



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 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.

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); Tax
Jacob Borealis (Lakeville); Terrorism/Tyranny

4. Agenda

4.1 Resolution No: 26-068
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

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

5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes**5.1** Resolution No: 26-069

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on February 3, 2026

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

Ayes: 7

6. Items Recommended by Board Committee***6.1** Resolution No: 26-070

Authorization To Execute First Amendment To Joint Powers Agreement With Scott County For Design And Construction Of Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection And Recycling Facility And Amend Project Budget

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-456 (September 23, 2025), the Dakota County Solid Waste Master Plan (Plan) was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Plan supports the Dakota County Board of Commissioners' desire to remove household hazardous waste (HHW) from the solid waste stream because of health, safety, and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, Dakota and Scott Counties have partnered to build the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility, known as the Recycling Zone Plus, that will accept HHW and traditional and non-traditional recyclables and therefore increase proper management of solid waste and increase recycling in both counties and prolong the life of the two current facilities by stabilizing growth at those sites with the addition of a second facility; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-055 (January 23, 2024), the Dakota County Board approved the joint powers agreement (JPA) with Scott County for design and construction of the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility, which Dakota County and Scott County executed on February 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-419 (August 24, 2021), the Dakota County Board authorized submittal of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program Application for a \$2 million 2020 bonding award for Phase I (property acquisition); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-388 (August 26, 2025), the Dakota County Board authorized submittal of the second MPCA Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program Application for another \$6 million 2025 bonding award for Phase II (facility construction); and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota awarded \$2 million in bond funds in 2020 for Phase I and \$6 million in 2025 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS, an amendment (first) to the JPA is needed to account for changes to the estimated project cost, state funding actually awarded, and maximum contributions, address contributions for initial fleet acquisition costs, and extend the initial term of the JPA to December 31, 2036; and

WHEREAS, the first amendment to the JPA shall:

- (A) Amend the initial term of the JPA to expire on December 31, 2036.
- (B) Amend the estimated project total cost to \$21,150,000 based on project bids received.
- (C) Amend the state bonding fund contribution to reflect the \$6 million awarded.
- (D) Amend each county’s maximum contribution towards the project costs based on the updated estimated project costs (\$21,150,000) and state funding awards (totaling \$8,000,000):
 - (1) Dakota County’s maximum contribution towards the project costs shall be \$9,731,000 (74% of the remaining project costs after application of the state funding), and
 - (2) Scott County’s maximum contribution towards the project costs shall be \$3,419,000 (26% of the remaining project costs after application of the state funding).
- (E) Add a provision addressing initial contributions of Dakota County and Scott County towards the initial fleet acquisition cost for large equipment estimated at \$316,000, with Scott County’s contribution not exceeding \$82,160 (26% of the estimated cost).
- (F) Amend Scott County’s annual contribution (26% of its share) to the capital replacement and maintenance budget, which now also includes fleet and facility equipment replacement costs, to \$97,518.61 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute the first amendment to the joint powers agreement between Dakota County and Scott County for the Dakota-Scott Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Recycling Facility, amending the initial term, estimated project cost, actual state bonding awarded, the counties’ maximum contributions, and Scott County’s annual contribution for capital replacement (including fleet and facility equipment) and maintenance budget and adding a provision addressing initial fleet acquisition as set forth herein, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2026 Facilities Capital Improvement Program is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	
Recycling Zone Plus	<u>(\$3,749,136)</u>
Total Expense	(\$3,749,136)
Revenue	
2025 State Bonding	(\$2,000,000)

Env. Legacy Fund	(\$3,168,136)
Scott County	<u>\$1,419,000</u>
Total Revenue	(\$3,749,136)

Ayes: 7

6.2 Resolution No: 26-071

Authorization To Execute Operations Agreement With Scott County For Operation Of The Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection And Recycling Facility

