



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

11:00 AM

**Conference Room L139 Western
Service Center, Apple Valley**

**This was a Special Meeting of the General Government and Policy Committee of the
Whole**

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Present Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Mike Slavik
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland
Commissioner Laurie Halverson
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord

Excused Commissioner Joe Atkins

Commissioner Atkins was present via Zoom, but was not part of the voting quorum for the meeting.

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

2. Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

Ayes: 6

Excused: 1

REGULAR AGENDA

3. County Board/County Administration

3.1 Legislative Update

County Manager Matt Smith briefed this item and responded to questions.

Information only; no action requested.

3.2 Update On The County Manager's 2023 Recommended Budget

Budget Manager Paul Sikorski briefed this item and responded to questions.
This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

4. Enterprise Finance and Information Services

4.1 Resolution No: 22-526

Authorization To Withdraw From Dakota Broadband Board And Terminate Agreement For Financial Management Services

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

Director of Enterprise Finance and Information Services David McKnight briefed this item and responded to questions. The following people from the audience came forward to speak on this item:

Joshua Hoyt (City of Farmington Mayor)

Stephanie Levine (City of Mendota Heights Mayor)

A motion was made by Commisisoner Slavik to amend the presented resolution language, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaylord.

The following language was removed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby withdraws from the Dakota Broadband Board effective immediately and terminates the financial management services agreement with the Dakota Broadband Board and directs the County Manager to provide written notice to the Dakota Broadband Board Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approves the indefeasible right to use agreement with each city that plans to use the County fiber network going forward.

The amended language resolution was voted on and passed unanimously. The resolution was approved as follows:

WHEREAS, Dakota County has been a member of the Dakota Broadband Board since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Broadband Board directed the Interim Executive Director to prepare a dissolution plan in July 2022 to be considered at a later date; and

WHEREAS, a draft dissolution plan was created and considered by the Dakota Broadband Board at the November 2022 board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Broadband Board voted to table the consideration of the dissolution plan until May 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Broadband Board joint powers agreement allows

members who have not provided any system components to withdraw, effective immediately, by providing written notice to the chair of the board; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County provides financial management services to the Dakota Broadband Board; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will require all cities who use the county fiber network to sign an indefeasible right to use agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager to provide written notice on December 15, 2022 withdrawing from the Dakota Broadband Board effective March 1, 2023 and terminating the financial management services agreement with the Dakota Broadband Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs staff to continue to work with Dakota Broadband Board members to develop a dissolution plan that the Board can support.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 12/13/2022.

Ayes: 6

Excused: 1

5. Adjournment

5.1 Adjournment

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Liz Workman

On a motion by Commissioner Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Workman, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Excused: 1

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