



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:00 AM

Boardroom, Administration Center,
Hastings, MN

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Mike Slavik
Commissioner Joe Atkins
Commissioner Laurie Halverson
Commissioner William Droste
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

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

2. Pledge Of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair 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. No comments were received for this agenda.

4. Agenda

4.1 Resolution No: 24-607 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Laurie Halverson

The agenda was amended to include Item 7.2 Public Health - Authorization To Accept Grant Funds For Strong Foundations With Department Of Health and Amend Item 14.1 Finance - Certification Of 2025 Property Tax Levy And Adoption Of Dakota County 2025 Budget And 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program.

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, seconded by Commissioner Slavik, the Consent

agenda was approved as follows:

5. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

5.1 Resolution No: 24-608

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on December 3, 2024

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

6. Items Recommended By Board Committee*

6.1 Resolution No: 24-609

Approval Of Library Advisory Committee Bylaws

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 14-400 (August 12, 2014), the Dakota County Board established the Library Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board updated the Gift Acceptance Policy 1570; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board increased the per diem rate for public advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Library updated the Library Advisory Committee bylaws to reflect those changes; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Library made other changes for clarity and are administrative in nature; and

WHEREAS, the Library Advisory Committee requests the Dakota County Board approve the updated bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the amendments to the Library Advisory Committee bylaws.

Ayes: 7

6.2 Resolution No: 24-610

Approval Of Revisions To Policy 3241 (Flex Leave) And Policy 3160 (Compensation Guidelines)

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department periodically reviews and recommends revisions to policies to maintain and enhance the effective and responsive provision of human resource services in the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions are recommended for Policy 3241 (Flex Leave):

- Added language to contemplate required employees during public emergency or weather event under Minn. Stat. § 181.9447.
- Added language to exempt paid time off beyond that required by law under Minn. Stat. § 181.9447.
- Various administrative language changes.

; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions are recommended for Policy 3160 (Compensation Guidelines):

- Add Initial Probationary Period Compensation to reflect a 12-month probationary period and standards for probationary pay increases.
- Modify title for Promotion and Transfer Probationary Period Compensation.
- Various administrative language changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the proposed revisions to Policy 3241 Flex Leave and Policy 3160 Compensation Guidelines and authorizes the Human Resources Director to modify said policy accordingly.

Ayes: 7

7. Community Services

7.1 Resolution No: 24-611

Authorization To Execute Grant Agreement And Accept Grant Funds From Minnesota Department Of Health For Local Public Health Grant And Foundational Public Health Responsibilities Grant

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

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, Minnesota's public health system is described as a state and local partnership that has existed since the mid-1800s; and

WHEREAS, this partnership, known as the community health services (CHS) system enables state and local government to combine resources to serve public health needs in an efficient, cost-effective way; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the Minnesota Legislature created Minn. Stat. §145A, the Minnesota Local Public Health Act, which identified six areas of responsibility that all local public health departments in Minnesota are required to provide; and

WHEREAS, Local Public Health Grant (LPHG) funds were developed and allocated to local public health to address the essential public health services which includes assuring an adequate local public health infrastructure; promoting healthy communities and healthy behaviors; preventing the spread of infectious disease; protecting against environmental health hazards; preparing for and responding to disasters and assisting communities in recovery; and assuring the quality and accessibility of health services; and

WHEREAS, the current LPHG supports 12.75 full-time equivalents (FTEs) of Public Health staff; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Minnesota adopted a national framework, The Foundational Public Health Responsibilities, to address an aging public health system and to better align with national efforts to transform Minnesota's public health system; and

WHEREAS, the framework outlines five community-specific services (foundational areas) and eight foundational capabilities that all governmental public health systems must have, as where you live should not determine your level of health protection; 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 also a legislative component of the LPHG used to specifically strengthen local and tribal public health departments; and

WHEREAS, the current FPHRG supports 1.0 FTEs of Public Health staff; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Public Health (DCPH) was awarded \$1,281,472 for the LPHG from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for essential public health services; and

WHEREAS, DCPH was also awarded \$145,707 for the FPHRG from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, to fulfill foundational public health responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the total grant allocation for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, is \$1,427,179; and

WHEREAS, this stable, ongoing grant will receive annual allocations through December 31, 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Service Director to execute a

grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health and accept the 2025 grant allocation of \$1,427,179 (\$1,281,472 for the Local Public Health Grant and \$145,707 for Foundational Public Health Responsibilities Grant), and annual allocations thereafter, for the term of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, 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.

