# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2023B, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PARAMETERS; FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; AND AUTHORIZING A TAX LEVY FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

A. WHEREAS, Ramsey County, Minnesota (the "County") has adopted a Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2023 to 2027 (the "Plan") pursuant to authority of its Home Rule Charter, rather than Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40, Subdivision 3, and the Plan and a 2023 capital improvement budget provide for the financing and construction of various capital improvements in the County; and

B. WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County, by an ordinance adopted November 22, 2022, has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue bonds in an aggregate principal amount, of up to \$59,000,000 plus the amount of any premium to finance (1) the costs of improvements set forth in the 2023 capital improvement budget of the County, as approved and amended, (2) the costs of any other improvements set forth in the County's capital improvement budgets of any year and any other capital expenditures authorized by the County, to the extent proceeds of the Bonds are not expended on improvements set forth in the 2023 capital improvement budget, as approved and amended, pursuant to its Home Rule Charter and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475; and

C. WHEREAS, the ordinance was published on November 30, 2022, and has not been subjected to referendum by a petition filed within 45 days after said publication and is now effective; and

D. WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient to the sound financial management of the affairs of the County to issue its General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2023B (the "Bonds"), subject to certain parameters provided herein, in the aggregate principal amount of approximately \$40,000,000 plus the amount of any premium, to finance (1) various capital improvement projects in accordance with the County's 2023 capital improvement budget, as approved and amended, including the acquisition and renovation of a building to be used as office space for the County (collectively, the "Improvements") or (2) the costs of any other improvements set forth in the County's capital improvement budgets of any year and any other capital expenditures authorized by the County, to the extent proceeds of the Bonds are not expended on improvements set forth in the 2023 capital improvement budget, as approved and amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Ramsey County, Minnesota, as follows:

## Section 1. <u>Sale of Bonds</u>.

1.01 <u>Terms of Bond Sale; Notice; Pricing Committee</u>. The County has retained Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors LLC, St. Paul, Minnesota ("Baker Tilly") as independent municipal

advisor, and, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, subdivision 2, paragraph 9, Baker Tilly is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the Bonds on behalf of the County on a competitive basis without requirement of published notice. The terms of the Bonds and the sale thereof shall be approximately as set forth in the Terms of Proposal attached as Exhibit A hereto, which are hereby approved, as may be adjusted in accordance with the parameters set forth herein. The County hereby determines to sell the Bonds in accordance with the procedures set forth in Exhibit A. The County hereby establishes a pricing committee with respect to the sale of the Bonds comprised of the County Board Chair or the County Board Vice Chair, the County Manager, and the Chief Financial Officer (the "Pricing Committee"). The Pricing Committee is authorized and directed, upon satisfaction of the conditions for the issuance of the Bonds under the Act and with the advice of Baker Tilly MA, to (i) review proposals for the sale of the Bonds; (ii) award the sale of the Bonds to the prospective purchaser (the "Purchaser"), not later than 90 days from the date hereof, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 plus any premium, with a true interest cost not to exceed 5.25% and a final maturity not later than February 1, 2043; (iii) approve the dates for optional redemption or any mandatory sinking fund redemption schedule; and (iv) approve the tax levy for the repayment of the Bonds. Subject to a determination by the Pricing Committee, the County hereby approves the sale of the Bonds to the Purchaser, at the price, par bond principal amount, maturity schedule, and rates to be determined by the Pricing Committee based on the lowest true interest cost.

1.02 <u>Contract with the Purchaser</u>. Any amount paid by the Purchaser over the minimum purchase price shall be credited to the Debt Service Account of the Fund hereinafter created, or deposited in the Construction Account of the Fund hereinafter created, as determined by the Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer after consultation with the County's municipal advisor. The Chair of the County Board, Chief Clerk and County Manager are authorized to execute a contract with the Purchaser on behalf of the County, if requested by the Purchaser.

1.03 <u>Terms and Principal Amounts of the Bonds</u>. Subject to a determination by the Pricing Committee, the County will forthwith issue and sell the Bonds, pursuant to the Act, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 plus any premium, originally dated the date of issuance, in fully registered form, in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof, numbered No. R-1 upward, bearing interest as determined by the Pricing Committee, and maturing on February 1 in the years and amounts as determined by the Pricing Committee.

1.04 <u>Optional Redemption</u>. The Pricing Committee will determine whether and when the Bonds will be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. If the Bonds are subject to optional redemption, the following provisions shall apply: Redemption may be in whole or in part and if in part, at the option of the County and in such manner as the County will determine. If less than all Bonds of a maturity are called for redemption, the County will notify DTC (as defined in Section 7 hereof) of the particular amount of such maturity to be prepaid. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. Prepayments will be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

Section 2. <u>Registration and Payment</u>.

2.01 <u>Registered Form</u>. The Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form. The interest thereon and, upon surrender of each Bond, the principal amount thereof, is payable by check or draft issued by the Registrar described herein.

2.02 <u>Dates; Interest Payment Dates</u>. Each Bond will be dated as of the last interest payment date preceding the date of authentication to which interest on the Bond has been paid or made available for payment, unless (i) the date of authentication is an interest payment date to which interest has been paid or made available for payment, in which case the Bond will be dated as of the date of authentication is prior to the first interest payment date, in which case the Bond will be dated as of the date of original issue. The interest on the Bonds is payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2024, to the registered owners of record thereof as of the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the immediately preceding month, whether or not that day is a business day.

