



# Dakota County

## Board of Commissioners

### Minutes

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Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9:00 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,  
Hastings, MN

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#### 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; 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 Slavik who welcomed everyone. Chair Slavik acknowledged the recent Annunciation Church tragedy and a moment of silence was observed. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. Audience

Chair Slavik 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.

#### 4. Agenda

**4.1** Resolution No: 25-412  
Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

Ayes: 7

#### CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the Consent agenda was approved as follows:

#### 5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

**5.1** Resolution No: 25-413  
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on August 26, 2025

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

## **6. Central Operations**

### **6.1 Resolution No: 25-414**

Authorization To Execute Contract With QualityLogic, Inc. For Digital Accessibility Services

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II requires that, beginning April 24, 2026, public entities with populations of 50,000 or more ensure that all web content and mobile applications comply with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1, Level A and AA standards; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has made meaningful progress toward compliance; however, significant work remains to bring all digital content, websites, and mobile applications into full alignment and to establish sustainable processes for maintaining accessibility over time; and

WHEREAS, staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Digital Accessibility Services on March 17, 2025. The RFP sought a vendor with the expertise to ensure compliance, expand accessibility for individuals with disabilities, and strengthen inclusivity across the County's digital properties; and

WHEREAS, a cross-department project team, including Central Operations Administration, Communications, Human Resources, and Information Technology, reviewed 19 proposals and invited five vendors for demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, the team recommends QualityLogic, Inc. as the preferred vendor who brings extensive experience supporting digital accessibility initiatives for state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, QualityLogic, Inc.'s services will:

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of County websites, applications, and digital content;

- Identify accessibility gaps and provide an actionable Digital Accessibility Plan;

- Recommend strategies to meet compliance and usability standards;

- Build internal staff capacity through training and resources;

- Provide remediation support for documents and code to expedite progress;

- Establish a foundation for long-term self-sufficiency and compliance

; and

WHEREAS, the project team and QualityLogic, Inc. will closely collaborate with the public website platform replacement team to ensure alignment with the county's accessibility priorities and compliance requirements; and

WHEREAS, staff seeks approval to engage QualityLogic, Inc. to provide digital accessibility services that will enable Dakota County to meet ADA Title II web and mobile accessibility requirements, improve digital access for individuals with disabilities, and ensure the County's digital services are inclusive, sustainable, and compliant into the future; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available Central Operations Administration budget to support these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a contract QualityLogic, Inc. for the digital accessibility services, for the period of September 9, 2025, through September 9, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$109,767, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form.

Ayes: 7

## **7. County Board/County Administration**

### **7.1 Resolution No: 25-415**

Authorization To Amend 2025 County Board/Committee Of The Whole Meeting Schedule

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

BE IT RESOLVED, That the budget workshop scheduled for September 16, 2025 start at 8:30 a.m., Administration Center, conference room 3A, Hastings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a Physical Development Committee of the Whole on September 16, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. (or following the budget workshop), Administration Center, conference room 3A, Hastings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a Community Services Committee of the Whole meeting on September 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., Administration Center, conference room 3A, Hastings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole on September 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m. (or following the Regional Railroad Authority meeting), Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN.

Ayes: 7

### **7.2 Resolution No: 25-416**

Acceptance Of Resignation From Member Of Public Art Committee

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the resignation received by Ankit Mukhopadhyay, At-Large Youth representative on the Public Art Committee and authorizes staff to begin the process to fill the vacancy.

Ayes: 7

## **8. Community Services**

### **8.1 Resolution No: 25-417**

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With Dakota County School Districts For School Wellness Projects Funded Through Minnesota Department Of Health Statewide Health Improvement Partnership Grant

Motion: Laurie Halverson

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 has 15 years of experience working with school districts located in Dakota County on school-based prevention interventions and initiatives and this work is funded by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant; and

WHEREAS, SHIP funding supports community-driven solutions to expand opportunities for active living, healthy food access, commercial tobacco-free living, and mental wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives provide Dakota County's School Districts the opportunity and resources to enhance prevention efforts, and provide cost-effective, evidence-based best practices in chronic disease reduction via policy, systems, and environmental changes; and

