



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

1:00 PM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Slavik, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Halverson, Commissioner Droste, Commissioner Workman, Commissioner Holberg and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Lucie O'Neill, Assistant County Attorney; Gil Acevedo, Assistant County Manager, Community Services; and Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Mike Slavik.

2. Audience

Chair, Commissioner Mike Slavik, asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Community Services Committee on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda. No one came forward and no comments were submitted to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us.

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Halverson, the agenda was unanimously approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 7

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Joe Atkins

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on March 10, 2026

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Update On Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program And Medicaid

Dana DeMaster, Employment and Economic Assistance Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by the Committee.

Information only; no action requested.

5.2 Update On Community Health And Access

Gina Pistulka, Public Health Director, and Erin Carder, Public Health Deputy Director, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by the Committee.

Information only; no action requested.

5.3 Emergency Preparedness Update

Lla Roberts, Public Health Supervisor, presented on this item and stood for questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by the Committee.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Assistant County Managers' Report

Gil Acevedo, Assistant County Manager, Community Services, referred the Committee to the written report that was provided. He made note of The Open Door article which states how much food has been distributed the past three months at the monthly pop-up food pantry at the Northern Service Center. And, he mentioned the PowerPoint document at the end of the report, which outlines the impacts of the budget cuts for 2026.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair, Commissioner Mike Slavik, asked the Committee if anyone had a topic they would like to hear more about at an upcoming Community Services Committee of the Whole meeting. No topics were brought forth.

8. Adjournment

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Joe Atkins, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division