

**DAKOTA COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2009

Administration Center, Government Center, Conference Room 3A, Hastings, Minnesota

1. **Call To Order And Roll Call.** Commissioner Thomas A. Egan, Chair of the Administration/Finance/Policy (AFP) Committee of the Whole, called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. Roll was called with the following members present:

Commissioner Joseph A. Harris, District 1
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, District 2
Commissioner Thomas A. Egan, District 3
Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler, District 4
Commissioner Liz Workman, District 5
Commissioner Paul J. Krause, District 6
Commissioner Willis E. Branning, District 7

Others present included:

Lisa Henning, County Administration
Karen Schaffer, County Attorney's Office
Kelly Olson, Sr. Administrative Coordinator

2. **Audience.** Commissioner Egan asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Committee of the Whole on an issue not on the agenda or to discuss an item on the consent agenda. No one appeared.
3. **Approval Of Agenda.** On a motion by Commissioner Schouweiler, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the agenda was approved with Item 6.3 – Update Aging Initiative And Authorization To Execute Contract With DARTS To Implement Aging Initiative moved to the beginning of the Regular Agenda.
4. **Introduction Of New Employees.** No new employees were introduced.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Krause, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

5. **Approval Of Minutes** of meeting held on January 6, 2009.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 6.1 **Update Aging Initiative And Authorization To Execute Contract With DARTS To Implement Aging Initiative.** Beth Wiggins of DARTS presented this item and responded to questions from the Committee in regard to progress made on the Aging Initiative since the November 25, 2008 meeting, at which time staff made a presentation regarding the contract with DARTS to implement the Aging Initiative.

On a motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Krause, the following resolution was unanimously recommended to the County Board:

WHEREAS, in May 2006, the Aging Initiative was launched in response to County Board direction;
and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2007, the Initiative was presented to the County Board, identifying a vision, six primary strategies for achieving the vision, and more than 50 recommendations for consideration; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2007, the County Board directed that the Aging Initiative move forward through a partnership with Dakota Area Resources and Transportation for Seniors (DARTS); and

WHEREAS, in December 2007, Dakota County entered a contract with DARTS to implement Phase II of the Aging Initiative in 2008; and

WHEREAS, DARTS used 2008 County funding to hire a Community Initiatives Director and to fund project expenses associated with the aging implementation effort; and

WHEREAS, DARTS made significant progress in 2008 toward securing community volunteers to work on implementation of the Aging Initiative; and

WHEREAS, DARTS also progressed toward tangible implementation and action plans, but such plans were not completed; and

WHEREAS, DARTS has completed implementation and action plans and presented these plans to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners for review at the February 3, 2009, meeting of the Administration/Finance/Policy Committee of the Whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Operations, Management, and Budget Director to execute a contract with Dakota Area Resources and Transportation for Seniors (DARTS) for implementation of Phase III of the County's Aging Initiative, for the term of March 1, 2009-December 31, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$90,752 to provide services related to implementation of the Aging Initiative, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

6.2 Presentation Of Annual County Performance Profile. Assistant to the Director of Operations, Management and Budget Karen Harrington introduced this item. This item was for information only; no action was requested.

6.3 Approval Of 2009 Federal Legislative Program. Operations, Management, and Budget Director Jack Ditmore introduced this Item and reviewed initiatives included in the Program. Operations, Planning and Analysis Manager Heidi Welsch reviewed the remaining initiatives. Transportation Director Mark Krebsbach responded to a question regarding requests for funding of the Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transitway project and options available in the event requested funding is not received.

On a motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Schouweiler, the following resolution was unanimously recommended to the County Board:

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of Dakota County that initiatives beneficial to the County be advocated before the United States Congress and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners has retained the services of the Lockridge Grindal Nauen Federal Relations Group to represent the interests of the County to Members of Congress and before federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, nineteen policy and appropriation initiatives have been proposed for inclusion in the Dakota County federal legislative program for 2009; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009, the Board of Commissioners adopted an additional federal legislative program position statement that identifies elements supported by the Board for inclusion in a federal economic stimulus program expected to be considered by Congress early in 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the recommended federal legislative positions for 2009 as presented in Attachment 1 of the Request for Committee Review to the Administration/Finance/Policy Committee of the Whole on February 3, 2009, and approved by the Committee of the Whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Administrator is hereby directed to prepare the recommended federal legislative program elements for distribution to the County's Congressional Delegation and other members of Congress and officials of federal executive agencies, as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the recommended federal legislative program shall guide the work of the Lockridge Grindal Nauen Federal Relations Group in representing the interests of Dakota County with Members of Congress and federal agencies.

9. **County Administrator's Report.** Lisa Henning gave the Administrator's report.
10. **Adjournment.** On a motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Schouweiler, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly D. Olson
Senior Administrative Coordinator to the Board