Ayes: 7

7.2 Resolution No: 24-612

Authorization To Accept Grant Funds For Strong Foundations With Minnesota Department Of Health

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

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, Public Health has a long history of providing home visiting services to families in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Department currently utilizes the Strong Foundations grant through MDH to fund these services; which is a combination of state and federal funds for home visiting services supporting women, infants, young children, and families in the community, with the goal of improved outcomes for pregnant people and parents with young children; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 22-436 (October 18, 2022), the Board approved the application and acceptance of MDH Strong Foundations grant funds in the amount of \$1,259,535 for the first year of the grant, the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Strong Foundations five-year grant funds will be used exclusively to support the Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home Visiting (MECSH) evidence-based home visiting model at Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the Strong Foundations grant will ensure stable funding to provide family home visiting services to county residents over the next five years, which

will be determined annually and is expected to remain stable; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-276 (June 20, 2023), the Board approved the application and acceptance of MDH implementation of a project to build evidence-based family home visiting program through the MECSH model between June 1, 2023 and December 31, 2024, up to \$150,000, which supplemented Public Health's current Strong Foundations award; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, Public Health was notified by MDH that they were awarded \$1,694,916, which includes MDH's formula of \$1,626,100 along with the MECSH trainer amount of \$68,816, for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, which is \$194,001 over the County Manager's recommended 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager's recommended 2025 budget includes \$1,500,915 in funds for this grant, and since the award for 2025 from MDH is \$1,694,916, which includes MDH's formula of \$1,626,100 along with the MECSH trainer amount of \$68,816, Public Health will return to the board in early 2025 to obtain board authorization to amend the 2025 Public Health Budget to add the additional \$194,001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Service Director to accept Strong Foundations grant funds in the amount of \$1,694,916, which includes the Minnesota Department of Health's formula of \$1,626,100 along with the Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home Visiting trainer amount of \$68,816 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, which is \$194,001 over the County Manager's recommended 2025 budget; 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: 7

8. County Attorney

8.1 Resolution No: 24-613

Authorization To Execute Agreements To Provide Legal Services To Community Development Agency, Dakota County Drug Task Force, Dakota 911, And Metropolitan Library Service Agency

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Attorney's Office is currently providing legal services to the Community Development Agency (CDA), Dakota County Drug

Task Force (DCDTF), Dakota 911 (formerly Dakota Communications Center) and Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) pursuant to legal services agreements; and

WHEREAS, those agreements will expire on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office is willing to provide legal services to the agencies on terms agreeable to the County and each agency; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office has identified that it is not aware of any current conflict of interest between its representation of Dakota County and its continued representation of these agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney's Office has further identified that if a conflict arises during the course of representation, the County Attorney's Office will disclose the conflict and consult with both the County and the applicable agency as to whether continued representation of both parties or either party is possible with the parties' consent; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legal services agreements with the CDA and MELSA will extend through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legal services agreements with the DCDTF and Dakota 911 will extend through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the agreements, the County Attorney's Office will provide legal services to each agency at a rate of \$229 per hour for attorney time and \$50 per hour for paralegal time in 2025 and will provide legal services to DCDTF and Dakota 911 at a rate of \$236 per hour for attorney time and \$51 per hour for paralegal time in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Attorney's Office will provide DCDTF 60 hours of legal service (inclusive of both attorney and paralegal time) at no cost for each year of the contract and will bill the DCDTF at the applicable hourly rates only after the first 60 hours have been utilized, up to a maximum of \$10,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Finance determined that the hourly rates include direct and indirect administrative costs for a mid-level senior attorney in the County Attorney's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Dakota County Attorney to execute agreements for legal services, substantially as presented and subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form, with the Dakota Community Development Agency and Metropolitan Library Service Agency through December 31, 2025, and with the Dakota County Drug Task Force and Dakota 911 through December 31, 2026, with the parties each having the ability to

terminate the agreement without cause by providing written notice to the other party.

Ayes: 7

9. County Board/County Administration

9.1 Resolution No: 24-614

Adoption Of 2025 Unclassified Employees Merit Compensation Policy And Plan

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, market competitive compensation and effective pay policy administration are essential to effective and efficient government; and

WHEREAS, a Dakota County Pay Equity Compensation Structure has been established; and

WHEREAS, the County maintains a process by which Elected Officials' compensation is determined; and

WHEREAS, the Unclassified Employees' Merit Compensation Policy and Plan should be updated for application in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts, for application in 2025, the 2024 Unclassified Employees' Merit Compensation Policy and Plan:

- The 2025 Pay Equity Compensation Structure recommended to the Board of Commissioners on November 12, 2024, applies to unclassified employees; and
- The 2025 non-union Merit Matrix provides for five levels of performance with varying merit opportunity based upon performance levels applies to unclassified employees; and
- The non-union 2025 merit matrix and salary ranges have been added to the Unclassified Employee Merit Compensation Policy and Plan document for clarity

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the participants' calendar or payroll year 2025 salaries shall be established in the context of and consistent with this Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Human Resources Director is hereby authorized to amend the 2024 Unclassified Employees Merit Compensation Policy and Plan consistent with the above referenced 2025 provisions in Human Resources Policies and Procedures.