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-456 (September 23, 2025), the Dakota County Solid Waste Master Plan (Plan) was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Plan supports the Dakota County Board of Commissioners' desire to remove household hazardous waste (HHW) from the solid waste stream because of health, safety, and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, Dakota and Scott counties have partnered to build the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility, known as the Recycling Zone Plus, that will accept household hazardous waste and traditional and non-traditional recyclables and therefore increase proper management of solid waste, increase recycling in both counties, and prolong the life of the two current facilities by stabilizing growth at those sites with the addition of a second facility; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-055 (January 23, 2024), the Dakota County Board approved the joint powers agreement with Scott County for design and construction of the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility, which Dakota County executed with Scott County on February 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners wishes to execute an operations agreement with Scott County to fund Scott County's share of the operational costs not offset by revenue from fees charged to participants for the Dakota-Scott Regional HHW and Recycling Facility; and

WHEREAS, Scott County will pay Dakota County for each Scott County resident to use the RZP based on the average net cost per participant, with the cost adjusted annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute an operations agreement with Scott County for the operation of the Dakota-Scott Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Recycling Facility, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

7. Central Operations

7.1 Resolution No: 26-072
Authorization To Amend Contract With DataBank IMX, LLC For OnBase Enterprise Licensing

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, Dakota County is currently under contract with DataBank IMX, LLC for OnBase enterprise licensing through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the current contract for OnBase enterprise licensing requires a 10% increase in remaining licensing fees for each 10% increase in full time county staff; and

WHEREAS, the full time Dakota County staff count as increased by more than 10% since the inception of the current contract; and

WHEREAS, the calculated funds necessary to pay for the increase in staff count were not accounted for in the current contract; and

WHEREAS, the amount needed to cover the additional 10% for the balance of the current contract term is \$111,013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to amend the current contract with DataBank IMX, LLC to accommodate for the 10% increase in staffing levels with the amount of \$111,013, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

7.2 Resolution No: 26-073
Authorization To Amend Contract With Sentinel Technologies Inc Corporation For Campaign Manager Call Software

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, County IT contracts with Sentinel for its CISCO/WebEx Unified Communication and IVR/Call Center solution; and

WHEREAS, Public Health has requested to add the Campaign Manager module to automate their required notifications to eligible residents; and

WHEREAS, the additional implementation and subscription fees for the Campaign Manager module will add an additional \$12,218.34 cost to the current contract with Sentinel ending in March of 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to amend the current contract with Sentinel for the additional CISCO Campaign Manager module, in the amount of \$12,218.34, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

7.3 Report On Invoices Paid In January 2026

Information only; no action requested.

8. Physical Development

8.1 Fiscal Year 2026 Countywide Community Development Block Grant Allocation Request

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

Information only; no action requested.

8.2 Resolution No: 26-075

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With Tech Logic Corporation To Provide Automated Materials Handling System For Burnhaven Library Renovation

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the 2026-2030 Facilities Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget includes a project to renovate the Burnhaven Library; and

WHEREAS, the project includes a new automated materials handling system; and

WHEREAS, a Core Planning Group worked with Hammel, Green & Abrahamson (HGA) to develop the requirements for the automated materials handling system; and

WHEREAS, bid documents were prepared by staff with professional design support from HGA which were released for bidding on December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the bid documents included a Base Bid and one Bid Alternate; and

WHEREAS, two competitive bids were received on January 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Tech Logic Corporation has submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends acceptance of the Base Bid and Bid Alternate #1; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the qualifications of the bidder and recommends award to Tech Logic Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$259,361.19; and

WHEREAS, the project budget is sufficient to support the issuance of the total contract value.

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

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract with Tech Logic Corporation, 835 Hale Avenue North, Oakdale, MN 55128, in an amount not to exceed \$259,361.19 for the automated materials handling system for the Burnhaven Library, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form.

