

Board of Commissioners Minutes

March 14, 2023 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair MatasCastillo. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Frethem was absent during Roll Call and voting of the Administrative Items. She arrived at 9:08 a.m. and was present for the rest of the board meeting.

Present: MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Frethem

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Xiong:

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference.

We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota People. We want to acknowledge the Ojibwe, the Ho Chunk and the other nations of people who also called this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events.

1. Agenda of March 14, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-028](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of March 14, 2023.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Frethem

2. Minutes from March 7, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-035](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the March 7, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Frethem

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Commissioner Frethem was absent during Roll Call and voting of the Administrative Items. She arrived at 9:08 a.m. and was present for the rest of the board meeting.

4. Amendment to the Agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program [2023-110](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve an amendment to the agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program upon execution, through September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$136,500, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2023-041

5. 2023 Unified Local Youth Plan for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Minnesota Youth Program [2023-098](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Approve the submission of the 2023 Unified Local Youth Plan for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth and Minnesota Youth Program.
2. Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept youth program funds once funds become available from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2023-042

3. Capital Improvement Program Budgeting Process Updates [2023-077](#)

Sponsors: Finance

1. Repeal part F of the Capital Improvement Program policies established under Resolution #87-089, *"All projects will be reviewed and analyzed as to the overall priority and relative importance according to the following priority order:*
 - *Protect Life/Safety*
 - *Maintain Public Health*

- *Replace Facility*
 - *Maintain Physical Property*
 - *Reduce Operating Costs*
 - *Protect Property*
 - *Provide Public Service*
 - *Provide Public Convenience*
 - *Enhance County Image”*
2. Repeal part C of the Capital Improvement Program established under Resolution #87-089, *“No later than the second Monday in August of each year, the Executive Director shall submit the Capital Improvement Budget and Plan to the County Board.”*
 3. Authorize the County Manager to amend the Capital Improvement Program budgeting process as needed to continuously reflect the vision, mission, goals, and values of Ramsey County.
 4. Authorize the County Manager to align the Capital Improvement Program budget submission to the board with the county’s operating budget.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2023-043

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presented by Commissioner MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ryan O'Connor. Discussion can be found on archived video.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Presented by Chair MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair MatasCastillo declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3) (to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real property), the Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Ramsey County Care Center: The property that is the subject of this meeting is located in the City of Maplewood.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:34p.m.

Present: Commissioners Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair

MatasCastillo. Also present: Ryan O'Connor, County Manager; Johanna Berg, Deputy County Manager - Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; Jean Krueger, Director, Property Management; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Amy Schmidt, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Kathy Hedin, Deputy County Manager - Health and Wellness Service Team; Bianca Fucini, Budget Analyst, Finance; Chris Bogut, Healthcare Compliance Manager, County Manager's Office; and Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board, County Manager's Office.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.