



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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 Halverson who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience

Chair Halverson noted that all public comments can be sent to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us

Online comments were distributed to Commissioners.

The following people came forward with comments:

Debbie Donahoe (Hastings); Property Tax
Matt (address not provided); Grants of Authority
Abdikareem Hurreh (Rosemount); ICE/Elections
Michael Schornak (Eagan); Property Tax/ICE/Elections
Laura Doty (Mendota Heights); Elections
Cyndi Berg (Farmington); Safetynet Resources
David Hahn (Apple Valley); Elections
Pete Malamen (Eagan); ICE
Pastor Tim Maybee (Amazing Grace-Inver Grove Heights); ICE
Melissa Loe (Apple Valley); Rental Assistance/Elections

4. Agenda

- 4.1** Resolution No: 26-084
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

5. Presentation

- 5.1** Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Annual Presentation

Alex Carlson, Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Public Affairs Manager presented the annual Mosquito Control District presentation. Alex spoke to District services, mosquito life cycle and control, overview of mosquitoes in Minnesota, 2025 season overview and 2026 season plans and financial update. Brian, Office Manager (Rosemount Facility), Daniel Huff (Executive Director) and Maria Mancilla-Diaz were available for questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

- 6.1** Resolution No: 26-085
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on February 17, 2026

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

7. Central Operations

- 7.1** Resolution No: 26-086
Authorization To Execute Contract For Fiber Optics Network Maintenance And Engineering With Local Government Information Systems

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the County had a three-year contract with Local Government Information Services for fiber network services since 2023; and

WHEREAS, the current contract is expiring, and Dakota County continues to require a contract for fiber optic network maintenance and engineering; and

WHEREAS, the County received a contract renewal proposal form Local Government Information Systems for fiber network services from March 1, 2026, until February 28, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Information Systems is willing and capable of providing services; and

WHEREAS, the County 2026 fiber maintenance will cost \$398,630; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding is available in the 2026 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a contract with Local Government Information System (LOGIS) for fiber network services in an amount not to exceed \$398,630 with an effective date of March 1 2026 and terminating on February 28, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form.

Ayes: 7

7.2 Resolution No: 26-087
Authorization To Execute Contract Renewal With Granicus, Inc., For Agenda Management Software

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of Dakota County that the Board of Commissioners participate in state legislative and administrative rule-making processes to ensure that County interests are properly considered in the adoption of legislation and rules; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County currently has a contract with Granicus, Inc. for agenda management; and

WHEREAS, the current contract with Granicus, Inc. for agenda management software ends on March 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County requires a contact renewal from Granicus, Inc. for agenda management; and

WHEREAS, the County received a twelve-month renewal quote from Granicus starting on March 28, 2026 and ending on March 27, 2027, Inc for \$31,144.51; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding is available in the 2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, staff recommend renewal of the contract with Granicus, Inc., for agenda management software for a one-year contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a one-year contract renewal with Granicus, Inc., for agenda management software in an amount not to exceed \$31,144.51, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

8. County Board/County Administration

- 8.1** Resolution No: 26-088
Authorization To Amend Contract With Deloitte Consulting For Benefits Consulting Services In 2026

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Deloitte Consulting has been the County's benefits consultant for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Deloitte assists the County annually with things such as the development of required reports; providing financial analysis of paid claims experience; ongoing review of the third-party administrator accountability; and providing analysis and consultation in establishing each years renewal premiums; and

WHEREAS, In 2026, Deloitte assisted the County with issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to assess and select vendors to provide Dental, Vision, and Life & Disability plans for 2027. Deloitte will also provide consultation in the preparation of the GASB Actuarial Valuation Data which is a requirement every two years; and

WHEREAS, Deloitte's professional fees are based on an estimate of the actual time spent on the project and the billing rate of team members who perform the work not to exceed \$136,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Human Resources Director to execute the contract with Deloitte Consulting LLP for consulting services not to exceed \$136,000, substantially as presented on March 3, 2026 and subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

9. Community Services

- 9.1** Resolution No: 26-089
Authorization To Submit Grant Application To Minnesota Department Of Public Safety Office Of Justice Programs For Crisis Response Grants

