

June 30, 2020

STATE OF MINNESOTA        )  
COUNTY OF DAKOTA        )  
OFFICE OF COUNTY BOARD    )

**Call To Order And Roll Call**

Commissioner Mike Slavik  
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord  
Commissioner Thomas A. Egan  
Commissioner Joe Atkins  
Commissioner Liz Workman  
Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg  
Commissioner Chris Gerlach

Absent: Matt Smith, County Manager.

Also in attendance were: Jean Erickson, Deputy County Manager; James Backstrom, County Attorney; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

Due to the local state of emergency and social distancing, Commissioners participated in this meeting via telephone and the Board meeting was conducted under Minn. Stat. § 13D.021. Video and audio of this County Board meeting are available on the Dakota County website.

**Pledge Of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Mike Slavik who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Audience**

Chair Slavik noted that all public comments can be sent to [CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us)

The following individuals were in the audience and each were given five minutes to speak on Item 5.3 Adoption Of County Road 30 (Diffley Road) School Area Improvements, Authorization Of A Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Eagan And School District 196 And Contract For Consultant Services For County Project 30-39 And Authorization Of Budget Amendment

- Holly Jenkins (Eagan, MN)
- Theresa Eisele (Eagan, MN)
- Shana Fouts (Eagan, MN)
- Kathryn Fakkeldij (Eagan, MN)

All those listed above also provided comments in writing to the Commissioners opposing the current plan and are included in the record. Additional written comments were received from the following individuals: Adina Lebowitz, Catherine Svoboda, Sue Bjorklund, Cathy Norsten, Teresa Renick, Gary Huusko, Peter Fakkeldij, Tom McDonough, and Janet Westenberg.

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**Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)**

Second: Joe Atkins

Motion: Thomas A. Egan

On a motion by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Joe Atkins, the agenda was unanimously approved.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Mary Liz Holberg

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

On a motion by Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, the consent agenda was approved as follows:

### Items Recommended By Board Committee

#### 20-300

#### **Authorization To Enter Into Turnback Agreement With Minnesota Department Of Transportation And City Of South St. Paul For Trunk Highway 156 And Authorization To Enter Into Joint Powers Agreement With South St. Paul For Concord Street Turnback Project**

WHEREAS, Dakota County's 2030 Transportation Plan identifies Trunk Highway 156 (Concord Street) as a future County highway; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §161.16 authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to convey all or part of a highway that is no longer needed for trunk highway purposes to a city or county; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has determined that a portion of Concord Street from I-494 to Annapolis Street is no longer needed for trunk highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County and MnDOT have determined that portions of Concord Street from I-494 to County State Aid Highway 14 (Grand Avenue) is better suited to the County highway system; and

WHEREAS, the City of South St. Paul and MnDOT have determined that portions of Concord Street from Grand Avenue to Annapolis Street East are better suited to the City roadway system; and

WHEREAS, the roadway is in need of pavement repair and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the parties have developed a turnback agreement that identifies the amount of funding required to make the necessary roadway improvements for each segment of highway; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT has identified \$4.32 million in County Turnback Account Funds for engineering and construction cost for the turnback project associated with the future County highway segment and;

WHEREAS, the City of South St. Paul will lead design and construction the Concord Street turnback project, including the segment of the highway that will be released to the County; and

WHEREAS, staff actively worked with MnDOT and South St. Paul to ensure the proposed roadway improvements from I-494 to Grand Avenue meet County highway standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to enter into a joint powers agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the City of South St. Paul for the turnback of a portion of Trunk Highway 156 (Concord Street) from I-494 to County State Aid Highway 14 (Grand Avenue), subject to approval from the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Physical Development Director to enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of South St. Paul for engineering and construction costs associated with the County portion of the Concord Street turnback project subject to approval from the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

**20-301**

**Authorization To Execute Agreement With City Of South St. Paul For Revocation And Turnback Of County Road 6 (Thompson Avenue) And To Amend Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget**

WHEREAS, Dakota County’s 2030 Transportation Plan identifies County Road 6 (Thompson Avenue) as a turnback to the Cities of South St. Paul and West St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §163.11 Subdivisions 5 and 9 authorize the County Board to transfer jurisdiction and ownership of a County highway to another road authority upon agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties have identified improvements to Thompson Avenue that would bring the roadway up to County standards at the cost of approximately \$2,336,900; and

