right To Use Agreement with the City of Lakeville is required for use of County fiber optic cable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute an Indefeasible Right to Use Agreement with the City of Lakeville, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

7.3 Resolution No: 25-481

Authorization To Execute Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right To Use Agreement With Inver Hills Community College

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Inver Hills Community College desires to lease the use of four fibers from Dakota County to connect Inver Hills Community College Data Center to Dakota County Technical College Data Center; and

WHEREAS, the County has unused fiber optic cables available to lease as follows:

Segment 1: This segment consists of 4 strands of fiber from Dakota County Technical College Data Center at 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount, MN to Inver Hills Community College Data Center at 2500 80th Street East, Inver Grover Heights, MN

; and

WHEREAS, Inver Hills Community College has agreed to lease the four strands of fiber at a distance of 12.4 miles at a rate of \$65 per pair per mile for a total of \$1,612 per month for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will pay \$4,340 from the Dakota County 2025 General Fund balance to pay for construction cost to connect existing fiber optic cable; and

WHEREAS, a Fiber Optic Indefeasible Right To Use Agreement with the Inver Hills Community College is required for use of County fiber optic cable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute an IRU with Inver Hills Community College for use of County-owned institutional network backbone, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to

form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

7.4 Resolution No: 25-482

Authorization To Execute Contract With AVI Systems, Inc. dba FORTÉ To Upgrade Boardroom AudioVisual Equipment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the County advertised for proposals for the Boardroom AV Upgrade Project; and

WHEREAS, the County received proposals from three qualified vendors on July 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the proposals and determined that the proposal from AVI Systems, Inc. dba FORTÉ provides the best value to the County to implement the Boardroom AV Upgrade Project; and

WHEREAS, the cost of Boardroom AV Upgrade Project is \$460,343 for the first year, \$70,000 for the second year, \$75,000 for the third year, for a total contract cost of \$605,343; and

WHEREAS, funding for the first year of the contract is available in the Dakota County General Fund balance and future years licensing and support will be included in future County budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a contract with AVI Systems, Inc. dba FORTÉ for the Boardroom AV Upgrade Project in an amount not to exceed \$605,343, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8. Community Services

8.1 Resolution No: 25-483

Authorization To Execute Contracts For Adult Mental Health Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County's mental health system complies with the requirements of the Minnesota Comprehensive Adult Mental Health Services Act (Act); and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes basic standards for AMH services in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, it is primarily directed at counties, which are designated as local mental health authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Act obligates county boards to develop and coordinate a system of affordable and locally available adult mental health services in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 245.641 to 245.486; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County delivers these mandated services both directly and through purchased services; and

WHEREAS, funding for purchased services comes from state grants, health plans, and county levy (payor of last resort); and

WHEREAS, additionally, Minn. Stat. Chapter 253B (Civil Commitment Act) obligates counties to certain duties, including payments to facilities for involuntary and commitment holds; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-473 (October 24, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized contracts for mental health services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Individual Placement and Support Employment Services (IPS) is funded fully by the Adult Mental Health Grant and/or Community Support Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Intensive Residential Treatment Service (IRTS) and Crisis Residential Services (CRS) receive partial funding (\$60,000) from the Adult Mental Health Grant and/or Community Support Program Grant, with the remaining funded by county levy; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends a two-year contract with Guild for the following services: Individual Placement and Support Employment Services (IPS), Intensive Residential Treatment Service (IRTS), and Crisis Residential Services (CRS) for a two-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contracts for adult mental health services for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form as follows:

Type of Service: Individual Placement and Support Employment Services

Provider:

- 1. Guild

Unit Rate:

- 1. Not to exceed \$389,328 for the two-year term, see attached exhibit for specific rates (Attachment: Exhibit 5 Payments)

Type of Service: Intensive Residential Treatment Services and Crisis Residential Services

Provider:

- 1. Guild

Unit Rate:

- 1. Services paid at Department of Human Services rate, as of today per diem rate set at \$539.08

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contracts amount and the contracts term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts 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: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8.2 Resolution No: 25-484

Authorization To Execute Contracts For Conservator And Guardianship Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, a conservator or guardian is appointed by the court to make decisions if a person is determined by the court of not having capacity for decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the county having jurisdiction over the guardianship or conservatorship court proceedings is responsible for payment of ongoing

services if the person is indigent (Minn. Stat. § 524.5-502); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-491 (October 19, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the renewal of contracts with the following providers: Dakota Conservators, Inc.; Fiduciary Services of Minnesota, Inc.; Judy Moe Guardianship Services, LLC; Thomas Allen, Inc.; Anthony Roszak; Navigator Fiduciary Forensic Services; Alternative Supported Living Services; JRP Fiduciary Services; and Lutheran Social Services for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, with increasing demand for services, three additional providers have been contracted in that time: Ohana Guardianship Services; Unique Abilities, LLC; and Maday Fiduciary; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Division issues solicitations for client services every 4-5 years; however, the last several requests for proposal for these services resulted in the same pool of providers; and

WHEREAS, the County will now contract with any provider who is qualified to provide the services and agrees to the County's contract terms; and

WHEREAS, Social Services staff provide performance and service monitoring, including but not limited to review of providers' monthly billing and contract allows for the County to perform annual audits of randomly selected cases from each provider; and

WHEREAS, in addition, conservators and guardians submit annual accountings and well-being reports to the court that are subject to random audit through the judicial system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contracts with Dakota Conservators, Inc.; Fiduciary Services of Minnesota, Inc.; Judy Moe Guardianship Services, LLC; Anthony Roszak; Navigator Fiduciary Forensic Services; Alternative Supported Living Services; Lutheran Social Services; Ohana Guardianship Services; Unique Abilities LLC; and Maday Fiduciary, and any provider who is qualified to provide the services and agrees to the County's contract terms for conservator and guardianship services at the rate of \$49.79/hour for general conservator/guardianship services and \$60.64/hour for emergency conservator/guardianship services, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, within the amount budgeted, to alter the number and types of clients served, types of services provided, service rates, and the contract term, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That service rates for contracts authorized for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, shall be increased by the inflation rate used in the Dakota County budget process as authorized by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, effective January 1 of each year, as applicable.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8.3 Resolution No: 25-485
Authorization To Execute Contracts For Housing Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Social Services Department provides both in-house and contracted services across the housing service continuum; and