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2026, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) released a request for proposal (RFP) for the purpose to fund local law enforcement agencies and local governments to start, maintain, or expand crisis response teams in which social workers or mental health professionals serve as first responders when calls for service involve an individual in crisis; and

WHEREAS, funding may support a range of models including Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT), mobile crisis teams, co-responder models, alternative response

teams (ART), and other social worker/mental health-led response approaches that improve safety, reduce unnecessary justice system involvement, and connect individuals to appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is a statewide leader in providing a continuum of coordinated law enforcement and mental health crisis response, and Dakota County's continuum includes 24/7/365 mobile crisis response, crisis follow-up, and crisis stabilization services; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's crisis continuum is funded by county levy, third party billing, state grants and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's DPS OJP grant application will focus on sustaining joint law enforcement mental health activities as American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding is exhausted, specifically the Embedded Social Worker program; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is anticipated to be approximately 23-24 months, beginning on or around August 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028, and the maximum amount an applicant can propose is \$300,000 for the grant period; and

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

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

WHEREAS, applications are due March 16, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Assistant County Manager to submit an application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Crisis Response Grant funds in an amount up to \$300,000 for the period of August 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

Ayes: 7

9.2 Resolution No: 26-090
Authorization To Apply For Department Of Human Services Innovation Grant Funds

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, according to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, people with disabilities experience homelessness at a rate that is two and half times higher than that of the overall population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this disparity is driven by a shortage of affordable, accessible, and integrated housing options, as well as the complex navigation required to secure

such housing; and

WHEREAS, demand for Dakota County's emergency shelter exceeds available capacity and current referral data shows that requests for shelter are double the number of beds available; and

WHEREAS, without targeted assistance, these residents may remain in shelter longer, experience worsening health and instability, and are at higher risk of using crisis systems in the future; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County operates two emergency shelters, one for families and one for single adults; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's single's shelter consistently serves people with disabilities who need support with housing navigation; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is seeking state funding through the Department of Human Services (DHS) Innovation Grant to help cover the costs of housing search and short-term support services for single adults with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness and staying in emergency shelter; and

WHEREAS, this project will provide individualized, disability-informed and culturally responsive assistance to residents with disabilities who are eligible to receive Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Housing Support funding and who may face barriers to securing stable housing, including limited income, accessibility needs, and difficulty navigating complex housing systems; and

WHEREAS, this funding would allow Dakota County to deliver services to approximately 50-60 clients annually within the emergency shelter program, removing barriers to housing and speeding up the transition process from shelter to permanent housing for people with disabilities, leading to successful placements in stable housing, and improved long-term housing retention; and

WHEREAS, DHS released a two-part request for proposal January 6, 2026, with a letter of interest due January 27, 2026, and a full proposal due March 25, 2026; and

WHEREAS, DHS is notifying applicants March 4, 2026, if they are invited to submit a full proposal for a two year term starting July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028; and

WHEREAS, if invited to submit a full proposal, Dakota County's will be for an amount up to \$210,000 and include Indirect/Admin costs at the grant maximum allowed level of 10 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Assistant County Manager to submit an application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services for Innovation Grant funds in an amount up to \$210,000 for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.

Ayes: 7

10. Physical Development

- 10.1** Resolution No: 26-091
Ratification Of Quarterly Entitlement And Special Funding Requests To U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) administers the entitlement funds of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program for Dakota County, and a special allocation of HOME American Rescue Plan Act funds; and

WHEREAS, funds expended from previously approved projects for Fiscal Years 2021-2025 of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs and special allocations must be ratified by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG entitlement expenses from October 1, 2025-December 31, 2025, totaled \$290,048.66; and

WHEREAS, the HOME entitlement and special allocation expenses from October 1, 2025-December 31, 2025, totaled \$223,510.91; and

WHEREAS, the ESG entitlement allocation expenses from October 1, 2025-December 31, 2025, totaled \$17,951.23; and

WHEREAS, the CDA has paid the requests for payment associated with the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the requisitions to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$531,510.80 for October 1, 2025-December 31, 2025, as presented.

