

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

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019

Conference Room L139, Western Service Center, Apple Valley, 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; Jay Stassen, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gaylord at 11:32 a.m.

2. Audience

Chair Gaylord asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Committee of the Whole on an issue not on the agenda or to discuss an item on the consent agenda. No one came forward.

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

4. County Board/County Administration

4.1 Legislative Update

Commissioner Joe Atkins gave an overview of current legislative items and Commissioner Mike Slavik gave an overview of The Great River Rail Capital Funding Proposal. A capital funding request would support a number of rail projects, including the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Second Train. The Committee of the Whole chose to remain silent on this issue. No vote was taken.

Physical Development Division Director Steve Mielke and Soil and Water District Manager Brian Watson gave information and requested feedback regarding a bill providing soil and water conservation districts with taxing authority that is before the legislature. The Soil and Water Conservation District Board has chosen not to take a position on this bill. The bill is opposed by both Association of Minnesota Counties and the League of Minnesota Cities. Feedback in the form of a motion was provided to staff.

Resolution Of Opposition To Extending Levy Authority To Soil And Water Conservation Districts

Motion: Thomas A. Egan

Second: Liz Workman

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby oppose extending levy authority to Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 1 Mary Liz Holberg

4.2 Scheduling Of Special Dakota County General Government And Policy Committee Of The Whole Meetings

Per the General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole this item was amended and moved to the County Board meeting on March 26, 2019. No vote was taken on this item.

5. County Manager's Report

No manager's update.

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Mike Slavik, seconded by Commissioner Thomas A. Egan, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeni Reynolds
Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board