2.03 <u>Registration</u>. The County will appoint, and will maintain, a bond registrar, transfer agent, authenticating agent and paying agent (the "Registrar"). The effect of registration and the rights and duties of the County and the Registrar with respect thereto are as follows:

(a) <u>Register</u>. The Registrar will keep at its principal corporate trust office a bond register in which the Registrar provides for the registration of ownership of the Bonds and the registration of transfers and exchanges of the Bonds entitled to be registered, transferred or exchanged.

(b) <u>Transfer of Bonds</u>. Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond duly endorsed by the registered owner thereof or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner thereof or by an attorney duly authorized by the registered owner in writing, the Registrar will authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the transferor. The Registrar may, however, close the books for registration of any transfer after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding each interest payment date and until that interest payment date.

(c) <u>Exchange of Bonds</u>. Whenever any Bonds are surrendered by the registered owner for exchange the Registrar will authenticate and deliver one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity as requested by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney in writing.

(d) <u>Cancellation</u>. All Bonds surrendered upon a transfer or exchange will be promptly cancelled by the Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the County.

(e) <u>Improper or Unauthorized Transfer</u>. When any Bond is presented to the Registrar for transfer, the Registrar may refuse to transfer such Bond until the Registrar is satisfied that the endorsement on such Bond or separate instrument of transfer is valid and genuine and that the requested transfer is legally authorized. The Registrar will incur no

liability for the refusal, in good faith, to make transfers which it, in its judgment, deems improper or unauthorized.

(f) <u>Persons Deemed Owners</u>. The County and the Registrar may treat the person in whose name a Bond, at any time, is registered, as of the applicable record date, in the bond register as the absolute owner of such Bond, whether such Bond is overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal of and interest on such Bond and for all other purposes, and all such payments so made to any such registered owner or upon the owner's order will be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

(g) <u>Taxes, Fees and Charges</u>. The Registrar may impose a charge upon the owner thereof for each transfer or exchange of Bonds, sufficient to reimburse the Registrar for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

(h) <u>Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds</u>. If any Bond becomes mutilated or is destroyed, stolen or lost, the Registrar will deliver a new Bond of like amount, number, maturity date and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of such mutilated Bond or in lieu of and in substitution for such Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, upon the payment of the reasonable expenses and charges of the Registrar in connection therewith; and, in the case of a Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, upon filing with the Registrar of evidence satisfactory to the Registrar that such Bond was destroyed, stolen or lost, and of the ownership thereof, and upon furnishing to the Registrar an appropriate bond or indemnity in form, substance and amount satisfactory to it and as provided by law, in which both the County and the Registrar will be named as obligees. Bonds so surrendered to the Registrar will be cancelled by the Registrar and evidence of such cancellation must be given to the County. If the mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost Bond has already matured or been called for redemption in accordance with its terms it will not be necessary to issue a new Bond prior to payment.

(i) <u>Redemption</u>. In the event any of the Bonds are called for redemption, written notice thereof identifying the Bonds to be redeemed will be given by the Registrar by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail (postage prepaid) at least 30 days prior to the redemption date to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Registrar and by publishing the notice if required by law. Failure to give notice by publication or by mail to any registered owner, or any defect therein, will not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of Bonds. Bonds so called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date, provided that the funds for the redemption are on deposit with the place of payment at that time.

2.04 <u>Appointment of Initial Registrar</u>. The County hereby appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, St. Paul, Minnesota as the initial Registrar. The Chair and the Chief Clerk are authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the County, a contract with the Registrar. Upon merger or consolidation of the Registrar with another corporation, if the resulting corporation is a bank or trust company authorized by law to conduct such business, the resulting corporation is authorized to act as successor Registrar. The County agrees to pay the reasonable and customary charges of the Registrar for the services performed. The County reserves the right to remove the Registrar upon 30 days' notice and upon the appointment of a successor Registrar, in which event the predecessor Registrar must deliver all cash and Bonds in its possession to the successor Registrar and must deliver the bond register to the successor Registrar. On or before each principal or interest due date, without further order of this Council, the County Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer will transmit to the Registrar moneys sufficient for the payment of all principal and interest then due.

Execution, Authentication and Delivery. The Bonds will be prepared under the 2.05 direction of the County Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer and executed on behalf of the County by the signatures of the Chair of its Board of Commissioners, its Chief Clerk, and its County Manager, provided that all signatures may be printed, engraved or lithographed facsimiles of the originals. If an officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on the Bonds ceases to be such officer before the delivery of the Bonds, that signature or facsimile will nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if the officer had remained in office until delivery. Notwithstanding such execution, a Bond will not be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution unless and until a certificate of authentication on the Bond has been duly executed by the manual signature of an authorized representative of the Registrar. Certificates of authentication on different Bonds need not be signed by the same representative. The executed certificate of authentication on a Bond is conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this Resolution. When the Bonds have been so prepared, executed and authenticated, the County Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer will deliver the same to the Purchaser thereof upon payment of the purchase price in accordance with the contract of sale heretofore made and executed, and the Purchaser is not obligated to see to the application of the purchase price.