Ayes: 7

9.2 Resolution No: 24-615
Establishment Of 2025 Elected Officials' And County Manager's Compensation
And Commissioner General Expense Allowance

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the County Board will adopt the proposed the 2025 Unclassified Employee Merit Compensation Policy and Plan provisions; and

WHEREAS, the County established a process within that Plan by which Elected Officials' and the County Manager's compensation is determined and it is necessary that proper compensation be established for all Elected Officials and the County Manager, pursuant to relevant provisions of the proposed 2025 Unclassified Employee Merit Compensation Policy and Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Dakota County to provide equitable compensation and financial incentives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes in the context of and consistent with the proposed 2025 Unclassified Employees Merit Compensation Policy and Plan and other relevant provisions, Elected Officials' and County Manager's 2025 compensation as follows:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	*\$103,582
COUNTY MANAGER	\$260,000
COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$240,464
COUNTY SHERIFF	\$221,115

* Prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 26, 2024, a County Commissioner may file with the Human Resources Director an election to decline part or all of their 2025 salary increase. For any Commissioner filing such a declination of part of their 2025 salary increase shall receive their elected portion. A Commissioner filing a declination of their full increase, the 2025 compensation level shall be *\$98,461; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Minn. Stat. 383D.05, hereby establishes a Commissioner general expense allowance for 2025 in the amount of \$6,300 per year per Commissioner.

Ayes: 7

9.3 Resolution No: 24-616
Authorization To Execute 2025-2026 Labor Agreement With Human Services
Supervisors' Association Unit

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute the Labor Agreement with

Human Services Supervisors' Association unit for the period January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and those contract modifications submitted to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners dated December 17, 2024, and subject to approval by the County's contracted labor counsel as to form.

Ayes: 7

- 9.4** Resolution No: 24-617
Authorization To Execute 2025-2026 Labor Agreement With Teamsters Local 120 Transportation Maintenance Unit

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute the Labor Agreement with Teamsters Local 120 Transportation Maintenance unit for the period January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and those contract modifications submitted to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners dated December 17, 2024, and subject to approval by the County's contracted labor counsel as to form.

Ayes: 7

- 9.5** Resolution No: 24-618
Authorization To Execute 2025-2026 Labor Agreement With Dakota County Attorney Employee's Association

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute the Labor Agreement with the Dakota County Attorney Employee's Association for the period January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and those contract modifications submitted to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners dated December 17, 2024, and subject to approval by the County's contracted labor counsel as to form.

Ayes: 7

10. Enterprise Finance and Information Services

- 10.1** Report On Invoices Paid In November 2024

Information only; no action requested.

- 10.2** Resolution No: 24-619
Obligation Of American Rescue Plan Act Funding And Authorization To Amend Facilities Capital Improvement Program And Non-Departmental 2024 Budgets

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners has previously identified the following projects be allocated funding by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

(SLFRF):
 BYLLESBY DAM WATER-WIRE
 CRISIS AND RECOVERY CENTER
 MENDOTA YOUTH SHELTER - ASPEN HOUSE
 LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER - INTERGRATIVE HEALTH UNIT
 NICOLS POINTE
 SOUTH ST PAUL LIBRARY (Cat changed to 2.37)
 THOMPSON OAKS/RIVER TO RIVER GREENWAY
 MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS/CRISIS RESPONSE
 EXPAND CRISIS FOLLOW-UP/COORDINATED RESPONSE
 ATTORNEY STAFFING/CRIMINAL CASE BACKLOG
 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR OUTREACH
 CUSTOMER RELATION MGMT/DIAL SOFTWARE
 EMERGENCY SHELTER
 LAW LIBRARY GRANT
 LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
 CONNECTIONS
 MENTAL HEALTH CIVIL COMMITMENT
 PREPETITION SOCIAL WORKER/SCREENS
 TIME LIMITED FASII POSITIONS (EEA)
 WORKFORCE MOBILITY PGRM (DCTC)
 ; and

WHEREAS, the budgets for these projects have been adjusted as follows to reflect projected spending based on existing contracts and personnel costs using the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds.

(SLFRF):	
BYLLESBY DAM WATER-WIRE	\$27,705,766
CRISIS AND RECOVERY CENTER	\$3,333,940
MENDOTA YOUTH SHELTER - ASPEN HOUSE	\$2,259,930
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER - INTERGRATIVE HEALTH UNIT	\$12,284,566
NICOLS POINTE	\$7,835,000
SOUTH ST PAUL LIBRARY (Cat changed to 2.37)	\$10,470,499
THOMPSON OAKS/RIVER TO RIVER GREENWAY	\$4,564,819
MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS/CRISIS RESPONSE	\$2,545,802
EXPAND CRISIS FOLLOW-UP/COORDINATED RESPONSE	\$1,356,571
ATTORNEY STAFFING/CRIMINAL CASE BACKLOG	\$383,347
COMMUNITIES OF COLOR OUTREACH	\$197,212
CUSTOMER RELATION MGMT/DIAL SOFTWARE	\$100,000
EMERGENCY SHELTER	\$1,031,306
LAW LIBRARY GRANT	\$415,000
LOW INCOME HOMEOWNERS MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	
CONNECTIONS	\$0
MENTAL HEALTH CIVIL COMMITMENT	\$312,782
PREPETITION SOCIAL WORKER/SCREENS	\$209,158
TIME LIMITED FASII POSITIONS (EEA)	\$989,717
WORKFORCE MOBILITY PGRM (DCTC)	\$250,000
; and	