Ayes: 7

8.3 Resolution No: 26-076
Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Lakeville For Lake Marion Greenway: Ritter Farm To Downtown Lakeville Segment

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 13-441 (August 27, 2013), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted the Lake Marion Greenway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeville is leading the design, bidding, and project delivery; and

WHEREAS, the project will construct and upgrade 3 miles of regional greenway, one trailhead, and .5 miles of local trails; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated at \$4,608,600; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakeville has received \$2,000,000 of external grants to reduce overall local costs to \$2,608,600; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will reimburse the City of Lakeville based on current greenway cost share practices; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost to Dakota County is \$2,124,879 which includes 10 percent contingency; and

WHEREAS, sufficient revenues are available in the Parks Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Maintenance Agreement will be revised to include ongoing maintenance and operations for the Lake Marion Greenway from downtown to Ritter Farm Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director, or their designee, to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of Lakeville to reimburse the City for costs associated with the Lake Marion Greenway: Downtown to Ritter Farm segment for the period February 17, 2026, through December 31, 2027, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

8.4 Resolution No: 26-077

Authorization To Execute Contract With Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. For McMenemy And Wolfson Woods Restoration Project

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-280 (June 21, 2022), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the acquisition of natural area conservation and greenway easements on the former McMenemy property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rosemount (City) immediately purchased the fee title of the former McMenemy property after the County acquired the easements; and

WHEREAS, a Natural Resource Management Plan was completed for the McMenemy permanent natural area conservation easement (Easement) that includes restoration management strategies, work plans, and cost estimates; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City agree to work in partnership to conduct restoration activities on the combined properties; and

WHEREAS, the initial total estimated project cost will not exceed \$490,000 over the next three years; and

WHEREAS, the County will contribute up to a total of \$490,000 toward restoration costs, using available Outdoor Heritage Fund grant money from the Minnesota Law 2019 grant awarded by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, with a funding deadline of May 12, 2028, for only the McMenemy Easement area; and

WHEREAS, the City will provide a temporary access easement through a parcel it owns to the west of the Easement property, over which the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources holds a separate conservation easement, provided the required approval for the temporary access is granted; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement between the County and the City describing roles, responsibilities, and associated costs is required; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 26-027 (January 6, 2026), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a joint powers agreement with the City of Rosemount for the Natural Resource Restoration on McMenemy Permanent Natural Area Conservation Easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Division Director to execute a contract with Minnesota Native Landscapes, Inc. for the McMenemy and Wolfson Woods Restoration Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following expenditure of Outdoor Heritage

Fund grant money from the Minnesota Laws 2019 grant awarded by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, as appropriated by the Minnesota Legislature, County staff will request reimbursement from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (grant administrator) and return the reimbursed funds to the Parks Capital Improvement Program.

Ayes: 7

8.5 Resolution No: 26-078
Authorization To Submit Grant Applications To Legislative-Citizen Commission On Minnesota Resources Program, Accept Grants If Awarded, And Execute Grant Agreements

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, the state Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) was established following voter approval of a 1988 constitutional amendment “for the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state’s air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources”; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) was established to make funding recommendations to the Minnesota Legislature for special projects that help maintain and enhance Minnesota’s environment and natural resources, primarily from the ENRTF; and

WHEREAS, the LCCMR issued a 2027 Request for Proposals, which includes “Resiliency,” “Water,” “Education and Outdoor Recreation,” “Fish and Wildlife,” “Energy,” “Land”, and “Small Projects” as priority funding categories; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$121 million from the ENRTF is projected to be available for LCCMR-recommended projects implemented between July 1, 2027, and June 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County seeks up to \$3,122,523M for the following projects:

- Veterans Memorial Greenway- Native American Veterans Restoration, Native Plantings, and Enhanced Memorial: \$495,000 request with \$165,000 county grant-match=\$660,000 total project cost
- System-wide ADA Improvements (per audit of both indoor and outdoor park spaces): \$562,500 request with \$187,500 county grant-match=\$750,000 total project cost
- Spring Lake Park Reserve Messaging Plan Implementation: \$230,518 request with \$76,840 county grant-match=\$307,358 total project cost
- Spring Lake Park Reserve Restoration Project (same project as 3M PFAS Settlement request): \$921,521 request with \$247,673 county grant-match and \$59,500 in-kind match of plugs grown=\$1,228,694 total project cost
- North Creek Greenway Natural Resource Restoration, Pollinator-Themed Interpretation, and Greenway Access at the Minnesota Zoo: \$1,001,840 request with \$333,947 county grant-match=\$1,335,787 total project cost