# Section 3. Form of Bond.

3.01. <u>Execution of the Bonds</u>. The Bonds will be printed or typewritten in substantially the form as set forth in **EXHIBIT A**.

3.02 <u>Approving Legal Opinion</u>. The County Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer is authorized and directed to obtain a copy of the proposed approving legal opinion of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which will be complete except as to dating thereof and will cause the opinion to be printed on or accompany each Bond.

# Section 4. <u>Payment; Security; Pledges and Covenants</u>.

4.01 <u>Funds and Accounts</u>. There is hereby created a special fund to be designated the "General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2023B Fund" (the "Fund") to be administered and maintained by the Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer as a bookkeeping account separate and apart from all other funds maintained in the official financial records of the County. The Fund shall be maintained in the manner herein specified until the Bonds have been fully paid. There shall be maintained in the Fund two separate accounts, to be designated the

"Construction Account" and "Debt Service Account", respectively, to which shall be credited and debited all income and disbursements as hereinafter set forth.

Construction Account. To the Construction Account there shall be credited (i) the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, plus any amount over the minimum purchase price paid by the Purchaser, to the extent designated for deposit in the Construction Account in accordance with Section 1.02, less the appropriations made in paragraph (ii). From the Construction Account there shall be paid the costs and expenses of the Improvements, including the cost of any contracts heretofore let or entered into and all other costs incurred and to be incurred of the kind authorized in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65, and the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and the moneys in said account shall be used for no other purpose except as otherwise provided by law; provided that the proceeds of the Bonds may also be used to the extent necessary to pay interest on the Bonds due prior to the anticipated date of commencement of the collection of taxes herein levied or covenanted to be levied; and provided further that if upon completion of the Improvements there shall remain any unexpended balance in the Construction Account, the balance may be transferred by the Board of Commissioners to the fund of any other capital improvement undertaken pursuant to the Plan, or used to pay the costs of any other purpose permitted by law.

(ii) <u>Debt Service Account</u>. There are hereby irrevocably appropriated and pledged to, and there shall be credited to, the Debt Service Account: (a) the proceeds of the ad valorem taxes herein or hereafter levied (the "Taxes") for the Bonds, (b) capitalized interest financed from Bond proceeds, if any; (c) any amount over the minimum purchase price of the Bonds paid by the Purchaser, to the extent designated for deposit in the Debt Service Account in accordance with Section 1.02; (d) all investment earnings on amounts in the Debt Service Account; and (e) any other funds appropriated for the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds. If a payment of principal or interest on the Bonds sufficient money in the Debt Service Account to pay the same, the Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer is directed to pay such principal or interest for the general fund or other funds of the County, and such fund will be reimbursed for those advances out of the proceeds of Taxes when collected.

4.02 <u>Filing</u>. The County Manager, or designee, is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the County Auditor and to obtain the certificate required by Section 475.63 of the Act and the tax levy required by law has been made.

# 4.03 <u>Tax Levy; Coverage Test</u>.

(a) To provide moneys for payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the County a direct annual ad valorem tax which shall be spread upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of other general property taxes in the County. The Taxes will be credited to the Debt Service Fund above provided and will be in the years and amounts as to be set for in the certificate of the Pricing Committee.

(b) The tax levies are such that if collected in full they, together with estimated collections of other revenues herein pledged for the payment of the Bonds, will produce at least 5% in excess of the amount needed to meet when due the principal and interest payments on the

Bonds. The tax levies shall be irrepealable so long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, provided that the County reserves the right and power to reduce the levies in the manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 3.

Section 5. <u>Authentication of Transcript</u>.

5.01 <u>County Proceedings and Records</u>. The officers of the County are authorized and hereby directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to the attorneys approving the Bonds, certified copies of proceedings and records of the County relating to the Bonds and to the financial condition and affairs of the County, and such other certificates, affidavits and transcripts as may be required to show the facts within their knowledge or as shown by the books and records in their custody and under their control, relating to the validity and marketability of the Bonds, and such instruments, including any heretofore furnished, may be deemed representations of the County as to the facts stated therein.

5.02 <u>Certification as to Official Statement</u>. The Chair of the Board of Commissioners, the Chief Clerk, the County Manager and Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to certify that they have examined the Official Statement prepared and circulated in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the Official Statement is, as of the date thereof, a complete and accurate representation of the facts and representations made therein as of the date of the Official Statement, as it relates to the County and the Bonds.

5.03 <u>Other Certificates</u>. The Chair of the Board of Commissioners or the Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners, the Chief Clerk, the County Manager and Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish to the Purchaser at the closing such certificates as are required as a condition of sale. Unless litigation shall have been commenced and be pending questioning the Bonds or the organization of the County or incumbency of its officers, at the closing the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, the Chief Clerk, the County Manager and Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer or any of them, shall also execute and deliver to the Purchaser a suitable certificate as to absence of material litigation, and the Director of Finance shall also execute and deliver a certificate as to payment for and delivery of the Bonds.