WHEREAS, two new projects have been identified to be funded with ARP SLFRF; and

WHEREAS, all expenses are American Rescue Plan (ARP) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) eligible under the expenditure category of provision of government services pursuant to Final Rule, 31 CFR Part 35, Subp. A, Section 35.6 (d) Providing Government Services - to the extent of a reduction in the recipient's general revenue; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting \$7,000,000 in ARP SLFRF dollars to fund the Energy Improvements Initiative project; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting \$86,886 ARP SLFRF dollars to fund the Computer Replacement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2024 Facilities Management Budget as follows:

Revenue

American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	<u>\$7,000,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$7,000,000

Expense

Energy Improvement Initiative Project	<u>\$7,000,000</u>
Total Expense	\$7,000,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2024 Non-Departmental Budget as follows:

Revenue

American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	<u>(\$7,000,000)</u>
Total Revenue	(\$7,000,000)

Expense

General ARPA Program Expense	(\$7,086,886)
ARPA Computer Replacement Program	<u>\$ 86,886</u>
Total Expense	(\$7,000,000)

Ayes: 7

10.3 Resolution No: 24-620
Establishment Of 2024 Fund Balance Commitments

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has adopted Statement 54, a standard for reporting governmental fund balances; and

WHEREAS, the County's Fund Balance Policy No. 2003 states that the Board of Commissioners may impose certain constraints on spending that shall be determined by the close of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County desires to commit a portion of its fund balance for

future funding; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Legacy Fund (ELF) was established to support environmental activities for the purpose of protection, preservation or enhancement of the environment; and

WHEREAS, by reporting the ELF revenue and expenditures with the Environmental Management Fund as committed, ELF will meet the qualifications of a special revenue fund and allow the County to report the ELF activity in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with and pursuant to Policy 2003 Fund Balance, hereby commits the entire fund balance of the Environmental Legacy Fund as of December 31, 2024 to support environmental activities for the purpose of protection, preservation or enhancement of the environment.

Ayes: 7

10.4 Resolution No: 24-621

Authorization To Execute Contract With Cask NX LLC For Replacement Information Technology Service Management System

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the County advertised for proposals for the ITSM System Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the County received proposals from nine qualified vendors on February 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, project staff reviewed the proposals and determined that proposal from Cask NX LLC provides the best value to the County to implement the ITSM System Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the costs for the ITSM System Replacement Project are \$333,533 for the first year and \$111,773 per year for the second and third years, for a total contract cost of \$557,079; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the Information Technology budget to support these purchases, in part through costs recovered by eliminating redundant systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director to execute a contract with Cask NX LLC for the ITSM System Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$557,079, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Enterprise Finance and Information

Services Director is authorized to amend the contract with Cask NX LLC and increase the cost up to an additional \$55,707 (10 percent) if necessary for unanticipated contingencies.

Ayes: 7

10.5 Resolution No: 24-622

Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment For Business Analyst Services

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, professional services are required to ensure the continuation of projects freeing up Information Technology staff to work on the Sheriff's Records Management Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Information Technology will contract with a business analyst consultant to assist staff in ensuring that projects are properly scoped, and all business requirements are well documented; and

WHEREAS, ITR Group, Inc. has the means to provide the required business analyst services that best meets the County's needs; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Departments has the budget available in 2025 to fund the professional services contract from January 2, 2025 through June 30, 2025, totaling \$95,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director to execute a contract amendment with ITR Group, Inc. for an additional \$95,000 and a total not to exceed \$217,400 for business analyst services, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

11. Physical Development

11.1 Resolution No: 24-623

Authorization To Execute Revised Joint Powers Agreement Between Dakota And Scott Counties For Vermillion River Watershed And Rescind Resolution No. 24-383

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 471.59 authorizes local governmental units to jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103B.231, a watershed management plan is required for watersheds comprising all minor watershed units wholly or partly within the metropolitan area, in accordance with the requirements of § 103B.205 to § 103B.255; and

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed is a watershed comprising minor

watershed units wholly within the metropolitan area, specifically within Dakota County and Scott County; and

WHEREAS, effective September 5, 2002, Dakota County and Scott County executed a joint powers agreement ("2002 JPA") to cooperatively carry out their responsibilities and duties pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 103B. 211 to 103B.255; and