WHEREAS, interventions are grounded in equity to ensure the initiative benefits all demographic groups with a priority focus on addressing barriers and ensuring safety for lower-income students, students of color and others facing significant disparities; and

WHEREAS, all ten school districts in Dakota County are provided an opportunity to apply and opt-in to non-competitive funding to support internal wellness efforts for students and staff; and

WHEREAS, these applications will be due in fall 2025 and districts will have until

October 2026 to use the funding upon approval of initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to enter into joint powers agreements with School Districts throughout Dakota County for school wellness projects for the term upon execution of the joint powers agreements through October 31, 2026, with a total not to exceed for each district as follows, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form:

- Special School District 6                      \$ 8,629.77
- Independent School District (ISD) 191      \$15,249.87
- ISD 192                                              \$12,215.65
- ISD 194                                              \$13,220.49
- ISD 195                                              \$3,940.53
- ISD 196                                              \$14,855.81
- ISD 197                                              \$10,836.47
- ISD 199                                              \$12,255.06
- ISD 200                                              \$10,008.96
- Intermediate School District 917              \$8,787.39

Ayes: 7

## **9. Physical Development**

### **9.1 Resolution No: 25-418**

Authorization To Award Proposal And Execute Contract With Native Resource Preservation For Spring Lake Woodlands Restoration Project

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

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 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 \$48,000); 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 July 29, 2025, which will restore 56 acres of SLPR; and

WHEREAS, the best value proposal was from Native Resource Preservation (NRP) for \$244,559.46; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the base bid tasks, bids were received for alternate tasks that included additional prescribed burning, tree removal, and deadfall removal; and

WHEREAS, NRP's proposal included a bid of \$39,874.30 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 NRP for the Spring Lake Woodlands Restoration Project for the base and alternate tasks for a contract maximum of \$284,433.76, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**9.2** Resolution No: 25-419  
Authorization To Amend Professional Services Contract With Leo A. Daly LLC  
For Wentworth Library Renovation

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, the 2024-2028 Building Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget includes a project to renovate the Wentworth Library as part of the next cycle of library renovation work; and

WHEREAS, Capital Projects Management issued a Request for Proposal to hire a design consultant that included a preliminary project schedule showing a five-month duration for construction; and

WHEREAS, proposing design consultants were asked to base their proposed fees on the project schedule included in the Request for Proposals; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Daly LLC was selected and recommended to receive a professional services contract and was approved by the County Board by Resolution No. 24-105 (February 27, 2024); and

WHEREAS, a Core Planning Group and Leo A. Daly LLC confirmed the project needs and work scope and developed the schematic design; and

WHEREAS, the project schematic design was presented to and approved by the County Board by Resolution No. 24-461 (September 24, 2024); and

WHEREAS, the remaining design work was completed, the project was bid for construction, and the County Board approved the bid awarded to Ebert Companies by Resolution No. 25-146 (March 25, 2025); and

WHEREAS, the general contractor provided a construction schedule that demonstrated a nine-month duration for construction work, which was deemed to be reasonable; and

WHEREAS, upon the start of construction work, the true condition of existing equipment and building elements was discovered, along with discrepancies between the bid documents and the actual conditions; and

WHEREAS, County staff directed Leo A. Daly LLC to review and design replacements for select items to align with the project intent of updating major infrastructure and prolonging building life; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Daly LLC has submitted a proposal for additional fees for the longer construction phase duration and additional requested design services totaling \$67,551; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist within the current project budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Facilities Management Director to execute a contract amendment to the professional services contract with Leo A. Daly LLC, 730 Second Avenue South, Suite 1300, Minneapolis, MN 55402, to provide additional design services for the Wentworth Library Renovation project, in an amount not to exceed \$67,551, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**9.3 Resolution No: 25-420**

Authorization To Purchase Salt Materials Through 2025–2026 State Road Salt Contract

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, in order to provide a safe and efficient transportation system and secure the lowest prices for road salt, the County purchases road salt from the vendor selected pursuant to the State Road Salt Contract (SRSC) process; and

WHEREAS, the SRSC for the 2026 snow and ice season was issued in May 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County may participate in the solicitation by committing to an estimated quantity of road salt to purchase to assist with winter snow and ice control on County Highways; and