Ayes: 7

- 10.2** Resolution No: 26-092
Authorization To Execute Development Contract With City Of Lakeville For Recycling Zone Plus Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Facilities Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget authorized the Recycling Zone Plus project; and

WHEREAS, a development contract is a requirement to receive the building permit; and

WHEREAS, the cash requirement for the development contract is \$196,423.91; and

WHEREAS, the security requirement is \$352,746.93; and

WHEREAS, the development contract prepared by the City of Lakeville has been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office, Risk Management, Facilities Management, and Contracts staff; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project is within the approved Facilities CIP Adopted Budget total of \$21,150,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract with the City of Lakeville, 20195 Holyoke Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044, in an amount not to exceed \$196,423.91 plus a security requirement of \$352,746.93, for the Recycling Zone Plus project, substantially as presented and attached, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.3 Resolution No: 26-093

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With Meisinger Construction Company, Inc. To Provide General Contractor Services For Construction Of Hastings Government Center Fuel Island

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Facilities Capital Improvements Program (CIP) includes the relocation and replacement of the Hastings fuel island; and

WHEREAS, the fuel island, in its current location, would need to be completely rebuilt and general site improvements would be needed to meet Minnesota Pollution Control Agency requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County contracted with UrbanWorks Architecture, LLC. to prepare final design documents, which were issued for bid in January 2026; and

WHEREAS, one competitive bid was received on February 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Meisinger Construction Company, Inc submitted a bid of \$784,400; and

WHEREAS, staff and UrbanWorks reviewed the qualifications of the bidder and recommend award to Meisinger Construction Company, Inc as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$784,400 for the Government Center Fuel Island Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Director to execute a contract with Meisinger Construction Company, Inc, 121 Bridgeport Way, South St. Paul, MN 55075, in an amount not to exceed \$784,400 for the Government Center Fuel Island Project.

Ayes: 7

10.4 Resolution No: 26-094

Authorization To Submit Two 2026-2027 Minnesota GreenCorps Host Site Application To Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, in partnership with the AmeriCorps Program, developed the Minnesota GreenCorps Program (Program) as a statewide initiative to preserve and protect Minnesota's environment while training a new generation of environmental professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Program anticipates placing 58 AmeriCorps members with host sites to assist local governments in addressing environmental priorities for 11 months from September 2026 to August 2027; and

WHEREAS, staff proposes to submit two Host Site Applications to apply for a GreenCorps member; and

WHEREAS, the first application is for a Stormwater and Forestry Minnesota GreenCorps member to support implementation of the 2020-2030 Dakota County Groundwater Plan, strategy 1B4 to "prevent groundwater contamination from chloride"; and

WHEREAS, proposed activities include strengthening implementation of the Dakota County Low Salt No Salt Program; advancing other chloride reduction initiatives in collaboration with partners; reviewing current county practices related to chloride use; conducting education and outreach to residents and large deicing salt users to encourage commitments to reduce salt; and evaluating and identifying smart salting opportunities at Dakota County facilities; and

WHEREAS, the second application is for a Waste Reduction and Recycling Minnesota GreenCorps member to support implementation of the 2024-2044 Dakota County Solid Waste Management Plan, strategy 12 to "launch bi-annual sustainable consumption challenges for residents," strategy 13 to "to implement a formal county sustainable purchasing policy," and strategy 22 to "implement residential waste reduction and reuse programs and opportunities"; and

WHEREAS, proposed activities for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Minnesota GreenCorps Member include expanding waste reduction and reuse opportunities in county operations and facilitating research and implementation of best practice resident education and outreach to prevent wasted food, reduce waste, and increase reuse in the community; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline is March 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, if selected, Dakota County is expected to provide in-kind

contributions in the form of supervision, training, and operating and equipment costs associated with hosting a Minnesota GreenCorps member, estimated at \$3,600 for each member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to submit two Host Site Applications for a Stormwater and Forestry Minnesota GreenCorps member to support chloride reduction efforts and a Waste Reduction and Recycling Minnesota GreenCorps member to support waste reduction and reuse initiatives from September 2026 to August 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if the application is awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Environmental Resources Director to execute Host Site Agreements with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.5 Resolution No: 26-095
Certification Of Property Assessed Clean Energy Charges For Energy Improvements On Property In City Of Burnsville