WHEREAS, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization ("VRWJPO"), an independent joint powers entity organized under Minn. Stat. § 471.59, was created by the 2002 JPA to carry out Dakota County's and Scott County's responsibilities and duties pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 103B. 211 to 103B.255; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County and Scott County desire to update the terms and conditions of their joint powers agreement to cooperatively carry out their responsibilities and duties pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 103B. 211 to 103B.255 pursuant to the authority granted to them pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners rescind Resolution No. 24-383 (July 30, 2024); and

WHEREAS, Dakota County and Scott County desire that the terms and conditions of this Agreement replace the terms and conditions of the 2002 JPA moving forward, effective upon the full execution of this Agreement by the parties to this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Board Chair to execute the joint powers agreement between Dakota County and Scott County for Vermillion River Watershed as substantially presented and subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney's Office to replace the 2002 joint powers agreement for the Vermillion River Watershed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That approved Resolution No. 24-383 (July 30, 2024) is rescinded and superseded by this resolution.

Ayes: 7

11.2 Resolution No: 24-624

Certification Of Dakota County Portion Of 2025 Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District Tax Levy

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

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

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement establishes a Joint Powers Board

consisting of two commissioners from Dakota County and one from Scott County; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2024, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board adopted a proposed budget of \$2,618,866, including the use of 2024 fund balance and grant revenues, and recommended that the levy for the Dakota County portion be \$990,832 and the levy for the Scott County portion be \$36,050; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County must certify a levy on the Watershed Management Tax District by December 28, 2024, to be effective for taxes payable in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County certified a proposed levy of \$990,832 for the Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District on September 10, 2024, to be effective for taxes payable in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies the Dakota County portion of the Vermillion River Watershed Management Tax District levy in the amount of \$990,832 for taxes payable in 2025.

Ayes: 7

11.3 Resolution No: 24-625

Authorization To Execute Cooperative Construction Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Transportation For Trunk Highway 52 Intersection Improvements At County State Aid Highway 32, County Project 32-65

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County and the City of Inver Grove Heights are proceeding with County Project 32-65; and

WHEREAS, the project will reconstruct 117th Street East from County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 71 (Rich Valley Boulevard) to the Trunk Highway (TH) 52/117th Street Interchange; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the project is to meet 10-ton design standards, enhance transportation system efficiency and mobility, reduce access points, improve pavement conditions, and facilitate the phased development of an essential east-west transportation corridor within the region; and

WHEREAS, the 117th Street corridor is a part of the more extensive CSAH 32 network in Dakota County, which connects Interstate 35W in Burnsville to TH 52 in Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, the 117th Street and CSAH 71 corridors are considered Tier 1 regional truck corridors; and

WHEREAS, the design includes a two-lane, median-divided roadway for a one-mile segment of 117th Street between Rich Valley Boulevard and the Flint Hills Resources Refinery access, just west of the TH 52/117th Street Interchange; and

WHEREAS, County Project 32-65 addressed current and future traffic volumes and safety improvements for the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the County is the lead agency for the construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, execution of Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1057369 will define right of way use, contract award and construction, and maintenance responsibilities for County Project 32-65; and

WHEREAS, the County will perform grading, bituminous surfacing, concrete surfacing, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, erosion control, milling, curb and gutter, retaining wall, bituminous trail, stormwater Best Management Practices, turf establishment, signing and striping, signal construction, and other associated construction upon, along, and adjacent to 117th Street from Rich Valley Boulevard to Courthouse Boulevard and on Rich Valley Boulevard from 911 feet south of 117th Street to 1162 feet north of 117th Street according to County-prepared plans, specifications, and special provisions designated by the County as County Project 32-65 (ST00006) and as State Aid Projects 019-632-051, 019-671-007, and 178-020-032, and by the State as State Project 1907-127 (TH 52=053) ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County requests the State allow the construction of grading, bituminous surfacing, ADA improvements, and signal construction on the State's TH 52 right of way, and the State is willing to allow said construction; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends Dakota County execute Cooperative Construction Agreement No.1057369 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation to provide for routine maintenance by the County upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway 52, the limits of which are defined in said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1057369 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to define right of way use, contract award, construction, and maintenance responsibilities at I-35W Northwest Ramp and County State Aid Highway 32, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

11.4 Resolution No: 24-626

Authorization To Execute Safe Routes To Schools Program State Bond Grant Agreement From Minnesota Department Of Transportation For Improvements On 80th Street East In Inver Grove Heights, County Project 28-66

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, the County and the City are proceeding with County Project (CP) 28-66; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and need for the project is to improve safety and multi-modal mobility and increase accessibility for students walking and biking to school near the Simley High School campus; and

WHEREAS, to address the purpose and need for this Project, County Project 28-66 will include crossing infrastructure improvements ("the Project") along County State Aid Highway 28 (80th Street E) at the intersections of Bowman Avenue, Boyd Avenue, and Simley High School's eastern egress access; and

WHEREAS, a \$250,000 Minnesota State Safe Routes To School (SRTS) grant was awarded to Dakota County in 2022 for construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County and City have included the Project in their Capital Improvement Programs and will jointly participate in the costs of said construction and maintenance, per the Cost Sharing Policy within the Dakota County 2040 Transportation Plan (July 2021); and

WHEREAS, The SRTS crossing improvements were separated into an independent construction project to meet funding deadlines; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for CP 28-66; and

WHEREAS, a grant agreement for the SRTS funds must be completed by the end of 2024 calendar year, or funds will be withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the SRTS Account; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County advertised for construction bid on November 12, 2024, for the SRTS work associated with CP 28-66 and opened bids on December 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the bid results for CP 28-66 included a low bid of \$218,750.00 from Equity Builders & Construction Services that County Board authorized administrative award with Resolution No. 24-591, December 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$218,750.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Dakota County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.40, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Safe Routes to Schools Account any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to execute Exhibit C - Bond Finance Property Certification of general obligation bond-financed property on the project area as required by Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement No. 1058460 for Safe Routes To Schools program state bond grant, 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 execute Agreement No. 1058460 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for state bond funds through Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) program for County Project 28-66, State Aid Project 019-628-016, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

11.5 Resolution No: 24-627

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Eagan For Natural Resource Restoration And Enhancement Of Caponi Art Park

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-568 (November 17, 2020), the County Board adopted the Land Conservation Plan (LC Plan) to prioritize and improve County

coordination and collaboration with other agencies and organizations regarding land protection and long-term natural resource management; and

WHEREAS, the County initiated the City-County Conservation Collaborative (Collaborative) in 2021 as an innovative and strategic LC Plan initiative to assist and provide incentives for cities to increase natural resource management on important city-owned property, as well as establish the recommended cost share split of 80-85 percent from County and 15-20 percent from City; and

WHEREAS, the County has precedent working with the Cities of Mendota Heights, West St. Paul, Farmington, Lakeville, Eagan, and Burnsville on greenway natural restoration projects using similar cost share splits; and

WHEREAS, the County received \$6.2 million of Outdoor Heritage (OH) funds appropriated by the 2022 Minnesota Legislature (ML22) for land protection and restoration to assist in implementing the LC Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County worked with the cities to develop guidelines and criteria for implementing the Collaborative, and the cities were then asked to submit potential natural resource restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eagan (City) submitted a proposal for restoring 40 acres of Caponi Art Park (Park); and

WHEREAS, the County prepared a Restoration Plan for the Park that assessed current conditions and provided management goals, recommendations, and a work plan that describes restoration activities, schedule, and estimated costs; and

WHEREAS, the City shared the Restoration Plan with the City Council on November 19, 2024, at which time they approved the plan and restoration activities for the Park; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost to implement the enhancement and restoration of 40 acres of the Park is \$275,960.00; and

WHEREAS, the County would provide up to \$199,381 (85% of the project cost) of the available ML22 OH appropriation to the County and \$35,185 (15% of the project cost) of County match funds; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to contribute 15 percent of the project costs or \$41,394 with cash and in-kind contributions; and

WHEREAS, the County and City have developed a draft joint powers agreement that describes the purpose, terms, and obligations of both entities for implementing this natural resource enhancement and restoration project within a portion of the Park located in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of Eagan to expend up to \$234,566 from a combination of state grant funds and County funds to implement natural resource enhancement and restoration of Caponi Art Park located within the City of Eagan.

Ayes: 7

11.6 Resolution No: 24-628

Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment One With Sambatek LLC, For Construction Administration For Mississippi River Greenway Rosemount East In City Of Rosemount, County Project P00109

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Mississippi River Greenway (MRG) Rosemount East segment is the last remaining segment of the regional trail to be secured, designed, and constructed in order to connect the national MRG from Hastings to South St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, the MRG Rosemount East project includes the construction of 2.4 miles of trail from its connection with MRG Rosemount West to Spring Lake Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for MRG Rosemount East, P00109, with construction scheduled to begin at the start of the 2024 construction season; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 construction workload was greater than the number of available County staff for construction management; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the execution of a contract with Sambatek LLC on December 19, 2023, to provide construction management, inspection, surveying, and material testing for P00109; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget includes sufficient funding to accommodate the budget amendment necessary; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends amending contract number DCA21137 with Sambatek, LLC, to include construction management, testing, survey, as-built, and inspection services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Director to amend the contract with Sambatek LLC to perform construction management, testing, survey, and inspection services for County Project P00109 in an amount not to exceed \$64,219.34, which includes a 5 percent contingency, resulting in a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$610,601.97, including reimbursable

items, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

11.7 Resolution No: 24-629

Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment One With KLJ Engineering LLC, For Survey And Right Of Way Mapping Services, For Veterans Memorial Greenway, County Project P00147

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

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

WHEREAS, County Project P00147 will entail the design and construction of about five miles of shared use trail, in Eagan and Inver Grove Heights; and

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

WHEREAS, construction of the first segment of the Veterans Memorial Greenway began in April 2024; and

WHEREAS, construction of the second segment of the Veterans Memorial Greenway is proposed in 2025, and final engineering of Phase III is proposed for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the execution of a contract with KLJ Engineering LLC on June 9, 2021, to provide survey and right of way mapping services for P00109; and

WHEREAS, the 2024-2028 Parks Capital Improvement Program Budget includes sufficient funding to accommodate the budget amendment necessary; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends amending contract number C0034164 with KLJ Engineering LLC, to include additional survey and right of way mapping services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Physical Development Director to amend the contract with KLJ Engineering LLC to perform additional survey and right of way mapping services for County Project P00109, in an amount not to exceed \$16,590.88, resulting in a total amended contract amount not to exceed \$180,244.88, including reimbursable items, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

11.8 Resolution No: 24-630
Authorization To Amend Parks 2024 Capital Improvement Program And
Greenway Project Budgets Due To Lower Than Forecasted 2024 Transportation
Advancement Account Revenues

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 297A.993 (the Act) authorizes the Dakota County Board to levy up to one-half of one percent sales and use tax and an excise tax of \$20 per motor vehicle to fund statutorily defined transportation and transit projects; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-364 (June 20, 2017), the Dakota County Board enacted a quarter-cent sales tax and \$20 excise tax on new vehicle sales starting October 1, 2017, to fund identified transitway, transit expansion, regional County highway, trail, and trunk highway transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has identified a proposed updated list of transportation projects eligible for Transportation Sales and Use Tax funds based on the needs identified in the Draft 2040 Transportation Plan, and through the development of the Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Act allows the County Board to dedicate the proceeds of the Transportation Sales and Use Tax to a new enumerated project by resolution after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the County Board held a public hearing on the date hereof following publication of notice as required by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners dedicates the proceeds of the Dakota County Transportation Sales and Use Tax to the following projects:

- Greenway Preservation
- Parks - 2024 Trails and Facilities Pavement Preservation
- Greenway Collaborative (Set-Aside) (P50000)
- Vermillion Highlands Greenway and North Creek Greenway 2024 Preliminary Design
- Veterans Memorial Greenway (P00147)
- River to River Greenway - Mendota Heights Valley Park Construction (P30002)
- Vermillion Highlands Greenway - Rosemount CSAH 42 Underpass Construction

; and

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

Revenue - TAA (Transportation Advancement Account)

Greenway Preservation (2000230)	(\$37,222)
2024 Trails & Facilities Pavement Pres (2000393)	(\$301,127)
Greenway Collaborative (1000651)	(\$500,000)
Vermillion Highlands GW + NCGW (2000233)	(\$544,942)
Veterans Memorial GW (1000636)	(\$40,000)
River to River GW (1001487)	(\$1,101,972)
Vermillion Highlands GW - Rosemount (2000234)	<u>(\$277,301)</u>
Total Revenue - TAA	(\$2,802,564)

Revenue - Sales and Use Tax (SUT)

Greenway Preservation (2000230)	\$37,222
2024 Trails & Facilities Pavement Pres (2000393)	\$301,127
Greenway Collaborative (1000651)	\$500,000
Vermillion Highlands GW + NCGW (2000233)	\$544,942
Veterans Memorial GW (1000636)	\$40,000
River to River GW (1001487)	\$1,101,972
Vermillion Highlands GW - Rosemount (2000234)	<u>\$277,301</u>
Total Revenue - Sales and Use Tax (SUT)	\$2,802,564

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Sales and Use Tax (SUT) Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Transfer to Parks Fund	<u>(\$2,802,564)</u>
Total Expense	(\$2,802,564)

Revenue

Use of SUT	<u>(\$2,802,564)</u>
Total Revenue	(\$2,802,564)

Ayes: 7

11.9 Resolution No: 24-631

Authorization To Accept Donation Of Regional Greenway Trail Easement From Xcel Energy And Execute Encroachment Agreement With Xcel Energy For Veterans Memorial Greenway Phase II, County Project P00147

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-493 (September 26, 2017), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved the Rich Valley Regional Greenway Master Plan, now known as the Veterans Memorial Greenway (Greenway) Master Plan since its 2020 renaming; and

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is proceeding with the Veterans Memorial Greenway County Project (CP) 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 Greenway Master Plan identified the land within the existing Northern States Power Company and Southern Lakes Park, in Inver Grove Heights as the preferred alignment for various segments of the Greenway trail location; and

WHEREAS, for portions of the greenway, the trail construction will cross Xcel Energy existing private utility line easements that run within the City of Inver Grove Heights Southern Lakes Park; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy private utility line is within their own 150' easement; therefore, an encroachment agreement is needed to complete the CP P00147 work within the easement; and