WHEREAS, contracted services include street outreach, emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, apartment services and services at eviction court; and

WHEREAS, to ensure continued high-quality services, Dakota County has scheduled a routine contract Request for Proposal (RFP) process; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, staff issued an RFP for housing supportive services; and

WHEREAS, a review committee from Social Services reviewed and scored proposals; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends contracts for housing services with the providers for the amounts and terms listed in the Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contracts for housing services with the providers, in the amounts listed, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form, as follows:

Service - Agency - Not to Exceed Amount

- Apartment Services for Seniors - DARTS - \$424,000
- Apartment Services for All Ages - Residential Transitions, Inc. - \$624,000
- Housing Clinic Services - 360 Communities - \$800,000
- Housing Clinic Services - Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc. - \$160,000
- Supportive Housing Services/Lincoln Place - Amherst Wilder - \$672,000
- Supportive Housing Services/Haralson Apartments - CAP Agency - \$125,000
- Supportive Housing Services/Cahill Place - Center City Housing Corp - \$1,300,000
- Youth Drop-In Services - The Link - \$102,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract for shelter services for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form, as follows:

Service - Agency - Not to Exceed Amount

- Hotel Shelter-Singles - Extended Stay of America - \$1,000,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contracts amount and the contracts term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts 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: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8.4 Resolution No: 25-486

Authorization To Execute Contract For Volunteer Driver Transportation Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services provides contracted services across

the transportation services continuum; and

WHEREAS, volunteer driver services have been contracted since 2011 and are available for residents of Dakota County, which include, but are not limited to, trips for medical and dental appointments, Dakota County programs like Women, Infants and Children (WIC), trips for health assessments and trips for grocery shopping and to food shelves; and

WHEREAS, rides are provided by trained and vetted volunteers in their personal vehicles; and

WHEREAS, since 2018, Dakota County has received Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to utilize mobility management strategies to increase coordination efforts and improve mobility access for older adults and persons with disabilities in Dakota County. Dakota County is currently administering this work through GoDakota; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal was issued on January 22, 2025, for volunteer driver services, and a committee comprised of GoDakota stakeholders reviewed the proposals and recommended contracting with Hastings Family Service for delivery of volunteer driver services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Hastings Family Service for Volunteer Driver Transportation Services in a not to exceed contract amount of \$90,000 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

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

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8.5 Resolution No: 25-487
Authorization To Execute Contracts For Community Corrections Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Community Corrections supervises adults and juveniles placed on probation by the courts; and

WHEREAS, probation staff focuses on community safety and reducing recidivism in their supervision of these individuals; and

WHEREAS, supervision, services, and court-ordered programs are provided through specialized vendors; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract with Midwest Monitoring and Surveillance, Inc. for Electronic Monitoring Services in an amount not to exceed \$390,000; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract with RS EDEN for Drug Testing and Related Services in an amount not to exceed \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute contracts with Project Pathfinder, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 and Alpha Emergence Behavioral Health in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for Sex Offender Treatment Services; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract with Courtney Sturges Counseling and Consulting Services LLC for Sex Offender Assessment Services in an amount not to exceed \$132,150; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract with Nystrom & Associates, Ltd. for Wraparound Facilitation Services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract with Associated Clinic of Psychology, Inc. for Forensic Psychological Evaluation Services in an amount not to exceed \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract with Katheryn Cranbrook PsyD, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contracts for Community Corrections services with the providers, in the amounts listed, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form as follows:

Electronic Monitoring Services:

- Midwest Monitoring and Surveillance, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$390,000

Drug Testing and Related Services:

- RS Eden in an amount not to exceed \$200,000

Sex Offender Treatment Services:

- Project Pathfinder, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$180,000
- Alpha Emergence Behavioral Health in an amount not to exceed \$120,000

Sex Offender Assessment Services:

- Courtney Sturges Counseling and Consulting Services LLC in an amount not to exceed \$132,150

Wraparound Facilitation Services:

- Nystrom & Associates, Ltd. in an amount not to exceed \$120,000

Forensic Psychological Evaluation Services:

- Associated Clinic of Psychology, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$400,000

Juvenile Forensic Psychological Evaluation Services:

- Katheryn Cranbrook PsyD, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$120,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contracts amount and the contracts term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts 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: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8.6 Resolution No: 25-488

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements For Sentence To Service Program

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Sentence to Service (STS) program is for lower-risk adults receiving probation services as an alternative to being ordered to jail; and

WHEREAS, the STS program is used as a way for clients to pay back the community for the crimes they have committed, and it is also used as a response to their non-compliance to court-ordered conditions; and

WHEREAS, joint powers agreements (JPA)s with several public entities are required for the purchase of work crew services through the STS program; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute JPAs for the purchase of STS work crew days at a rate of \$481.00 per day for five or more workers per crew, and \$240.50 per day for work crews with less than five workers, for the following public entities:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$45,000
- City of Apple Valley in an amount not to exceed \$27,417
- City of Burnsville in an amount not to exceed \$9,620

for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 JPAs with MnDOT, City of Burnsville, and City of Apple Valley are identical to the JPAs approved for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the daily crew rate, the number of crew days purchased, and the not to exceed amounts remain unchanged from the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute joint powers agreements as presented for the purchase of guaranteed Sentence to Service work crew days at a rate of \$481.00 per day for five or more workers per crew, and \$240.50 per day for work crews with less than five workers, for the following public entities:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) in an amount not to exceed \$45,000
- City of Apple Valley in an amount not to exceed \$27,417
- City of Burnsville in an amount not to exceed \$9,620,

for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, or until completion by the parties of their respective obligations under the joint powers agreements, whichever occurs first, unless earlier terminated by law or according to the provisions of the joint powers agreements, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8.7 Resolution No: 25-489
Authorization To Execute Contract Amendments For Community Corrections Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Community Corrections supervises adults and juveniles placed on probation by the courts; and

