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Dakota County Board of Commissioners General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

August 18, 2020

9:30 AM

(or following Dakota County Board of Commissioners meeting)

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1. **Call To Order And Roll Call**

Note: Any action taken by this Committee of the Whole constitutes a recommendation to the County Board.

2. **Audience**

Anyone wishing to address the Committee on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda may send comments to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us
Comments are limited to five minutes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

4. *County Administration* - **Approval Of Minutes** Of Meeting Held On August 4, 2020

5. **County Board/County Administration**

5.1 *County Administration* – INFORMATION - Second Quarter Update On 2020 Board Priorities

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **County Board/County Administration**

6.1 *County Administration* – INFORMATION - Legislative Update

7. **County Manager's Report**

8. **Adjournment**

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**DAKOTA COUNTY
GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Meeting Minutes

**August 4, 2020
Live Stream, Government Center, Hastings, MN**

1. 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

Also in attendance: Matt Smith, County Manager; 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 Committee meeting was conducted under Minn. Stat. § 13D.021.

The video and audio recording from this meeting are available on the Dakota County website.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gaylord at 11:10 a.m.

2. Audience

Chair Gaylord noted that all public comments can be sent to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us
No public comment was received for this meeting agenda.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Mike Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Joe Atkins, the agenda was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Mike Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Thomas A. Egan, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

4. Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On July 14, 2020

5. Operations, Management And Budget

5.1 Authorization To Execute Metropolitan Council Contract With Dakota County For Geospatial Data Formatting To Continue Dakota County Participation In MetroGIS

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 471.59 authorizes local governmental units to jointly or cooperatively exercise any

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power common to the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, through the MetroGIS initiative, established in 1996, the seven metropolitan counties (hereafter "counties"), the Metropolitan Council (hereafter "Council"), and other interests have been working on regional and collaborative solutions to create, maintain, and distribute commonly needed geospatial (GIS) data; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the MetroGIS Policy Board (hereafter "Board") directed MetroGIS staff to develop a Business Plan to provide direction for future collaborations necessary to realize the MetroGIS vision; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council Board accepted a Business Plan for MetroGIS on June 14, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Business Plan identified the need to for the Council and the counties to collaborate to build regional GIS datasets for distribution to public sector stakeholders, such as state agencies, municipalities and watershed districts; and

WHEREAS, the counties subsequently entered into agreements with the Council to build regional GIS data sets; and

WHEREAS, in August 2016, the County entered into the current such agreement with the Council; and

WHEREAS, that agreement expires on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the new agreement shall commence on January 1, 2021 and remain in effect until December 31, 2023, with an option to be extended for a single, two-year term; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to continue to participate in the MetroGIS collaborative; and

WHEREAS, under this agreement, the Metropolitan Council will provide \$4,000 per year to help cover costs of performing tasks defined in the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chief Information Officer to execute the Metropolitan Council Contract with Dakota County for Geospatial Data Formatting, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That \$4,000 per year received from the Metropolitan Council under this agreement be deposited in the GIS Enterprise Fund.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. County Board/County Administration

6.1 Legislative Update

Stinson LLP Government Relations Director Jeremy Estenson gave a brief update on the legislative session and responded to questions. Tom Downs with Downs Government Affairs gave a brief update on Federal legislation. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by Committee.

Note: There was a bomb threat called into Congressswoman Craig's office today in Burnsville. Via the Zoom meeting chat, Commissioner Workman asked if anything more had been heard regarding the threat. Nathan Hanson responded that staff from her office confirmed everyone was safe and very grateful for the quick action by first responders.

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6.2 Update On South St. Paul Proposal To Join Dakota County Library System

County Manager Matt Smith and Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord started the discussion on this topic. The following also spoke to this item: South St. Paul Mayor Francis, Council Member Sharon Dewey, Bill Flatley, Kathy Halgren, Joel Hanson, and Physical Development Director Steve Mielke. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. The Committee did provide direction.

7. Community Services

7.1 Authorization To Expand Financial Empowerment Outreach, Add A 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent, Amend 2020 Non-Departmental Budget And Amend 2020 Employment And Economic Assistance Adopted Budget

Deputy Director Employee and Economic Assistance Tiffinie Miller Sammons briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, the Financial Empowerment (FE) program supports the Community Services (CS) Division's mission of "Partnering with individuals, families and communities to build healthy, stable and vibrant lives"; and

WHEREAS, managed within Employment and Economic Assistance, the FE program provides a needed resource to all departments across the CS Division as well as the jail, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the FE program is an important component in the array of individual needs, as illustrated in the Social Determinants of Health; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is a national leader with this initiative, as most community services county programs across the nation do not address this core need; and

WHEREAS, this initiative fits within Employment and Income Stability as well as Housing Stability, two of the pillars of the Social Determinants of Health model; and

WHEREAS, the model is a holistic framework used to improve self-sufficiency of Dakota County residents; and

WHEREAS, the two Financial Empowerment Specialists are actively helping Dakota County residents improve their financial capability through one-on-one counseling and education; and

WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, counseling sessions have become virtual rather than in person; and

WHEREAS, this has added additional time to these sessions reducing the Specialists' ability to meet with the increasing number of people requesting their services; and

WHEREAS, in addition, in-person trainings and community resource events have been cancelled due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to counteract the effects of COVID-19 and to provide valuable resources to a broader audience, it is important that FE educational and resource materials be available on the Dakota County website, via social media, through other technical avenues and available to be mailed; and

WHEREAS, we have identified five current trainings and additional educational resources to provided virtually without FE Counselor assistance; and

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WHEREAS, Financial Capability resources such as virtual trainings, educational materials, budget examples, tips and links to other resources could be what is needed for a resident to improve their financial situation instead of attending a counseling session; and