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners supports the above-referenced projects and authorizes the submittal of proposals for funding of these projects on behalf of Dakota County to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources in response to the Minnesota Legislature 2027 Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund Request for Proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if funding is awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners agrees to accept the award and may enter into an agreement with the state of Minnesota for the above referenced projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations and any additional conditions stated in the grant agreement and the approved Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources work plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County understands that grants utilizing the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund are generally paid out on a reimbursement basis, and the County has the financial capability to pay for project expenses prior to seeking reimbursement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County certifies none of the current principals of the County have been convicted of a felony financial crime in the last ten years. For this purpose, a principal is defined as a public official, a board member, or staff that would have the authority to access or determine the use of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund funds, if awarded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Physical Development Division Director is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and work plans as necessary and the Parks Director is authorized to implement the project on behalf of Dakota County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Division Director to use the Parks Capital Improvement Program Grant Match Set-Aside to provide a 25 percent match to provide a competitive application for capital improvement projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County has the financial capability to ensure adequate operation and maintenance of the projects once completed.

Ayes: 7

8.6 Resolution No: 26-079
Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, new subdivisions adjoining County highways are reviewed under the Dakota County Contiguous Plat Ordinance No. 108; and

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

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

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

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

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

DAKOTA MEADOWS PRESERVE 2ND ADDITION	Farmington
GRAND OAK GROVE	West St. Paul

Ayes: 7

- 8.7** Resolution No: 26-080
 Authorization To Approve Contract Amendment With Park Construction Company And Amend 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Plan Budget For County State Aid Highway 26 (Lone Oak Road) Roadway Improvements In City Of Eagan, County Project 26-67

Motion: Liz Workman Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County (County) proceeded with County Project (CP) 26-67, the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 26 from Trunk Highway (TH) 13 to CSAH 31 and a lane reduction of CSAH 26 from CSAH 31 to I-35E in the City of Eagan; and

WHEREAS, CP 26-67 includes a trail as part of the School Area Safety Assessment recommendations for Pilot Knob STEM School from TH 13 to CSAH 31; and

WHEREAS, the County Board awarded CP 26-67 to Park Construction Company by Resolution No. 25-106 (February 18, 2025), in the amount of \$7,033,172; and

WHEREAS, construction costs have increased by \$498,165 or 7.1 percent due primarily to increased retaining wall costs; and

WHEREAS, increased costs are summarized as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Redesigned wall	\$382,200

Additional watermain work	\$ 54,200
Bituminous quantity overrun	\$ 70,000
Other quantity overruns and underruns	<u>\$ (8,235)</u>
Total	\$ 498,165

; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing a contract amendment with Park Construction Company in the amount of \$498,165 for a revised contract amount of \$7,531,337.20; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends a budget amendment to the 2026 adopted Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget to account for the increased costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Contract Amendment and authorizes the Transportation Director to execute a contract amendment with Park Construction Company for the construction of County Project 26-67 in an amount of \$498,165.00, resulting in a total amended contract not to exceed \$7,531,337.20, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the adopted 2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense	
County Project 26-67	<u>\$498,165</u>
Total Expense	\$498,165
Revenue	
State Aid	\$480,165
City of Eagan	<u>\$ 18,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$498,165

Ayes: 7

- 8.8** Resolution No: 26-081
 Authorization To Accept State Grant Funds For 2025 Transportation Economic Development And Execute Grant Agreement For US Highway 52 Ramps And County State Aid Highway 46 Intersection Improvements, County Project 99-013

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-402 (August 26, 2025), the Dakota County Board authorized submission of an application under the 2025 Transportation Economic Development (TED) Program for CP 99-013; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT has awarded Dakota County \$3,850,000 under the TED Program for the US Highway 52 ramps and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 46 intersection improvements, with a total segment cost estimated at \$5,500,000; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the TED grant requires Dakota County to provide the non-state local match estimated at \$1,650,000 (30%) for the interchange segment within MnDOT right-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts TED Program grant funds in the amount of \$3,850,000 for CP 99-013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute the grant agreement and any necessary amendments, subject to approval as to form by the Dakota County Attorney's Office.