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Property Owner: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Parcel Number: 02-64011-01-010
Assessment: \$298,000
Interest Rate: 5.75%
Finance Period: 10 years
Accrual Date: 1/1/2027
; and

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

Ayes: 7

- 10.6** Resolution No: 26-096
Authorization To Award Proposal And Execute Contract With RES Great Lakes, LLC For Spring Lake Savanna Restoration Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Management System Plan adopted by Resolution No. 17-274 (May 9, 2017) determined that Parks Natural Resources shall restore the Dakota County Parks System's natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Spring Lake Park Reserve (SLPR) Natural Resources Management Plan was adopted by Resolution No. 21-313 (June 22, 2021) and identified high-priority ecological restoration sites within the park; and

WHEREAS, funding for this restoration work will be derived from the Minnesota Legislature's 2022 Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant, which was authorized by Resolution No. 22-334 (August 23, 2022), and from the state Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF), which was authorized by Resolution No. 23-130 (March 28, 2023); and

WHEREAS, grant funding is available until June 30, 2028, and additional grant funds will be sought for contracted work occurring after that date (an estimated

\$63,049.78); and

WHEREAS, if no external funding is secured by the end of the existing ENRTF grant, Natural Resources Base Program Funding within the 2028 Parks Capital Improvement Program will be used to complete the contract, or the scope of the contract will be reduced to coincide with the existing grant funding; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was prepared and released on December 19, 2025, which will restore 17.1 acres of SLPR; and

WHEREAS, the best value proposal was from RES Great Lakes, LLC for \$241,984.40; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the base bid tasks, bids were received for alternate tasks that included woody and invasive species removal on an additional 34.8 acres; and

WHEREAS, RES Great Lakes, LLC's proposal included a bid of \$513,745.80 for the alternate tasks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby awards the proposal to and authorizes the Parks Department Director to execute a contract with RES Great Lakes, LLC for the Spring Lake Savanna Restoration Project for the base and alternate tasks for a contract maximum of \$755,730.28, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.7 Resolution No: 26-097

Authorization To Amend Contract With Hoisington Kogler Group Inc. For Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Site Improvement Project

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-444 (September 26, 2023), the 2024-2028 Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes a project to design and construct site developments making Miesville Ravine Park Reserve (MRPR) a better place to serve the adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-091 (February 27, 2024), the Board authorized the MRPR Master Plan, which outlines the site improvement plans; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-545 (November 12, 2024), the Board approved the selection of Hoisington Kogler Group Inc. (HKGi) to provide professional design services; and

WHEREAS, since December 2024, staff has worked with a design team led by HKGi to progress the design and related review process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-242 (May 20, 2025), the Board authorized the first contract amendment with HKGi due to the complicated physical site conditions and the extensive permitting process; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-530 (July 29, 2025), the Board approved the schematic design for the MRPR Site Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, during the design development, further complicated physical site conditions and the additional permitting process were identified, requiring an additional services fee of \$25,935.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director or designee to enter into a second contract amendment to increase the contract with Hoisington Koegler Group Inc. by \$25,935 to a total of \$298,530, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.8 Resolution No: 26-098

Authorization To Execute Contract With Damon Farber Associates Inc. For Greenway Systems Plan

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, a system level document for greenways, The Greenway Guidebook, was last adopted in 2010; and

WHEREAS, an updated plan is needed to provide a contemporary vision for Dakota County Greenways; and

WHEREAS, updated system-wide policies and standards are needed to create efficiencies in Greenway planning, development, and operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's request for proposals received four responses; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the selection of Damon Farber Associates Inc. for the Greenway Systems Plan as the best value and strongest proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Greenways Capital Improvement Program Budget includes \$150,000 in the Greenways System Plan for 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to execute a contract with Damon Farber Associates Inc. to develop the Greenway Systems Plan in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office.

Ayes: 7

10.9 Resolution No: 26-099

Authorization To Execute New Design Contract With KLJ Engineering LLC For Preliminary Design Services For North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, And Vermillion River Greenway In Cities Of Farmington, Rosemount, And Empire, County Project 2000233

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, to provide a great place to live, Dakota County is proceeding with portions of the North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, and Vermillion River Greenway County Project 2000233 for preliminary design consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the County Parks Director recommends executing a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC for engineering consulting services for CP 2000233 for actual costs not to exceed \$641,108.16; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-496 (October 08, 2024), the County Board authorized a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC to perform preliminary engineering design consulting services for CP 2000233; and

WHEREAS, the original contract expired on December 31, 2025, and additional design services remain to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a new contract with KLJ Engineering LLC to complete the remaining design service in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Park's Capital Improvement Program Budget has sufficient funds to accommodate the design contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to execute a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC, to perform preliminary engineering design consulting services for the North Creek Greenway, Vermillion Highlands Greenway, and Vermillion River Greenway, County Project 2000233 in an amount not to exceed \$641,108.16, which includes a 10 percent contingency, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.10 Resolution No: 26-100

Authorization To Execute New Design Contract With KLJ Engineering LLC For Final Design Services For Vermillion Highlands Greenway In City Of Rosemount, County Project 2000234

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, to provide a great place to live, Dakota County is proceeding with the Vermillion Highlands Greenway: Rosemount (County State Aid Highway 42

Underpass) Final Design, County Project 2000234, for final design consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the County Parks Director recommends executing a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC for engineering consulting services for CP 2000234 for actual costs not to exceed \$378,500.87; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-134 (March 12, 2024), the County Board authorized a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC to perform preliminary engineering design consulting services for CP 2000234; and

WHEREAS, the original contract expired on December 31, 2025, and additional design services remain to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a new contract with KLJ Engineering LLC to complete remaining design service in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Park's Capital Improvement Program Budget has sufficient funds to accommodate the design contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks Director to execute a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC, to perform preliminary engineering design consulting services for the Vermillion Highlands Greenway: Rosemount (County State Aid Highway 42 Underpass) Final Design, CP 2000234, in an amount not to exceed \$378,500.87, which includes a 10 percent contingency, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.11 Resolution No: 26-101

Authorization To Execute New Contract With Sambatek LLC, For Construction Administration For Mississippi River Greenway Rosemount East In City Of Rosemount, County Project P00109

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Greenway (MRG) Rosemount East segment is the last remaining segment of the regional trail to be secured, designed, and constructed in order to connect the national MRG from Hastings to South St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, the MRG Rosemount East project includes the construction of 2.4 miles of trail from its connection with MRG Rosemount West to Spring Lake Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for MRG Rosemount East, P00109, and construction started early during the 2024 construction season; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the execution of a contract with Sambatek LLC on December 19, 2023, to provide construction management, inspection, surveying, and material testing for P00109; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the execution of contract amendment one with Sambatek LLC on December 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the execution of contract amendment two with Sambatek LLC on May 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the amended contract expired on December 31, 2025, and additional construction administration activities remain to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, no new funds are necessary to accommodate the new contract; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a new contract with Sambatek LLC to replace expired contract DCA21137, which includes construction management, testing, survey, as-built, and inspection services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Assistant County Manager to award a new contract with Sambatek LLC to complete construction management, testing, survey, and inspection services for County Project P00109 in an amount not to exceed \$669,052.97, including reimbursable items, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.12 Resolution No: 26-102

Authorization To Execute Contract With HR Green, Inc. For Professional Design Services County State Aid Highway 43 (Lexington Ave) Trail Gap In City Of Eagan, County Project 43-057

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Dakota County, in partnership with the City of Eagan, is proceeding with County Project (CP) 43-057 to improve safety, mobility, and multimodal access along CSAH 43 (Lexington Avenue); and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for CP 43-057 final design; and

WHEREAS, the Adopted 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program budget includes sufficient funding for design services; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) and evaluated multiple proposals; and

WHEREAS, HR Green, Inc. submitted the most complete and responsive proposal and was selected as the preferred consultant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eagan concurs with this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, cost participation for construction will follow adopted County policy, and design phase cost participation will be 85 percent County and 15 percent City, consistent with the executed Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Transportation Director, or their designee, to execute a contract with HR Green, Inc. for engineering design consulting services for County Project 43-057 in an amount not to exceed \$194,653.80, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