WHEREAS, the parties have developed terms of a turnback agreement that will provide County funds to the City for the identified roadway improvements upon release of the highway to the City; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will revoke County Road status on this segment of roadway; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to assume maintenance and operations responsibilities for the roadway upon revocation of County Road status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to enter into an agreement with the City of South St. Paul for the revocation and turnback of County Road 6 (Thompson Avenue) between Trunk Highway 52 and Concord Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon execution of the agreement, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby revokes County Road status on that portion of County Road 6; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Board Chair and the Clerk to the County Board are hereby authorized to execute the Quit Claim Deed with the City of South St. Paul in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office, releasing the right of way by the County for the above-described segment of road in the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2020 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Adopted Budget as follows:

<b>Expense</b>	
Jurisdictional Classification	(\$1,000,000)
County Project 6-11	<u>\$2,336,900</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,336,900</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
County Funds – Jurisdictional Classification	(\$1,000,000)
County Funds – County Project 6-11	\$1,000,000
Use of Transportation Fund Balance	<u>\$1,336,900</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,336,900</b>

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

**20-302**

**Adoption Of County Road 30 (Diffley Road) School Area Improvements, Authorization Of A Joint Powers Agreement With City Of Eagan And School District 196 And Contract For Consultant Services For County Project 30-39 And Authorization Of Budget Amendment**

WHEREAS, to a provide safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County is partnering with the City of Eagan (City) and Independent School District 196 (ISD 196) to consider improvements in the vicinity of Diffley Road (County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 30), Braddock Trail, and the Northview Elementary, Dakota Hills

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Middle, and Eagan High School campus (campus) in Eagan; and

WHEREAS, the initial project, County Project (CP) 30-36 was focused on intersection changes and signal replacement was expanded to study the broader Diffley Road and campus area; and

WHEREAS, this effort is intended to improve vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle operation and safety on and adjacent to the school campuses; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood meetings were held to discuss a proposed CSAH 30 and Braddock Trail intersection project on November 28, 2018, and then broader traffic and pedestrian issues beyond the intersection on CSAH 30, Braddock Trail, and the school campus on February 11, 2019, December 11, 2019 and December 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting to share CSAH 30, Braddock Trail, and school campus concepts was held on February 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the project team consisting of County Transportation staff, City of Eagan Engineering staff and School District 196 representatives support the proposed project concept; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project concept consists of Braddock Trail and school entrance intersection modifications, school parking lot drop off and circulation modifications, a new access roadway from the south parking lot to CSAH 30 at the Daniel Drive intersection, and reconstruction of CSAH 30 from a four-lane to two-lane divided section from Lexington Avenue to approximately 2,000 feet east of Braddock Trail, with roundabouts at Daniel Drive and Braddock Trail, pedestrian crossing devices, and corridor street lighting; and

WHEREAS, a virtual open house was held April 24 – May 11, 2020, to share analysis work, provide responses to questions from the public, and hear feedback on the proposed project concept using an interactive map which was summarized to highlight input received for the proposed project concept; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-168 (March 24, 2020), the estimated project construction cost is \$4,620,000, which is the amount of the State bond request; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will be the lead agency for final design for CP 30-39; and

WHEREAS, staff requested a design services proposal directly from Bolton & Menk, Inc. (BMI) due to their project familiarity and ability to deliver in accordance with the aggressive design schedule; and

WHEREAS, the proposal was evaluated by County and City staff consistent with competitive solicitations and found to be effective, responsive, and within project cost range of similar projects; and

WHEREAS, the design costs are estimated to be \$525,000 for overall work elements including \$493,355 for a contract for engineering services with BMI; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement is necessary to outline cost sharing and responsibilities with the City and ISD 196 for the design phase of CP 30-39; and

WHEREAS, design cost distribution between the County, City and ISD 196 are based on distribution of costs for the Diffley Roadway, new school access road and school improvements; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends adopting recommended improvements; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends entering into a Contract with BMI for final design services for CP 30-39.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the

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recommended project concept for County Project 30-39, including Braddock Trail and school entrance intersection modifications, school parking lot drop off and circulation modifications, a new access roadway from the south parking lot to County State Aid Highway 30 at the Daniel Drive intersection, and reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 30 from a four-lane to two-lane divided section from Lexington Avenue to approximately 2,000 feet east of Braddock Trail, with roundabouts at Daniel Drive and Braddock Trail, pedestrian crossing devices, and corridor street lighting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That details including pedestrian crossing controls and enhancements at all crossings, review of school lot circulation, access road location and grades, corridor street lighting, striping and signing will be developed during design of the project in coordination with the project partners and the public; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 and Independent School District 196 for project costs and responsibilities associated with County Project 30-39, 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 enter into a contract with Bolton and Menk, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$493,355 for design services for County Project 30-39, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2020 Transportation Capital Improvement Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

<b>Expense</b>	
CP 30-36	(\$195,000)
Professional Services Setaside	(\$ 45,000)
CP 30-39	<u>\$525,000</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>

<b>Revenue</b>	
CP 30-36 – County Funds	(\$195,000)
Professional Svcs Setaside – County Funds	(\$ 45,000)
CP 30-39 – County Funds	\$240,000
CP 30-39 – Use of Transp. Fund Balance	\$ 30,000
CP 30-39 – City of Eagan	\$ 75,000
CP 30-39 – ISD 196	<u>\$180,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

**20-303**

**Scheduling Of Public Hearing To Receive Comments On Proposed Amendments To Ordinance 50: Shoreland And Floodplain Management**

WHEREAS, Dakota County Ordinance 50 regulates the use and orderly development of designated shoreland and floodplain zones within the unincorporated areas of Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the ordinance is to promote public health, safety, and welfare; protect, preserve, and enhance natural resources; and reduce the private and public economic loss caused by flooding; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments were prompted by new rules adopted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) guiding development for the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA); and

WHEREAS, the MRCCA is a state, regional, and local program to provide coordinated land planning and regulation for the 72-mile stretch of the Mississippi River through the seven-county metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, in Dakota County, the MRCCA boundary extends from the I-494 bridge on the Eagan/Mendota

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Heights border to the eastern boundary of Ravenna Township; and

WHEREAS, the MRCCA rules establish minimum guidelines and standards local governments must include in their comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County included these MRCCA rules in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, and now Ordinance 50 must be amended to include the rules; and

WHEREAS, staff is also using this opportunity to propose additional updates to improve the formatting and clarity of some existing ordinance requirements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been reviewed by MNDNR staff for compliance with State requirements and are available for public review on the County website; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is requested for July 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., to receive comments on the proposed amendments to Ordinance 50: Shoreland and Floodplain Management; and

WHEREAS, meetings of the County Board are held in the Boardroom, Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN, except due to the ongoing impacts from the COVID-19 virus, the Board is conducting public meetings via telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021 and will continue to do so as long as it is not practical or prudent to hold in-person meetings because of the COVID-19 health pandemic emergency declared under Minn. Stat. Chapter 12 by the Minnesota Governor Tim Walz and the Dakota County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Res. No. 20-139; and

WHEREAS, updated information on the manner of the public meeting can be found on the Dakota County website at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us); and

WHEREAS, the public may submit comments for the public hearing via email to [CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us); and

WHEREAS, if the July 14, 2020, County Board meeting is conducted via telephone or other electronic means, Dakota County will provide the public the ability to participate and hear all discussion and comments during the public hearing by telephone or other electronic means; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County continues to work to improve the technology and process for remote participation for public meetings during this local emergency and will provide notice of any change in the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a public hearing for July 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the Boardroom, Administration Center, 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN, or via telephone or other electronic means if necessary due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

**20-304**

**Authorization To Submit Minnesota Historical And Cultural Heritage Grant Application For South St. Paul Stockyards Interpretive Node**

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted the Mississippi River Trail Interpretive Plan developing the conceptual vision for interpreting the cultural and natural history of the Mississippi River along the trail length in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board authorized acceptance of a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant to fund the interpretive design of the South St. Paul Stockyards Interpretive Node along the Mississippi River Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant program is accepting large grants, with

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application due July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the South St. Paul Stockyards interpretive node fabrication and installation is a strong candidate for this program; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County staff recommends the County submit a grant application to the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant program for the fabrication and installation of the South St. Paul Stockyards interpretive node for \$125,000 with a \$50,000 contribution to be considered by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners as part of the 2021 Capital Improvement Program budget, for a project total of \$175,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or their designee, to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant Program for the fabrication and installation of the South St. Paul Stockyards Interpretive Node in South St. Paul.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

**20-305**

**Determination Of 2020 Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program Project And Funding Recommendations And Direction For Staff To Work With Cities To Prepare Joint Powers Agreements For Final Award Of Grants**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-061 (January 21, 2020), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the 2020 Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program to distribute up to three million dollars of funding to cities that host or are located in proximity to a landfill including the Cities of Burnsville, Coates, Inver Grove Heights, Rosemount, and/or South St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved an application process where identified communities must demonstrate how their proposed project(s) meet the purposes for the use of the Environmental Legacy Fund and County funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Burnsville, Coates, Inver Grove Heights, Rosemount, and South St. Paul were invited to submit grant applications; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-161 (March 24, 2020), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners extended the deadline for Cities to submit their applications from April 1, 2020, to May 27, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak; and

WHEREAS, a total of four applications were submitted requesting a total of \$3,700,000 in Environmental Legacy Funding; and

WHEREAS, \$3 Million of Environmental Legacy Funds are included in the Adopted 2020 Environmental Resources Capital Improvement Program Budget for the 2020 Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the County Board determine project and funding recommendations and direct staff to work with cities to prepare joint powers agreements for the final award of grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends the 2020 Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program Grants be awarded to the following projects subject to the execution of joint powers agreements:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Economic Development Activities	City of Burnsville	\$1,100,000
Heritage Village Park Redevelopment	City of Inver Grove Heights	\$900,000 (retroactive to January 1, 2018)

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Downtown Planned Unit Development	City of Rosemount	\$500,000 (retroactive to May 1, 2020)
Hardman Triangle Redevelopment Plan	City of South St. Paul	\$500,000

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

**20-306**

**Determination Of 2020 Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program Project And Funding Recommendations And Direction For Staff To Work With Cities To Prepare Joint Powers Agreements For Final Award Of Grants**

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-075, (January 23, 2018), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program to distribute up to three-million dollars of funding to cities that host or are located in proximity to a landfill including the Cities of Burnsville, Coates, Inver Grove Heights, Rosemount and/or South St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-061 (January 21, 2020), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the 2020 Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program to distribute up to three million dollars of funding to cities that host or are located in proximity to a landfill including the Cities of Burnsville, Coates, Inver Grove Heights, Rosemount, and/or South St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners approved an application process where identified communities must demonstrate how their proposed project(s) meet the purposes for the use of the Environmental Legacy Fund and County funding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Burnsville, Coates, Inver Grove Heights, Rosemount, and South St. Paul were invited to submit grant applications; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-161 (March 24, 2020), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners extended the deadline for Cities to submit their applications from April 1, 2020, to May 27, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak; and

WHEREAS, a total of four applications were submitted requesting a total of \$3,700,000 in Environmental Legacy Funding; and

WHEREAS, \$3 Million of Environmental Legacy Funds are included in the Adopted 2020 Environmental Resources Capital Improvement Program Budget for the 2020 Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the County Board determine project and funding recommendations and direct staff to work with cities to prepare joint powers agreements for the final award of grants.

WHEREAS, the Physical Development Committee of the Whole took action on June 23, 2020 to approve the allocations and voted to reincorporate the allocations and discontinuance of the Pilot Program into this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends the 2020 Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program Grants be awarded to the following projects subject to the execution of joint powers agreements:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Economic Development Activities	City of Burnsville	\$1,100,000
Heritage Village Park Redevelopment	City of Inver Grove Heights	\$900,000 (retroactive to January 1, 2018)
Downtown Planned Unit Development	City of Rosemount	\$500,000 (retroactive to May 1, 2020)



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Hardman Triangle Redevelopment Plan City of South St. Paul \$500,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners recommends the Landfill Host Community Environmental Legacy Fund Grant Pilot Program be discontinued.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 1 (Commissioner Joe Atkins)

**County Board/County Administration**

**20-307**

**Waiver Of County Board Operating Rule Regarding Scheduling Special Meeting Of The Board Of Commissioners And Ratification Of Special Meeting**

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners has previously adopted a schedule of regular County Board meetings for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners adopted 2020 County Board Operating Rules and Guidelines (Operating Rules) to facilitate accomplishing the business of the County Board in an orderly manner; and

WHEREAS, the Operating Rules provide that a special meeting of the Dakota County Board of Commissioners may be scheduled by resolution of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created public health, economic and other related crises; and

WHEREAS, Federal CARES Act funding is available to allow the County to quickly respond to these issues, , pending a determination by the State of Minnesota on how it will distribute the funds; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners have identified immediate needs to provide services in long-term care (LTC) and congregate care settings and to provide assistance to small businesses; and

WHEREAS, to address needs in LTC and congregate care settings in Dakota County, staff has negotiated a contract with Bluestone Physician Services, P.A. to provide services related to testing, medical care, and education on the use of PPE and infection control strategies to collaboratively combat the spread of COVID-19 in LTC and congregate care settings; and

WHEREAS, staff at the Dakota County Community Development Agency have prepared a small business grant program to assist small business; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners desire to take action on these items to address pressing needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic prior to its next regular County Board meeting scheduled for July 14, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby waives the requirement contained in its 2020 Operating Rules and Guidelines that requires a County Board resolution to schedule a special meeting of the County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the request of the County Board Chair to hold a special meeting at 9:00 A.M on June 30, 2020 via telephone or other electronic means if necessary due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### County Board/County Administration

#### Update And Consideration Of Future Board And Committee Meetings During COVID-19 Pandemic

Jeni Reynolds, Sr, Administrative Coordinator to the Board, Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney, Bonnie Brueshoff, Director of Public Health, Troy Mallat, Web Communications Specialist, Nathan Hanson, Intergovernmental Analyst briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. The Board directed staff to proceed with the Boardroom technology upgrade project using CARES Act funding and provide an update at a future meeting. The Board also directed staff to continue holding Board and Committee meetings via video conferencing methods for the month of July. Staff will provide an update at the July 14, 2020 County Board meeting and ask for direction on how to proceed with meetings in August and beyond.

### Community Services

#### 20-308

#### Authorization To Execute Contract With Bluestone Physician Services, P.A. For COVID-19 Testing At Residential Sites

Gil Acevedo, Deputy Director of Social Services briefed this item and responded to questions.

Motion: Thomas A. Egan

Second: Joe Atkins

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted Long-Term Care (LTC) and Congregate Care Settings in Minnesota and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, according to public health officials, the most effective method of containment in these settings is systemic testing of all residents and staff, with appropriate isolation and co-horting for positive cases; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Board of Commissioners decided it a priority to conduct COVID-19 Community Systemic Testing (CST), laboratory analysis of the specimens and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) training for the 160 LTC and 380 Congregate Care Settings located in Dakota County by utilizing Federal CARES Act funding; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Community Living Services staff, in partnership with Dakota County Public Health and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), reached out directly to several providers with expertise in this particular service area; and

WHEREAS, Bluestone Physician Services, P.A., who is currently contracted with MDH, was selected due to their capacity to provide these services in the short, required timeframe; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a contract with Bluestone Physician Services, P.A. to conduct COVID-19 CST, laboratory analysis of the specimens and PPE training for LTC and Congregate Care Settings located in Dakota County, on a fee-for-service basis, in a not to exceed contract amount of \$1,000,000, for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, with the option to extend through December 31, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Bluestone Physician Services, P.A. to conduct COVID-19 Community Systemic Testing, laboratory analysis of the specimens and Personal Protective Equipment training for Long-Term Care and Congregate Care Settings located in Dakota County, on a fee-for-service basis, in a not to exceed contract amount of \$1,000,000, for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, with the option to extend through December 31, 2021, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately

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terminate the contract in the event that funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

### **Physical Development**

#### **Authorization For Dakota County Community Development Agency To Implement A Small Business Relief Program Using CARES Act Funds**

Tony Schertler, Community Development Agency Director briefed this item and responded to questions. Discussion was held on this item and the item was moved to the July 7, 2020 General Government and Policy Committee for further discussion. No action was taken.

### **County Manager's Report**

Deputy County Manager Jean Erickson updated the Commissioners on upcoming dates:

- July 7 – CARES Act Draft Plan at the General Government and Policy Committee
- July 13 – Opening of all three County buildings to provide additional in-person services

### **Information**

#### **See Attachment A - Future Board Meetings And Other Board Activities**

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### **Adjournment**

Motion: Thomas A. Egan

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas A. Egan, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Mike Slavik  
Chair

ATTEST

Matt Smith  
County Manager