WHEREAS, the County-proposed salt use was reduced from 13,000 tons to

10,000 tons in 2018; and

WHEREAS, due to only 21 snow events last season, only 3,500 tons are proposed for County use; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of 3,500 tons for the County's use is \$392,615 with an estimated unit price of \$112.17 per ton through the SRSC; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the other units of government that the County has cooperative purchasing agreements with for salt will purchase 1500 tons of salt from the County, totaling \$168,255, which will be paid for by those agencies; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization of participation in the 2025-2026 SRSC process to purchase 3,500 tons of road salt for the County's use at an estimated cost of \$392,615 and 1500 tons of salt for other agencies' at an estimated cost of \$168,255.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Transportation Director to purchase 5,000 tons of road salt from June 2025 to May 2026 in the amount of \$560,870 through the State Road Salt Contract.

Ayes: 7

**9.4 Resolution No: 25-421**

Authorization To Initiate Quick-Take Condemnation For County State Aid Highway 42 (145th Street) At Trunk Highway 52 For Interchange Improvements In City Of Rosemount, County Project 42-174

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 42-174; and

WHEREAS, CP 42-174 is the final design engineering to improve the existing interchange located at the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 and US Trunk Highway (TH) 52 in the city of Rosemount; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for CP 42-174, with right of way acquisition necessary in 2025 for construction to begin in the spring of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County has been utilizing public engagement for this project, which was initiated with a public open house hosted on August 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the following acquisitions are necessary to proceed with CP 42-174:

**Parcel 1- Carey Rechtzigel and Leslie Rechtzigel, 34-02500-75-011**

Highway Easement, 2,865 square feet

A permanent easement for highway purposes over, under, and across that part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 115 North, Range 19 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the southerly right of way line of County State Aid Highway No. 42, westerly of the westerly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 52, and lying easterly and northerly of the following described line:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West, assumed bearing along the north line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 685.37 feet; thence South 12 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 87.30 feet to the southerly right of way line of County State Aid Highway No. 42 and the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence continuing South 12 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 14.15 feet; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 204.93 feet to the westerly right of way line of United States Highway No. 52 and said line there terminating.

Temporary Easement 5,002 square feet

A temporary easement for highway purposes over, under, and across that part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 25, Township 115 North, Range 19 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West, assumed bearing along the north line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 685.37 feet; thence South 12 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 87.30 feet to the southerly right of way line of County State Aid Highway No. 42; thence continuing South 12 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 14.15 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 204.93 feet to the westerly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 52; thence South 12 degrees 32 minutes 17 seconds East along said westerly right of way line a distance of 5.12 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 90.20 feet; thence South 12 degrees 41 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 56.36 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 60.00 feet; thence North 12 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 56.36 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 30.10 feet; thence North 12 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 5.12 feet to the point of beginning.

**Parcel 2- Carey Rechtzigel and Leslie Rechtzigel, 34-03000-55-020**

Temporary Easement 3,022 square feet

A temporary easement for highway purposes over, under, and across that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter all in Section 30, Township 115 North, Range 18 West, Dakota County, Minnesota, EXCEPT The West 270.00 feet of the East 350.00 feet of the South 300.00 feet of the Northwest

Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 115 North, Range 18 West; and EXCEPT the East 80.00 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 115 North, Range 18 West.

Said temporary easement described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Parcel 12 as shown on Dakota County Right of Way Map No. 340, according to the recorded map thereof; thence South 89 degrees 31 minutes 06 seconds East, assumed bearing along the south line of said Parcel 12 a distance of 485.47 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 5.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes 06 seconds West a distance of 451.78 feet; thence South 52 degrees 04 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 54.64 feet to the easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 52 as described in Book 268 of Deeds, Page 507; thence North 13 degrees 39 minutes 26 seconds West along said easterly right of way line a distance of 40.00 feet to the point of beginning; and

WHEREAS, the parcels have been appraised, and offers were prepared and sent for a total appraised value of \$14,200; and

WHEREAS, in the event that timely acquisition by direct negotiation of all required parcels does not appear possible, it may become necessary for the County Board to authorize the County Attorney's Office to initiate quick-take condemnation of the remaining parcels to allow for a spring 2026 start date; and

WHEREAS, parcels that have been settled through negotiation prior to the date required for filing the condemnation petition will not be included.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Attorney's Office to initiate quick-take condemnation of the remaining parcels to allow a spring 2026 start date in the event that timely acquisitions by direct negotiations of all parcels do not appear possible.