10.13 Resolution No: 26-103

Authorization To Accept Grant Funds From 2025 Minnesota Highway Freight Program And Execute Grant Agreement For County State Aid Highway 50 And Interstate 35 Interchange, County Project 50-33

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) requested project funding application submittals for the 2025 Minnesota Highway Freight Program (MHFP), due and submitted by Dakota County for County Project (CP) 50-33 by the deadline of September 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposed CP 50-33 improvements will enhance long-term freight mobility and safety and accommodate future growth; and

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

WHEREAS, CP 50-33 is included in Dakota County's 2026 to 2030 Capital Improvement Program, estimated at \$66 million for construction; and

WHEREAS, by their letter dated June 9, 2025, the MnDOT Commissioner documented the anticipated funding of interstate/trunk highway project elements using \$40.8 million from the 2025 legislative session trunk highway appropriation, leaving an estimated funding gap of \$25.2 million for CP 50-33 construction costs; and

WHEREAS, by their letter dated February 6, 2026, the MnDOT Commissioner has awarded \$7 million of MHFP funding to Dakota County, to be used for construction of interchange project design elements on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 50 and CSAH 5 at and near the junctions with the I-35 ramps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes acceptance of the \$7 million grant awarded under the Minnesota Highway Freight Program for County Project 50-33, the interchange at CSAH 50/5 and I-35; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Engineer/Transportation Director to execute a grant agreement to accept the \$7 million in funds for construction.

Ayes: 7

10.14 Resolution No: 26-104

Authorization To Approve Letter Of Support To Scott County For Better Utilizing Investments To Leverage Development Grant Application For Highway 13 River, Rail, And Roads Initiative

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Scott County is applying for financial assistance from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to advance the Highway 13 River, Rail, and Roads Initiative that is partially located in the City of Burnsville and Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT is requesting project submittals for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program; and

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

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), in cooperation with Dakota and Scott Counties and the Cities of Burnsville and Savage, completed a Highway 13 Corridor Vision that includes improvements along the Highway 13 corridor between Nicollet Avenue in Burnsville and Highway 169 in Savage; and

WHEREAS, these corridor improvements include the modification of three intersections in Dakota County at Nicollet Avenue, Chowen Avenue, and Washburn Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed intersection modifications along the Highway 13 corridor will improve safety and the overall operations for commuters, freight, transit, pedestrians, and cyclists throughout the transportation network; and

WHEREAS, elements of the Highway 13 River, Rail, and Roads project are included in County Project 99-028 that is included in the 2026 - 2030 Capital Improvement Programs; and

WHEREAS, project submittals were due on February 24, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners hereby supports the Scott County-led Highway 13 River, Rail, and Roads Initiative grant application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to submit a letter of support to the United States Department of Transportation for the Highway 13 River, Rail, and Road initiative for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant application.

Ayes: 7

10.15 Resolution No: 26-105

Authorization To Approve Letter Of Support To Metropolitan Council For Better Utilizing Investments To Leverage Development Grant Application For Interchange Modernization Study

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Council is applying for financial assistance from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to advance the Interchange Modernization Study; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT is requesting project submittals for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program; and

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

WHEREAS, project submittals were due on February 24, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the Metropolitan Council-led Interchange Modernization Study grant application to the United States Department of Transportation for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to submit a letter of support to the United States Department of Transportation for the Interchange Modernization Study for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant application.

Ayes: 7

10.16 Resolution No: 26-106

Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, new subdivisions adjoining County highways are reviewed under

the Dakota County Contiguous Plat Ordinance No. 108; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission examines plats prior to County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, the Plat Commission has reviewed and recommends approval of the final plats by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the final plat approval by the County Board is subject to the conditions established by the Plat Commission review; and

WHEREAS, the following plats below require approval by their respective City Council prior to the recording of the plats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following final plats:

AMELIA MEADOWS 3RD ADDITION Lakeville

Ayes: 7

11. Public Services and Revenue

11.1 Resolution No: 26-107

Approval Of Intoxicating Liquor Consumption And Display (Set Up) Permit For United Steel Workers, Local 662

