



Board of Commissioners Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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March 21, 2023 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, 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

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

Absent: Moran

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Frethem:

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 21, 2023 is Presented for Approval

[2023-036](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of March 21, 2023.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

2. Minutes from March 14, 2023 are Presented for Approval

[2023-037](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the March 14, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. 2023 Capital Improvement Program Bond Series 2023B - Parameter & Reimbursement Resolutions [2023-015](#)

Sponsors: Finance

1. Approve the parameters for the general obligation bond sales for Series 2023B.
2. Establish the Pricing Committee, which consists of the County Board Chair (County Board Vice-Chair as alternate), County Manager and Chief Finance Officer.
3. Authorize the County Manager to use 2023B bond proceeds to reimburse the county for costs incurred.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: B2023-044

4. Authorization for 2023B Bond Sale [2023-075](#)

Sponsors: Finance

1. Authorize a general obligation bond sale of up to \$40,000,000 of principal.
2. Set April 17, 2023, as the bond sale award date for proposals received and report to Ramsey County Board on April 18, 2023

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: B2023-045

5. Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for the American Rescue Plan Act Innovation in Community and Safety Grant [2023-107](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the city of Saint Paul from July 22, 2022, through April 30, 2023.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to approve and execute the Joint Powers Agreement

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: B2023-046

6. First Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with City of Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority for Housing Trust Fund [2023-113](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve the First Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the city of Saint Paul for the transfer of Housing Redevelopment Authority Housing Trust Fund dollars for the

- period of March 31, 2023, through March 31, 2024, in the amount of \$827,244.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.
 3. Authorize the County Manager to execute the sole source agreement with Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: B2023-047

7. Joint Powers Agreement with Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board for Metro Area Children's Water Festival Program Host Services [2023-112](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board for Metro Area Children's Water Festival Program host services, for the period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: B2023-048

8. Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority Advisory Committee Vice Chair [2023-114](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

Affirm Commissioner Frethem as the Vice Chair of the Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority Advisory Committee.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: B2023-049

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 9:40 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Rice Creek Commons Thumb Parcel

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 Rice Creek Commons Thumb Parcel: The property that is the subject of this meeting is located in the City of Arden Hills.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.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; Kari Collins, Director, Community and Economic Development; Jean Krueger, Director, Property Management; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Amy Schmidt, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Josh Olson, Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development; Rick Howden, Economic Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development; Martha Faust, Redevelopment Manager, Community and Economic Development; Ella Mitchell, Economic Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development; 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 10:53 a.m.

South Maplewood Properties

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In Re South Maplewood Properties: The property that is the subject of this meeting is located in the City of Maplewood.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:57 a.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; Kari Collins, Director, Community and Economic Development; Jean Krueger, Director, Property Management; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Amy Schmidt, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Josh Olson, Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development; Rick Howden, Economic Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development; Martha Faust,

Redevelopment Manager, Community and Economic Development; Ella Mitchell, Economic Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development; and Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board, County Manager's Office.

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The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.