5.04 <u>Electronic Signatures</u>. The electronic signature of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, the Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners, the Chief Clerk, the County Manager and Finance Director/Chief Finance Officer, or any of them, to this resolution and to any certificate authorized to be executed hereunder shall be as valid as an original signature of such party and shall be effective to bind the County thereto. For purposes hereof, (i) "electronic signature" means (a) a manually signed original signature that is then transmitted by electronic means or (b) a signature obtained through DocuSign or Adobe or a similarly digitally auditable signature gathering process; and (ii) "transmitted by electronic means" means sent in the form of a facsimile or sent via the internet as a portable document format ("pdf") or other replicating image attached to an electronic mail or internet message.

Section 6. <u>Tax Covenants</u>.

6.01 <u>Tax Exempt Bonds</u>. The County covenants and agrees with the holders from time to time of the Bonds that it will not take or permit to be taken by any of its officers, employees or agents any action which would cause the interest on the Bonds to become subject to taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, in effect at the time of such actions, and that it will take or cause its officers, employees or agents to take, all affirmative action within its power that may be necessary to ensure that such interest will not become subject to taxation under the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations, as presently existing or as hereafter amended and made applicable to the Bonds. To that end, the County will comply with all requirements necessary under the Code to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds under Section 103 of the Code, including without limitation requirements relating to temporary periods for investments and limitations on amounts invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds.

6.02 <u>Rebate</u>. The County will comply with requirements necessary under the Code to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds under Section 103 of the Code, including without limitation requirements relating to temporary periods for investments, limitations on amounts invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds and the rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States (unless the County qualifies for any exception from rebate requirements based on timely expenditure of proceeds of the Bonds, in accordance with the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations).

6.03 <u>Not Private Activity Bonds</u>. The County further covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds or to cause or permit the facilities financed by the Bonds, or any of them to be used, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code.

6.04 <u>No Designation of Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations</u>. The Certificate has not been designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

6.05 <u>Procedural Requirements</u>. The County will use its best efforts to comply with any federal procedural requirements which may apply in order to effectuate the designations made by this section.

## Section 7. <u>Book-Entry System; Limited Obligation of County</u>.

7.01 <u>DTC</u>. The Bonds will be initially issued in the form of a separate single typewritten or printed fully registered Bond for each of the maturities set forth in the Pricing Certificate. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of each Bond will be registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, and its successors and assigns ("DTC"). Except as provided in this section, all of the outstanding Bonds will be registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, and its successors and assigns ("DTC"). Except as provided in this section, all of the outstanding Bonds will be registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

Participants. With respect to Bonds registered in the registration books kept by the 7.02 Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent will have no responsibility or obligation to any broker dealers, banks and other financial institutions from time to time for which DTC holds Bonds as securities depository (the "Participants") or to any other person on behalf of which a Participant holds an interest in the Bonds, including but not limited to any responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any Participant or any other person (other than a registered owner of Bonds, as shown by the registration books kept by the Registrar), of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (iii) the payment to any Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of Bonds, of any amount with respect to principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds. The County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar as the holder and absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal, premium and interest with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bonds, and for all other purposes. The Paying Agent will pay all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds only to or on the order of the respective registered owners, as shown in the registration books kept by the Registrar, and all such payments will be valid and effectual to fully satisfy and discharge the County's obligations with respect to payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner of Bonds, as shown in the registration books kept by the Registrar, will receive a certificated Bond evidencing the obligation of this resolution. Upon delivery by DTC to the County Director of Finance of a written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the words "Cede & Co.," will refer to such new nominee of DTC; and upon receipt of such a notice, the County Director of Finance will promptly deliver a copy of the same to the Registrar and Paying Agent.

7.03 <u>Representation Letter</u>. The County has heretofore executed and delivered to DTC a Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations (the "Representation Letter") which will govern payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds and notices with respect to the Bonds. Any Paying Agent or Registrar subsequently appointed by the County with respect to the Bonds will agree to take all action necessary for all representations of the County in the Representation Letter with respect to the Registrar and Paying Agent, respectively, to be complied with at all times.

7.04 <u>Transfers Outside Book-Entry System</u>. In the event the County, by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, determines that it is in the best interests of the persons having beneficial interests, in the Bonds that they be able to obtain Bond certificates, the County will notify DTC, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants, of the availability through DTC of Bond certificates. In such event the County will issue, transfer and exchange Bond certificates as requested by DTC and any other registered owners in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the County and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. In such event, if no successor securities depository is appointed, the County will issue and the Registrar will authenticate Bond certificates in accordance with this resolution and the provisions hereof will apply to the transfer, exchange and method of payment thereof.

7.05 <u>Payments to Cede & Co.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution to the contrary, so long as a Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, payments with respect to principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond and all notices with respect to the Bond will be made and given, respectively in the manner provided in DTC's Operational Arrangements, as set forth in the Representation Letter.

# Section 8. <u>Continuing Disclosure</u>.

8.01 <u>County Compliance with Provisions of Continuing Disclosure Certificate</u>. The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, failure of the County to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate is not to be considered an event of default with respect to the Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the County to comply with its obligations under this section.