WHEREAS; the demand for FE counseling services will increase as the current income supports for COVID-19 run out; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting a 1.0 full-time equivalent, temporary administrative staff to collect the educational resources from FE staff to update the website, provide a social media presence, and manually send materials that FE Specialists currently and previously have not had the capacity to accomplish; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting up to \$5,000 to be used for resource, material and administrative needs; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined the FE Outreach Program costs are necessary and a reasonable response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, therefore eligible for use of CARES Act funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to implement the CARES Financial Empowerment (FE) Outreach Program in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period of August 4, 2020 through December 1, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to add a 1.0 full-time equivalent temporary staff for the Financial Empowerment program for the period of August 4, 2020 through December 1, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an amendment to the 2020 Non-Departmental budget as follows:

Expense	
CARES Act Expenses	<u>(\$50,000)</u>
Total Expense	(\$50,000)

Revenue	
CARES Act	<u>(\$50,000)</u>
Total Revenue	(\$50,000)

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an amendment to the 2020 Employment and Economic Assistance Adopted Budget as follows:

Expense	
CARES Act FE Outreach	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total Expense	\$50,000

Revenue	
CARES Act	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$50,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this program will end immediately in the event that sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are no longer available to continue this program.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

7.2 Authorization To Continue And Expand Emergency Shelter Hotel Program, Add Housing Search

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Services, Amend 2020 Non-Departmental Budget And Amend 2020 Social Services Budget

Deputy Director Social Services Madeline Kastler briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 public health emergency Dakota County transitioned all singles shelter capacity from congregate settings to hotel settings and added capacity, expanding from 10 units of hotel shelter to 90 units; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-186 (April 7, 2020), the County Board authorized continuation of the seasonal singles emergency shelter operated by Matrix Housing Services and transitioned this program to 40 units of hotel sheltering; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Nos. 20-239 (May 19, 2020) and 20-285 (June 16, 2020), Dakota County extended the existing seasonal Salvation Army hotel shelter program past the end date of April 1, 2020, expanded from 10 to 20 units, added 20 units of emergency hotel shelter with Ally Supportive Services, LLC (Ally), and allowed amendments to both vendors up to \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, Matrix Housing Services, Salvation Army and Ally all responded to a hotel shelter Request for Proposals and the 80 units of hotel shelter were funded through a Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Shelter Allocation Grant as well as a one-time DHS Emergency Services Program grant; and

WHEREAS, through a partnership with the Scott Carver Dakota Community Action Partnership (CAP), Dakota County has access to ten units of hotel shelter for families funded through a grant received by CAP; and

WHEREAS, due to ongoing shelter needs and a public health emergency, staff proposes a \$1,600,000 CARES package to support hotel sheltering and housing search services to include: a continuation of hotel shelter program with Matrix, Salvation Army, Ally and CAP utilizing CARES funds from July 1, 2020 through December 1, 2020, for \$1,187,500; \$300,000 in grants to be issued to Dakota County vendors via RFP to other community agencies to expand hotel sheltering activity during this time; and additional case management services with Ally and Salvation Army to support housing search services for people residing in hotel shelter for a total of \$112,500; and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate and serious need for these services that cannot be met with other procurement methods, and that the services that may be contracted for are limited to those necessary to meet the emergency facing persons experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that the emergency shelter hotel program costs are necessary and a reasonable response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, therefore eligible for use of CARES Act funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to implement the Emergency Shelter Hotel Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 for the period of August 4, 2020 through December 1, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2020 Non-Departmental budget as follows:

Expense	
CARES Act	<u>(\$1,600,000)</u>
Total Expense	(\$1,600,000)
Revenue	
CARES Act	<u>(\$1,600,000)</u>
Total Revenue	(\$1,600,000)

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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2020 Social Services budget as follows:

Expense	
CARES Act Hotel Sheltering Program	<u>\$1,600,000</u>
Total Expense	\$1,600,000

Revenue	
CARES Act	<u>\$1,600,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$1,600,000

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this program will end immediately in the event that sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are no longer available to continue this program.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

7.3 Authorization To Implement Community Mental Health Support, Amend 2020 Non-Departmental Budget And Amend 2020 Social Services Budget

Deputy Director Social Services Emily Schug briefed this item and responded to questions.

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dakota County residents are experiencing increased stress, anxiety, isolation, uncertainty and exacerbation of existing health conditions; and

WHEREAS, residents, including people of color, are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, many individuals, communities and families experience barriers to accessing mental health support; and

WHEREAS, staff estimate 100 community members would benefit from additional low-cost, low-barrier mental health support; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to use Federal CARES Act Funds to offer grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,00 to community agencies to address unmet mental health needs; and

WHEREAS, these grants would be available to Dakota County agencies in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period of August 4, 2020 through December 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that the Community Mental Health Support costs are necessary and a reasonable response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, therefore eligible for use of CARES Act funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to offer grants to community organizations to provide mental health outreach, services and supports in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period of August 4, 2020 through December 1, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2020 Non-Departmental budget as follows:

Expense

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CARES Act Expenses	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Total Expense	<u>(\$100,000)</u>

Revenue	
CARES Act	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Total Revenue	<u>(\$100,000)</u>

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2020 Social Services budget as follows:

Expense	
CARES Act Employment Incentive	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$150,000</u>

Revenue	
CARES Act	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$100,000</u>

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these additional initiatives will end immediately if sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are no longer available to continue this program.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

8. County Manager's Report

No County Manager report.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Chris Gerlach, seconded by Commissioner Mike Slavik, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeni Reynolds
Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board

DAKOTA COUNTY GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Second Quarter Update On 2020 Board Priorities

Meeting Date: 8/18/2020	Fiscal/FTE Impact:
Item Type: Consent-Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Division: County Administration/County Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Current budget <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment requested
Department: County Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested
Contact: Sather, Aaron	Board Goal: Excellence in public service
Contact Phone: (952) 891-7933	Public Engagement Level: N/A
Prepared by: Sather, Aaron	

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive an update on the second quarter performance of the 2020 Board Priorities

SUMMARY

Each year the County Board identifies a number of priority projects to focus on and track throughout the year. The second quarter of 2020 is now complete and an update on the status of these priorities is included (Attachment A).