Ayes: 7

**9.5 Resolution No: 25-422**

Authorization To Execute Contract With Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. For Final Design And Engineering Services On County State Aid Highway 26 From Trunk Highway 3 To Cahill Avenue In Inver Grove Heights, County Projects 26-60 And 26-68

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, Dakota County has included County Projects 26-60 and 26-68 in its Transportation Capital Improvement Program to redesign County State Aid Highway 26 (70th Street) in Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, County Project 26-60 is a planned reconstruction of a portion of County State Aid Highway 26 between Trunk Highway 3 and County State Aid

Highway 73 in Inver Grove Heights and includes an expansion to three lanes, construction of stormwater sewer, construction of multiuse trail, extension of city utilities, and traffic safety and access management improvements; and

WHEREAS, County Project 26-68 will perform pavement rehabilitation on a portion of County State Aid Highway 26 between County State Aid Highway 73 and Cahill Avenue in Inver Grove Heights and include a reduction from five lanes to three, construction of multiuse trail, extension of city utilities, and traffic safety and access management improvements; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for County Projects 26-60 and 26-68; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was released on July 29, 2025, to complete final design engineering for both projects; and

WHEREAS, two responses were received from qualified proposers; and

WHEREAS, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) was identified as the most responsive to the request for proposals; and

WHEREAS, staff from the City of Inver Grove Heights participated in the proposal evaluation and concurs with this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends execution of a contract with Kimley-Horn for final design and engineering consulting services for County Project 26-60 and County Project 26-68 for actual costs not to exceed \$852,359; and

WHEREAS, the funds allocated to County Project 26-60 and County Project 26-68 in the 2023 Capital Improvement Program Budget are not sufficient to cover costs for final design and engineering, and a budget amendment is necessary to proceed with a consultant contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Transportation Director to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. to complete final design and engineering services necessary to complete the design of improvements to 70th Street in Inver Grove Heights in an amount not to exceed \$852,359, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

**9.6** Resolution No: 25-423  
Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Laurie Halverson

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 plats:

MARKETPLACE AT CEDAR  
NORTHCREEK SECOND ADDITION

LAKEVILLE  
LAKEVILLE

Ayes: 7

**9.7** Resolution No: 25-424

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Inver Grove Heights For Preliminary Engineering Of County State Aid Highway 28 Alignment Study From Trunk Highway 3 To Austin Way In Inver Grove Heights, County Project 28-048

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights are jointly partnering on County Project (CP) 28-048 for preliminary design to establish the preferred design and anticipated right of way needs for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 28 between Trunk Highway (TH) 3 and Austin Way; and

WHEREAS, CP 28-048 is a realignment of CSAH 28 from the existing roundabout at TH 3 to Austin Way; and

WHEREAS, the realignment of CSAH 28 east of TH 3 is identified in the Dakota County 2040 Transportation Plan as a future County highway alignment and has been dependent on development pressure within this area of Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Inver Grove Heights and the County are jointly participating in the project with Inver Grove Heights leading the preliminary engineering study to identify the preferred horizontal alignment, vertical profile, and right of way needs; and

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat § 162.17, subd. 1 and 471.59, subd. 1. Two 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 recommends execution of a joint powers agreement with the City of Inver Grove Heights to memorialize roles, responsibilities, and cost share for CP 28-048; and

WHEREAS, cost share for CP 28-048 will adhere to Dakota County's Transportation Plan (July 2021) cost share policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a joint powers agreement between Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights for preliminary engineering of County State Aid Highway 28 from Trunk Highway 3 east to Austin Way, County Project 28-048.

Ayes: 7

## **10. Public Services and Revenue**

### **10.1 Resolution No: 25-425**

Approval Of Application For Temporary Intoxicating On-Sale Liquor License Submitted By The Oakeshott Institute

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, an application was received from The Oakeshott Institute for a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license during Viking Fest Minnesota held October 4-5 and 11-12, 2025, at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, in Castle Rock Township; and

WHEREAS, Castle Rock Township approved the application on August 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division will not issue a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license without prior approval by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application from The Oakeshott Institute for a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license during Viking Fest Minnesota held October 4-5 and 11-12, 2025, at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, in Castle Rock Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Public Services and Revenue Division is authorized to approve the application and upon payment of the proper fees, submit it to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division to issue the license.

Ayes: 7

**10.2** Resolution No: 25-426

Approval Of Application For Assemblage Of Large Numbers Of People License Submitted By Viking Age Events Company

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: William Droste

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted by Viking Age Events Company to hold the Viking Fest Minnesota at Dakota County Fairgrounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, in Castle Rock Township; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is the local governing body having jurisdiction over the proposed license, and the application has been reviewed for compliance with the County Ordinance No. 112 and has been approved by the Public Services and Revenue Division, Public Health Department, Risk Management Department, Transportation Department and Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Castle Rock Township approved the application on August 12, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the application for Assemblage of Large Numbers of People License received by Viking Age Events Company to hold Viking Fest Minnesota on October 4-5 and 11-12, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Dakota County Fairgrounds, 4008 220th Street West, Farmington, and authorizes the Public Services and Revenue division to issue the license.

Ayes: 7

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **11. Community Services**

**11.1** Resolution No: 25-427

Update From Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board And Proclamation Of September 2025 As Workforce Development Month In Dakota County

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Joe Atkins

Employment and Economic Assistance Director Mark Jacobs briefed this item. Mark was joined by SMSC Gaming Enterprise/Mystic Lake Casino - Talent Acquisition Program Manager Holly Oppegard, Dakota Electric Economic Development Director Jeffrey Rainey and Rihm Kenworth Marketing Communications Manager Kristin Ridley.

WHEREAS, the month of September is a time to honor workforce development leaders and staff across Minnesota, as well as draw attention to the resources available to those looking for work and to employers who need workers now; and

WHEREAS, workforce development professionals throughout the state are working hard to connect all Minnesotans who need work with employment and to help employers reach often-overlooked labor pools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims September 2025 as Workforce Development Month in Dakota County to honor and recognize the workforce development professionals who work hard to connect Minnesotans who need work with employment and to help employers reach often-overlooked labor pools.

Ayes: 7

## **12. Physical Development**

### **12.1 Resolution No: 25-428**

Certification Of Dakota County Portion Of 2026 Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District Proposed Tax Levy

Motion: William Droste

Second: Mary Liz Holberg

Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization Administrator Travis Thiel briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 02-347 (June 25, 2002) and amended by Resolution No. 24-623 (December 17, 2024), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners executed a joint powers agreement between Dakota County and Scott County to govern the Vermillion River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement establishes a Joint Powers Board consisting of two commissioners from Dakota County and one from Scott County; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed for Dakota County's share of costs associated with managing the Vermillion River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 02-296 (June 4, 2002), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners established the Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District through Ordinance No. 127 to fund Dakota County's share of costs associated with managing the Vermillion River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, approval and adoption of the Watershed Management Plan, as required by Minn. Stat. Ch. 103B, occurred in June 2016; and

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement states that the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board will adopt a budget and recommend a levy for the portion of the Watershed Management Tax District in each county by September 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2025, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board adopted a proposed budget of \$2,654,279, including the use of 2025 fund

balance and grant revenues, and recommended that the levy for the Dakota County portion be \$1,037,693 and the levy for the Scott County portion be \$40,532; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County must certify a levy on the Watershed Management Tax District by September 15, 2025, to be effective for taxes payable in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the final 2026 levy for the Watershed Management Tax District will be presented to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners in December 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies the Dakota County portion of the Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District proposed levy in the amount of \$1,037,693 for taxes payable in 2026.

Ayes: 7

### **13. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates**

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

### **14. County Manager's Report**

County Manager Heidi Welsch provided the following information:

- provided a brief preview of the Solid Waste Management Plan
- provided an update on the Recycling Ambassador Program

### **15. Information**

#### **15.1 Information**

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

### **16. Adjournment**

#### **16.1 Resolution No: 25-429**

Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Droste, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Mike Slavik  
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch  
County Manager