8.02 <u>Execution of Continuing Disclosure Certificate</u>. "Continuing Disclosure Certificate" means that certain Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, the Chief Clerk and the County Manager and dated the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, as originally executed and as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

Section 9. Defeasance. When all of the Bonds and all interest thereon have been discharged as provided in this section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this resolution to the holders of the Bonds will cease, except that the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will remain in full force and effect. The County may discharge the Bonds which are due on any date by depositing with the Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full or by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a suitable institution qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or securities which are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, or any other security authorized under Minnesota law for such purpose, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates and maturing on such dates and in such amounts as shall be required and sufficient, subject to sale and/or reinvestment in like securities, to pay said obligation(s), which may include any interest payment on such Bond and/or principal amount due thereon at a stated maturity (or if irrevocable provision shall have been made for permitted prior redemption of such principal amount, at such earlier redemption date). If any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit.

Section 10. <u>Reimbursement</u>. (a) The County reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the Improvements from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds in a principal amount currently estimated not to exceed \$40,000,000. All reimbursed expenditures related to the Improvements will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the tax-exempt bonds or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(b) This declaration of official intent (the "Declaration") has been made not later than 60 days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of tax-exempt bonds; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of the lesser of \$100,000 or 5% of the proceeds of the tax-exempt bonds; or (c) "preliminary expenditures" up to an amount not in excess of 20% of the aggregate issue price of the tax-exempt bonds that are reasonably expected by the County to finance the Improvements. The term "preliminary expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, surveying, soil testing, bond issuance and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of the Improvements, excluding land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

(c) This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the County based on the facts and circumstances known to the County as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Improvements and the principal amount of the Bonds are consistent with the County's budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of tax-exempt bonds are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the County's budget or financial policies to pay such expenditures for which bonds are issued.

Section 11. <u>Headings</u>. Headings in this resolution are included for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member \_\_\_\_\_\_ and, after a full discussion thereof and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

# STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF RAMSEY

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Ramsey County, Minnesota, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a full, true and correct copy of the minutes insofar as they relate to the issuance and sale, subject to certain parameters, of the General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2023B of the County.

WITNESS my hand on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Clerk

# <u>EXHIBIT A</u> TERMS OF PROPOSAL

# THE COUNTY HAS AUTHORIZED BAKER TILLY MUNICIPAL ADVISORS, LLC TO NEGOTIATE THIS ISSUE ON ITS BEHALF. PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

## TERMS OF PROPOSAL

## \$40,000,000\*

## RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

## GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2023B

#### (BOOK ENTRY ONLY)

Proposals for the above-referenced obligations (the "Bonds") will be received by Ramsey County, Minnesota (the "County") on Monday, April 17, 2023 (the "Sale Date") until 11:00 A.M., Central Time (the "Sale Time") at the offices of Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC ("Baker Tilly MA"), 30 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3025, Saint Paul, MN 55101, after which time proposals will be opened and tabulated. Consideration for award of the Bonds will be by a designated Pricing Committee subsequent to the opening of proposals.

## SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Baker Tilly MA will assume no liability for the inability of a bidder or its proposal to reach Baker Tilly MA prior to the Sale Time, and neither the County nor Baker Tilly MA shall be responsible for any failure, misdirection or error in the means of transmission selected by any bidder. All bidders are advised that each proposal shall be deemed to constitute a contract between the bidder and the County to purchase the Bonds regardless of the manner in which the proposal is submitted.

(a) <u>Sealed Bidding.</u> Completed, signed proposals may be submitted to Baker Tilly MA by email to <u>bids@bakertilly.com</u>, and must be received prior to the Sale Time.

## OR

(b) <u>Electronic Bidding.</u> Proposals may also be received via PARITY<sup>®</sup>. For purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY<sup>®</sup> shall constitute the official time with respect to all proposals submitted to PARITY<sup>®</sup>. Each bidder shall be solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access PARITY<sup>®</sup> for purposes of submitting its electronic proposal in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of the Terms of Proposal. Neither the County, its agents, nor PARITY<sup>®</sup> shall have any duty or obligation to undertake registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or ensure electronic access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the County, its agents, nor PARITY<sup>®</sup> shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for any failure in the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of or any damages caused by the services of PARITY<sup>®</sup>. The County is using the services of PARITY<sup>®</sup> is not an agent of the County.

If any provisions of this Terms of Proposal conflict with information provided by PARITY<sup>®</sup>, this Terms of Proposal shall control. Further information about PARITY<sup>®</sup>, including any fee charged, may be obtained from:

PARITY<sup>®</sup>, 1359 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10018 Customer Support: (212) 849-5000

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## DETAILS OF THE BONDS

The Bonds will be dated as of the date of delivery and will bear interest payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2024. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

The Bonds will mature February 1 in the years and amounts\* as follows:

2024	\$1,740,000	2028	\$1,510,000	2032	\$1,835,000	2036	\$2,145,000	2040	\$2,510,000
2025	\$1,305,000	2029	\$1,585,000	2033	\$1,930,000	2037	\$2,225,000	2041	\$2,620,000
2026	\$1,375,000	2030	\$1,665,000	2034	\$1,995,000	2038	\$2,315,000	2042	\$2,730,000
2027	\$1,440,000	2031	\$1,750,000	2035	\$2,065,000	2039	\$2,410,000	2043	\$2,850,000

\*The County reserves the right, after proposals are opened and prior to award, to increase or reduce the principal amount of the Bonds or the amount of any maturity or maturities in multiples of \$5,000. In the event the amount of any maturity is modified, the aggregate purchase price will be adjusted to result in the same gross spread per \$1,000 of Bonds as that of the original proposal. Gross spread for this purpose is the differential between the price paid to the County for the new issue and the prices at which the proposal indicates the securities will be initially offered to the investing public.

#### BOOK ENTRY SYSTEM

The Bonds will be issued by means of a book entry system with no physical distribution of Bonds made to the public. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form and one Bond, representing the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof of a single maturity through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Principal and interest are payable by the registrar to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The lowest bidder (the "Purchaser"), as a condition of delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the Bonds with DTC.

## REGISTRAR AND PAYING AGENT

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Saint Paul, Minnesota will serve as registrar and paying agent (the "Registrar") for the Bonds, and shall be subject to applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The County will pay for the services of the registrar.

## OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

The County may elect on February 1, 2032, and on any day thereafter, to redeem Bonds due on or after February 1, 2033. Redemption may be in whole or in part and if in part at the option of the County and in such manner as the County shall determine. If less than all Bonds of a maturity are called for redemption, the County will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be redeemed. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. All redemptions shall be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

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## SECURITY AND PURPOSE

The Bonds will be general obligations of the County for which the County will pledge its full faith and credit and power to levy direct general ad valorem taxes. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (i) finance the acquisition and improvement of certain facilities of the County for County purposes in accordance with the County's adopted 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program Plan; and (ii) pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds.

## NOT BANK QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

The County will not designate the Bonds as qualified tax-exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

#### **BIDDING PARAMETERS**

Proposals shall be for not less than \$40,140,052 plus accrued interest, if any, on the total principal amount of the Bonds. Rates shall be in integral multiples of 1/100 or 1/8 of 1%. The initial price to the public for each maturity as stated on the proposal must be 98.0% or greater. Bonds of the same maturity shall bear a single rate from the date of the Bonds to the date of maturity. No conditional proposals will be accepted.

Proposals for the Bonds may contain a maturity schedule providing for a combination of serial bonds and term bonds. All term bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption at a price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption scheduled to conform to the maturity schedule set forth above. In order to designate term bonds, the proposal must specify "Years of Term Maturities" in the spaces provided on the proposal form.

No proposal can be withdrawn or amended after the time set for receiving proposals unless award of the Bonds is not made by the Pricing Committee following the opening of proposals, as designated by the County pursuant to a resolution adopted on March 21, 2023.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE

In order to provide the County with information necessary for compliance with Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Code"), the Purchaser will be required to assist the County in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall complete, execute, and deliver to the County prior to the closing date, a written certification in a form acceptable to the Purchaser, the County, and Bond Counsel (the "Issue Price Certificate") containing the following for each maturity of the Bonds (and, if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity): (i) the interest rate; (ii) the reasonably expected initial offering price to the "public" (as said term is defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f) (the "Regulation")) or the sale price; and (iii) pricing wires or equivalent communications supporting such offering or sale price. [However, such Issue Price Certificate may indicate that the Purchaser has purchased the Bonds for its own account in a capacity other than as an underwriter or wholesaler, and currently has no intent to reoffer the Bonds for sale to the public.] Any action to be taken or documentation to be received by the County pursuant hereto may be taken or received on behalf of the County by Baker Tilly MA.

The County intends that the sale of the Bonds pursuant to this Terms of Proposal shall constitute a "competitive sale" as defined in the Regulation based on the following:

- (i) the County shall cause this Terms of Proposal to be disseminated to potential bidders in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential bidders;
- (ii) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to submit a bid;
- (iii) the County reasonably expects that it will receive bids from at least three bidders that have established industry reputations for underwriting municipal bonds such as the Bonds; and
- (iv) the County anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who provides a proposal with the lowest true interest cost, as set forth in this Terms of Proposal (See "AWARD" herein).

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Terms of Proposal shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the proposal. The Purchaser shall constitute an "underwriter" as said term is defined in the Regulation. By submitting its proposal, the Purchaser confirms that it shall require any agreement among underwriters, a selling group agreement, or other agreement to which it is a party relating to the initial sale of the Bonds, to include provisions requiring compliance with the provisions of the Code and the Regulation regarding the initial sale of the Bonds.

If all of the requirements of a "competitive sale" are not satisfied, the County shall advise the Purchaser of such fact prior to the time of award of the sale of the Bonds to the Purchaser. **In such event, any proposal submitted will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal.** Within twenty-four (24) hours of the notice of award of the sale of the Bonds, the Purchaser shall advise the County and Baker Tilly MA if 10% of any maturity of the Bonds (and, if different interest rates apply within a maturity, to each separate CUSIP number within that maturity) has been sold to the public and the price at which it was sold. The County will treat such sale price as the "issue price" for such maturity, applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. The County will not require the Purchaser to comply with that portion of the Regulation commonly described as the "hold-the-offering-price" requirement for the remaining maturities, but the Purchaser may elect such option. If the Purchaser exercises such option, the County will apply the initial offering price to the public provided in the proposal as the issue price for such maturities. If the Purchaser does not exercise that option, it shall thereafter promptly provide the County and Baker Tilly MA the prices at which 10% of such maturities are sold to the public; provided such determination shall be made and the County and Baker Tilly MA notified of such prices whether or not the closing date has occurred, until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Bonds or until all of the Bonds of a maturity have been sold.

## GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT

To have its proposal considered for award, the Purchaser is required to submit a good faith deposit via wire transfer to the County in the amount of \$400,000 (the "Deposit") no later than 3:00 P.M., Central Time on the Sale Date. The Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the timely delivery of its Deposit, and neither the County nor Baker Tilly MA have any liability for delays in the receipt of the Deposit. If the Deposit is not received by the specified time, the County may, at its sole discretion, reject the proposal of the lowest bidder, direct the second lowest bidder to submit a Deposit, and thereafter award the sale to such bidder.

A Deposit will be considered timely delivered to the County upon submission of a federal wire reference number by the specified time. Wire transfer instructions will be available from Baker Tilly MA following the receipt and tabulation of proposals. The successful bidder must send an e-mail including the following information: (i) the federal reference number and time released; (ii) the amount of the wire transfer; and (iii) the issue to which it applies.

Once an award has been made, the Deposit received from the Purchaser will be retained by the County and no interest will accrue to the Purchaser. The amount of the Deposit will be deducted at settlement from the purchase price. In the event the Purchaser fails to comply with the accepted proposal, said amount will be retained by the County.

## AWARD

The Bonds will be awarded on the basis of the lowest interest rate to be determined on a true interest cost (TIC) basis calculated on the proposal prior to any adjustment made by the County. The County's computation of the interest rate of each proposal, in accordance with customary practice, will be controlling.

The County will reserve the right to: (i) waive non-substantive informalities of any proposal or of matters relating to the receipt of proposals and award of the Bonds, (ii) reject all proposals without cause, and (iii) reject any proposal that the County determines to have failed to comply with the terms herein.

#### CUSIP NUMBERS

If the Bonds qualify for the assignment of CUSIP numbers such numbers will be printed on the Bonds; however, neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto will constitute cause for failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Bonds. Baker Tilly MA will apply for CUSIP numbers pursuant to Rule G-34 implemented by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of CUSIP identification numbers shall be paid by the Purchaser.

#### SETTLEMENT

On or about May 18, 2023, the Bonds will be delivered without cost to the Purchaser through DTC in New York, New York. Delivery will be subject to receipt by the Purchaser of an approving legal opinion of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and of customary closing papers, including a nolitigation certificate. On the date of settlement, payment for the Bonds shall be made in federal, or equivalent, funds that shall be received at the offices of the County or its designee not later than 12:00 Noon, Central Time. Unless compliance with the terms of payment for the Bonds has been made impossible by action of the County, or its agents, the Purchaser shall be liable to the County for any loss suffered by the County by reason of the Purchaser's non-compliance with said terms for payment.

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), the County will undertake, pursuant to the resolution awarding sale of the Bonds, to provide annual reports and notices of certain events. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Official Statement. The Purchaser's obligation to purchase the Bonds will be conditioned upon receiving evidence of this undertaking at or prior to delivery of the Bonds.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The County has authorized the preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement containing pertinent information relative to the Bonds, and said Preliminary Official Statement has been deemed final by the County as of the date thereof within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. For an electronic copy of the Preliminary Official Statement or for any additional information prior to sale, any prospective purchaser is referred to the Municipal Advisor to the County, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, by telephone (651) 223-3000, or by email <u>bids@bakertilly.com</u>. The Preliminary Official Statement will also be made available at <u>https://connect.bakertilly.com/bond-sales-calendar</u>.

A Final Official Statement (as that term is defined in Rule 15c2-12) will be prepared, specifying the maturity dates, principal amounts, and interest rates of the Bonds, together with any other information required by law. By awarding the Bonds to the Purchaser, the County agrees that, no more than seven business days after the date of such award, it shall provide to the Purchaser an electronic copy of the Final Official Statement. The County designates the Purchaser as its agent for purposes of distributing the Final Official Statement to each syndicate member, if applicable. The Purchaser agrees that if its proposal is accepted by the County, (i) it shall accept designation and (ii) it shall enter into a contractual relationship with its syndicate members for purposes of assuring the receipt of the Final Official Statement by each such syndicate member.

Dated March21, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Ryan T. O'Connor County Manager

## <u>EXHIBIT B</u> FORM OF BOND

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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# GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BOND, SERIES 2023B

Rate	Maturity Date	Date of <u>Original Issue</u>	CUSIP
%		, 2023	

REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO.

RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA a duly organized and existing municipal corporation (the "County"), acknowledges itself to be indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above or registered assigns, the principal sum set forth above on the Maturity Date specified above, unless called for earlier redemption, with interest thereon from the date hereof at the annual Rate specified above (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months), payable February 1 and August 1 in each year, commencing February 1, 2024, to the person in whose name this Bond is registered at the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a business day) of the immediately preceding month. The interest hereon and, upon presentation and surrender hereof, the principal hereof are payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, St. Paul, Minnesota, as Registrar, Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Authenticating Agent, or its designated successor under the Resolution described herein. For the prompt and full payment of such principal and interest as the same respectively become due, the full faith and credit and taxing powers of the County have been and are hereby irrevocably pledged.

The County may elect on February 1, 203\_\_, and on any date thereafter to prepay Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 203\_\_. Redemption may be in whole or in part and if in part, at the option of the County and in such manner as the County will determine. If less than all Bonds of a maturity are called for redemption, the County will notify The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") of the particular amount of such maturity to be prepaid. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. Prepayments will be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

The County Board has not designated the issue of Bonds of which this Bond forms a part as "qualified tax exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

This Bond is one of an issue in the aggregate principal amount of \$40,000,000 all of like original issue date and tenor, except as to number, maturity date, interest rate, denomination and redemption privilege, all issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners on March 21, 2023 (the "Resolution"), for the purpose of providing money to pay for the cost of (1) the costs of various capital improvements set forth in the 2023 capital improvement budget of the County, as approved and amended, including the acquisition and renovation of a building to be used as office space for the County and upgrades to the new facility and County buildings and (2) the costs of any other improvements set forth in the County's capital improvement budgets of any year and any other capital expenditures authorized by the County, to the extent proceeds of the Bonds are not expended on improvements set forth in the 2023 capital improvement budget, as approved and amended, pursuant to its Home Rule Charter and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475. The principal hereof and the interest hereon are payable from ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the County, all as set forth in the Resolution to which reference is made for a full statement of rights and powers thereby conferred. The full faith and credit of the County are irrevocably pledged for payment of this Bond and the Board has obligated itself to levy additional ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the County in the event of any deficiency in ad valorem taxes pledged, which taxes may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount. The Bonds of this series are issued only as fully registered Bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof of single maturities.

As provided in the Resolution and subject to certain limitations set forth therein, this Bond is transferable upon the books of the County at the principal office of the Registrar, by the registered owner hereof in person or by the owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender hereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner or the owner's attorney; and may also be surrendered in exchange for Bonds of other authorized denominations. Upon such transfer or exchange the County will cause a new Bond or Bonds to be issued in the name of the transferee or registered owner, of the same aggregate principal amount, bearing interest at the same rate and maturing on the same date, subject to reimbursement for any tax, fee or governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

The County and the Registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof, whether this Bond is overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment and for all other purposes, and neither the County nor the Registrar will be affected by any notice to the contrary.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND RECITED that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota and the charter of the County to be done, to happen and to be performed, precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond, have been done, have happened and have been performed, in regular and due form, time and manner as required by law; and that this Bond, together with all other debts of the County outstanding on the date of original issue hereof and the date of its issuance and delivery to the original purchaser, does not exceed any constitutional, statutory or charter limitation of indebtedness. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Ramsey County, Minnesota, by its Board of Commissioners has caused this Bond to be sealed with its official seal or a facsimile thereof, which may be omitted as permitted by law, and to be executed on its behalf by the facsimile signature of the Chair of its Board of Commissioners, attested by the facsimile signature of its Chief Clerk, and countersigned by the facsimile signature of its County Manager.

Date of Registration:	Registrable by:	Finance Director/ Chief Finance Officer of Ramsey County, Minnesota			
	Payable at:	Finance Director/ Chief Finance Officer of Ramsey County, Minnesota			
	RAMSEY COU	RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA			
	Chair of the Boa	Chair of the Board of Commissioners			
	Attest:				
	Chief Clerk				
	Countersigned:	Countersigned:			

County Manager

# **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION**

This is one of the Bonds delivered pursuant to the Resolution mentioned within.

# U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By\_\_\_

Authorized Representative

## ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common TEN ENT - as tenants by the entireties JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common UTMA - \_\_\_\_\_\_as custodian for \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Cust) (Minor) under the \_\_\_\_\_\_Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (State)

(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

## ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto the within Bond and all rights thereunder, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attorney to transfer the said Bond on the books kept for registration of the within Bond, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated:

Notice: The assignor's signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or any change whatever.

Signature Guaranteed:

NOTICE: Signature(s) must be guaranteed by a financial institution that is a member of the Securities Transfer Agent Medallion Program ("STAMP"), the Stock Exchange Medallion Program ("SEMP"), the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Medallion Signatures Program ("MSP") or other such "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, SEMP or MSP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Registrar will not effect transfer of this Bond unless the information concerning the assignee requested below is provided.

Name and Address:

(Include information for all joint owners if this Bond is held by joint account.)

Please insert social security or other identifying number of assignee

# **PROVISIONS AS TO REGISTRATION**

The ownership of the principal of and interest on the within Bond has been registered on the books of the Registrar in the name of the person last noted below.

Date of Registration

Registered Owner

Signature of <u>Registrar</u>

, 2023

Cede & Co. Federal ID #13-2555119

# STATE OF MINNESOTA ) ) ss. COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

## COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AS TO TAX LEVY AND REGISTRATION

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor of Ramsey County, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on the date hereof there was filed in my office a certified copy of a resolution adopted on March 21, 2023, by the Board of Commissioners of Ramsey County, Minnesota (the "County"), and the accompanying Certificate of Pricing Committee levying taxes for the payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2023B, dated as of date of delivery, have been filed in my office and said obligations have been registered on the register of obligations in my office and that such tax has been levied as required by law.

WITNESS this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

County Auditor