



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

(or following County Board)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Workman at 10:00 a.m.

Present

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

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

The audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

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

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

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

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

4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on April 21, 2026

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

Ayes: 7

5. Central Operations

5.1 Approval Of Revised Policy 2751 Procurement, Contract And Grant

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mike Slavik

WHEREAS, the Finance Department periodically reviews and recommends revisions to policies and procedures to maintain and enhance the effective and responsive provision of Finance functions in the County; and

WHEREAS, staff determined that Policy 2740 Procurement and Policy 2751 Solicitation, Grant and Contract may be consolidated into one policy for simplification and cohesiveness; and

WHEREAS, proposed revisions to the new Policy 2751 Procurement, Contract and Grant also include:

- Federal Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) language updates to be consistent with current federally funded contract purchasing and acquisition thresholds.
- Raising the Professional Services contract threshold requiring County Board approval from \$100,000 to \$175,000, to be consistent with Uniform Municipal Contracting Law.
- Increasing the maximum amendment amount for construction contracts approved in the CIP Budget from \$250,000 to \$425,000 for administrative efficiencies.

; and

WHEREAS, the County Senior Leadership Team supports the recommended changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the revised Policy 2751 Procurement, Contract and Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby retires County Policy 2740.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 5/19/2026.

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

6. County Board/County Administration

6.1 Legislative Update

Mary Beth Schubert, Communications and Public Affairs Director briefed this item. Dan Dwight and Paul Cassidy, Stinson representatives, were present via interactive technology and provided a state legislative update. Tom Downs, Downs representative, was present via interactive technology and provided a federal legislative update. Tom noted that President Trump signed a bipartisan spending bill on April 30, 2026, to end a record 76-day partial government shutdown affecting the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

7. Public Services and Revenue

7.1 Discussion And Direction On Public Art Blueprint Draft Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles, And Opportunities

Lil Leatham, Principal Planner, Physical Development Office of Planning and Teresa Mitchell, Deputy Director, Public Services and Revenue briefed this item and responded to questions. The project purpose, the draft public art vision, mission and guiding principles as well as opportunities and next steps were discussed. Feedback was provided by the committee and included ensuring equity across the County, keeping fiscal impact in mind due to budget, are there opportunities for fundraising or 'Friends of the Arts', etc. Look for opportunities to create connections and leverage partnerships.

Information only; no action requested.

8. Physical Development

8.1 Discussion And Direction On Transportation Cost Policy Updates And County Gravel Roads Within Municipal Boundaries

Transportation Director/County Engineer Erin Laberee and Assistant County Engineer Jake Chapek briefed this item and responded to questions. Following a presentation on cost share policy and County Road 73 (Akron Avenue) the committee directed staff to return to a future meeting this summer and share additional information such as costs, responses from cities, pro's/con's and what future projects may be affected by any revisions to the cost share policy.

Information only; no action requested.

9. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch provided no update.

10. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items discussed.

11. Adjournment

11.1 Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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