WHEREAS, probation staff focuses on community safety and reducing recidivism in their supervision of these individuals; and

WHEREAS, supervision, services, and court-ordered programs are provided through specialized vendors; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-522 (November 28, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to execute contract with RS EDEN (formerly RSI Laboratories) for a not to exceed amount of \$150,000 to provide Drug Testing and Related Services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract amendment with RS EDEN for Drug Testing and Related Services to add \$50,000 to the current contract amount of \$150,000 for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-522 (November 28, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to execute contract with Midwest Monitoring and Surveillance, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$302,472 to provide Electronic Monitoring Services for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a contract amendment with Midwest Monitoring and Surveillance, Inc. for Electronic Monitoring Services to add \$87,528 to the current contract amount of \$302,472 for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$390,000; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute the contract amendments for the following contracts for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025:

- Katheryn Cranbrook PsyD, Inc. for Juvenile Psychological Evaluations to add \$30,000 to the current contract amount of \$90,000 for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$120,000, and
- Frazier Recovery Services LLC for Substance Abuse Treatment Services to add \$60,000 to the current contract amount of \$60,000 for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$120,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute

contract amendments for Community Corrections services with the vendors and at the not to exceed amounts listed for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form:

- RS EDEN for Drug Testing and Related Services to add \$50,000 to the current contract amount of \$150,000 for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$200,000
- Midwest Monitoring and Surveillance, Inc. for Electronic Monitoring Services to add \$87,528 to the current contract amount of \$302,472 for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$390,000
- Katheryn Cranbrook PsyD, Inc. for Juvenile Psychological Evaluations to add \$30,000 to the current contract amount of \$90,000 for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$120,000
- Frazier Recovery Services LLC for Substance Abuse Treatment Services to add \$60,000 to the current contract amount of \$60,000 for a new total contract not to exceed amount of \$120,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contracts amount and the contracts term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts 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: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8.8 Resolution No: 25-490
Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Intermediate School District 917 For Education Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Intermediate School District (ISD) 917 provides all necessary education services and programming to youth at the Juvenile Services Center (JSC), including but not limited to curriculum planning, implementation, hiring, tuition billing, and coordination of education services; and

WHEREAS, education services and programs shall comply with the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Education, Education Rules and

Minnesota Statutes, which describe the educational program components for residential facilities; and

WHEREAS, Community Corrections provides ISD 917 with classroom and office space along with supplies and maintenance for conducting the education program at the JSC; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to Dakota County for these services; and

WHEREAS, ISD 917 bills the Minnesota Department of Education directly on a per-pupil basis for eligible students and receives state aid and tuition reimbursement for each enrolled student, consistent with Minnesota statutes governing education services for students placed in residential settings; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement ensures that educational costs are fully covered through state funding streams, without impact on the County budget; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a joint powers agreement with ISD 917 to provide education services at the JSC for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to a execute joint powers agreement with Intermediate School District 917 for education services at the Juvenile Services Center, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, or until completion by the parties of their respective obligations under the joint powers agreement, whichever occurs first, unless earlier terminated by law or according to the provisions by the joint powers agreement, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8.9 Resolution No: 25-491

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Ramsey County For Tuberculosis Services

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, Dakota County Public Health is mandated under Minn. Stat. ch.

145A to control communicable disease and therefore, ensure tuberculosis services are provided in the form of medical care and case management through the completion of treatment; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health staff provides tuberculosis case management services to clients in the County with active tuberculosis, latent tuberculosis, and suspect tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, in addition, specialized clinical services for infectious disease are needed to determine tuberculosis disease treatment requirements to prevent the further spread of tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is responsible for the costs of tuberculosis clinical services for residents who are uninsured or underinsured; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of a clinic in Dakota County that provides infectious tuberculosis related services, Dakota County Public Health has joint powers agreements (JPA) with Hennepin County and Ramsey County to assist with this need; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-572 (December 16, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Community Services Director to enter into a JPA with Ramsey County for the delivery of tuberculosis services to Dakota County tuberculosis clients, in a total amount of up to \$70,000 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health has utilized Ramsey County tuberculosis services since 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County operates a tuberculosis control program and is able to provide those program services to Dakota County under the terms of this JPA; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this JPA is to set out the respective duties and responsibilities of Dakota and Ramsey Counties for the provision of tuberculosis control services to those residents who have been referred to Ramsey County by Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount to be paid by Dakota County pursuant to this Agreement shall not exceed \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount to be paid in the previous contract (2023-2025) was not to exceed \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount was decreased by \$20,000 based on an average cost of \$36,000 over a period of two years; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$14,000 buffer allows for an unpredictable influx in

clients or large-scale contact investigation service costs; and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis control service needs are unpredictable and can vary client to client due to diagnostic needs, diagnosis or disease type, treatment, and follow-up requirements; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends a two-year JPA to continue tuberculosis clinical services provided by Ramsey County through the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Tuberculosis Clinic to clients referred by Dakota County Public Health (Attachment: Joint Powers Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the vendor’s performance was previously successful as shown by the ability to receive all clients referred from Dakota County Public Health for diagnostic work, treatment, and follow-up thoroughly and as expected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to enter into a joint powers agreement with Ramsey County for the delivery of tuberculosis services to Dakota County tuberculosis clients, in a total amount of up to \$50,000 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

8.10 Resolution No: 25-492

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With Independent School District 196 And Independent School District 200 For Smoke-Free Mentoring Cohorts

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners acts as the Community Health Board, and has the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health (Public Health) has over a decade of working with local school districts in Dakota County through the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP); and

WHEREAS, SHIP supports community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy eating, commercial tobacco-free living, and preventing chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, one effective strategy is collaborating with school districts to develop smoke-free peer mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, Public Health contracts with the Minnesota Tobacco Free Alliance (TFA) to oversee these peer-mentoring cohorts, train youth in vaping prevention best practices as part of school engagement tactics, and work on school policies that positively impact student health; and

WHEREAS, TFA supports youth in being empowered to take ownership in preventing vaping among their peers and practice leadership skills in the community; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. §471.59, subd.1, two or more governmental units may enter into an agreement to cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties, and one of the participating governmental units may exercise one of its powers on behalf of the other governmental units; and

WHEREAS, staff requests entering into a joint powers agreement with Independent School District 196 and Independent School District 200 for Smoke-Free Mentoring Cohorts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to enter into separate joint powers agreements with Independent School Districts 196 and 200 for the purpose of the Smoke-Free Mentoring Cohort for the term upon execution of the joint powers agreement through October 31, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9. Physical Development

9.1 Resolution No: 25-493

Reaffirmation Of Base Levy And Approval Of 2026 Incremental Levy For Dakota County Community Development Agency

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners (Board) has determined that the availability of accessible, affordable housing and economic development activities are necessary components of a vital, sustainable economy in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) has the powers of a Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development Authority within Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a substantial gap between the demand for affordable housing and economic development activities in Dakota County and

financial resources for such activities, and additional capital for the CDA to support these activities is desired to contribute to a vital, sustainable economy in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the CDA develops senior and workforce housing financed through the use of housing revenue bonds with the pledge of general obligation backing by Dakota County, as approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously approved the ongoing base levy by the CDA of special benefit taxes at a rate of .0144 percent of Estimated Market Value to support debt service payments for the CDA bond-funded developments; and

WHEREAS, the CDA is authorized under Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.033, Subd. 6, with the approval of the Board, to levy additional special benefit taxes, up to an amount of .0041 percent of Estimated Market Value (the incremental levy) for a total levy of .0185 percent; and

WHEREAS, the CDA is requesting approval of an incremental levy of .0012 percent for a total levy of .0156 percent of Estimated Market Value; and

WHEREAS, the incremental levy would provide the CDA with an estimated \$903,864 for CDA-supported programs; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the incremental levy applies only to taxes payable in 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby reaffirms the Dakota County Community Development Agency's base levy rate of .0144 percent of Estimated Market Value and approves the Community Development Agency's incremental levy of .0012 percent of Estimated Market Value, for a total Community Development Agency levy rate of .0156 percent of Estimated Market Value for taxes payable in 2026 for the purpose of providing affordable housing and supporting economic development activities in Dakota County through the Community Development Agency's Common Bond Development Program and other Community Development Agency-supported programs.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9.2 Resolution No: 25-494
Approval Of Substantial Amendments To 2021 Dakota County HOME Consortium Program

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County is a Participating Jurisdiction for the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Anoka, Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington and the City of Woodbury (referred to together as the “Dakota County HOME Consortium”) created a consortium under Title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (Act) for purposes of acting as a participating jurisdiction under the Act and HOME Investment Partnerships Program Final Rule 24 CFR Part 92, which, as amended, sets forth regulations governing the applicability and use of funds under Title II; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is designated as the Lead Agency for the Dakota County HOME Consortium, responsible for certain administrative and reporting functions of the HOME Program; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) administers the HOME Program on behalf of Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the HOME Program gives a Participating Jurisdiction statutory authority to convert its CHDO funds so they can be used for all eligible activities, and the CDA has converted Dakota County’s 2021 CHDO funds; and

WHEREAS, three types of substantial amendments to the HOME Program are permissible by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): the creation of a new activity or cancellation of an activity, increase or decrease of an activity budget by \$100,000 or more at one time, and change to the location and/or national objective of an activity; and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends substantial amendments to the 2021 Dakota County HOME Consortium Program to decrease the project budget of the 2021 Homeownership activity by \$254,517 and increase the project budget of the 2021 Rental activity by \$254,517; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the substantial amendments was placed in the *Star Tribune* on September 19, 2025, and on the CDA and Dakota County websites, in accordance with the approved Citizen Participation Plan process, and no public comments were received on the proposed amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the substantial amendments to the 2021 Dakota County Consortium HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

- 9.3** Resolution No: 25-495
Authorization To Submit Funding Request To State Park Road Account Program
For Paving Pine Bend Trail Between Fahey Avenue And Fischer Avenue

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is accepting requests for the State Park Road Account (SPRA) program; and

WHEREAS, the SPRA program funds eligible construction costs related to improving access to public recreation areas, including public lakes and rivers; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has identified a need to pave primary access roads in Lower Spring Lake Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Phase 1 improvements are estimated at \$647,642; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the submittal of a request for up to \$350,000 to the SPRA program for improving access to Spring Lake Park Reserve and the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the Phase 1 improvements are included in the Draft 2026-2030 Parks Capital Improvement Program and programmed in project year 2027; and

WHEREAS, project submittals are due November 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the submission to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Park Road Account program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves requesting the required letters of support from the City of Rosemount and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

- 9.4** Resolution No: 25-496
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 plat:

SPIRIT OF BRANTJEN FARM COMMERCIAL 7TH ADDITION Lakeville

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9.5 Resolution No: 25-497
Scheduling Of Public Hearing To Receive Comments On Eligible Projects For County Transportation Sales And Use Tax Funds

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 297A.993 (the Act) authorizes the Dakota County Board to levy up to one-half of one percent sales and use tax and an excise tax of \$20 per motor vehicle to fund statutorily defined transportation and transit projects; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-364 (June 20, 2017), the Dakota County Board enacted a quarter-cent sales tax and \$20 excise tax on new vehicle sales starting October 1, 2017, to fund identified transit, regional County highway, trail, and trunk highway transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has identified a proposed updated list of transportation projects eligible for Transportation Sales and Use Tax funds consistent with the needs identified in the Draft 2040 Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act allows the County Board to dedicate the proceeds of the Transportation Sales and Use Tax to a new enumerated project by resolution after a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a public hearing for December 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the Boardroom, Dakota County Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota, for the purpose of receiving comments on an updated

list of eligible projects for County Transportation Sales and Use Tax Funds.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9.6 Resolution No: 25-498

Authorization To Execute Railroad Flaggers Contract Fourth Amendment On Railroad Bridge In Castle Rock Township, County Project 86-34

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to promote a safe and efficient transportation system throughout the County, Dakota County is reconstructing the segment of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 86 from CSAH 23 (Galaxie Avenue) to Trunk Highway 3; and

WHEREAS, this project includes the replacement of the original timber railroad bridge; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-271 (June 11, 2024), the County Board approved a contract with National Railroad Safety Services (NRSS) to provide the job of flagging (monitoring trains on the active track) while working in the railroad right of way; and

WHEREAS, work on the bridge began in March 2024 and is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, while any work is done within the railroad right of way, Union Pacific Railroad-approved flaggers are required; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing execution of an amendment to the contract with NRSS in the amount of \$190,000 for additional flagging needs; and

WHEREAS, the amended contract amount is \$725,000; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget for the recommended contract amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a fourth amendment to the contract with National Railroad Safety Services, Inc., in the amount of \$190,000 for additional anticipated flagging costs, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1
Laurie Halverson

9.7 Resolution No: 25-499

Authorization To Execute Cooperative Construction Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Transportation For Two Roundabouts On County State Aid Highway 86, County Projects 86-043 And 86-044

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 86-043 and CP 86-044; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for CP 86-043 and CP 86-044, with right of way acquisition necessary in 2025 for construction to begin in the spring of 2026; and

WHEREAS, execution of Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1060218 will define right of way use, contract award, construction, and maintenance responsibilities for CP 86-043 (SP 019-686-021, SP 1911-30) and CP 86-044 (SP 019-686-022, SP 1920-53); and

WHEREAS, the County will perform grading, bituminous surfacing, concrete surfacing, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, erosion control, milling, curb and gutter, bituminous trail, stormwater Best Management Practices, turf establishment, signing and striping, and other associated construction upon, along, and adjacent to the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 86 and Trunk Highway (TH) 3 as well as adjacent to the intersection of CSAH 86 at TH 56 according to County-prepared plans, specifications, and special provisions designated by the County as CP 86-044 and as State Aid Projects 019-686-022, and SP 1920-53, and CP 86-043 and as State Aid Projects SP 019-686-021, and SP 1911-30 (Project); and

WHEREAS, the County requests that the State allow the construction of grading, bituminous surfacing, ADA improvements, and signal construction on the State's TH 3 and TH 56 right of way, and the State is willing to allow said construction; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that Dakota County execute Cooperative Construction Agreement No.1057369 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) to provide for routine maintenance by the County upon, along, and adjacent to TH 3 and TH 56, the limits of which are defined in said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1057369 with the MNDOT to define right of way use, contract award, construction, and maintenance responsibilities at TH 3 and TH 56 and County State Aid Highway 86, subject to approval by the

County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9.8 Resolution No: 25-500

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With City Of Apple Valley For Intersection Safety Improvement Project At County State Aid Highway 31 (Pilot Knob Road) And Upper 147th Street In City Of Apple Valley, County Project 31-118

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is partnering with the City of Apple Valley on County Project (CP) 31-118, a preliminary and final design project to develop plans and associated services for converting the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 31 (Pilot Knob Road) and Upper 147th Street into a restricted three-quarter access intersection in the city of Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and need for the project is to improve safety and traffic operations at the intersection of CSAH 31 (Pilot Knob Road) and 147th Street in Apple Valley; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes \$3,337,997 for engineering, land acquisition, and construction for CP 31-118; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley to define the roles and responsibilities related to design, use of City easements, construction coordination, and cost participation for CP 31-118; and

WHEREAS, engineering, right of way, and construction costs will be 100 percent County's share in accordance with the adopted County policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley for County Project 31-118 subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9.9 Resolution No: 25-501

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With City Of Apple Valley And City Of Rosemount For County State Aid Highway 42 (150th Street W) Mill And Overlay Project, County Project 42-173

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 42-173, the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 (150th Street W) mill and overlay, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, and signal replacement project in the cities of Apple Valley and Rosemount; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and need for the project is to preserve the paved highway surface and improve safety, multi-modal mobility, and traffic operations on CSAH 42; and

WHEREAS, as part of the project, upgrades to ensure compliance with the ADA will be implemented throughout the corridor, and the outdated traffic signal systems at CSAH 33 (Diamond Path) will be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes \$3,125,000 for engineering, land acquisition, and construction for CP 42-173; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley and the City of Rosemount to define construction, maintenance, and operation responsibilities for CP 42-173; and

WHEREAS, engineering, right of way, and construction costs will be 100 percent County's share in accordance with the adopted County policy on preservation activities and signal replacement; and

WHEREAS, the staff recommends executing joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley and the City of Rosemount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley and the City of Rosemount subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9.10 Resolution No: 25-502

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With City Of Apple Valley And City Of Lakeville For County State Aid Highway 23 (Cedar Ave) Mill And Overlay Project, County Project 23-088

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 23-088, the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 23 (Cedar Ave) federal mill and overlay, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements from CSAH 42 (150th Street W) in Apple Valley to approximately 400 feet north of Dodd Boulevard in Lakeville; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and need for the project is to preserve the paved highway surface and improve safety, multi-modal mobility, and traffic operations on CSAH 23 (Cedar Ave); and

WHEREAS, as part of the project, upgrades to ensure compliance with the ADA will be implemented throughout the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget includes \$4,425,000 for engineering, land acquisition, and construction for CP 23-088; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley and the City of Lakeville to define construction, maintenance, and operation responsibilities for CP 23-088; and

WHEREAS, engineering, right of way, and construction costs will be 100 percent County’s responsibility in accordance with the adopted County policy on preservation activities; and

WHEREAS, the staff recommends executing joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley and the City of Lakeville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute joint powers agreements with the City of Apple Valley and the City of Lakeville, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9.11 Resolution No: 25-503

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization And City Of Lakeville For Construction Of Launch Park Wetland Restoration

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, South Creek is included in the Environmental Protection Agency’s

