



Dakota County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

11:00 AM

**Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings**

Special County Board meeting for the purpose of holding second interviews of selected candidates and discussion on next steps for the vacant County Manager position.

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chair Joe Atkins who welcomed everyone.

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 Tom Novak, Interim County Manager; Kathryn M. Keena, County Attorney; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jessica Johnson, Administrative Coordinator to the County Manager.

2. County Board/County Administration

2.1 Resolution No: 24-361
Direction To Negotiate Terms With Selected Candidate For County Manager
Position And Scheduling Of Special County Board Meeting To Appoint County
Manager

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County obtained the enactment of special legislation authorizing the Dakota County Board of Commissioners to adopt a modified county manager form of government, in Minnesota Laws, 2014, Chapter 167; and

WHEREAS, under the County Manager form of government the administrative and executive powers of the County Board are assigned by law to the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the recent County manager retired in May 2024 and the County has conducted an extensive search and interview process to select a successor County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the search process has identified qualified candidates for the position of Dakota County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the County Board greatly appreciates the participation of all candidates in the application and interview process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs staff to negotiate terms with Heidi Welsch for the County Manager position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a special County Board meeting on July 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 3A, Administration Center, Hastings for the purpose of considering approval of an employment contract and appointment of the next County Manager.

Ayes: 5

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

Nay: 2

Liz Workman, and Mary Liz Holberg

3. Adjournment

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On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Joe Atkins
Chair

ATTEST

Tom Novak
Interim County Manager