Five priorities were delayed by a quarter in meeting their quarterly goals and one was delayed by more than a quarter in meeting its quarterly goals due to external factors. The remaining twelve priorities remain on schedule.

Additional information is included for each priority on the actual and anticipated impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

Supporting Documents:

Attachment A: Status of 2020 Quarter 2 Board Priorities

Previous Board Action(s):

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

County Manager's Comments:

- Recommend Action
- Do Not Recommend Action
- Reviewed---No Recommendation
- Reviewed---Information Only
- Submitted at Commissioner Request

Reviewed by (if required):

- County Attorney's Office
- Financial Services
- Risk Management
- Employee Relations
- Information Technology
- Facilities Management



County Manager



2020 Board Priorities

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2020 Board Priorities

1 2040 Transportation Plan

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

Complete the 2040 Transportation Plan update to plan for long term transportation system needs and investments in consideration of planned land use and growth identified in adopted local comprehensive plans. This priority is a continuation of a 2019 priority.

MILESTONE

Complete Draft 2040 Plan. Hold Board workshop on Draft Plan and preliminary recommendations. Release Draft Plan for public and agency comment.

NARRATIVE

The update of the 2040 Transportation Plan is shown as yellow because it is approximately 2 months behind schedule due to the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic. Public and agency engagement has been completed and results were shared with the Board at June 23 PDC. The Draft Plan was completed and discussed with the Board at a workshop on July 14. Based on comments received from the Board, edits to the Draft Plan were made and release of the Plan for formal public comment is expected in August or September.

PARTNERS

Dakota County cities and townships
chambers, and school districts
MnDOT
Metropolitan Council
Transit Providers
Transportation system users
The public

PARTNER UPDATE

31 meetings with partnering agency representatives have been held to date including MnDOT, Met Council, Transit providers, cities, townships, school districts, and chambers.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Plan development was delayed to shift engagement efforts to a virtual format and reschedule the Board Workshop.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Receive and address comments and revise plan to reflect comments. Adoption of 2040 Transportation Plan by County Board.



2 Mississippi River Greenway

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

This project will pursue activities related to completion of the Mississippi River Greenway, by completing the existing trail gap and resolving outstanding public safety issues. It will also enhance interpretive amenities and implement design plan features highlighted in both the Interpretive Plan and Amenities Plan. These activities will improve recreational opportunities, increasing Mississippi River views and access, while completing a marquee Greenway in Dakota County's park system. Improvements will also leverage existing investments in the Mississippi River Greenway. This is a multi-year project.

MILESTONE

Trail Gap: Complete 30% Final Design, begin R.O.W, County Board updated on project including preferred final alternative alignment based on preliminary design, status of State bonding appropriation

Access and Interpretation:

- Swing Bridge Interpretive Node/Initiate design development
- Pine Bend Interpretive Node /Develop preliminary scope
- South St. Paul Stockyards Interpretive Node/Submit pre-approval for grant

NARRATIVE

MRG - Rosemount East:
30% Design has been completed and HDR is working on providing construction limits at the end of this month to start ROW in July. County Board accepted the preferred trail alignment along Pine Bend Trail Road at the 3/24/30 (Resolution No. 20-164) meeting

Access and Interpretation:

Swing Bride Interpretive Node RFP distributed in May. Consultant hired design in June. Interpretive sign development will initiate in July.
Pine Bend Interpretive Node Preliminary scope developed as part of the MN River Greenway Dakota Frames project. RFP distributed in July.
South St. Paul Stockyards Interpretive Node Pre-approval grant submitted in May. County Board authorized final grant submittal for July.
Access Improvement Consultant selection has been delayed due to COVID-19 response. Plan to select consultant in late third quarter.

PARTNERS

- Local governments
- Private property owners
- Businesses
- Law enforcement (public safety concerns)

PARTNER UPDATE

MRG - Rosemount East: Dakota County has secured letters of support from Flint Hills, Mosaic and CF Industries for the preliminary design. Continued discussions with Union Pacific Rail on crossing design and land control. Provided project update to the City of Rosemount who has indicated support for design.

Swing Bridge: Continued coordination with final interpretive panels with City of Inver Grove.

South St. Paul Stockyards: Secured letter of support for MNHS grant submittal.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Access Improvement Consultant selection was delayed to Q3 to allow Staff to respond to the Pandemic.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Trail Gap: - Final Design advancing towards 60% Plan, continue R.O.W

- Access and Interpretation:**
- Swing Bridge Interpretive Node/Complete design development
 - Pine Bend Interpretive Node/Finalize scope, develop design/project approach and initiate design process
 - South St. Paul Stockyards Interpretive Node/Submit final grant request
 - Access Improvement/Complete design development

Q4: Trail Gap: - Complete 60% Final Design and Cost Estimate, advance towards 90% Final Design, County Board updated on project, continue R.O.W/initiate first offers

- Access and Interpretation:**
- Swing Bridge Interpretive Node/Fabricate and install panels
 - Pine Bend Interpretive Node/Finalize design and establish implementation approach
 - South St. Paul Stockyards Interpretive Node/Notification of grant status
 - Access Improvement/Initiate fabrication of signs



3 Veterans Memorial Greenway

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

Complete the five-mile greenway extending from Lebanon Hills Regional Park to the Mississippi River Greenway and include five to seven memorial nodes. At least one of the memorials would be designed to accommodate large group gatherings. The greenway is projected to serve 63,000 annual visits and honor the 25,000 veterans that have served from Dakota County Communities. This is a multi-year project.

MILESTONE

Engage veterans to support project and funding requests

NARRATIVE

Funding request updated with letter of support from Veteran Group. Testimony/Support provided at State Bonding Bill hearing on Veterans Memorial Greenway. Draft RFP to prepare final design and interpretative plan for greenway. RFP to be released end of June.

PARTNERS

- Veterans groups
- Dakota County Veterans Services
- Private property owners
- Businesses
- Local governments

PARTNER UPDATE

Coordinated draft RFP with Dakota County Veterans Services staff. Provided project update and requested draft letter of interest/commitment from Flint Hills. Flint Hills staff support final design efforts and will be providing update to upper management related to securing land control for the greenway.

COVID-19 IMPACT

The Pandemic caused meetings to move to virtual formats and shifted the focus of the State and Federal Legislatures to Pandemic response efforts.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Work with Flint Hills and XCEL energy to secure a letter of intent for the greenway alignment
Identify/pursue State and Federal Funding options.

Q4: Amend master plan alignment.
Hire interpretive design consultant to work with Veterans' groups on concepts for greenway and individual memorials (contingent on external funding)
Request permission from PDC to hire a design consultant for priority greenway segments.



4 Criminal Justice Network (CJN) JPA

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

CJN (Criminal Justice Network) is a County department that provides applications and services focused on information sharing and integration among Dakota County law enforcement agencies, the County Sheriff, County Attorney, departments within County government and law enforcement agencies across the state. CJN’s Records Management System is supported by a Board representing the seven-member law enforcement agencies and the County Sheriff in Dakota County.

CJN, its Steering Committee and the DCLEA (Dakota County Law Enforcement Agencies) Board would like to form a joint powers organization to create a shared governance model, create an opportunity to leverage funding from agencies outside of Dakota County and to further CJN’s mission by responding effectively and quickly to opportunities to increase information sharing and integration of systems to enhance public safety and criminal justice systems.

MILESTONE

Present draft JPA to CJN members and County Administration.

NARRATIVE

The workgroup consisting of CJN staff, County Attorney staff, several City Managers, and several chiefs suspended its meetings because of COVID-19. A meeting to resume discussions is scheduled for August 19th.

PARTNERS

- Dakota County Board
- Cities
- Dakota County Administration
- County Sheriff
- CJN/DCLEA member agencies
- CJN staff

PARTNER UPDATE

As noted the workgroup suspended meetings and will resume discussion in August

COVID-19 IMPACT

The workgroup suspended its meetings to respond to the Pandemic.

FUTURE MILESTONES

- Q3:** a) Adopt JPA.
– or –
b) Develop alternative future states for criminal justice integration and information sharing services and support for law enforcement records management systems for law enforcement.
- Q4:** Presentation of draft JPA or alternative future state models to the County Board and cities.



5 Groundwater Protection Plan

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

Dakota County is highly reliant on groundwater for drinking water and industry. This important resource is vulnerable to contamination due to Dakota County’s unique geology. Many private wells within the county exceed health standards for one or more pollutants, either naturally occurring or of human origin. Many additional wells have been shown to be impacted by pesticides and other pollutants. Nitrate contamination is increasing and impacting deeper wells over time. In addition, the Metropolitan Council projects that areas within Dakota County will have depleted up to 50% of the available aquifers by 2040.

MILESTONE

(1) Complete draft plan document and present draft plan summary to the Planning Commission and County Board, seek recommendation to release for public review and comment; (2) Start 60-day public/stakeholder review period.

NARRATIVE

1) Completed draft Plan document with input from the technical working group (group emailed all comments since could not meet in person due to COVID-19). The draft Plan was presented to the Planning Commission on April 23rd and to the PDC on May 12th. Both the Planning Commission and County Board recommended the draft Plan for release for public review and comment.

(2) The draft Plan was released for 60-day public/stakeholder review period May 20 - July 20, 2020 in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103B.255. Public hearing is scheduled for September 1st to receive comments on the draft Plan.

PARTNERS

Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
 State regulatory agencies
 Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)
 LGUs/municipalities
 Other County departments/units (Public Health, Land Conservation, Water Resources).

PARTNER UPDATE

All partners were notified of the 60-day public review period.

COVID-19 IMPACT

The Technical Working Group was unable to meet in person due to the Pandemic and additional time was allotted for the public review period to ensure people impacted by the Pandemic had time to voice their thoughts. Engagement and meetings were shifted to a virtual format.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: (1) Complete 60-day public/stakeholder review period; (2) Convene technical working group meeting to review and address stakeholder comments; (3) Compile, summarize, and respond to public comments; finalize changes to Plan document; (4) Hold public hearing on stakeholder comments, and submit Plan to BWSR for Plan approval.

Q4: (1) Complete BWSR review and approval process; (2) Present final Plan to Planning Commission and County Board and seek approval of Plan adoption



6 Raise the Profile of Dakota County

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

To get businesses and residents to remain in or move to Dakota County, we need to communicate the value of Dakota County and its unique features. Our primary messages focus on conveying why and how Dakota County is a premiere place to live and work.

To bring visibility to Dakota County we must:

- *Create awareness that Dakota County is a great place to live and work (and visit).
- *Educate both residents and non-residents, along with businesses, about the many attributes Dakota County has to offer.

This priority will raise Dakota County’s profile by pursuing new activities and creating new events and the related communication about and around them.

MILESTONE

Report on events hosted during Q2.

NARRATIVE

Due to COVID-19, several events were rescheduled or completed in accordance with safety guidelines. Completed quarter 2 communication priorities:

- Created COVID-19 web pages that included service changes, communications resources, business resources, data dashboard, translated materials, etc.
- Hosted two virtual informational townhall meetings
- Hosted virtual State of the County meeting
- Held event to celebrate the ground breaking of the SMART Center
- Created flyers and postcards with the COVID19 hotline and other Dakota County resources. Distributed at libraries, CDA properties and in CDA billing statements.

PARTNERS

- Dakota County Cities, Townships, and School Districts
- Dakota County Historical Society
- League of Women Voters of Dakota County
- Chambers of Commerce
- Area businesses
- Dakota County’s legislative delegation
- Representatives from the State of Minnesota

PARTNER UPDATE

City of South St. Paul: Conversations will continue with city officials to determine timing for Swing Bridge Anniversary Celebration

Chambers of Commerce: Will reevaluate the timing of the Dakota County Business Breakfast with local chamber leaders

Dakota County Parks: Parks department has requested to reschedule the celebration of Whitetail Woods and Lake Bylesby park improvements to spring/summer of 2021. Planning meetings will be scheduled in early 2021

COVID-19 IMPACT

Several events were rescheduled, and Communications Staff time was redirected to assist in keeping the public up to date with Pandemic information and resources.

FUTURE MILESTONES

- Q3:** Report on events hosted during Q3.
- Q4:** Report on events hosted during Q4 and seek Board direction on events in 2021



7 South St. Paul Library

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

Discussions are on hold related to the existing library in South St. Paul pending a proposal made to the County from the City Council.

MILESTONE

County staff will update the Board on any proposals brought forth by the City of South St. Paul.

NARRATIVE

Discussions were on hold for most of Q2 due to COVID-19 pandemic; resumed in late June.

PARTNERS

Dakota County
City of South St. Paul

PARTNER UPDATE

Discussions were delayed due to the Pandemic.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Discussions were delayed due to the need for all partners to respond to the Pandemic for their respective communities.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3-Q4: County staff will update the Board on any proposals brought forth by the City of South St. Paul.



8 Expand Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program in Jail

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

The MAT program assists clients with substance abuse addiction, which allows them to address other needs including personal safety, warrant compliance, employment, and home life stability. This priority will seek to match inmate needs with available drug treatment. It will expand the use of the injection treatment Vivitrol, which blocks the effects of opioids. The priority will also expand the use of Suboxone, which is a daily treatment that assists individuals with symptoms of withdrawal from opiates but does not require a minimum jail stay. The medications will be used in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies.

MILESTONE

Work with CAO to develop Suboxone MOU and establish what forms are needed. Evaluate booking and medical questions to better identify potential candidates for Suboxone.

NARRATIVE

Since the afternoon of March 12th, our Office has been working exclusively on COVID-19 related issues. In addition to addressing staffing issues, we're also responsible for running and maintaining a 263-bed jail facility. With that came several more tasks and challenges. There are bulleted points listed below as far as some of the more notable and time-consuming tasks that needed to be and continue to be addressed. To date, we've worked through approximately 99 COVID-19 related tasks. Additionally, our contracted medical provided, MEnD Correctional Care, who is the driving force for the MAT program has been working non-stop as well working through their COVID-19 protocols and staffing concerns. They're currently operating in 34 other jails in MN besides ours. The expanded MAT Program continues to be a priority and we will hopefully begin to start work on this during Q3.

PARTNERS

Dakota County Social Services
 Dakota County Attorney's Office
 Dakota County Courts, who order Jail Treatment Program assessments
 MEnD Correctional Care

PARTNER UPDATE

All stakeholders are willing to make this a priority this year.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Due to the need to respond to COVID-19 and the reduced jail population this priority was suspended.

- New non-contact protocols needed to be implemented for all professional visits
- All in-house programming needed to be stopped
- Evaluate current inmate population to determine release of low-level offenders or those that may be medically at a high risk
- Work with Community Corrections on extending report dates for individuals reporting to jail to serve time
- Developing a process for court hearings to be conducted remotely
- Develop inmate screening procedures and implement safety procedures to keep inmates and staff safe
- Develop contingency plans for severe outbreaks to inmates or staff
- Implement work from home procedures and adjust current staffing schedules
- Obtain court orders to stop Sentence To Serve and Work Release
- Obtain court orders and develop a standard operating procedure to address those being arrested on outstanding warrants to limit low level offenders from coming to jail
- Work with Community Corrections in developing a process for bail evaluations, EHM, and notice of revocation & restructure forms
- Implement a more stringent cleaning process in the jail
- Order and maintain proper PPE for staff and inmates
- Creation of new work schedules for employees

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Develop standard operating procedures and process checklist. Conduct Suboxone risk analysis. Identify collector of statistical data to show progress and reporting mechanism for stakeholders. Identify ways to disseminate info about the expanded Suboxone program to inmates.

Q4: Implement Suboxone into the MAT program, identify potential funding sources for future costs. Begin/continue tracking mechanism for those enrolled in the program. Identify process for handoff from jail release to external provider.



9 Freeway Landfill

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

The Freeway Landfill, located west of Interstate 35W in Burnsville, opened in the early 1970s and accepted approximately 5.3 million cubic yards of municipal solid waste for disposal through 1990. The Freeway Dump, located on the east side of Interstate 35W, was an unlicensed dump that accepted an estimated 790,000 cubic yards of waste between 1966 and 1971. The Landfill and Dump lack most of the environmental protection mechanisms required to ensure the areas surface water and groundwater are adequately protected. Neither location has a liner beneath the waste, and both have inadequate groundwater and methane gas monitoring and venting and lack leachate collection systems.

The City of Burnsville’s municipal water supply wells are located within one mile of the Dump and Landfill. When the nearby Kraemer Quarry stops pumping water out of the quarry, groundwater in the areas will rise and come into contact with the waste at the Landfill and Dump, potentially polluting the city’s water supply. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is currently reviewing options for the proper cleanup of the property.

MILESTONE

County staff will provide periodic progress updates on the status of the Freeway Landfill Project and identify potential courses of action for County Board consideration as they arise.

NARRATIVE

County staff continued to discuss the Freeway Landfill project with project partners. Staff reviewed the documents the MPCA prepared for the Dig and Line options at the Freeway Landfill and Dump. However, based on previous discussions with the County Board, no comments were submitted. Staff continue to respond to inquiries from regulated parties related to the potential clean-up options and to work with the MPCA to clarify how the potential options will be impacted by County Ordinance requirements. Draft legislation related to Priority Qualified Facilities and intended to simplify the Freeway Landfill cleanup process was discussed at the Legislative Working Group in May.

PARTNERS

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
 City of Burnsville
 County Attorney's Office

PARTNER UPDATE

The City of Burnsville held a public meeting to discuss the Freeway Landfill and Freeway Dump on May 12, 2020. The City Council decided not to select a preferred Dig and Line option, favoring the dig and haul option exclusively. The MPCA conducted a virtual Public Meeting to discuss the preferred options for cleanup of the Freeway Landfill and Freeway Dump on May 18,2020. MPCA continued to pursue new legislation for Priority Qualified Facilities that they believe would simplify the cleanup process at the Freeway Landfill.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Meetings and engagement opportunities were shifted to a Virtual Format.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3-Q4: County staff will provide periodic progress updates on the status of the Freeway Landfill Project and identify potential courses of action for County Board consideration as they arise



10

Coordinated Mental Health Co-Response Pilot

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

In January 2019, the Social Services Department launched the Mental Health Coordinated Response pilot program with the West Saint Paul and South Saint Paul Police Departments. Through the pilot, a dedicated Dakota County Mental Health Coordinator works directly with a Community Engagement Officer from each city. The focus of this priority is to continue to evaluate and expand coordinated mental health efforts with local police departments.

MILESTONE

Continue operations in WSP/SSP and begin services in AV/Rosemount; track outcomes and share results with stakeholders. Board approval of JPAs.

NARRATIVE

Operations continued in WSP/SSP with modifications in method of outreach due to COVID-19. Most follow-up conducted by phone. Capacity to provide effective follow up was limited as Community Engagement Officers were temporarily reassigned to general patrol.

Hiring freeze and suspension of in-person services due to COVID-19 delayed the beginning of services in AV/Rosemount.

JPAs will be provided to the board for approval in August 2020.

Evaluation plan finalized and new database for tracking outcomes created. Working through the practical implementation of collecting certain requested data points (e.g. # of hospital visits.)

PARTNERS

- Dakota County Community Services
- Dakota County Law Enforcement
- SMART Center
- Dakota County Cities
- Other community partners (for example, Guild, NAMI, People Incorporated, health care providers)

PARTNER UPDATE

SSP/WSP will resume limited in-person follow-up activity beginning week of 6/29/20.

A modified start-up in AV and Rosemount will begin in Q3 and use existing county resources for the initial implementation. Planning meetings resumed week of 6/22/20.

COVID-19 IMPACT

The Pandemic has caused modifications to be made in outreach methods due to in-person services being suspended. The County’s hiring freeze has caused a delay to the beginning of services in Apple Valley and Rosemount.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Refine policies and procedures, track outcomes, and plan for sustainability as part of 2021 budget process

Q4: Evaluation and recommendation for continuation; including the replicability and expansion of this effort across other Police Departments



11 2020 Elections

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

According to guiding regulations, successfully conduct the 2020 election. Staff will continue to work on election security and training to help ensure a successful election, which will support the accuracy and integrity of election results.

MILESTONE

Deploy and train epollbooks to small cities and townships.

NARRATIVE

The department is making good progress towards training all election judges, city and township election administrators and internal staff in the use of the epollbook system in the small cities and townships.

Additionally, we have tested each polling location to ensure connectivity and are working on other logistics with the pollbook vendor.

PARTNERS

- Public Services and Revenue/Elections
- Office of the Secretary of State
- Cities and Townships
- School Districts

PARTNER UPDATE

The election department continues to work with local partners who may be apprehensive about adopting new technology. There was some apprehension at first, but we have worked through it.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Staff are working to address election concerns related to the Pandemic, such as an increase in mail-in ballots and election judge shortages

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Conduct State Primary on August 11.

Q4: Conduct State General Election and Post-Election Review.



12 2020 Legislative Priorities

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

The County is pursuing a number of legislative priorities during the 2020 Legislative Session. This priority will include updates on the status of County priorities, reporting on legislative-related events, and preparations for the 2021 legislative session.

MILESTONE

Provide an update to the Board on the status of 2020 legislative priorities, host a post-session forum with the legislative delegation. Consider the hosting of a Fall 2020 event with the legislative delegation.

NARRATIVE

Updates on the status of 2020 legislative priorities have been presented to the Board during regular updates during GGP meetings. Due to COVID-19, and the need for multiple special sessions, a post-session forum with the legislative delegation has not yet been held. However, frequent virtual delegation meetings are being held to update the legislative delegation on public health in Dakota County, and to discuss the County's legislative priorities.

PARTNERS

Minnesota State Legislature
 Executive Branch
 Stinson LLP

PARTNER UPDATE

Stinson LLP continues to represent Dakota County's Legislative Platform at the State Capitol.

COVID-19 IMPACT

The Pandemic has contributed to delays to the Legislative Process and has prevented a post-session forum with the Dakota County legislative delegation.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Begin development of 2021 legislative priorities. Potentially host a Fall 2020 event with the legislative delegation.

Q4: Finalize 2021 Legislative Platform, schedule a 2021 pre-session forum with legislative delegation.



13 Byllesby Turbine and Powerhouse

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

Byllesby Dam is a high hazard hydroelectric dam located on the southern border of Dakota County on Lake Byllesby and the Cannon River. The dam currently has three original turbines and generators (fabricated in 1910 and 1915) that are well beyond the end of their expected service life. Based upon a study conducted by a consultant in 2014, the most feasible option is to upgrade the turbine equipment and powerhouse facility. Dakota County received \$6M in bonding funding from the State of Minnesota in 2017. This is a multi-year project.

MILESTONE

Start construction tasks that need to be completed in spring 2020 in order to prevent delays in future phases and inflation related cost increases. Finalize all permits for the project, including FERC licensing processes. Finalize energy sales options and proceed with negotiations based upon recent power purchase agreement discussions.

NARRATIVE

Staff is working towards the award a Phase 1 contract to The Boldt Company to complete construction and procurement of the initial phases of items during the summer of 2020. There has been iteration and discussion about which items should be in the price for the project, as well as the overall construction estimate for the project. Staff and our lobbyists are also working to secure an additional \$9M in state bonding funds toward the project. Staff is currently in the middle of finalizing the FERC licensing process and working towards energy sales agreement options included discussions with Xcel Energy as well as filling out an application to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO).

PARTNERS

State/Federal Permitting Agencies
 Design Team (Ayres, Voith, and Boldt)
 Minnesota DNR (Bonding Dollars administered by Dam Safety Group at DNR)

PARTNER UPDATE

Staff is working with FERC to finalize the licensing process and is in discussions with utility providers to evaluate energy sales agreement options. Staff is transitioning the team from design to construction and will be working with the appropriate partners to start construction.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Meetings have shifted to a virtual format and disruptions to the State’s Legislative Session have delayed any possible State funding.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Provide County Board with an updated budget based upon funding and plan of action based upon revised budget. Authorize construction of the next phase of the project which includes decommissioning of the original equipment, demolishing the current powerhouse, and start of the major reconstruction aspects to the project.

Q4: On-going construction. Demolition should be complete, begin major structural work on the powerhouse to prepare for installation of the turbine and generator equipment.



14 SMART Center Construction

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

The Safety and Mental Health Alternative Response Training (SMART) Center will meet a regional need for state required training of law enforcement and other first responders in non-lethal techniques used to de-escalate work situations. This need was acknowledged by the State of Minnesota with the contribution of their partial funding of the project. It will benefit our own Sheriff's department as well as police and other organizations in the area. This is a multi-year project.

MILESTONE

Complete contract with Board-approved general contractor (GC) and GC mobilize on site. Hold Groundbreaking.

NARRATIVE

The ground breaking was held virtually at the site on 8 June 2020. It was well attended and appreciated as an official project kick-off. The general contractor, A & P Construction, has mobilized on site and started the many preapprovals required to order product. Site work will continue well into next quarter.

PARTNERS

Building inhabitants:
 Parks, Lakes and Trails
 MN Crisis Intervention Team (MN CIT)
 Electronic Crimes Unit
 Drug Task Force

Funding Partner:
 State of MN

PARTNER UPDATE

There are no changes to our partners on the project. They remain engaged and interested in a positive construction outcome.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Project continues to progress with adjusted work environment to allow for physical distancing and use of appropriate PPE.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Progress with first third of construction.

Q4: Progress with second third of construction.

In 2021, complete construction and occupy property by mid year.



15 Empire Maintenance Facility Project

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

This project is the first phase of implementation of the MFOS study. The study outcome resulted in the consolidation of several existing maintenance locations into three major sites: Empire campus, a new "South Shop", and a new Parks maintenance facility at Lebanon Hills regional park. This first phase involves the Empire campus only. This is a multi-year project.

MILESTONE

Begin Wash Bay addition work; Complete Fleet Maintenance Addition.

NARRATIVE

The Fleet Addition was turned over for use this period as planned. The cold storage building is substantially complete and awaiting installation of the brine production equipment. The precast walls and bar joist roof system is in place at the Wash Bay Addition and work is on tract at the office area renovations. The project is over 65% complete thus far.

PARTNERS

Internal stakeholders:
 Sheriff's Office (Parks, Lakes and Trails)
 Physical Development Division (Grounds Maintenance, Fleet, Transportation, Survey, Signal/Control and Administration).

PARTNER UPDATE

There are no external partners on this project. All internal stakeholders remain informed and are happy with the progress thus far.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Project continues to progress with adjusted work environment to allow for physical distancing and use of appropriate PPE.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Complete new Cold Storage Building.

Q4: Complete West Building Office Area renovations. In 2021 staff would move into the Shops area and the project would go through close out.



16 Priority Transportation Projects

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

To track progress and provide updates to the County Board on high priority 2020 transportation improvement projects.

MILESTONE

Identify priority 2020 transportation projects. Update and seek authorizations as needed. Update project progress to the Board.

NARRATIVE

The priority 2020 construction projects are on schedule. Both CSAH 78 and CSAH 70 construction contracts were awarded by the Board. CSAH 86 remains on schedule for award later this year. A construction project update including these priority projects was provided to the Board at the May 5 County Board meeting.

Future projects are also progressing as follows:

The Board approved the JPA for the 179th/CSAH 9 projects and the City of Lakeville awarded the 179th construction contract.

A project manager has been assigned to the CSAH 46 construction project and work on a scope of consultant services is underway. The PM discussed the project at Coates City Council on June 8.

The proposed concept for Diffley School Area Improvements was considered for approval along with the JPA and consultant design contract at the June 23 PDC meeting and approved by the County Board at the June 30 Special County Board Session.

Traffic analysis has been completed and MnDOT has released the consultant RFP for mobility improvements on northbound TH 77.

Staff continues discussion with MnDOT on how to coordinate preliminary engineering and scoping for the north and south portions of the corridor including the CSAH 50 interchange.

PARTNERS

- MnDOT
- Cities
- Transit providers
- Met Council
- Public and agencies through public engagement efforts.

PARTNER UPDATE

Ongoing coordination with MnDOT, cities and townships to advance priority projects. Specifically, the Project Manager discussed the CSAH 46 project at Coates City Council on June 8 and staff worked with MnDOT on consultant selection for TH 77 preliminary engineering.

COVID-19 IMPACT

All projects are proceeding as normal to extent possible under contract. Additional consultant staff will be retained to help with workload. Public Engagement has shifted to virtual formats where possible.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3-Q4: Update project progress to County Board.



17 Transit Pilots

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

To provide periodic information to the Board regarding the status of various transit pilot projects.

MILESTONE

Provide a quarterly update to the Board.

NARRATIVE

Physical Development Pilots:

Service to DCTC was suspended in mid-March due to the closure of the campus. Following the closure, several alternatives to maintain the service in the future were discussed with MVTA, but no solution was reached due to future uncertainty with MVTA's operating budget.

Community Services Pilots:

DakotaLink service was suspended on March 18 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Service resumed on June 22 with precautionary measures to protect passengers and drivers.

PARTNERS

Transit providers
 Businesses and employers
 Transit users
 Dakota County cities and townships.

PARTNER UPDATE

MVTA did not operate the extension to DCTC in Q2 due to the suspension of in-person instruction. Several approaches to fund service between the County, DCTC and MVTA were developed and may be feasible at a later time when need and financial outlooks are more certain.

COVID-19 IMPACT

The Pandemic caused services to be suspended until alternatives can be found or precautionary measures are put into place.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3-Q4: Provide a quarterly update to the Board.



18 Dakota Communications Center (DCC) Governance Review

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

The Dakota Communications Center (DCC) was established in 2005 as a Joint Powers Agreement between Dakota County and eleven cities located with the county. To comply with an FBI requirement that the DCC have a management control agreement with a law enforcement agency, the Dakota County Sheriff’s Office assumed this responsibility. Complying with this FBI requirement led to discussions on whether the County should assume ownership and management of the DCC as a whole.

In 2018 the DCC Executive Committee formed a work group to re-examine potential governance changes. In May of 2019 the County Board received a letter and DCC Resolution from the DCC Board of Directors to “consider assuming ownership and management duties of the DCC” and “that this matter be publicly discussed by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners.” After discussing the resolution and letter from in August 2019, the Board of Commissioners requested the DCC Board of Directors continue to work on re-examining the governance model and directed Dakota County staff to research benefits of other PSAPs to assist stakeholders in determining if service would be improved under a county managed PSAP model.

MILESTONE

Present research study to DCC Executive Committee

NARRATIVE

The research report on local PSAPs was completed and presented to the DCC Executive Committee (April 29), the DCC Board (May 21), and the Dakota County Board (June 2).

PARTNERS

- Dakota County Board
- Dakota County Cities
- Dakota County Administration
- Dakota County Sheriff
- DCC Executive Committee
- DCC Staff

PARTNER UPDATE

A subcommittee has been formed to evaluate alternative operational and financing models for the DCC. Membership of the subcommittee includes representation from the Dakota County Board, the DCC Board, the DCC Executive Committee, Fire Operations, Law Operations, Dakota County Sheriff, and the DCC Executive Director (ex officio).

COVID-19 IMPACT

The Pandemic caused meetings to shift to virtual formats.

FUTURE MILESTONES

Q3: Alternative governance models presented to the DCC Executive Committee and Board.

Q4: Presentation of alternative models to County Board.

DAKOTA COUNTY GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Legislative Update

Meeting Date: 8/18/2020	Fiscal/FTE Impact:
Item Type: Regular-Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Division: County Administration/County Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Current budget <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment requested
Department: County Administration	<input type="checkbox"/> New FTE(s) requested
Contact: Hanson, Nathan	Board Goal: Excellence in public service
Contact Phone: (651) 438-4926	Public Engagement Level: N/A
Prepared by: Hanson, Nathan	

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive an update on federal legislative activities, the 2020 Minnesota special session, and the status of County priorities.

SUMMARY

This item will offer an opportunity for the Legislative Advisory Workgroup (LAW) and staff to provide updates on federal legislative activities, the 2020 Minnesota special session, Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA), Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), and National Association of Counties (NACo) activities, related County activities and other legislative topics of interest to Dakota County.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

Supporting Documents:

Previous Board Action(s):

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

County Manager's Comments:

- Recommend Action
- Do Not Recommend Action
- Reviewed---No Recommendation
- Reviewed---Information Only
- Submitted at Commissioner Request

Reviewed by (if required):

- County Attorney's Office
- Financial Services
- Risk Management
- Employee Relations
- Information Technology
- Facilities Management



County Manager