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the United Steel Workers, Local 662 has submitted to the Commissioner of Public Safety an application for an on-business-premises intoxicating liquor Consumption and Display (Set Up) Permit for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §340A.414, a Consumption and Display Permit issued by the Commissioner of Public Safety is not effective until approved by the local government where the establishment is located; and

WHEREAS, the United Steel Workers, Local 662 business premise is located in Vermillion Township in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney and County Sheriff have reviewed the application and find that the applicant is eligible to receive a permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following application for an on premises intoxicating liquor Consumption and Display permit for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027, and recommends issuance of the permit by the State Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division upon payment of the proper fees:

Vermillion Township

United Steelworkers, Local 662 \$297.00 Consumption and Display (Set Up) Permit

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Community Services

12.1 Resolution No: 26-108

Proclamation Of March 2026 As Social Work Month In Dakota County

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Social Services Deputy Directors Suzanne Tuttle and Katherine Kreager-Pieper presented this proclamation and recognized and thanked social services staff .

WHEREAS, Social Workers positively impact the lives of millions of Americans daily, in hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community centers, and within the federal, state and local governments nationwide; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Social Workers have worked to improve human well-being, advocate for justice, and support everyone’s basic needs; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers select this profession out of a deep commitment to help uplift, defend, and transform the lives of people, their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers assist those navigating trauma, grief, and systemic biases, and help people recover from natural disasters, public health crises, and other issues while transforming their lives in encouraging ways; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme, “Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform,” shines a light on the resolute spirit of Social Workers who transform lives while bringing hope, healing, and justice to the communities they serve-especially in times of profound change and challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims March 2026, as Social Work Month, in honor and recognition of the critical contributions of Social Workers across Dakota County, in celebrating and supporting the vital work of Social Workers who uplift, defend, and positively transform our communities each and every day.

Ayes: 7

13. Public Services and Revenue

13.1 2026 Market Value Update

Director of Accessing Services Scott Lyons briefed this item and responded to

questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

14. Closed Executive Session

14.1 Resolution No: 26-109

Approval Of Acquisition Of Property From Rich Valley, LLC In City Of Inver Grove Heights For County Project 32-65 In District Court File No. 19HA-CV-24-2345

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

This item did not go into closed session. The Board approved the resolution provided in the confidential memo.

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) is proceeding with County Project 32-65 (the Project) to reconstruct and realign County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 32 (117th Street) in the City of Inver Grove Heights to provide a safe and efficient transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to meet 10-ton design standards, enhance transportation system efficiency and mobility, reduce access points, improve pavement conditions, and facilitate the phased development of an essential east-west transportation corridor within the region; and

WHEREAS, the Project requires acquisition of right-of-way from 29 privately-owned parcels of real property, including Parcels 2, 3, 4, and 5, as identified by Dakota County Right of Way Map No. 516, owned and operated by Rich Valley, LLC and SKB Environmental, Inc., respectively; and

WHEREAS, Parcels 2, 3, 4, and 5 are subject to ongoing eminent domain proceedings in County of Dakota v. R & M Holdings, LLC, et. al. (District Court File No. 19HA-CV-24-2345); and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2026, the Dakota County Attorney's Office (CAO) provided a confidential memorandum to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners (County Board) explaining the legal strategy for accomplishing the County's acquisition of the property rights identified in Dakota County Right of Way Map No. 516 as Parcels 2, 3, 4, and 5; and

WHEREAS, after review of the information contained in the confidential memorandum the County Board determined a closed session discussion with the CAO was not required prior to providing the requested authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the full and final settlement with Rich Valley, LLC and SKB Environmental, Inc. for the acquisition of property rights identified by Dakota County Right of Way Map No. 516 as Parcels 2, 3, 4, and 5 for a total

amount of \$1,550,000 as being in the best interest of Dakota County, and authorizes the County Attorney to arrange for final payment of the acquisition amount and to effectuate final settlement of the acquisition.

Ayes: 7

15. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

16. County Manager's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch thanked staff Georg Fischer, Mike Lexvold and Will Wallo for identifying County projects that could be forgone for savings to reserves.

17. Information

17.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

18. Adjournment

18.1 Resolution No: 26-110

Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Laurie Halverson
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager