



# Dakota County

## Board of Commissioners

### Minutes

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Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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 Mary Liz Holberg  
Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

**Absent:** Commissioner Liz Workman

Also in attendance were Matt Smith, County Manager; Kathryn M. Keena, County Attorney; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

Commissioner Hamann-Roland was present via Zoom.

#### 2. Pledge Of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Joe Atkins who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. Audience

Chair Atkins 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: 24-139 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

The Agenda was approved with the amendment of pulling Item 7.21 *Public Health - Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Cities In Dakota County To Support Eligible Opioid Settlement Activities And Amend 2024 Non-Departmental Budget*. This item was moved to the Regular Agenda.

Ayes: 6

**5. Public Hearing****5.1 Resolution No: 24-140**

Public Hearing On A Resolution Approving A Project by Farmington Health Services And Consenting To Issuance Of Tax-Exempt Obligations By City Of Morris, Minnesota And Approving Cooperation Agreement

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: William Droste

The time being 9:05 a.m. and pursuant to public notice, a public hearing was conducted to receive comments on Dakota County serving as the host on the issuance of tax-exempt obligations by the City of Morris, Minnesota and adopt the resolution approving a project by Farmington Health Services and consenting to the issuance of tax-exempt obligations by the City of Morris, Minnesota which includes approving a cooperation agreement between the City of Morris, Minnesota and Dakota County. Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director David McKnight briefed this item and the public hearing was opened. No one came forward with comments and no comments were received via email. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:06 a.m.

WHEREAS, Farmington Health Services, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation and an affiliate of St. Francis Health Services of Morris, Minnesota, Incorporated wishes to finance the cost of the construction and improvements of a health care facility (Project); and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Dakota County (County) acted as the host government for a similar project for St. Francis Health Services; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located within the jurisdictional limits of the County and the City of Farmington; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morris proposes to finance the 2024 project through an issuance of tax-exempt revenue obligations in the amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 designated Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds (Obligations); and

WHEREAS, the County can and is willing to fulfill the role of host government for Internal Revenue Service compliance since the project is located within Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Hastings Journal, the County's official newspaper and a newspaper of general circulation on March 7 and 14, 2024, calling a public hearing on the proposed issuance of the Obligations, and the proposal to undertake and finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., the Dakota County Board of Commissioners convened a public hearing on the proposed issuance of the Obligations and to undertake and finance the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the capitalized terms used in this Resolution have the meanings assigned:

Act: Sections 469.152 through 469.1655, as amended.

Authorized Officers: the Chair and County Manager of the County.

Bond Counsel: Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A.

Borrower: Farmington Health Services, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation and organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

City: the City of Farmington, Minnesota.

Code: the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Cooperation Agreement: means the Cooperation Agreement between the County and the Issuer relating to the exercise of joint powers pursuant to the Extraterritorial Projects Act.

Corporations: collectively, the Borrower and St. Francis Health Services of Morris, Inc.

County: means Dakota County, Minnesota.

Extraterritorial Projects Act: means Minn. Statutes, Section 471.656.

Governing Body: the Board of Commissioners of the County.

Issuer: the City of Morris, the issuer of the Obligations.

Obligations: the Issuer's Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds (Farmington Health Services), Series 2024.

Project: the construction, demolition, reconstruction, improving, renovating, furnishing and equipping of the health care facilities located at 905 Elm Street, in Farmington, Minnesota, including the demolition of two original wings, reconstruction of 20 private rooms, reconstruction of the connecting walkway to the memory care building, and associated HVAC infrastructure improvements.

Qualified Services and Activities: health care facilities and services or revenue-producing facilities and services of organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and activities for mentally or physically disabled persons or providing social services, such as providing assistance to the poor, distressed or underprivileged.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Representatives of the Corporations have represented to the County that each Corporation is a Minnesota nonprofit corporation and organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, engaged directly or through one or more of its affiliated organizations in providing Qualified Services and Activities. The Corporations' affiliated organization involved with the operation of the Project is the Borrower; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Representatives of the Corporations have further advised the County that the Corporations desire to finance, on a tax-exempt basis, the cost of the Project. A portion of the proceeds of the Obligations will be used to fund a debt service reserve fund, pay capitalized interest and costs of issuance of the Obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That at the request of the Corporations, the Issuer has expressed its intent to finance the Project through the issuance of tax-exempt revenue obligations in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 (the Obligations); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Bond Counsel has informed representatives of the Corporations that in order for the Obligations to be issued on a tax exempt basis, and in order to comply with Minnesota laws restricting the issuance of obligations by one municipality, the County must (i) conduct a public hearing on the proposal of the Corporations to undertake the Project and (ii) consent to the issuance of the Obligations by the Issuer as described in the Cooperation Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Obligations, when, as and if issued, shall not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the County or the Issuer, and the Obligations, when, as and if issued, shall recite in substance that the Obligations, including interest thereon, are payable solely from the revenues received from the Corporations and the property pledged to the payment thereof, and shall not constitute a debt of the County or the Issuer within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners has, on March 26, 2024, held a public hearing on the proposal to undertake and finance the Project, through the issuance of the Obligations by the Issuer, at which all those appearing who desired to speak were heard and written comments were accepted, if submitted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners has approved the proposal of the Corporations to undertake and finance the Project and for the issuance of the Obligations by the Issuer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or their designee, to execute a

Cooperation Agreement with the City of Morris, Minnesota to fulfill the role of host government for Internal Revenue Service compliance, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorized the County Manager, or their designee, to execute and deliver any other documents or certificates needed from the County for the issuance of the Obligations.

Ayes: 6

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the amended Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

#### **6. County Administration - Approval of Minutes**

- 6.1** Resolution No: 24-141  
Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on March 12, 2024

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Ayes: 6

#### **7. Items Recommended By Board Committee\***

- 7.1** Resolution No: 24-142  
Authorization To Schedule Public Hearing For Dakota County Fiscal Year 2024  
Action Plan For Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment  
Partnerships, And Emergency Solutions Programs

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County is an Entitlement County for funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and a Participating Jurisdiction for the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) administers the CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs on behalf of Dakota County, thereby requiring agreements between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Dakota County for the CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds and between Dakota County and the Dakota County CDA for CDBG, ESG, and HOME program administration; and

WHEREAS, HUD further requires the development and submission of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 One-Year Action Plan that proposes allocation of the annual CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds to local governments and housing providers in the County; and

WHEREAS, CDA staff has worked with participating communities and agencies

to identify CDBG, HOME, and ESG activities for FY 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed activities for HUD funds meet the housing and community development priorities identified in the approved 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, HUD has not released the grant amounts for the three entitlement programs for FY 2024, and the draft 2024 One-Year Action Plan uses the FY 2023 approved budgets for the three programs for planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, if there are changes to the budget amounts when HUD releases the final FY 2024 grant amount, the budgets will be amended as follows: the CDBG budget generally will be increased or decreased proportionally depending on any increase or decrease to the grant amount though funding for public service activities will not exceed 15 percent of the total grant per statute; the HOME budget generally will be increased or decreased proportionally depending on any increase or decrease to the grant amount except that the budget for the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) activities will remain at 15 percent; and the HMIS and Administration activities will be increased if there is additional ESG funding, and the Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention, and Rapid Rehousing activities rapid re-housing activity budget will be decreased if ESG funds are decreased; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated Dakota County FY 2024 CDBG allocation is \$1,961,800 with \$400,000 of anticipated program income; the anticipated Dakota County FY 2024 HOME allocation is \$955,084, including program income (Consortium total of \$3,093,076); and the anticipated Dakota County FY 2024 ESG allocation is \$167,767; and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends allocating FY 2024 CDBG funds to 24 eligible activities for cities and townships, four Countywide activities, and two grant administration activities as follows: affordable housing rehab (64%), public services (15%), neighborhood revitalization (8%), planning (1%), and grant administration (12%); and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends allocating FY 2024 HOME funds to three eligible activities as follows: affordable rental housing (72%); Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) activities (14%), and grant administration (14%); and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends allocating FY 2024 ESG funds to five eligible activities as follows: emergency shelter operations (59%), rapid re-housing activities (31%), homelessness prevention activities (3%), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (0.5%), and grant administration (6.5%); and

WHEREAS, the requested public hearing is to receive comments and inform the public on the draft Dakota County 2024 One-Year Action Plan that outlines the

strategies and objectives for the proposed allocation of FY 2024 CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a public hearing for April 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN, to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2024 One-Year Action Plan, including proposed Community Development Block Grant Program activities funded with an anticipated budget of \$1,961,800, HOME Investment Partnerships Program activities funded with an anticipated budget of \$955,084, including program income (Consortium total of \$3,093,076), and Emergency Solutions Grant Program activities with an anticipated budget of \$167,767; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County staff is hereby authorized and directed to work with the Dakota County Community Development Agency to publish the public hearing notice in the *Dakota County Tribune* and the *Star Tribune*, and to post said notice on the websites of the participating cities, the Dakota County Community Development Agency website at [www.dakotacda.org](http://www.dakotacda.org) <<http://www.dakotacda.org>>, and the Dakota County website at [www.co.dakota.mn.us](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us) <<http://www.co.dakota.mn.us>>.

Ayes: 6

**7.2** Resolution No: 24-143

Authorization To Execute Amended And Restated Natural Area Conservation Easement On Estate Of Patrick McCarthy Property

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Patrick McCarthy (McCarthy) offered to donate a 29-acre natural area conservation easement (Easement), including 6.5-acre Hurley Lake, oak forest, grasslands, and 4.6 acres of agricultural fields to the County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 03-445 (September 22, 2003), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved acceptance of a donated 29-acre Easement on the McCarthy and Estate of James McCarthy property; and

WHEREAS, the Easement was recorded as Document No. 2161054 on January 7, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Easement does not match the clarity and inclusiveness of the current County natural area conservation easement language and does not include any provisions about stewardship practices for agricultural use or natural resource management; and

WHEREAS, McCarthy died in April 2023, and a personal representative (Representative) was appointed to administer his estate, including the land encumbered by the Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Representative contacted County staff to update and amend

the existing Easement to align with the County's standard Easement language and facilitate natural resource management within the Easement area; and

WHEREAS, County staff desires to work with the Representative, including development of a Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) to determine future required restoration activities and estimated costs and a Stewardship Plan for the agricultural use areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Chair to execute an amended and restated natural area conservation easement on the Estate of Patrick McCarthy property, approved as to form by the County Attorney's Office.

Ayes: 6

**7.3** Resolution No: 24-144  
Authorization To Issue Dakota County Water Wise Challenge

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, increasing population growth, continued development, and unpredictable climate patterns are all contributing factors impacting our groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, after three years of drought conditions, water usage in Dakota County has reached an all-time high, resulting in significant summer-seasonal water usage increases; and

WHEREAS, increased water usage can become a regional, long-term problem if demand for groundwater is consistently higher than aquifer recharge rates; and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2030 Dakota County Groundwater Plan, strategy 2A2, identifies promoting water conservation in cooperation with cities and large water users as a high priority; and

WHEREAS, staff propose a Dakota County Water Wise Challenge (Challenge) where residents will be encouraged to take an online Water Wise Pledge (Pledge) committing to take one or more measurable actions to reduce water usage through their daily habits; and

WHEREAS, cities can participate by promoting the Challenge and encouraging residents to take the Pledge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby issues a Dakota County Water Wise Challenge to be held from May to August 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the city with the most residents to participate in the Water Wise Pledge will receive recognition from the Dakota County Board of Commissioners at the September 24, 2024 County Board



meeting.

Ayes: 6

**7.4 Resolution No: 24-145**

Authorization For Contract Amendment With Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc. To Provide Additional Design For Greenway Trail, Memorial Nodes And Construction Administration For Veterans Memorial Greenway In Cities Of Inver Grove Heights And Eagan, And Amend 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Project Budget, County Project P00147

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with the Veterans Memorial Greenway County Project (P00147); and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Memorial Greenway project is for preliminary and final engineering, railroad coordination, and public engagement services in the cities of Inver Grove Heights and Eagan; and

WHEREAS, the County is the lead agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County utilized public engagement for this project, including public open houses, project websites, and project mailings; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-430 (September 1, 2020), the County executed a contract with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc. for preliminary and final design engineering consulting services; and

WHEREAS, County staff recognizes and recommends that the proposed additional tasks are necessary to complete the project successfully; and

WHEREAS, staff negotiated an amount of \$991,055 with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc. to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget includes sufficient funding for the Veterans Memorial Greenway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute an amendment to the contract with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc. for additional services necessary for the Veterans Memorial Greenway in an amount not to exceed \$991,055, resulting in a total amended contract not to exceed \$2,594,796 including a \$100,000 contingency, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Program is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense**VMG P00147 \$5,425,491.00**Total Expense** **\$5,425,491.00****Revenue**

VMG P00147 (Federal Congressional) \$4,995,000.00

VMG P00147 (TAA) \$ 430,491.00**Total Revenue** **\$5,425,491.00**

Ayes: 6

**7.5** Resolution No: 24-146

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With City Of Rosemount For Construction Of Rosemount Greenway: Flint Hills Park Segment

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 12-359 (July 31, 2012), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted the Rosemount Greenway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rosemount and County staff have been coordinating design development of the Flint Hills Park segment of the Rosemount Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rosemount has contributed land and will assume all project delivery costs for Flint Hills Park segment; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will reimburse the City of Rosemount for construction costs associated with the Flint Hills Park not to exceed \$508,200; and

WHEREAS, sufficient revenues are available in the Greenway Collaborative set aside in the 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, a Supplemental Maintenance Agreement will be prepared prior to Dakota County assuming ongoing maintenance and operations, which will occur when the greenway is completed between Downtown and Flint Hills 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 Rosemount to reimburse the City for costs associated with the development of the regional greenway within Flint Hills Park for the period of April 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director, or their designee, to execute a supplemental maintenance agreement with the City of Rosemount to establish ongoing maintenance and operations responsibilities for the

Rosemount Greenway.

Ayes: 6

**7.6 Resolution No: 24-147**

Authorization To Execute Professional Services Contract With ALLiiANCE For Empire Maintenance Facility Redevelopment

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the 2024-2028 Facilities Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes a project to expand the existing cold storage building at the Empire Maintenance Facility campus; and

WHEREAS, due to changing needs and new information, staff proposes to expand the project scope to reconfirm the programmatic needs for the County's staff, fleet maintenance, and equipment storage facilities for the Transportation, Fleet Management, Facilities Maintenance, and Sheriff's Departments for the short and long term, factoring in anticipated growth through the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, once programmatic needs are confirmed, concept options will be developed to accommodate all needs through building renovations, expansions, or new building construction at the Empire Maintenance Facility campus; and

WHEREAS, a selected concept option will be developed and estimated through the schematic design phase, then presented to the County Board for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, this expanded scope of work includes professional design services; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was prepared and issued to the public on January 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, six Proposal Responses were received on February 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, following the Proposal Response evaluations, staff invited three consultant firms to interview for this project on March 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, following the interviews, staff reached a unanimous decision to recommend ALLiiANCE as the consultant firm to provide the specified professional design services for this project; and

WHEREAS, ALLiiANCE has submitted a total fee proposal of \$139,050 for professional design services; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist within the 2024 Facilities CIP Adopted Budget for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Parks, Facilities, and Fleet Management Director to execute a professional services contract with ALLiiANCE 400 Clifton Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55403 to provide professional design services for the Empire Maintenance Facility Redevelopment, in an amount not to exceed \$139,050, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

**7.7 Resolution No: 24-148**

Authorization To Execute Contract With Native Resource Preservation, LLC For Lebanon Hills Woodland Vegetation Management

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-274 (May 9, 2017), the County Board adopted the Dakota County Natural Resource Management System Plan (NRMSP); and

WHEREAS, the NRMSP identifies the need to maintain restored areas perpetually to protect the initial investment made to restore the area; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, the County issued a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the Lebanon Hills Woodland Vegetation Management project; and

WHEREAS, Native Resource Preservation LLC submitted the lowest responsive and responsible quote for base and alternative tasks; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ stipulated that the initial contract term would expire March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ stipulated that the contract could be extended one term through March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ stipulated that the total contract amount would be set up as not to exceed \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available within the 2024 Adopted Parks Natural Resources Base Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing the contract with Native Resource Preservation LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with Native Resource Preservation, LLC for the Lebanon Hills Woodland Vegetation Management project to manage restored woodland areas of Lebanon Hills Regional Park through March 31, 2025, with the option to extend the contract through March 31, 2026, in a total amount not to exceed \$175,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

**7.8** Resolution No: 24-149

Authorization To Execute Contract With Native Resource Preservation, LLC For Lake Byllesby Regional Park Vegetation Management

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-274 (May 9, 2017), the County Board adopted the Dakota County Natural Resource Management System Plan (NRMSP); and

WHEREAS, the NRMSP identifies the need to maintain restored areas perpetually to protect the initial investment made to restore the area; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2024, the County issued a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for the Lake Byllesby Regional Park Vegetation Management project; and

WHEREAS, Native Resource Preservation, LLC submitted the lowest responsive and responsible quote for base and alternative tasks; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ stipulated that the initial contract term would expire December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ stipulated that the contract could be extended one term through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ stipulated that the total contract amount would be set up as not to exceed \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, adequate funds are available within the 2024 Adopted Parks Natural Resources Base Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing the contract with Native Resource Preservation, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with Native Resource Preservation, LLC for the Lake Byllesby Regional Park Vegetation Management project to manage restored areas of Lake Byllesby Regional Park through December 31, 2025, with the option to extend the contract through December 31, 2026, in a total amount not to exceed \$175,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

**7.9** Resolution No: 24-150

Authorization To Award Bid And Execute Contract With Rochon Corporation To Provide General Contractor Services For Construction Of Lebanon Hills Maintenance Facility

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the 2023 Maintenance Facility Optimization Study recommended the construction of a new maintenance facility within Lebanon Hills Regional Park and the demolition of the existing failing structures; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-170 (April 11, 2023), staff was authorized to enter into a contract with UrbanWorks Architecture LLC for the completion of this schematic design, and by Resolution No. 23-381 (August 29, 2023), the schematic design of the project was approved; and

WHEREAS, the County contracted with UrbanWorks Architecture LLC to prepare final design documents, which were completed in February 2024; and

WHEREAS, eleven competitive bids were received on March 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Rochon Corporation submitted a bid of \$14,333,000; and

WHEREAS, staff and UrbanWorks Architecture LLC reviewed the qualifications of the bidder and recommend award to Rochon Corporation as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$14,333,000 for the Lebanon Hills Maintenance Facility Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Parks, Facilities, and Fleet Management Director to execute a contract with Rochon Corporation, 28 2nd Street NW #200, Osseo, MN 55369, in an amount not to exceed \$14,333,000 for the Lebanon Hills Maintenance Facility Project.

Ayes: 6

**7.10** Resolution No: 24-151

Authorization To Enter Into Purchase Agreement And Joint Powers Agreement With Dakota County Community Development Agency To Acquire And Manage Property In City Of Hastings

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-767 (October 29, 2019), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the Vermillion River Hastings Greenway (Greenway) Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Greenway Master Plan includes a section of the Vermillion River between State Highway 61 and General Sieben Drive in the City of Hastings (City); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-568 (November 17, 2022), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the Land Conservation Plan for Dakota County (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes the Vermillion River as one of 24 Conservation Focus Areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the County Board approved the 2022-2026 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, which included acquisition of right of way (ROW) and improvements at the intersection of Pleasant Avenue and County Highway 46 as County Project (CP) 46-50; and

WHEREAS, County staff identified a 9.97-acre property for sale located on the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Pleasant Avenue and County Highway 46 (Property) as having multiple County benefits, including a 5.02-acre Greenway Corridor that includes 600 feet of the Vermillion River, a segment of the future Greenway trail, facilitates a tunnel beneath Pleasant Avenue, and acquiring additional ROW for planned transportation improvements adjacent to Pleasant Avenue and County Highway 46 as CP 46-50 included in the approved 2024-28 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) is a public corporate and politic and political subdivision of the State having housing and redevelopment authority powers which allows it to acquire property for future residential development and sell non-development portions of acquired property; and

WHEREAS, County staff contacted the CDA to discuss their potential interest in acquiring the Property for future residential development and selling non-development portions of the Property to the County; and

WHEREAS, the CDA was interested in cooperating with the County and willing to acquire the Property for future residential development and supportive of selling portions of the Property for a new Greenway Corridor and additional ROW to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County, in coordination with the CDA, appraised and negotiated the purchase price of the Property with the former Property owner; and

WHEREAS, the CDA acquired the Property for \$395,000 on August 18, 2023, for slightly less than the appraised value and is willing to sell 5.02 acres of the Property to the County for a Greenway Corridor at the \$138,000 appraised value and sell 0.87 acres of the Property for additional ROW at the \$53,000 appraised value; and

WHEREAS, the estimated closing costs are \$2,000; and

WHEREAS, the CDA has been working with the City to re-plat the property to facilitate County and CDA ownership of different portions of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the County and the CDA have agreed to evenly split the recently certified city road assessments totaling \$6,750 for an additional County cost of

\$3,375; and

WHEREAS, a purchase agreement with the CDA is required for the County to acquire portions of the Property for the Greenway Corridor and existing and additional ROW from the CDA; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement with the CDA is required for the County to restore and manage the CDA-retained portion of the Property until that portion of the Property is developed or sold for development; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council (MC) staff has determined that the Greenway Corridor is eligible for 75 percent Acquisition Opportunity Fund (AOF) grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Parks CIP budget includes adequate fund balance for the 25 percent County match required by the MC AOF program and to pay for the restoration expenses; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Transportation CIP budget includes adequate fund balance for acquiring the ROW; and

WHEREAS, partial acquisition funding provided by the MC requires that the County Board Chair execute and the County record an Agreement and Restrictive Covenant on the property being acquired by the County for regional greenway purposes; and

WHEREAS, the final acquisition costs of the CDA property will be determined after the settlement statement is finalized and all associated acquisition expenses have been invoiced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of up \$196,375 to acquire 5.02 acres for a Greenway Corridor which will include a future segment of the Vermillion River Hastings Greenway; to acquire existing right of way; and 0.87 acres of additional right of way necessary for future transportation improvements to County Road 46 and Pleasant Avenue in the City of Hastings; and to pay for recently certified road assessments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Board of Commissioners authorize the Physical Development Director to execute a purchase agreement with the Dakota County Community Development Agency to acquire property from the Community Development Agency and to execute a joint powers agreement with the Dakota County Community Development Agency to restore and manage the CDA-retained portion of the property, approved as to form by the County Attorney's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of an Acquisition Opportunity Fund grant



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request to the Metropolitan Council for funding to acquire the Greenway Corridor and associated costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair to execute an Agreement and Restrictive Covenant with the Metropolitan Council that is required when partial acquisition funding is provided by the Metropolitan Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following acquisition of the Greenway Corridor, staff will submit the necessary forms and documentation to the Metropolitan Council to receive approximately \$105,000 of reimbursement funds which will be returned to the 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Program.

Ayes: 6

**7.11** Resolution No: 24-152

Authorization To Execute Agreement With And Accept Grant Funds From Department of Natural Resources And Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Inver Grove Heights For LED Lighting On Rock Island Swing Bridge And Amend 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance bill awarded Dakota County \$458,000 through a Department of Natural Resources grant program to fund improvements to the Swing Bridge Trailhead and historic Rock Island Swing Bridge along the Mississippi River Greenway, including LED lighting; and

WHEREAS, a State funding source reduces the burden on local taxpayers for regional improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Inver Grove Heights owns and operates the historic Rock Island Swing Bridge and will lead the installation of LED lighting, providing a regional draw to the site along the Mississippi River Greenway; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will act as fiscal agent in the distribution of Department of Natural Resources grant funds to the City of Inver Grove Heights, via reimbursement of work completed, for LED light installation at the Rock Island Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the execution of the Department of Natural Resources grant agreement and acceptance of the grant funds for the installation of LED lighting on the Rock Island Swing Bridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Inver Grove Heights for construction of LED lighting on the Rock Island Swing Bridge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense**

Reimbursement to IGH for LED Lighting \$458,000

**Total Expense** **\$458,000**

**Revenue**

State DNR Funding \$458,000

**Total Revenue** **\$458,000**

Ayes: 6

**7.12** Resolution No: 24-153

Authorization To Execute Contract With Kimley-Horn And Associates, Inc. For Preliminary Engineering Professional Services On County State Aid Highway 26, Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Inver Grove Heights And Authorization To Amend 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program, County Projects 26-60 And 26-68

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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-lane 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 January 16, 2024, to complete preliminary engineering for both projects; and

WHEREAS, four responses were received from qualified proposers; and

WHEREAS, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. 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 and Associates, Inc. for preliminary engineering consulting services for County Project 26-60 and County Project 26-68 for actual costs not to exceed \$518,380; and

WHEREAS, A joint powers agreement with the City of Inver Grove Heights is necessary to allow for cost-sharing and oversight of the required preliminary engineering work; 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 preliminary 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 Physical Development Director to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to complete preliminary engineering services necessary to advance the design and construction of improvements to 70th Street in Inver Grove Heights in an amount not to exceed \$518,380, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Inver Grove Heights to govern the preliminary design of County Projects 26-60 and 26-68; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

<b>Expense</b>	
Consulting Services For County Project 26-060	\$15,000
Consulting Services For County Project 26-068	<u>\$115,000</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>
 <b>Revenue</b>	
County State Aid Highway Fund	<u>\$130,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>

Ayes: 6

- 7.13** Resolution No: 24-154  
Authorization To Execute First Amendment To Contract With S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. And Amend 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget In Cities Of Inver Grove Heights And Eagan, County Projects 26-54, 63-27

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) is constructing County Project 26-54 and County Project 63-27 in the City of Inver Grove Heights and City of Eagan (Cities); and

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, the County and the Cities have proceeded with County Project 26-54 and County Project 63-27; and

WHEREAS, County Project 26-54 will expand approximately two miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 26 (Lone Oak Road in Eagan, 70th Street in Inver Grove Heights) from Trunk Highway (TH) 55 to TH 3 from an existing two-lane roadway rural section to a four-lane divided urban roadway; and

WHEREAS, County Project 63-27 will construct on a new alignment CSAH 63 (Argenta Trail) from CSAH 28 (Amana Trail) north to 65th Street and from 65th Street to old Argenta Trail (CSAH 63) to the north of CSAH 26; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2021, Dakota County awarded the bid and executed a contract with S.M. Hentges & Sons Inc. for \$24,776,465.25; and

WHEREAS, the project is now substantially complete with only minor items of work and turf establishment remaining; and

WHEREAS, the construction contract has cost increases of \$1,121,450 or 4.5 percent over the original contract amount; and

WHEREAS, the primary component of the cost increase is fuel escalation in the amount of \$525,000; and

WHEREAS, construction cost increases include additional costs for excavation, grading, and hauling around existing utilities, installing additional select granular borrow at storm ponds, potholing around existing utilities, density incentive, and a quantity overrun on aggregate base; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorizing a contract amendment with S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,121,450 for construction cost increases and authorizing a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,121,450.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a first amendment to the contract with S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,121,450 for increased costs, resulting in a total amount of \$25,897,915.25 for County Projects 26-54 and 63-27, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Transportation Capital

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Improvement Plan Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense**

County Projects 26-54 and 63-27	<u>\$1,121,450</u>
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>\$1,121,450</u></b>
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**Revenue**

Transportation Fund	<u>\$1,121,450</u>
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$1,121,450</u></b>
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Ayes: 6

**7.14** Resolution No: 24-155

Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment With Brink's U.S., A Division Of Brink's Incorporated, Delaware, For Armored Transportation Services

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County is currently contracted with Brink's U.S. for armored transportation services; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends contracting with Brink's U.S. for a three-year term, with an option to renew for up to two additional one-year terms through February 28, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the County will be invoiced on a monthly basis per the negotiated rates as set forth in the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director to amend the contract with the armored transportation services contract with Brink's U.S., A Division of Brink's Incorporated, Delaware in the amount of \$240,000, for a three-year term through February 28, 2025, with an option to renew for up to two additional one-year terms through February 28, 2027, for a total contract amount of \$430,400, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

**7.15** Resolution No: 24-156

Authorization To Execute Contract With Collaborative Safety, LLC For Safety Training

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, promoting the safety and well-being of staff and the people we serve is a priority for the Community Services Division (CSD); and

WHEREAS, to support this work, the CSD seeks approval to contract with Collaborative Safety, LLC in a total not to exceed amount of \$204,000, for the period upon date of execution through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Safety, LLC will provide a series of structured trainings and coaching to CSD staff and leaders aimed at building and maintaining a culture of safety throughout the division using the Collaborative Safety Model; and

WHEREAS, founded in Safety Science, the Collaborative Safety Model helps organizations move away from using reactionary approaches to fix things that go wrong because evidence suggests such approaches may make people and organizations less safe; and

WHEREAS, instead, the Collaborative Safety Model emphasizes the importance of understanding and addressing underlying systemic issues that contribute to poor outcomes or safety incidents; and

WHEREAS, it focuses on understanding how staff make decisions in an organizational setting as well as understanding how managers and supervisors shape employee performance to achieve successful outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Safety, LLC is the only vendor staff was able to identify that offers comprehensive training on the application of safety science within human services organizations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract with Collaborative Safety, LLC is being pursued as a single source procurement with pricing determined to be fair and reasonable through validation with the Minnesota Department of Health and other Minnesota county agencies that have contracted with the same vendor for similar scope; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the contract with Collaborative Safety, LLC will support a series of trainings and ongoing technical assistance for approximately 125 CSD supervisors, managers and senior leaders who will champion the shift toward a culture of safety across the CSD and help support and sustain it going forward through the application of safety science and specialized techniques such as system mapping and systemic critical incident reviews; and

WHEREAS, additionally, a sub-set of this group will be coached by experts from Collaborative Safety, LLC through the process of designing and implementing a more robust approach to supporting staff after they experience critical safety incidents in the course of their work; and

WHEREAS, this is a particularly important and timely investment because of the increasing volume of safety concerns expressed by CSD staff who are regularly exposed to potentially threatening or traumatic incidents due to the nature of their work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Collaborative Safety, LLC for a total not to exceed amount of

\$204,000, for the period upon date of execution through December 31, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount(s) due.

Ayes: 6

**7.16** Resolution No: 24-157

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement For Community Corrections Access To Minnesota Department Of Public Safety Criminal Justice Data Communications Network

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) is authorized by law to maintain systems and tools and has access to other systems and tools that are useful to criminal and non-criminal justice agencies in the performance of official duties; and

WHEREAS, the BCA has established the Criminal Justice Data Communications Network (CJDN) for the purpose of enabling agencies across the State of Minnesota to access such systems and tools; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-042 (January 22, 2019), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a joint powers agreement (JPA) with the BCA to utilize CJDN from date of execution for a period of five years at a total annual cost of \$3,720; and

WHEREAS, Community Corrections recommends renewing the JPA to enable the use of the systems and tools available over the State's CJDN for which Community Corrections is eligible; and

WHEREAS, the JPA would provide Community Corrections with access to such systems and tools that benefit criminal justice agencies in performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, the JPA further provides the ability to add, modify, and delete connectivity, systems and tools for a period of five years from the date of execution at a total annual cost of \$3,720.

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

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for access to Minnesota Department of Public Safety Criminal Justice Data Communications Network from the date of execution for a period of five years at a total annual cost of \$3,720, or until completion by the parties of their respective obligations under the joint powers agreement, whichever occurs first, unless earlier terminated by law or according to the provisions of the joint powers agreement, substantially as presented to the Community Services Committee of the Whole on March, 19, 2024, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

**7.17 Resolution No: 24-158**

Approval To Submit Community Corrections 2023-2027 Comprehensive Plan To Minnesota Department Of Corrections

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Community Corrections Act, passed by the Minnesota State Legislature in 1973, authorizes the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) to issue subsidy funding to assist counties in the development, implementation and operation of community-based correctional services; and

WHEREAS, the Community Corrections Act requires participating counties to submit a comprehensive plan to the DOC for approval; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is first, to demonstrate to the Commissioner of Corrections compliance with the standards established by the Community Corrections Act, and policies and procedures governing the services prescribed by the Commissioner and second, to demonstrate to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners the efforts of the Community Corrections Department to meet its mission to transform lives, promote equity and increase community safety; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-585 (December 14, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the 2022-2025 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for submission to the DOC; and

WHEREAS, since then, changes to funding resulted in the DOC requiring all counties to submit a new plan, in a new (reduced) format for the years 2023-2027, aligning plan dates for all counties; and

WHEREAS, the data required in the plan is through 2022 and was already reported and approved by the Board in the last Comprehensive Plan submission; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2027 Comprehensive Plan, created from portions of the previous plan, updates the DOC on the programs and services of the Dakota



County Community Corrections department, and outlines the goals and strategies for 2023 through 2027 for correctional services; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Corrections 2023-2027 Comprehensive Plan, which has been preliminarily reviewed by the DOC, will be submitted to the Commissioner of DOC upon approval by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the final copy will be on file with the Clerk to the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2023-2027 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for submission to the Minnesota Department of Corrections and Commissioner of Corrections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Corrections Department shall make the Plan available, upon request, to the residents of Dakota County.

Ayes: 6

**7.18** Resolution No: 24-159

Ratification To Accept Funds For Minnesota Family Investment Program With Minnesota Department Of Human Services, And Authorization To Execute Biennial Service Agreement And Approve Public Comment Process

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §256J.626, subd.4, requires counties to have an approved service agreement to receive consolidated funds; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of this service agreement is to assess statewide efforts toward the goal of “economic stability for low-income families” under the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP); and

WHEREAS, the agreement assesses the ongoing needs of families and children within program areas, the resources available to address these needs, budgeting of allocated resources, and community participation and review in the planning and development of the service agreement; and

WHEREAS, staff presented an initial overview of the plan to the Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 Service Agreement builds upon existing efforts by counties to serve the needs of families and children, and to assess how well current efforts are leading to better outcomes for Minnesota families; and

WHEREAS, counties use MFIP Consolidated Fund to administer MFIP financial assistance, the Diversionary Work Program, deliver Minnesota Family Investment Program and Divisionary Work Program employment services, and provide emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS, as required by DHS, Employment and Economic Assistance provided an opportunity for public comment through an online public posting on Dakota County's website, available for comment for thirty days prior to the submission of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County did not receive any public comments as a result and the announcement closed for comments on March 9, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners ratifies acceptance of funds from the Minnesota Family Investment Program with the Minnesota Department of Human Services in an amount not to exceed \$9,045,450 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute the Biennial Service Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$9,045,450 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the process for public comment, as required by DHS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

**7.19** Resolution No: 24-160

Authorization To Accept Grant Funds From Minnesota Department Of Health For Foundational Public Health Responsibilities Grant, Execute Grant Agreement, Add 1.0 Grant-Funded, Full-Time Equivalent And Amend 2024 Public Health Budget

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) adopted the

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Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) National Framework for Foundational Public Health Services  
<<https://phaboard.org/center-for-innovation/public-health-frameworks/the-foundational-public-health-services/>>, which outlines the unique responsibilities of governmental public health and defines a minimum package of capabilities and programs that must be available in every community; and

WHEREAS, this framework will allow Public Health to explain the vital role of governmental public health in a thriving community, identify capacity and resource gaps, determine the cost for assuring foundational activities, and justify funding needs; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations are the minimum capabilities and services; however, to best serve our community, additional services may be required; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive cost and capacity assessment was completed across Minnesota to understand the gaps in the public health services and capabilities and the assessment showed significant disparities between local health departments in promoting, protecting, and preventing disease; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 session, the Minnesota Legislature allocated funds to local community health boards to fulfill foundational public health responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, this ongoing, annual funding is a legislative component of the Local Public Health Grant (LPHG) defined by Minn. Stat. §145A.131 but is to be used specifically to strengthen local and tribal public health departments; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health (PH) was awarded \$146,832 from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for foundational public health responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, community health boards must provide a match of at least 75 percent of the new foundational public health responsibilities funding, as is required for the Local Public Health Grant (LPHG) and Dakota County is currently meeting this requirement at no additional funding required; and

WHEREAS, PH plans to utilize this funding to add a 1.0 grant-funded full-time equivalent (FTE) Environmental Health Supervisor to create infrastructure to support an environmental health program that can respond to the increasing needs of our population as suggested in the April 2023 Office of Planning and Analysis (OPA) Environmental Health Program review; and

WHEREAS, additional capacity will also be used to create a strategic approach to the partnership between Environmental Health and Environmental Resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept

the grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for the Foundational Public Health Responsibilities grant in the amount of \$146,832 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute the grant agreement for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to extend the grant term up to two years after initial expiration date, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents, consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to add a 1.0 grant-funded, full-time equivalent Environmental Health Supervisor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Public Health budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Revenue**

MDH Grant Revenue	<u>\$146,832</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$146,832</b>

**Expense**

Staff Expense	<u>\$146,832</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$146,832</b>

Ayes: 6

**7.20 Resolution No: 24-161**

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Farmington For Wellness Initiatives Funded Through Minnesota Department of Health Statewide Health Improvement Partnership

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP), which

invests in preventing chronic disease, is overseen by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and is administered by local public and tribal health partners; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health receives an annual grant allocation through MDH to coordinate and fund SHIP strategies; and

WHEREAS, human milk is an infant's first source of healthy nutrition, which supports lifelong positive public health outcomes for both mother and child and an employer is an important support system in achieving sustained lactation goals; and

WHEREAS, adequate lactation accommodations via an employer are a federal legal requirement, but limited resources exist to support employers in accessing technical assistance and other resources to meet this mandate; and

WHEREAS, this initiative with the City of Farmington will support the development of two lactation spaces for Farmington Fire and Rescue employees and other residents that may need to utilize a lactation space; and

WHEREAS, the initiative will include technical assistance in policy, systems, and environmental change to better serve the needs of new parents; and

WHEREAS, SHIP supports community-driven solutions to achieve four main goals including increasing physical activity, improving access to healthy foods, improving mental wellbeing, and reducing the use of, and exposure to, tobacco; and

WHEREAS, SHIP specifically supports and funds community neighborhood organizations, school districts and childcare organizations, health care settings, and other government worksites in wellness policy, systems, and environmental change initiatives; and

WHEREAS, for the past several years, grants have been awarded through a contract process with grantees and this year Dakota County will enter into a JPA for wellness initiatives via the SHIP grant with City of Farmington for Farmington Fire & Rescue Worksite Wellness Lactation Support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of Farmington for worksite wellness lactation support, for the term upon execution of the joint powers agreement through October 31, 2025, with a total agreement amount not to exceed \$4,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

**7.21** Resolution No: 24-162

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With Cities In Dakota County To Support Eligible Opioid Settlement Activities And Amend 2024 Non-Departmental Budget

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Laurie Halverson

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and discussed during the Regular Agenda. Revised resolution language was presented and voted on. The amended language reflects the new formula allocation that changes from per capita to formula-based allocation.

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2023, Dakota County Public Health held a board workshop to discuss next steps related to the opioid response and as a part of that meeting, Public Health requested the consideration of up to \$195,000 for cities in Dakota County with populations between 10,000 and 30,000 to support eligible activities in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) funded through the National Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the MOA, Dakota County will draw from special revenue funds as follows:

1. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.
  2. The budget or resolution must (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditures of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or city intends to fund, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to identify each funded strategy, if applicable; and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time
- ; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the MOA Section III. D, Dakota County may grant Opioid Settlement Funds to another entity for that entity to fund one or more strategies stated in the MOA Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is ultimately responsible for monitoring and tracking the use of the funds it grants to satisfy its reporting obligations; and

WHEREAS, staff requests authorization to enter into joint powers agreements (JPA)s with the cities of Farmington, Hastings, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul, for terms effective upon execution of each JPA through July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, staff requests authorization to allocate up to \$195,000 of opioid

settlement funds from the 2024 Non-Departmental Budget for reimbursement for eligible activities in accordance with the MOA; and

WHEREAS, city Funding Totals are based on U.S. Census data estimations on July 1, 2019, and distributions are as follows:

City of Farmington	\$36,742
City of Hastings	\$36,417
City of Mendota Heights	\$18,049
City of Rosemount	\$40,110
City of South St. Paul	\$31,920
City of West St. Paul	\$31,762

; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will disburse the funds upon receiving documentation of the cost, authorized opioid remediation use, and a resolution from the applicable city council specifically identifying the remediation strategy(ies) and associated item letter/number from MOA Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute joint powers agreements with the cities of Farmington, Hastings, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul to support eligible activities in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement funded through the National Opioid Settlement Funds for a combined total amount of up to \$195,000, for terms effective upon execution of each joint powers agreement through July 1, 2026, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form, with total not to exceed amounts as follows:

City of Farmington	\$36,742
City of Hastings	\$36,417
City of Mendota Heights	\$18,049
City of Rosemount	\$40,110
City of South St. Paul	\$31,920
City of West St. Paul	\$31,762

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an amendment to the 2024 Non-Departmental Budget to allocate up to \$195,000 of opioid settlement funds for reimbursement to cities with populations between 10,000 and 30,000 for eligible activities in accordance with the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, for terms effective upon execution of each joint powers agreement through July 1, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County will disburse the Opioid

Settlement Funds only upon receiving documentation of the cost, authorized opioid remediation use, and a resolution from the applicable city council specifically identifying the remediation strategy(ies) and associated item letter/number from the Amended Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Non-Departmental budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense**

Eligible City Expenses	<u>\$195,000</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>

**Revenue**

Opioid Settlement Funds	<u>\$195,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$195,000</b>

Ayes: 6

**7.22** Resolution No: 24-163

Authorization To Accept Additional Grant Funds For Local Homeless Prevention Aid With Minnesota Department Of Revenue, Execute Contract Amendment For Prevention Activities And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the purpose of Local Homeless Prevention Aid (LHPA), a new funding source that began in July 2023, is to help local governments ensure no child is homeless by keeping families from losing housing and helping those experiencing homelessness find housing; and

WHEREAS, funding is distributed to counties as an allocation from the Minnesota Department of Revenue (MDR), with the first allocation on July 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, funding is designated for five years and the annual amount is subject to change; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County was notified that it will receive \$144,163 in additional funds for year one; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-279 (June 20, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized acceptance of LHPA grant funds and execution of contracts with The Link and 360 Communities; and

WHEREAS, staff requests authorization to accept additional funds from MDR in the amount of \$144,163 and execute a contract amendment with 360 Communities to add an additional \$144,163 for a new total not to exceed



contract amount of \$649,000 for the term upon execution through June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept Local Homeless Prevention Aid (LHPA) grant funds in the amount of \$144,163 from the Minnesota Department of Revenue for the term upon execution through June 30, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract amendment with 360 Communities for Local Homeless Prevention Aid services to add \$144,163 for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$649,000 for the term upon execution through June 30, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The 2024 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense**

Social Services Budget	<u>\$144,163</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$144,163</b>

**Revenue**

LHPA Grant Funds	<u>\$144,163</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$144,163</b>

Ayes: 6

**7.23** Resolution No: 24-164

Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment For Street Outreach Services With Ally Supportive Services, LLC

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Housing section of Social Services provides both in-house and contracted services across the services continuum; and

WHEREAS, the contracted services include street outreach, intake and assessment, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and housing search and stability services for people experiencing homelessness in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-471 (October 24, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a street outreach contract with Ally Supportive Services, LLC in the amount of \$102,000 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) funding for street outreach for adults experiencing homelessness decreased significantly starting in the third quarter of 2023 due to the elimination and/or reduction of current Community Living Infrastructure (CLI) grants by DHS, even as the number of people experiencing homelessness has remained at historic highs; and

WHEREAS, to continue street outreach services, staff recommends amending the contract with Ally Supportive Services, LLC to increase the contract amount by \$100,000 for a new total not to exceed contract amount of \$202,000 through December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract amendment for street outreach services with Ally Supportive Services, LLC to increase the contract amount by \$100,000 for a new total not to exceed contract amount of \$202,000 through December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due.

Ayes: 6

- 7.24** Resolution No: 24-165  
Ratification Of Grant Application To Minnesota Housing Finance Agency For Family Homelessness Prevention And Assistance Program Funds And Authorization To Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement And Related Contracts, And Amend 2024 Social Services Budget

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature established the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) in 1993 to assist families with children, youth and single adults who are homeless or are at imminent risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, FHPAP grant funding may be administered by counties in the metro area who, in turn, may sub-grant some or all funds to other entities; and

WHEREAS, funding is awarded through a competitive grant application process with predetermined criteria in four categories: planning, project design, program capacity/performance and need; and

WHEREAS, an advisory committee was established to assist in preparing the project proposal and the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Affordable Housing Coalition (AHC) acts as the FHPAP Advisory Committee and a community-based subcommittee has been established by the AHC to help inform project direction and priorities; and

WHEREAS, for the 2023-2025 biennium, a request for proposals for subcontractors was issued on February 7, 2023, as required by county procurement policies; and

WHEREAS, three responses were received and three subgrantees, Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency (CAP Agency), 360 Communities, and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) were selected to serve homeless and at-risk families, single adults and youth; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-164 (April 25, 2023), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized submission of the FHPAP grant application, acceptance of grant funds, and execution of grant agreement and related contracts; and

WHEREAS, for the upcoming biennium, staff requests ratification to submit another grant application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the FHPAP grant in the amount up to \$3,000,000; and

WHEREAS, this amount includes up to \$3,000,000 for the three recommended contracted subgrantees, and up to 15 percent for administrative costs for the contract term beginning upon contract execution through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, staff recommends execution of contracts with the CAP Agency, 360 Communities, and the YMCA for a combined total amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the contract term beginning upon contract execution through September 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the submission of the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) grant application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for up to \$3,000,000 with contract terms beginning upon contract execution through September 30, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept grant funds and execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency in the amount awarded for the grant term beginning upon grant execution through September 30, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contracts with Scott-Carver-Dakota Community Action Partnership Agency, 360 Communities, and the Young Men's Christian Association for a combined amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the contract terms beginning upon contract execution through September 30, 2025, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contracts amount and the contract terms up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if awarded, the 2024 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense**

Social Services Budget	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

**Revenue**

FHPAP Grant	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

Ayes: 6

- 7.25** Resolution No: 24-166  
Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment With Behavioral Dimensions Inc.  
For In-Home And Community-Based Services

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the work of Children and Family Services requires access to in-home and community-based services for children, youth, and families, whether in addressing child protection issues, children's mental health needs, truancy, or youth transitioning from the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Act, specifically Minn. Stat. § 245.4874, subd. 1, requires county boards to develop a system of affordable and locally available children's mental health services based on a local service delivery system detailed in Minn. Stat. § 245.4875, subd. 2; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral Dimensions Inc. currently provides Intensive Behavioral Specialist programming for Dakota County children who meet Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) eligibility, up to age 18, who have frequent behavioral health crises and are unable to access most services due to frequent and/or severe episodes of unsafe behavior; and

WHEREAS, Behavioral Dimensions Inc. has also recently agreed to provide a limited number of crisis diagnostic assessments for children who are boarding in hospital emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, this additional service will help move children out of hospital emergency rooms much more quickly and get them the services they need sooner; and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Dimensions Inc. contract was effective on January 1, 2023 and will expire on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting a contract amendment to increase the not to exceed amount from \$75,000 to \$200,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract amendment with Behavioral Health Inc. for In-Home and Community-Based Services to increase the not to exceed amount to \$200,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the contract amount and the contract term up to one year after initial expiration date, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level

sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

Ayes: 6

**7.26** Resolution No: 24-167

Update On Aspen House And Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-105 (March 8, 2022), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the purchase and renovation of a property in Mendota Heights to be used as a children's residential facility providing short term housing and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-110 (March 22, 2022), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved Nexus Family Healing, a non-profit with nearly 50 years of experience providing mental health and residential services to children and families, to operate this facility; and

WHEREAS, this project began in 2019, when Washington and Dakota counties partnered to address the gap in services created when Harbor Shelter closed its Hastings youth shelter; and

WHEREAS, the counties sought to replace this resource for children and families in crisis and enhance the therapeutic programming provided at the facility; and

WHEREAS, the purchase and remodeling of the Aspen House property was funded by approximately \$2,150,000 in American Rescue Plan funds with \$1,750,000 from Dakota County and \$400,000 from Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Aspen House, which opened in October 2022, provides short-term housing for up to 90 days for up to 12 residents, ages 12-18; and

WHEREAS, county mobile crisis response, juvenile justice, child protection, and children's mental health teams utilize this program when youth temporarily need a safe place to stay away from home while service professionals (social workers, probation officers, therapists) work on reunification or longer-term solutions for the family; and

WHEREAS, the services and programming at Aspen House include family engagement, maintaining family and cultural connections, family therapy, transition planning, and psychoeducation; and

WHEREAS, educational services are provided on-site in partnership with Independent School District 197; and

WHEREAS, Nexus Family Healing is requesting an additional reimbursement for year one expenditures in the amount of \$181,000 for items that were not covered in the initial per diem rate; and

WHEREAS, this includes added food cost, new hire expenses, building and grounds maintenance, and outpatient therapy services that were incurred in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the additional reimbursement amount is being proposed to our partner, Washington County Social Services, to pay one third of the cost, which would be the following payment if agreed upon:

- Dakota County Social Services: \$60,333.50
- Dakota County Community Corrections: \$60,333.50
- Washington County Social Services (if agreed upon): \$60,333.00

; and

WHEREAS, a contract amendment is requested to the Nexus Family Healing contract adding an additional reimbursement payment of \$181,000 and increasing the per diem rate by \$102.68 beginning January 1, 2024 increasing the rates to the following:

- Dakota County and Washington County: \$481.08
- Other Counties (+35%): \$649.46

; and

WHEREAS, the current not to exceed amount for the full term of the contract, July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, is \$2,196,908, which is sufficient to cover the requested amendments noted above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute an amendment to the Nexus Family Healing contract adding an additional reimbursement payment of \$181,000 and increasing the per diem rate by \$102.68 beginning January 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due.

Ayes: 6

## **8. County Board/County Administration**

### **8.1 2023 Gift Acceptance Report**

Information only; no action requested.

### **8.2 Resolution No: 24-168**

Approval Of County Manager Position Profile To Fill Pending County Manager Vacancy

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, based on recommendations by staff and feedback from the County Board, two vendors were selected to assist the County Board with the County Manager search process; and

WHEREAS, Dave Unmacht was selected to conduct the first phase of the process which involves gathering information from the County Board and staff to identify, among other things, information required for the position profile and criteria for candidate assessment; and

WHEREAS, this information has been provided to David Drown and Associates (DDA), which was selected to conduct the rest of the search process; and

WHEREAS, DDA has used this information to develop a proposed Dakota County Manager position profile; and

WHEREAS, the position profile will be used to advertise the position and recruit prospective candidates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Dakota County Employee Relations Director and David Drown and Associates to use the proposed Dakota County Manager Position Profile for the purposes of recruiting candidates for the pending Dakota County Manager vacancy.

Ayes: 6

## **9. Enterprise Finance and Information Services**

### **9.1 Report On Invoices Paid In February 2024**

Information only; no action requested.

### **9.2 Resolution No: 24-169**

Authorization To Execute Contract For Senior Project Manager To Lead Unified Communications Project

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County has a need for senior project management services to lead the Unified Communication Project, controlling all that has to be done from Dakota County's point of view; and

WHEREAS, professional services are required to ensure the successful implementation of the Unified Communications Project due to the resignation of the Senior Project Manager currently managing the project; and

WHEREAS, On-Demand Services Group, Inc, has the means to provide the required senior project management services that best meets the County's needs; and



WHEREAS, the Information Technology department has a consulting budget available in 2024 to fund the professional services contract from March 27, 2024 to December 31, 2024, totaling \$175,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Enterprise Finance and Information Services (EFIS) Director to execute a contract with On-Demand Services Group, Inc, in the amount not to exceed \$175,000 for senior project management, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

## **10. Physical Development**

### **10.1 Resolution No: 24-170**

Approval Of Final Plats Recommended By Plat Commission

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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:

VERMILLION COMMONS 3RD ADDITION      Farmington

Ayes: 6

### **10.2 Resolution No: 24-171**

Approval Of Right Of Way Acquisition And Authorization To Initiate Quick-Take Condemnation For Multiuse Trail On County Road 4 Between Trunk Highway 3 And Trunk Highway 52, In City Of West St. Paul And Authorization To Amend 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program County Project 04-017

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 04-017; and

WHEREAS, CP 04-017 is the design and construction of multiuse trail, intersection safety improvements, ADA improvements, and pavement overlay on County Road 4 (Butler Avenue) between Trunk Highway (TH) 3 and TH 52 in the City of West St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for right of way acquisition necessary in 2024 for construction to begin in the summer of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County has been engaging residents on this project with open-house meetings in 2021 and 2023 and informational mailings; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of temporary and permanent easement from 51 private property parcels identified in Dakota County Right of Way Map No. 513 by the County is necessary to move forward with the CP 04-017:

Parcel #	Property Owner	Temporary (s.f.)	Permanent (s.f.)
1	Valvoline LLC	1,090	0
2	EK Equities LLC	306	0
3	Westside Chiropractic LLC	172	0
4	James E & Anne M Wallner	757	0
5	Lisa Nicole & Anthonell Aaron Williams	303	0
6	Ronald P Tste Woelfel	166	0
7	Ryan W Stevens	106	0
8	Laura L Carpenter & Pablo Lopez	61	0
9	Mercedes K Conners	126	0
10	Thos G Derusha & S Kopecky	68	0
11	Daniel & Kathleen Durbin	290	0
12	Jessica Thelan	110	0
13	Xeng Thao	113	0
14	Michael Schmalz	148	0
15	Jeremy Boedigheimer	67	0
16	Alonte Alexander & Samantha Smith	171	0
17	Rose Maureen Youness	152	0
18	Lonnie LeTexier Jr.	240	0
19	Sabrina L Molina	242	0
20	Paul John & Brittany Jo-El Rudoi	199	0
21	Justin D Dahl	106	0
22	Alan D & Donna Alfredson	179	0
23	Aaron Schmoll & Alyssa Jean Gold	218	0
24	Lawrence & Marie	202	0

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	Rauenhorst		
25	Philip & Jessica Baltazar	185	0
26	Christapher & Mariah Wilson,	86	0
	Larry & Susan Lawrey		
27	Alan W Neuenburg	268	0
28	Tracy Hilke-Kline	168	0
29	Ramon F Campos	91	0
30	Lakeith & Melissa Ford	94	0
31	Ann M Aegerter	182	0
32	James Paul Lehmann	260	0
33	Butler Rentals LLC	409	64
34	Baja Realty LLC	1,103	0
35	Benjamin W Heroff	346	0
36	Bee Vue & Neng Yang	713	0
37	Diaa N & Ellen G Shenouda,	531	0
	Melad N & Teresa Shenouda		
38	David & Pearl V Tstes Hallett	805	0
39	Diaa N Shenouda	170	0
41	Kenneth P Topp	103	0
42	Maria De Los Angeles	115	281
	Baca Orozco		
43	Edward E Hansen	0	527
44	Edward E Hansen	0	490
47	Ruben Lopez &	0	88
	Ernesta Gallegos		
48	Andrew Charles Franta	48	0
49	Steven Hudalla	120	0
50	Daniel J & Jennifer Masrud	154	0
52	Troy Badley	80	0
54	Karissa D Richardson	270	0
55	James R Jr & Raquel Stecher	135	0
56	Jessica Picon Ayala	81	0

; and

WHEREAS, the parcels have been appraised, and offers are being prepared for a total appraised value of \$111,000; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget does not include sufficient funds for CP 04-017 right of way acquisition and a budget amendment of \$93,400 is requested to proceed with right of way acquisition; and

WHEREAS, in the event that timely acquisition by direct negotiation of all required parcels does not appear possible, it is 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 summer 2024 start date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appraised values prepared by Valbridge Property Advisors for the acquisition of the right of way for County Project (CP) 04-017 and authorizes County staff, in its discretion, to share the appraisal data with the respective landowners, including all or portions of the completed appraisals as part of the negotiation process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the acquisition of right of way for CP 04-017 at the approved appraised values and, in accordance with County policy, authorizes payment from the 2023 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 for a Summer 2025 start date in the event that timely acquisitions by direct negotiations of all parcels do not appear possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program budget is hereby amended as follows:

**Expense**

CP 04-17	<u>\$93,400</u>
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>\$93,400</b>

**Revenue**

Transportation Fund Balance	<u>\$93,400</u>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$93,400</b>

Ayes: 4

Joe Atkins, Laurie Halverson, William Droste, and Mary Hamann-Roland

Nay: 2

Mike Slavik, and Mary Liz Holberg

**10.3** Resolution No: 24-172

Authorization To Execute Contract With Oldcastle Infrastructure, Inc. For Box Culvert For Roundabout At Intersection Of County State Aid Highway 46 And County State Aid Highway 85 In Nininger And Vermillion Townships, County Project 46-057

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with County Project (CP) 46-057; and

WHEREAS, CP 46-057 is the preliminary and final design engineering of a roundabout at the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 46 (160th

Street East) and CSAH 85 (Goodwin Avenue) in Nininger and Vermillion Townships; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead design agency for CP 46-057; and

WHEREAS, the advanced purchase of a concrete box culvert is necessary for construction for CP 46-057 to be completed in the fall of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Adopted Budget includes \$2,519,568 for CP 46-057, including carryover dollars; and

WHEREAS, the quote of Oldcastle Infrastructure, Inc. in the amount of \$109,463.72 was the lowest quote received; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County currently has sufficient funds for the costs of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to enter into a contract with Oldcastle Infrastructure, Inc. for County Project 46-057 in the amount of \$109,463.72 and all applicable sales taxes based on their product quote.

Ayes: 6

**10.4 Resolution No: 24-173**

Authorization To Award And Execute Contract With Damon Farber Associates Inc. For Preliminary And Final Design Services For Mississippi River Greenway Wayfinding, Landscaping, And Interpretation, County Project 2000232

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, to provide a great place to live, Dakota County is proceeding with preliminary and final design consulting services for corridor improvements to the Mississippi River Greenway; and

WHEREAS, three proposals were received and evaluated by County staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposal from Damon Farber Associates Inc. had the best-value costs for final design and provides all the services needed; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2028 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget includes \$360,000 for preliminary and final design engineering and landscaping consulting services and construction for this project; and

WHEREAS, the County Parks, Facilities, and Fleet Management Director recommends execution of contract with Damon Farber Associates Inc. for engineering and landscaping consulting services for the Mississippi River Greenway for actual costs not to exceed \$394,642.20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a contract with Damon Farber Associates Inc. to perform preliminary and final engineering, landscaping, design, and consulting services for the Mississippi River Greenway in an amount not to exceed \$394,642.20, which includes a 10 percent contingency, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 6

**10.5** Resolution No: 24-174

Authorization To Submit Grant Applications To Legislative-Citizen Commission On Minnesota Resources Program

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

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, Dakota County has received previous ENRTF funding for developing the Farmland and Natural Areas Program, the Vermillion River Corridor Plan, acquisition and restoration of high-priority natural areas and shoreland projects, and the bison reintroduction project; and

WHEREAS, the LCCMR issued a 2025 Request for Proposals, which includes "Water Resources," "Environmental Education," "Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy," "Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species," "Methods to Protect or Restore Land, Water, and Habitat," and "Land Acquisition, Habitat, and Recreation" as priority funding categories; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$90 million from the ENRTF is projected to be available for LCCMR-recommended projects implemented between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County seeks \$6,050,000 for the following projects:

- Thompson County Park: Natural Resources Restoration and Accessibility Improvements including a pollinator promenade, stream restoration, and lake access.
- Lake Byllesby Regional Park: West Lake Byllesby Improvements, including Byllesby Bluff, Cannon River Cascades, trailheads, natural

surface trails, and natural resources restoration.

- Spring Lake Park Reserve: Programming, Schematics and Design Development of Bison Prairie Interpretive Center, and two bison viewing platforms.
- Mill Towns State Trail/Future County Park Conservation Area: Waterford Bridge restoration, parking, river access, spur trail, interpretation, conservation easements, and natural area restoration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners supports the above-referenced projects and authorizes the submittal of a proposal for funding of these projects on behalf of Dakota County to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) in response to the 2025 Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) Request for Proposal; and

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

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 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 the Physical Development Division Director is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and work plans as necessary and is authorized to implement the project on behalf of Dakota County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County has the financial capability to meet the match requirements and ensure adequate construction, operation, and maintenance of the projects once completed; 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 to provide a 25 percent match to provide a competitive application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County certifies none of the current principals of Dakota 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.

Ayes: 6

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 11. Community Services

#### 11.1 Resolution No: 24-175

Proclamation Of Public Health Week In Dakota County April 1-7, 2024

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

Public Health Director Coral Ripplinger briefed this item and responded to questions.

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, and is required to govern and administer those functions as fully as other Dakota County functions, including the responsibility to prevent disease and to promote and protect the public health and safety of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 1-7, 2024, is National Public Health Week, where the goal is to recognize and promote the vital work public health plays, along with the behavior of individuals and families, in creating a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 theme is "Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health"; and

WHEREAS, public health is more than just health care, but also taking steps to make sure our neighborhoods and environment are free from pollution and making sure our food and water are safe to eat and drink; and

WHEREAS, public health is also relationships fostered in our communities, being aware that we are all interconnected and when we all come together to support public health, all of us - individuals, families, communities, and the public health field - can achieve the goals of public health; and

WHEREAS, preventing diseases before they start is critical to helping people live longer, healthier lives while managing health-related costs; and

WHEREAS, strong public health systems are critical for sustaining and improving community health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 1-7, 2024, as Public Health Week in Dakota County, and encourages residents to take action to promote their health, the health of their families, and the health of their community.

Ayes: 6



**13. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates**

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented.

**14. County Manager's Report**

County Manager Matt Smith noted the following:

- Dakota 911 fixed cost funding discussion will be held on March 26 in the evening.
- As approved today on the Consent Agenda, the County Manager position profile was approved and the position will be posted to fill the pending County Manager vacancy.

**15. Information****15.1 Information**

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

**16. Adjournment****16.1 Resolution No: 24-176**

Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Ayes: 6

Joe Atkins  
Chair

ATTEST

Matt Smith  
County Manager