303d Impaired Waters List for Total Suspended Solids (TSS); and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Vermillion River Watershed Management Plan includes goals and actions that would be addressed by implementing a project to reduce sediment loading and attenuate runoff volume to South Creek; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County must annually report on pollutant reductions achieved by the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) in accordance with its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Launch Park Wetland Restoration is a best management practice that would reduce TSS loading and attenuate stormwater runoff volume to South Creek; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) executed a Joint Powers Agreement with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO), and the City of Lakeville (City) to complete engineering design and permitting coordination associated with the Launch Park Wetland Restoration; and

WHEREAS, engineering design and permitting coordination are now complete, and the City's engineer is looking to assemble a quote package for distribution to prospective contractors; and

WHEREAS, the VRWJPO, County, and City have agreed to cooperatively participate in funding construction and vegetation maintenance for the Launch Park Wetland Restoration and have funding available in their respective budgets to jointly participate in the costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization and the City of Lakeville for the Launch Park Wetland Restoration construction and vegetation maintenance subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9.12 Resolution No: 25-504

Authorization For Contract Amendment Four With Short-Elliot-Hendrickson, Inc. To Provide Additional Construction Administration And Observation For Veterans Memorial Greenway In Cities Of Inver Grove Heights And Eagan, County Project P00147

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with the Veterans Memorial Greenway County Project (P00147); and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Memorial Greenway project is for preliminary and final engineering, railroad coordination, construction administration and observation, and public engagement services in the cities of Inver Grove Heights and Eagan; and

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

WHEREAS, the County utilized public engagement for this project, including public open houses, project websites, and project mailings; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-430 (September 1, 2020), the County executed a contract with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc., for preliminary and final design engineering consulting services; and

WHEREAS, County staff recognizes and recommends that the proposed additional tasks are necessary to complete the project successfully; and

WHEREAS, staff negotiated an amount of \$60,229 with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc., to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget includes sufficient funding for the Veterans Memorial Greenway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to execute an amendment to the contract with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc., for additional services necessary for the Veterans Memorial Greenway in an amount not to exceed \$60,423, resulting in a total amended contract not to exceed \$4,315,025, including a \$5,000 contingency, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

9.13 Resolution No: 25-505

Authorization To Execute Contract With Quality Locksmith, Inc., For Door And Key Repair, Maintenance, And Installation Services

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, staff contracts for qualified locksmith services for a variety of door and key repair, maintenance, and installation services; and

WHEREAS, staff estimates that there will be approximately 400 hours of these services, \$60,000 of materials, and up to 104 trip charges necessary on an annual basis based upon a review of the past eleven years of expenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement, one qualified bid for door and key repair, maintenance, and installation services for Dakota County facilities was received on September 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Quality Locksmith, Inc., submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid at the following rates: labor charges of \$128.00 per hour (days), \$196.00 per hour (evenings), and \$196.00 per hour (weekends and holidays), a \$128.00 truck/trip charge, and a 30 percent markup on parts and materials; and

WHEREAS, these rates are approximately nine percent higher than the previous contract; and

WHEREAS, the previous rates had not changed since 2023; and

WHEREAS, Quality Locksmith, Inc., has performed satisfactory services for the County since 2012; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds for door and key repair, maintenance, and installation services are included in the 2026 County Manager's Recommended Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract with Quality Locksmith, Inc., for door and key repair, maintenance, and installation services at various Dakota County buildings, for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, at an hourly labor rate of \$128.00 per hour (days), \$196.00 per hour (evenings), and \$196.00 per hour (weekends and holidays), a \$128.00 truck/trip charge, and a 30 percent markup on parts and materials, subject to available funding and approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute up to two contract amendments with Quality Locksmith, Inc., for door and key repair, maintenance, and installation services at various Dakota County buildings for 2027 and 2028 at an hourly labor rate of 128.00 per hour (days), \$196.00 per hour (evenings), and \$196.00 per hour (weekends and holidays), a \$128.00 truck/trip charge, and a 30 percent markup on parts and materials, subject to satisfactory work performance and available funding and approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

10. Public Services and Revenue

10.1 Resolution No: 25-506

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract For Electronic Voting System

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-142 (March 25, 2025), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners directed the Elections Department to move forward with executing cost-share agreements with election partners and initiate procurement of new voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, all 45 cities, townships, and school districts in Dakota County have signed and executed a cost share agreement to contribute their respective portions of the new voting equipment costs; and

WHEREAS, the Elections Department released a Request For Proposal on May 9, 2025, and five vendors submitted proposals in response in June; and

WHEREAS, the Elections Department provided the General Government and Policy Committee with an update on September 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Department elected to see demonstrations from all four vendors, currently certified in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, those demonstrations gave municipal clerks, election judges, and community members the opportunity to see how different systems work, ask questions, and provide feedback; and

WHEREAS, dozens of municipal clerks, their deputies and election judges were in attendance, as well as members of the disability community and voters with visual and hearing impairments; and

WHEREAS, the input gathered helped to guide staff recommendation on which equipment best meets the needs of our voters and community; and

WHEREAS, this purchase includes all required equipment, including hardware, software, training, and support; and

WHEREAS, the equipment will be first utilized at the August 11, 2026, State Primary Election; and

WHEREAS, updating this equipment ensures that our elections continue to be

secure, accurate, and efficient, while also meeting standards required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby awards the bid and authorizes the Public Services and Revenue Division Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with an initial term of five years, for voting equipment for an amount not to exceed \$3,839,965 from Election Systems & Software (ES&S), subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

10.2 Resolution No: 25-507

Authorization To Renew Contract For Printing And Mailing Of Election Ballots With SeaChange

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the County is required to purchase and appropriate ballots for use during upcoming elections; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-280 (May 21, 2024), the Dakota County Board authorized a contract with SeaChange for ballot printing and mailing services in 2024 and 2025, and the contract is up for renewal on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, SeaChange printed and mailed ballots successfully during the first term of this agreement, which included the 2024 State Primary and General Elections, using an automated ballot assembly process that has reduced errors and improved efficiency; and

WHEREAS, all mailed absentee ballots now originate from Dakota County as a result of the 2024 joint powers agreement with the cities, towns, and school districts in the County for absentee ballot services; and

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement for absentee balloting services includes a cost-share framework and revenue will be collected from these partners for their share of absentee balloting costs, which include printing and mailing ballots; and

WHEREAS, SeaChange's comprehensive cost of a mailed ballot packet was the lowest among all bidders during the initial procurement process for mailing and printing ballots, and the contract does not escalate pricing upon contract renewal; and

WHEREAS, SeaChange produces over 75 percent of the absentee and election day supplies used in the State of Minnesota and print ballots for 54 counties in

the State; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends renewing the current contract for with SeaChange for furnishing, printing, and mailing of optical scan ballots, and add an additional \$450,000 to the contract maximum for ballots through 2026; and

WHEREAS, funding for this contract is included in the Elections Department budget for election support, printing, and postage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Public Services and Revenue Division Director, or their designee, to renew the contract for a one-year term with SeaChange for ballot printing and mailing and add \$450,000 to the contract maximum for ballots through December 1, 2026.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

10.3 Resolution No: 25-508

Authorization To Submit Grant Application To Minnesota Secretary Of State's Office For Accessibility Grant

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, 2023 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 62, Article 1, section 6, appropriated \$500,000 for the secretary of state to make grants to counties to improve access to polling places for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State has now identified that up to \$20,000 per jurisdiction may be awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office has made funding available for materials that support accessibility improvements to polling places for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the State's top priority is, among other things, signs that improve the access to buildings where polling places will be located, and signs, tools, or enhancements to facilitate assistance with registration and voting outside the polling place; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Elections is eligible to apply for accessibility funds through the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office; and

WHEREAS, this is a one-time appropriation with no matching requirements and no other associated costs; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the grant, Dakota County Elections would purchase equipment including curbside voting and accessible voting signage, accessible voting booths and tables, and assistive voting equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Elections Director to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Secretary of State’s Office for an accessibility grant in an amount up to \$20,000.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

10.4 Resolution No: 25-509

Authorization To Amend Contract With ArcaSearch LLC For Vital Records Digitalization Scanning Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, over 80,000 historical marriage records and over 40,000 historical birth and death records were approved to be redigitized during the 2024 budget process; and

WHEREAS, the initial quote of \$92,970 was based on page estimates out of the original books; and

WHEREAS, the final invoice came in at \$107,255.30 based on actual page counts; and

WHEREAS, based on policy 2751, since the total cost now exceeds \$100,000, we are seeking approval to amend the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Service and License Center Director to execute a contract amendment with ArcaSearch LLC to complete final payment in an amount not to exceed \$14,285.30, subject to the approval of the County Attorney’s Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, William Droste, Liz Workman, Mary Liz Holberg, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Excused: 1

Laurie Halverson

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Central Operations

11.1 Resolution No: 25-510
 Authorization To Renew Cyber Security Insurance With American International Group, Inc (AIG) Specialty Insurance Company

Motion: William Droste Second: Liz Workman

Director of Risk and Emergency Management Jenny Groskopf briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, Dakota County purchases insurance to cover financial risks that can result in significant costs and are unpredictable in nature; and

WHEREAS, there has been a substantial increase in cyber security attacks on public sector entities over the last several years; and

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

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of the marketplace, staff is recommending the purchase of cyber security liability insurance with a limit of liability of three million dollars with AIG Specialty Insurance Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to purchase the following insurance to be paid at current rates from the Office of Risk Management insurance budget:

American International Group, Inc (AIG) Specialty Insurance Company
 Cyber Security Insurance
 October 31, 2025, through October 31, 2026
 Premium not to exceed \$95,284

Ayes: 7

12. Physical Development

12.1 Resolution No: 25-511
 Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization For Enhanced Street Sweeping Study

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland Second: Laurie Halverson

Water Resources Project Supervisor Cole Johnson and Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization Senior Watershed Specialist Kelly Perrine briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, under the municipal Separate Storm Sewer Program (MS4) General Permit, Dakota County currently is assigned eight Waste Load Allocations (WLAs) for various pollutants, four of which are located in, or associated with, the Vermillion River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, under the MS4 General Permit, permittees are required to implement pollution-prevention measures to address pollutant loading sourced from stormwater discharges. One such mechanism to reduce pollutant loading from municipal operations is street sweeping; and

WHEREAS, studies are pointing to enhanced street sweeping programs as highly cost-effective, non-structural best management practices capable of removing large sources of Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS); and

WHEREAS, watershed districts across the state of Minnesota have invested in enhanced street sweeping studies to prioritize geographic areas for targeted enhanced street sweeping; and

WHEREAS, regulated MS4s within the VRWJPO have expressed interest in completing a VRWJPO enhanced street sweeping study (Study) to improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, the VRWJPO and County have agreed to cooperatively fund the Study and have funding planned to do so in their respective budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization for an enhanced street sweeping study.

Ayes: 7

13. Closed Executive Session

13.1 Resolution No: 25-512

Closed Executive Session: Discussion Of Legal Strategy In Caleb Duffy v. Dakota County et al.

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

The time being 9:27 a.m. and pursuant to public notice, the County Board recessed the County Board meeting and met in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, to discuss the legal strategy of Caleb Duffy v. Dakota County.

The following were present:

Commissioner Mike Slavik, District 1

Commissioner Joe Atkins, District 2 (remote via Interactive Technology)

Commissioner Laurie Halverson, District 3

Commissioner William Droste, District 4

Commissioner Liz Workman, District 5

Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, District 6

Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, District 7

Heidi Welsch, County Manager
David McKnight, Deputy County Manager
Kathy Keena, County Attorney
Will Topka, Attorney
Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney
Lucie O'Neill, Attorney - Civil Head
Jenny Groskopf, Risk and Emergency Management Director
Sarah Fenske, Risk Management Coordinator
Sheriff Joe Leko
Dan Bianconi, Chief Deputy Sheriff
Jim Gabriel, Sheriff's Office Commander
Jeni Reynolds, Clerk to the Board

The Closed Executive Session continued until 9:40 a.m., at which time the Board went into a second closed session that was scheduled on the agenda.