WHEREAS, to proceed with the project, Xcel Energy is requesting that Dakota County execute an encroachment agreement to identify responsibilities and approved encroachments associated with CP P00147 within the Xcel Energy utility easements; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy is supportive of granting an easement to the County and for the County to construct a new regional greenway trail on its property; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the execution of an encroachment agreement with Xcel Energy identifying the responsibilities of the County and Xcel Energy associated with encroachment of CP P00147 on the private utility line easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute an encroachment agreement with Xcel Energy for the portion of the Veterans Memorial Greenway within Xcel Energy private utility line easement, 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 acceptance of a 239,990 square-foot regional greenway trail easement corridor from Xcel Energy, on their Northern States Power Company property owned in fee for sections of the Veterans Memorial Greenway Regional Trail, approved as to form by the County Attorney's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners

herby authorizes the Board Chair and District Commissioner to send a recognition and thank you letter to Xcel for donating the trail easement for the Veterans Memorial Greenway on their property.

Ayes: 7

12. Public Safety

12.1 Resolution No: 24-632

Authorization To Execute Separate Joint Powers Agreements With Townships Of Castle Rock, Douglas, Nininger, Vermillion, Waterford, And Cities Of Empire, Randolph, And Vermillion For Ordinance Enforcement

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, since 2010 and with approval from the Dakota County Board of Commissioners, the Dakota County Sheriff has enforced selected and pre-approved local ordinances with cities and townships requesting those services after the execution of separate joint powers agreements; and

WHEREAS, ordinance enforcement agreements are currently in place with the townships of Castle Rock, Douglas, Eureka, Nininger, Ravenna, Vermillion, Waterford, and the cities of Empire, Randolph and Vermillion, and those agreements will expire on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the County would receive \$80.00 per hour for investigative services and \$60.00 per hour for court preparation/waiting time; and
WHEREAS, the rates will be evaluated and possibly amended on January 1, 2026, to reflect any increase in the County's cost to provide services pursuant to the agreement with notice of any cost increase provided to the township/city by November 1; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff agrees to provide ordinance enforcement services to the townships of Castle Rock, Douglas, Nininger, Vermillion, Waterford, and the cities of Empire, Randolph, and Vermillion, for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Dakota County Sheriff to execute separate joint powers agreements with the townships of Castle Rock, Douglas, Nininger, Vermillion, Waterford, and the cities of Empire, Randolph, and Vermillion to enforce selected ordinances for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, subject to approval of the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

13. Public Services and Revenue

13.1 Resolution No: 24-633
Acceptance Of Donation To Dakota County Library And Authorization To Amend
2024 Library Budget

Motion: Laurie Halverson Second: Mary Hamann-Roland
Library Director Margaret Stone briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Policy 1570 Gift Acceptance and adopted Donation Plan (Resolution No. 24-101, February 27, 2024), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners delegated to the County Manager or their designee, the Dakota County Library Advisory Committee, the authority to accept gifts of personal property up to \$1,500 in value for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, gifts to Dakota County Library with a value greater than \$1,500 are presented to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners for approval and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Kolstad, who passed away on June 9, 2024, at the age of 103, designated 20 percent of her estate to be donated to Dakota County Library exclusively for use at the Wescott Library; and

WHEREAS, an initial distribution of \$796,054.01 has been received by Dakota County Library from the estate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts \$796,054.01 as a donation from the estate of Elizabeth Helen Kolstad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2024 Library budget be amended as follows:

Revenue

Wescott Fund	<u>\$796,054</u>
Total Revenue	\$796,054

Expense

Wescott Program Expense	<u>\$796,054</u>
Total Expense	\$796,054

Ayes: 7

14. Enterprise Finance and Information Services

14.1 Resolution No: 24-634
Certification Of 2025 Property Tax Levy And Adoption Of Dakota County 2025
Budget And 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program

Motion: William Droste Second: Laurie Halverson
Budget Manager Allie Regenscheid briefed this item and responded to

questions.

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners has completed the 2025 budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners held budget recommendation and hearings on August 13, 20 and 27, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Program in the amount of \$838,067,425; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2025 Dakota County budget as prepared, presented and set forth in the amount as follows:

Total Budget: \$523,148,132
Property Tax Levy: \$167,648,832

See Attachment for Department breakdowns.

Ayes: 5

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

Nay: 2

Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

15. Interagency Reports/Commissioner Updates

Interagency reports and Commissioner updates were presented. A special congratulations to Commissioner Mike Slavik, District 1, for being appointed as President to the Association of Minnesota Counties Executive Committee for 2025.

16. County Manager's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch expressed thanks to the Board, staff and ~455,000 Dakota County residents for a great year. Dakota County looks forward to serving residents in 2025.

17. Information

17.1 Information

See Attachment for future Board meetings and other activities.

18. Adjournment

18.1 Resolution No: 24-635 Adjournment

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, seconded by Commissioner Slavik,

the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Ayes: 7

Joe Atkins
Chair

ATTEST

Heidi Welsch
County Manager