



# Dakota County

## General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

### Minutes

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Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9:00 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration  
Center, Hastings

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#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Workman at 9:00 a.m.

**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 David McKnight, Deputy County Manager; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

Commissioner Atkins and Commissioner Halverson attended the meeting remotely via interactive technology.

#### 2. Audience

Chair Workman noted that all public comments can be sent to [CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us)  
No comments were received for this agenda.

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

##### 3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### 4. County Board/County Administration

##### 4.1 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item. Paul Cassidy and Dan Dwight, Stinson representatives and Mike Erlandson and Tom Downs, Downs representatives were present via interactive technology and provided a state and federal legislative update. The State of

Minnesota is actively exploring a new program to allow residents to purchase a state park pass when renewing their vehicle tabs to increase funding and access. Revenue would help support the maintenance and operations of state parks as well as regional parks. The committee provided feedback that supports the program. Discussion was held regarding non-disclosure agreement (NDA) bans. The committee provided feedback and does not wish to pursue. While state law has traditionally limited local authority to regulate guns, efforts are underway to pass legislation allowing local governments to further regulate or ban firearms on their property. The committee provided feedback and does not wish to pursue. The committee directed lobbyist and staff to focus on issues that have direct and meaningful impact on Dakota County.

Information only; no action requested.

**5. Adjournment**

**5.1 Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeni Reynolds  
Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board