Ayes: 7

- 8.9** Resolution No: 26-082
Authorization To Execute Second Contract Amendment With SRF Consulting Group, Inc., For Design Of Interchange Improvements At County State Aid Highway 50 And Interstate 35 In Lakeville, County Project 50-33

Motion: Liz Workman

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 50-33; and

WHEREAS, CP 50-33 is the improvement of the interchange at the junction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 50/CSAH 5 and I-35 in Lakeville; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 24-204 (April 23, 2024), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a preliminary design services contract with consultant SRF Consulting Group, Inc., (SRF) to perform preliminary and final design engineering services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,466,232; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-308 (June 24, 2025), the County Board authorized the first contract amendment, adding \$344,030, for a total amended contract value not to exceed \$1,810,262; and

WHEREAS, the cost of current additional out-of-scope and expanded work tasks to be performed by SRF and to ensure a logical conclusion of the contract is \$166,176, resulting in a total amended contract value of \$1,976,438; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends executing the second contract amendment with SRF for Contract Number DCA21560 for preliminary engineering of CP 50-33; and

WHEREAS, City of Lakeville and Minnesota Department of Transportation staff concur with this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget accounted for a total of \$1,673,000 in reimbursement to Dakota County under the Local Road Improvement Program for the SRF contract, resulting in a net estimated cost of \$303,438 to be funded using County and City capital budgets; and

WHEREAS, additional funding sources are in place to support final engineering design and construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to amend the not-to-exceed contract value of \$1,810,262 for Contract Number DCA21560 with SRF Consulting Group, Inc., for County Project 50-33 to a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,976,438, including reimbursables.

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

9. County Board/County Administration

9.1 Update On County Response To Operation Metro Surge

County Manager Heidi Welsch and Assistant County Manager/Community Services, Marti Fischbach gave a situational update, known impacts and responses and spoke to unknown impacts. The County Manager does not recommend an ordinance to restrict federal law enforcement from County owned property as an ordinance for this situation is often unenforceable, a slow process and may provide a false reassurance. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. Public comment was given by Jacob Borealis (Lakeville).

Information only; no action requested.

10. Closed Executive Session

10.1 Resolution No: 26-083

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

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Joe Atkins

The time being 9:59 a.m. and pursuant to public notice, the County Board recessed the County Board meeting and held the General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole. Following that meeting the Board met in Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, to discuss the legal strategy in Rosenbaum v. Dakota County.

The following were present:

Commissioner Mike Slavik, District 1

Commissioner Joe Atkins, District 2

Commissioner Laurie Halverson, District 3

Commissioner William (Bill) Droste, District 4

Commissioner Liz Workman, District 5
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, District 6
Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, District 7
Heidi Welsch, County Manager
Kathy Keena, County Attorney
Sheriff Joe Leko
Will Topka, Attorney
Jason Hively, outside legal counsel
Jenny Groskopf, Risk and Emergency Management Director
Sarah Fenske, Risk Management Coordinator
Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney
Lucie O'Neill, Attorney
David McKnight, Deputy County Manager
Will Wallo, Finance Director
Jeni Reynolds, Clerk to the Board

The Closed Executive Session continued until 12:00 p.m., at which time the Board reconvened the County Board meeting with all members present.

WHEREAS, Kingsley Fifi Bimpong (Bimpong) was arrested by police officers employed by the City of Eagan and was subsequently an inmate in the Dakota County jail; and

WHEREAS, Bimpong suffered a medical emergency and died; and

WHEREAS, James Rosenbaum was appointed wrongful-death trustee for Bimpong's heirs and next-of-kin (Plaintiff); and

WHEREAS, plaintiff commenced a lawsuit against certain police officers employed by the City of Eagan, certain correctional deputies and officers employed by Dakota County, and Dakota County alleging, among other things, that they were deliberately indifferent to Bimpong's serious medical needs; 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 Dakota County's defense of this matter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 13D.05, Subdivision 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 County Board meeting on February 17, 2026, and recesses to Conference room 3A to discuss with the County Attorney the legal strategy.

Ayes: 7

11. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

12. County Manager's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch provided a brief update on the Byllesby Dam new turbines. Full operation of the turbines will likely be the end of March.

13. Information

13.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

14. Adjournment

14.1 Resolution No: 26-074

Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Laurie Halverson
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager