

January 5, 2021

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

Call To Order And Roll Call

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

Also in attendance were: Matt Smith, 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 in a hybrid manner, via both virtual and in-person. 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 With Dakota County Sheriff's Honor Guard

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Slavik who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Dakota County Sheriff's Honor Guard presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance. Honor Guard members were: Correctional Deputy Lucio Marquez-Zazueta, Correctional Deputy Jalen Sneddeker, Correctional Deputy Bruce Kleeberger, and Corporal Tim Parker.

Administration Of Oath Of Office To County Elected Officials

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all oaths of office were taken prior to the meeting. Newly elected Commissioners are Commissioner Laurie Halverson (District 3) and Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland (District 7). Reelected Commissioners are Joe Atkins (District 4) and Commissioner Liz Workman (District 5).

Election Of 2021 Officers

21-001

Election Of 2021 Chair

Chair Mike Slavik highlighted Dakota County's accomplishments in 2020 and thanked his colleagues and staff for their contributions.

Chair Mike Slavik began the election of County Board officers for 2021 by calling for nominations for the office of County Board Chair. Commissioner Liz Workman placed the name of Mary Liz Holberg in nomination. The Chair called for additional nominations. No additional names were placed in nomination.

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby closes nominations and casts a unanimous ballot to elect Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg as County Board Chair for 2021.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Commissioner Holberg assumed the duties of chair. Chair Holberg thanked her colleagues for electing her as chair and highlighted goals for 2021.

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At this time Chair Holberg called for nominations for the office of County Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Atkins placed the name of Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord in nomination. The Chair called for additional nominations. No additional names were placed in nomination.

21-002

Election Of 2021 Vice-Chair

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Liz Workman

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby closes nominations and casts a unanimous ballot to elect Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord as County Board Vice-Chair for 2021.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Audience

Chair Slavik noted that all public comments can be sent to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us
No comments were received.

21-003

Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Kathleen A. Gaylord

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

One amendment proposed for Consent Item 8.3 Appointment Of County Board Members To Boards/Committees/Commissions For 2021. The Greater Metropolitan Workforce Council was dissolved in April 2020, no appointment will be made to this Committee.

With amendments, on a motion by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland, the agenda was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the agenda for the County Board meeting on January 5, 2020, as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Liz Workman

With amended Item 8.3, on a motion by Commissioner Mike Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Liz Workman, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

21-004

Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held December 15, 2020

County Board/County Administration

21-005

Authorization To Extend Paid COVID-19 Leave Benefits

WHEREAS, since April 1, 2020, Dakota County has provided paid COVID-19 leave benefits to staff in accordance with the Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA); and

WHEREAS, FFCRA paid COVID-19 leave includes the following to accommodate impacts from COVID-19:

- Up to 80 hours for employees who have COVID-19, are experiencing symptoms and getting tested, or are

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required to quarantine after exposure (COVID Self Leave) up to \$511 per day; or for employees to care for someone else subject to quarantine or to care for their own children whose school or childcare has closed or transitioned to hybrid or distance learning due to COVID-19 (COVID Caregiver Leave) at two-thirds their regular pay up to \$200 per day; and

- Up to 10 additional weeks for employees to care for their own children whose school or childcare has closed or transitioned to hybrid or distance learning due to COVID-19 Emergency Family Leave Extension Act (EFMLEA) at two-thirds their regular pay up to \$200 per day

; and

WHEREAS, to date, Dakota County has received 303 requests for one of these paid COVID-19 leave types, which equate to roughly 15 percent of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the FFCRA is set to expire on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 will continue to impact County employees after December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County wishes to extend the timeframe for staff to use paid COVID-19 leave benefits provided by the FFCRA through February 28, 2021, to assist employees who are impacted by COVID-19 and safeguard the safety of staff and citizens who visit County facilities; and

WHEREAS, nothing herein will entitle staff to more paid COVID-19 leave benefits than those provided for by the FFCRA; and

WHEREAS, no COVID-19 leave benefits provided to staff on or after January 1, 2021 will be subject to the provisions of the FFCRA or the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA); and

WHEREAS, if a federal or state law is hereafter enacted which requires Dakota County to provide paid COVID-19 leave benefits beyond those described herein, this proposed action will become null and void and Dakota County will conform its leave policies to comply with the new law; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that all costs associated with extending paid COVID-19 leave benefits in the manner described herein are encompassed in the 2021 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager, or their designee, to temporarily modify Dakota County's leave policies as set forth herein through February 28, 2021.

21-006

Authorization To Execute 2021-2022 Labor Agreement With Law Enforcement Labor Services Licensed Supervisors Unit

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the appropriate County officials to execute the Labor Agreement with the Law Enforcement Labor Services Licensed Supervisors unit for the period January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement and those contract modifications submitted to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners dated January 5, 2021, and subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

21-007

Appointment Of County Board Members To Boards/Committees/Commissions For 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints, as recommended by the County Board Chair, County Board members to serve on inter-agency boards, in-County boards, and as liaison commissioners for 2021, as follows:

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Inter-Agency Appointments

Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors Member	Slavik Workman (Alternate)
District X	Slavik Atkins (Alternate)
General Government Policy Committee	Slavik
Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee	Workman
Health and Human Services Policy Committee	Halverson
Public Safety Policy Committee	Atkins
Transportation and Infrastructure Policy Committee	Holberg
Cannon River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)	Slavik
Dakota Communications Center Board Of Directors	Slavik Holberg (Alternate)
Dakota Broadband Board	Workman Atkins (Alternate)
Facility Operations Advisory Committee for Thompson Park Centers	Gaylord (Chair) Atkins Halverson
Greater MSP	Gaylord
Greater Metropolitan Workforce Council – Dissolved April 2020	No Appointment
Great River Rail Commission	Slavik Gaylord (Alternate)
I-35W Solutions Alliance Board	Workman (Chair) Holberg (Alternate)
Metro Alliance for Healthy Families Governing Board	Halverson Holberg (Alternate)
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board	Atkins (Chair) Hamann-Roland Holberg (Alternate) Atkins Holberg (Alternate)
MESB Executive Committee	
Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) Board	Halverson
Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Commission	Workman (Chair) Hamann-Roland Halverson Workman (Chair)
MMCD Executive Committee	
Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) Board	Gaylord (Chair) Halverson
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority Board	TBD TBD (Alternate)
Regional Solid Waste Hauler Licensing Board	Workman

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Statewide Emergency Communications Board Executive	TBD
State Community Health Services Advisory Committee	Atkins
Suburban County Work Group on Regional Issues	Workman Holberg Atkins
Transportation Advisory Board–Metropolitan Council	Holberg Gaylord (Alternate)
Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board	Slavik Hamann-Roland Holberg (Alternate)
In-County Appointments	
Dakota County Board/Court Policy Committee	Holberg Atkins
Dakota County Community Development Agency Board	All Commissioners
Dakota County Law Library Board	Gaylord (Chair)
Dakota County Legislative Lead	Atkins
Dakota County Legislative Liaison	Workman Slavik
Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority	All Commissioners Workman (Chair) Hamann-Roland (Vice-Chair) Halverson (Secretary)
Liaison Commissioner Appointments	
Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board	Hamann-Roland
; and	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints/reappoints the following individuals to the Community Development Agency Board for three-year terms ending January 2024:

District 1 Slavik
District 3 Halverson
District 7 Hamann-Roland

**21-008
Ratification Of Appointment Of Chairs Of Committees Of The Whole For 2021**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the County Board Chair's recommendation and appoints the following County Board members to serve as chairs for the Committees of the Whole for 2021:

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole Chair	Gaylord
Community Services Committee of the Whole Chair	Atkins
Physical Development Committee of the Whole Chair	Workman

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the County

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Board Chair's following recommendation for Chair of the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority for 2021, and refers the appointment to the Dakota County Regional Railroad Authority:

Regional Railroad Authority Chair

Workman

Regional Railroad Vice Chair

Hamann-Roland

21-009

Appointments To Extension Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints/reappoints the following individuals to the Extension Committee for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022.

District	Name
1	Kelsey Waits
5	Amber Cameron

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following youth to the Extension Committee for a one-year term ending August 31, 2021.

District	Name
At-large Youth	Hally Frandrup

21-010

Appointments To Library Advisory Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints/reappoints the following individuals to the Library Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022:

District	Name
2	Kevin Hendricks
4	Martin Reibert
5	Rien Harms

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individual to the Library Advisory Committee to complete a one-year term ending December 31, 2021:

District	Name
7	Patricia Schoenecker

21-011

Appointments To Personnel Board Of Appeals

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individual to the Personnel Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023:

District	Name
At-large	Roger Czaia

21-012

Appointments To Planning Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints/reappoints the following individuals to the Planning Commission for one-year terms ending January 4, 2022:

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District	Name
1	Jerry Rich
2	Lori Hansen
3	Jill Smith
3	Greg Oxley
4	Amy Hunting
4	Barry Graham
5	Ram Singh
5	Robert Timmerman
6	Nate Reitz
6	James Guttman
7	Anthony Nelson
7	Donald Post

21-013

Appointments To Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints/reappoints the following individuals to the Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022:

District	Name
4	Cheryl O'Donnell
5	Colin Turner
7	JuliAnne Jonker

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following youth to the Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee for a one-year term ending December 31, 2021:

District	Name
At-large Youth	Lily Eisele
At-large Youth	Maxwell Martinson

21-014

Appointments To Special Board Of Appeals And Equalization

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints/reappoints the following individuals to the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization for a two-year term ending December 31, 2022:

District	Name
2	Morgan Kavanaugh
3	Sally Loberbaum
7	Gary Shade

21-015

Appointments To Zoning Board Of Adjustment

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints/reappoints the following individuals to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for two-year terms ending January 10, 2023:

District	Name
At-large	Patrick Ramel

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff are hereby directed to forward the name of the Planning Commission chair for 2021, when selected, to the County Board.

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21-016

Appointments To Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Radio Technical Operations Committee And 911 Technical Operations Committee

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) bylaws provide for each member to appoint one representative to the Radio Technical Operations Committee with the option of one alternate; and

WHEREAS, the MESB bylaws also provide for each member to appoint one representative to the 911 Technical Operations Committee with the option of one alternate; and

WHEREAS, input from the Dakota County Sheriff's Office, Office of Risk Management, and the Dakota Communications Center Executive Director resulted in the recommendations below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to the Radio Technical Operations Committee of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board for 2021:

Representative 1: Ron Jansen, Radio Systems Coordinator, Office of Risk Management
Alternate 1: B.J. Battig, Dakota County Risk and Homeland Security Manager

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to the 911 Technical Operations Committee of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board for 2021:

Representative 1: Cheryl Pritzlaff, Operations Manager, Dakota Communications Center (DCC)
Alternate 1: Tom Folie, Executive Director, Dakota Communications Center (DCC)

21-017

Designation Of Local Officials For Campaign Finance And Public Disclosure Board Reporting Requirement

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules 4501.0400, subpts. 1 and 2, require a metropolitan governmental unit (MGU) to determine which positions within the MGU meet the definition of local official as defined in Minn. Stat. § 10A.01, subd. 22; and

WHEREAS, the MGU must provide a list to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the full-time and part-time positions meeting this definition annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the following Dakota County positions as local officials in 2021, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 10A.01, subd. 22, for the purpose of reporting to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board:

Assessing Services Director/County Assessor
Assistant County Engineer
Budget Manager
Capital Projects Management Manager
Chief Deputy County Attorney
Chief Deputy Sheriff
Chief Information Officer
Communications Director
Community Corrections Director
Community Services Director
Community Services External Relations
and Strategic Initiatives Director
Community Services Operations Director
Construction Engineer
County Attorney

Environmental Resources Director
Facilities Management Director
Financial Services Deputy Director
Financial Services Director
First Assistant County Attorney
Fleet Management Manager
Library Director
Operations, Management and Budget
Deputy Director
Operations, Management and Budget Director
Parks Director
Parks, Facilities and Fleet Director
Physical Development Deputy Director
Physical Development Director
Property Taxation and Records Director

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County Manager
County Sheriff
Deputy County Manager
Employee Relations Director
Employment and Economic Assistance Director

Public Health Director
Public Services and Revenue Deputy Director
Public Services and Revenue Director
Service and License Centers Director
Social Services Director
Transportation Director/County Engineer
Veterans Services Director

21-018

Award Of Bid And Authorization To Execute Contracts For 2021 Through 2023 Printing Of County Legal Notices

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners is required by Minn. Stat. § 375.12 to advertise for bids and designate newspapers for various publications; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement, one bid was received for this purpose on November 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, all costs represent cost per lower case alphabet as determined through bid specifications and submitted prices and data; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has provided legal advice concerning the award of bids for various official County publications; and

WHEREAS, the County must advertise for bids for publication of its annual financial statement in two separate newspapers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby awards the bids to and authorizes the County Manager to execute contracts for 2021 through 2023 for printing of County legal notices and designates newspapers for various publications, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form, as follows:

1. *Dakota County Tribune* as the Official County Newspaper and its related publications, per its low bid of \$8.45 cost per column inch.
2. *Dakota County Tribune* as the newspaper in which the notice and list shall be published of the real estate remaining delinquent on the first Monday of January each year, per its low bid of \$8.45 cost per column inch (1st insertion) and 35% less or \$5.49 per column inch (2nd insertion).
3. *Dakota County Tribune* as the First Publication of the County's Financial Statement, per its low bid of \$8.45 cost per column inch.
4. *Dakota County Tribune* as the Second Publication of the County's Financial Statement, per its bid of 35% less than the 1st insertion or \$5.49 per column inch.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the awards for printing of County legal notices shall be made pursuant to a contract containing performance criteria.

Operations, Management And Budget

21-019

Authorization To Execute Contract Amendment With North Risk Partners For Insurance Brokerage Services For 2021

WHEREAS, Dakota County purchases insurance brokerage services; and

WHEREAS, staff evaluated available services through a review of the marketplace for brokerage services; and

WHEREAS, the results of the review and a request for proposal process in 2015 showed that North Risk Partners

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offered the best value for brokerage services; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Risk Management staff have been satisfied with the brokerage services for insurance placement and risk management services provided by North Risk Partners; and

WHEREAS, the Risk and Homeland Security Manager recommends the amendment of the current 6-year contract for one additional year with North Risk Partners for brokerage services for insurance placement and risk management services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Deputy County Manager to execute a contract amendment with North Risk Partners to extend the current contract term through December 31, 2021 and increase the amount to \$178,000, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Physical Development

21-020

Authorization To Accept State Bonding Grant Funding From Minnesota Department Of Natural Resources For Byllesby Dam Turbine Upgrade Project

WHEREAS, Dakota County owns the Lake Byllesby Dam and operates its hydroelectric facility under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) safety regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Byllesby Dam is classified as a high-hazard dam based on consideration of the effects of failure for downstream people and properties; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners has approved significant capital investments toward the FERC-required spillway project and existing facility capital improvements, totaling approximately \$12 million dollars, including Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Dam Safety Grants to help offset the cost of the improvements; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 14-149 (March 24, 2014), the County Board authorized the execution of a contract with Ayres Associates for power production efficiency and operations analysis; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 15-532 (October 20, 2015), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized staff to execute a contract for design and engineering of the preliminary design tasks on a multi-million-dollar turbine upgrade project to replace the existing 107-year-old equipment in the dam; and

WHEREAS, during the 2017 Legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature authorized \$6,000,000 in State of Minnesota (State) bonding dollars to supplement elements of the County's approved 2017–2021 Byllesby Dam Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-431 (August 21, 2018), the Board of Commissioners approved authorizing execution of a grant agreement to accept the State bonding funds for this project; and

WHEREAS, after developing finalized design documents and permitting review, it was determined that the cost to complete the project increased; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020 Legislative session, the Minnesota Legislature authorized an additional \$6,000,000 in State bonding dollars to supplement elements of the County's approved Byllesby Dam CIP budget, bringing the total state bonding contribution to \$12,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the DNR informed County staff that the County Board must adopt a resolution accepting the bonding funds that includes additional language relating to the commitment of County funds and the completion of the project before the DNR will execute the grant agreement; and

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WHEREAS, the grant agreement, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16A.695, requires a Declaration of general obligation bond financed property be executed by the County Board Chair and that such restriction be recorded on the property to be improved upon execution of the grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and to accept \$6,000,000 in State of Minnesota bonding dollars for costs associated with the approved 2018–2022 Capital Improvement Program budget subject to approval by the Dakota County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Applicant hereby pledges to complete the project or phase if it exceeds the total funding provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and any required local match; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to execute Declarations of general obligation bond financed property on the project area as required by the grant agreements for the Byllesby Dam Hydropower Redevelopment Project, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dakota County has the financial capability to provide any required matching funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the source of Dakota County matching funds were allocated as part of the 2018–2022 Byllesby Dam Capital Improvement Budget and shall not include use of other State of Minnesota funds.

21-021

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreement With Rice County For County Project 96-07

WHEREAS, to provide a safe and efficient transportation system, Dakota County and Rice County are proceeding with Dakota County Project (DCP) 96-07/Rice County Project (RCP) 101-01; and

WHEREAS, DCP 96-07/RCP 101-01 will reconstruct approximately a half-mile of Rice County Road (RCR) 101 (70th Street West) in Webster Township, Rice County, and approximately four miles of Dakota County Road (DCR) 96 (320th Street West) in Greenvale Township, Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and need for the project is to improve roadway quality, increase safety, and provide for multi-modal mobility on RCR 101/DCR 96; and

WHEREAS, to address the purpose and need for this Project, safety will be improved along the corridor by paving the roadway, realigning the roadway to remove horizontal curves, adding turn lanes, and providing paved shoulders; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County is the lead agency for DCP 96-07/ RCP 101-01 with right of way acquisition necessary in 2021 for construction to begin in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes \$1,632,400 for right of way acquisition and \$6,300,000 for construction for DCP 96-07; and

WHEREAS, a joint powers agreement with Rice County is proposed to define project cost shares and responsibilities for the Rice County portion of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a joint powers agreement with Rice County for the design, right of way appraisal process, construction, and maintenance of County Project 96-07 within the boundaries of Rice County by Dakota County, with costs to be reimbursed by Rice County to Dakota County, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office as to form.

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21-022

Authorization To Execute Joint Powers Agreements With City Of South St. Paul For County Maintenance Of City Traffic Signals And Signal Maintenance And Operation For County Signals Along CSAH 56

WHEREAS, Dakota County (County) is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-300 (June 30, 2020), the County Board executed a Turnback Agreement (Agreement) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the City of South St. Paul (City) for Trunk Highway (TH) 156 (Concord Avenue); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement identifies MnDOT transfer of ownership of two traffic signals to the City and three traffic signals to the County; and

WHEREAS, to promote a safe and efficient transportation system throughout the County and region, the County provides for traffic signal maintenance assistance to cities and defines signal maintenance and operation for signals under County jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the County's Transportation Plan (Policy M.7) provides for County traffic signal maintenance assistance to cities on a reimbursable basis; and

WHEREAS, the fees are based on assessment of all costs associated with signal maintenance including staff time, vehicles, equipment, material, and overhead costs; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and set-up assistance rates are evaluated annually to adjust for actual costs as part of the Dakota County Transportation Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends entering into a joint powers agreement for County maintenance of City traffic signals, denoting the County Engineer's authority to approve the addition or removal of City signals for County maintenance when requested in writing by the City; and

WHEREAS, staff further recommends entering into a joint powers agreement with the City to define costs and responsibilities associated with operation and maintenance of County signals along County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 56 (Concord Avenue) at Villaume Avenue, Armour Avenue, and CSAH 14 (Grand Avenue).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Physical Development Director to execute a joint powers agreement with the City of South St. Paul for County maintenance of City owned traffic signals, subject to approval of 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 execute a joint powers agreement with the City of South St. Paul to define costs and responsibilities associated with operation and maintenance of three County signals along CSAH 56 (Concord Street) at Villaume Avenue, Armour Avenue, and CSAH 14 (Grand Avenue) in South St. Paul, subject to approval of the County Attorney's Office as to form.

21-023

Approval Of Amendments To Dakota County Community Development Block Grant And HOME Investment Partnerships Programs

WHEREAS, three types of substantial amendments to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs are permissible by the US Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD): creation of a new activity or cancellation of an activity; increase or decrease of an activity budget by \$100,000 or more at one time, and change to the location and/or national objective of an activity; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County awarded \$707,291 of Dakota County's Program Year 2019 HOME funds to Twin Cities Housing Development Corporation for the acquisition and rehabilitation of Prairie Estates Townhomes

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development, an existing 40-unit rental affordable townhome development located at 6175 Carmen Avenue in the City of Inver Grove Heights, for the purpose of maintaining affordable housing in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) administers the Dakota County CDBG and HOME Programs; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has available CDBG funds that can be used for the acquisition and rehabilitation of Prairie Estates Townhomes; and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends using Dakota County CDBG funds rather than HOME funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of Prairie Estates Townhomes to assist the County with meeting federally required spenddown benchmarks for CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends substantial amendments to the Dakota County 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 CDBG Programs to create the Prairie Estates Townhomes Acquisition and Rehabilitation activity in those years and fund the activity with a total budget of \$707,291; and

WHEREAS, CDA staff recommends a substantial amendment to the Dakota County 2019 HOME program to cancel the Prairie Estates Townhomes Acquisition and Rehabilitation activity; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the substantial amendments was placed in the Star Tribune on December 4, 2020, and also on the CDA and Dakota County websites, in accordance with the approved Citizen Participation Plan process, and no public comments were received on the proposed amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the substantial amendments to the 2019 Dakota County HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 Dakota County Community Development Block Grant Programs.

21-024

Authorization To Appraise And Negotiate With Willing Sellers To Acquire Fee Title Of Property In Hampton, For South Shop Construction As Detailed In Maintenance Facility Optimization Study

WHEREAS, Dakota County purchases privately owned property from willing sellers to accomplish its long-term strategic goals of providing services to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Facility Optimization Study (MFOS) approved by Resolution No. 17-494 (September 26, 2017) included provisions for creating a South Shop as a base of operations for the deployment of Transportation and Grounds Maintenance staff to serve the roads, parks, and other County facilities in the southernmost section of the County; and

WHEREAS, the complex would include an equipment storage building with staff office space, salt and other bulk material storage, and a fueling island; and

WHEREAS, staff has had preliminary discussions with the leadership of the City of Hampton, and they are very interested in having the County facility within its boundaries and connected to its public utilities; and

WHEREAS, staff has engaged a commercial real estate broker to find parcels that would accommodate the needs of the South Shop complex, and several sites were found and prioritized by the Transportation and Grounds Maintenance staff coordinated through Capital Projects Management; and

WHEREAS, staff believes it is in the County's best interest to negotiate with two or more willing sellers simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, seven properties have been initially evaluated (Attachment A), and after researching these properties further, staff believes that the two for initial consideration should be Property B (180080078044) and Property F

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(180080077017); and

WHEREAS, a resolution by the majority of the County Board is required to create the appraisal reports and issue the offer letters that begin the negotiation process; and

WHEREAS, staff will return to the Board for final actions regarding this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to complete the appraisal of at least two subject properties in Hampton, and use those to tender letters of intention to offer and carry out negotiations with willing sellers in the Hampton area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby directs staff to return to the County Board to discuss the results of the appraisal and negotiations prior to making final purchase plans for a single property in the Hampton area.

Public Safety

21-025

Authorization To Execute An Agreement Between Young Men's Christian Association Of Greater Twin Cities And Dakota County Sheriff's Office To Provide A Full-Time Deputy For Racial Equity And Inclusion Training

WHEREAS, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Greater Twin Cities and Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement in August 2020 where the Sheriff's Office provided one full-time licensed deputy to the YMCA for the remainder of 2020 to facilitate racial equity and inclusion training to local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, each party wishes to amend and extend the agreement from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is requesting to maintain the previously approved 1.0 FTE through the term of the agreement to continue to fill this position; and

WHEREAS, YMCA of Greater Twin Cities will reimburse the Sheriff's Office \$9,350 per month to cover the cost of salary and benefits for that deputy; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office 2021 budget will be amended to reflect the supporting revenue for this position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Dakota County Sheriff to amend and extend the agreement with Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Greater Twin Cities through December 31, 2021 and add a 1.0 full-time equivalent General Duty Deputy position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to amend the Sheriff's Office 2021 budget to provide a deputy to facilitate racial equity and inclusion training to local law enforcement to be reimbursed by the YMCA for salary and benefits in the amount of \$9,350 per month, 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 an amendment to the 2021 Sheriff's budget as follows:

Expense	
Salaries/Benefits	\$112,200
Total Expense	\$112,220
Revenue	
YMCA Reimbursement	\$112,220
Total Revenue	\$112,200

January 5, 2021

REGULAR AGENDA

County Board/County Administration

Update On Monitoring And Response To Coronavirus Outbreak

Director of Public Health Bonnie Brueshoff, and Deputy County Manager Jean Erickson briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by Board members.

21-026

Scheduling Of Dakota County Board of Commissioners Business Grant Planning Workshop

This item was an addition to the original agenda. County Manager Matt Smith and Community Development Agency Executive Director Tony Schertler gave information regarding a Business/Non-profit assistance program with funding from the State of Minnesota. Following Board discussion on Business Grants, a motion was made to schedule a future Board Workshop to further discuss and set direction for administering state-funded relief grants to businesses and other organizations negatively affected by the pandemic and related emergency orders.

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Liz Workman

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby schedules a business grant planning workshop for January 12, 2021, following the Physical Development Committee of the Whole meeting, 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, for the purpose to discuss and set direction for administering state-funded relief grants to businesses and other organizations negatively affected by the pandemic and related emergency orders.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

21-027

Authorization Of Application And Receipt Of State Funding For COVID-19 Relief Program To Address County Business Impacts Due To Executive Order 20-99 And Discuss Business/Non-Profit Assistance Program With Funding From State Of Minnesota

County Manager Matt Smith and Community Development Agency Executive Director Tony Schertler briefed this item and responded to questions.

Motion: Mike Slavik

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

WHEREAS, On November 18, 2020, Governor Walz signed Executive Order 20-99 designating multiple strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County Board recognizes these orders threaten the economic viability of these businesses and desires to assist them through a business assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the State passed legislation on December 14, 2020 allocating \$88,000,000 in direct payments from the Department of Revenue to qualifying places of public accommodation, gyms, sports facilities and fitness centers; \$14,000,000 in direct payments from the Department of Employment and Economic Development to qualifying movie theatres and multipurpose convention centers; and \$114,800,000 to counties to administer grant programs to support businesses and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County's allocation totals \$8,551,447.34 which includes \$8,342,875.45 in per capita allocation and an additional \$208,571.89 for administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, staff will seek Board direction on policy parameters for the Dakota County grant program.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the receipt of State funding for a COVID-19 relief program to support businesses and nonprofit agencies impacted directly or indirectly by Executive Order 20-99.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Interagency Announcements/Reports

Interagency announcements and reports were then presented.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Matt Smith gave an update on the following:

- The estimate start time of meetings and a workshop planned on January 12, 2021.

Information

See Attachment A - Future Board Meetings And Other Board Activities

21-028

Adjournment

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

On a motion by Commissioner Joe Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Mary Liz Holberg
Chair

ATTEST

Matt Smith
County Manager