WHEREAS, Caleb Duffy (Caleb), by and through his legal guardian Brian Duffy, Caleb claims Dakota County employees, among others, were deliberately indifferent to his serious medical needs and were negligent when he was an inmate in the Dakota County jail; and

WHEREAS, Caleb commenced a lawsuit against Dakota County and Dakota County correctional deputies and officers; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners (Board) seeks legal advice from the County Attorney with respect to litigation strategy, the public disclosure of which would be detrimental to the County's defense of this matter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b), the Board by resolution may close a meeting as permitted by the attorney-client privilege.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby closes the Board meeting on October 21, 2025, and recesses to conference room 3A, Administration Center, Hastings, to discuss with the County Attorney the legal strategy in Brian Duffy, legal guardian for Caleb Duffy v. Dakota County et al.

Ayes: 7

- 13.2** Resolution No: 25-513
Closed Executive Session: Discussion Of Legal Strategy In Josephine Adu-Gyane et al. v. Dakota County et al.

Motion: William Droste

Second: Liz Workman

The time being 9:41 a.m. and pursuant to public notice, the County Board recessed the County Board meeting and met in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, to discuss the legal strategy of Josephine Adu-Gyane et al. v. Dakota County et al.

The following were present:

Commissioner Mike Slavik, District 1
Commissioner Joe Atkins, District 2 (remote via Interactive Technology)
Commissioner Laurie Halverson, District 3
Commissioner William Droste, District 4
Commissioner Liz Workman, District 5
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, District 6
Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, District 7
Heidi Welsch, County Manager
David McKnight, Deputy County Manager
Kathy Keena, County Attorney
Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney
Jenny Groskopf, Risk and Emergency Management Director
Sarah Fenske, Risk Management Coordinator
Sheriff Joe Leko
Dan Bianconi, Chief Deputy Sheriff
Jim Gabriel, Sheriff's Office Commander
Jeni Reynolds, Clerk to the Board

The Closed Executive Session continued until 9:57 a.m., at which time the Board reconvened the County Board meeting with all members present.

WHEREAS, Josephine Adu-Gyane and Rosalind Marie Lewis, as Co-Trustees for the Next-of-Kin of Kingsley Fifi Bimpong, (Plaintiff) was an inmate in the Dakota County jail when Plaintiff claims Dakota County employees, among others, were deliberately indifferent to his serious medical needs, causing Mr. Bimpong's death; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff commenced a lawsuit against Dakota County and Dakota County correctional deputies and officers; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners (Board) seeks legal advice from the County Attorney with respect to litigation strategy, the public disclosure of which would be detrimental to the County's defense of this matter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b), the Board by resolution may close a meeting as permitted by the attorney-client privilege.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby closes the Board meeting on October 21, 2025, and recesses to conference room 3A, Administration Center, Hastings, to discuss with the County Attorney the legal strategy in in Josephine Adu-Gyane et al. v. Dakota County et al.

Ayes: 7

- 13.3** Resolution No: 25-514
Settlement Approval In Brian Duffy v. Dakota County et al.

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: William Droste

Following closed session, this item was presented for approval in open meeting.

WHEREAS, Brian Duffy, legal guardian for Caleb Duffy, (Plaintiff) commenced a lawsuit against Dakota County (County) and its correctional deputies and officers, among others; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2025, the County Attorney's Office provided a confidential memorandum to the Board explaining the legal strategy in this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Board discussed the matter with the County Attorney's Office in a closed executive session on October 21, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the full and final settlement and release of claims in Brian Duffy, legal guardian for Caleb Duffy v. County of Dakota et al., Case No. 24-cv-2777-PJS-EMB, United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, for a total amount of \$2,400,000, with the County contributing \$1,500,000, and authorizes the County Attorney's Office to arrange for final payment and to effectuate final settlement and hereby delegates legal authority to the County Manager to execute any required settlement agreements.

Ayes: 7

- 13.4** Resolution No: 25-515
Authorize Legal Services Contract With Iverson Reuvers, LLC, For Representation Of Dakota County And Its Employees In Josephine Adu-Gyane et al. v. Dakota County et al.

Motion: William Droste

Second: Liz Workman

Following closed session, this item was presented for approval in open meeting.

WHEREAS, Josephine Adu-Gyane and Rosalind Marie Lewis, as Co-Trustees for the Next-of-Kin of Kingsley Fifi Bimpong, was an inmate in the Dakota County jail when Plaintiff claims Dakota County employees, among others, were deliberately indifferent to his serious medical needs, causing Mr. Bimpong's death; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff commenced a lawsuit against Dakota County and Dakota County correctional deputies and officers; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 388.09, Subd. 1, permits the County Board to employ an attorney to assist the County Attorney and to appear for the County or any County officer in an action in which the County or officer in an official capacity is

a party; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the County Attorney, the County Board has chosen to retain legal services to assist in the matter of Josephine Adu-Gyane et al. v. Dakota County et al; and

WHEREAS, Iverson Reuvers, LLC has knowledge and experience related to the claims asserted in the matter of Josephine Adu-Gyane et al. v. Dakota County et al; and

WHEREAS, Iverson Reuvers, LLC has agreed to enter into a legal service agreement based on the rates charged to members of the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a legal services contract with Iverson Reuvers, LLC, based upon the rates charged to the members of the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust, to represent the County or any County officer or employee in their official capacity in the matter of Josephine Adu-Gyane et al. v. Dakota County et al.

Ayes: 6

Mike Slavik, Joe Atkins, Laurie Halverson, William Droste, Liz Workman, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Abstain: 1

Mary Liz Holberg

14. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

15. County Manager's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch gave a brief update on the Federal Government shutdown and how that is impacting the County. Federal lobbyists in Washington D.C. are keeping on top of the facts.

16. Information

16.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

17. Adjournment

17.1 Resolution No: 25-516

Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Mike Slavik
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager