



Board of Commissioners Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

September 19, 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, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair Martinson. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Xiong was late to the meeting and missed Roll Call. Commissioner Xiong arrived at 9:04 a.m and was present for the rest of the board meeting.

Present: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Ortega.

1. Agenda of September 19, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-271](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 19, 2023.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

2. Minutes from September 5, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-287](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the September 5, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Healthy Aging [2023-372](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Presented by Commissioner Reinhardt.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Donation from Ahvo Taipale to Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Department [2023-394](#)
- Sponsors: Parks & Recreation
- Accept the donation of race timing building with an estimated value of \$13,500 from Ahvo Taipale to the Parks & Recreation department.
- Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
- Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
- Absent: McGuire
- Resolution: [B2023-153](#)
5. County Attorney Report on 2022 Civil Asset Forfeiture Funds [2023-406](#)
- Sponsors: County Attorney's Office
- Accept the County Attorney Report on Civil Asset Forfeitures - County Attorney 2022 Activity.
- Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
- Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
- Absent: McGuire
- Resolution: [B2023-154](#)
6. Agreement with Madison National Life Insurance for Employee Long-Term and Short-Term Disability Insurance [2023-379](#)
- Sponsors: Human Resources
1. Approve the agreement with Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc., 400 1241 John Q Hammons Drive, Madison, WI 53715 for employee long-term and short-term disability insurance for the period of September 20, 2023 through to December 31, 2026 and may be renewed for up to two additional one-year periods.
 2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
 3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreement and execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.
- Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
- Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
- Absent: McGuire
- Resolution: [B2023-155](#)
7. Agreement with Minnesota Life Insurance Company for Employee Life Insurance [2023-381](#)
- Sponsors: Human Resources
1. Approve the agreement with Minnesota Life Insurance Company, 400 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55101, for employee life insurance for the period of September 20, 2023 to December 31, 2026 and may be renewed for up to two additional one-year periods.
 2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
 3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreement and execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.
- Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: McGuire
Resolution: B2023-156

8. Insurance Benefit Terms in Collective Bargaining Agreements with all Bargaining Units and Non-Represented Classified and Unclassified Employees for the Year 2024

[2023-407](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the negotiated terms for insurance benefits in collective bargaining agreements with all Bargaining Units for Year 2024:
 - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
 - Local 8 (General County)
 - Local 8 (Professional)
 - Local 8 (Public Health Registered Nurses)
 - Local 8 (Assistant County Attorneys)
 - Local 8 (Public Defenders)
 - Local 151 (Social Services, Financial Assistance Services and Health and Wellness Administrative Division)
 - Local 151 (Licenses Practical Nurses)
 - Local 151 (Workforce Solutions)
 - Local 707 (Lake Owasso Residence)
 - Local 1935 (Parks & Recreation)
 - Teamsters Local 320 - Chief Correctional Officers
 - International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49
 - Technical Employees Association
 - Law Enforcement Labor Services
 - Local 184 (Commanders)
 - Local 349 (Dispatchers)
 - Local 353 (Emergency Communications Supervisors)
 - Local 423 (Deputy Sheriff Sergeants)
 - Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff's Federation
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreements incorporating these terms into the 2022-2024 collective bargaining agreements.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: McGuire
Resolution: B2023-157

POLICY ITEM

9. Presentation: Proposed Use for Legislative Funding for Public Safety

[2023-395](#)

Sponsors: Safety and Justice, County Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Deputy County Manager, Scott Williams; County Attorney John Choi; County Sheriff Bob Fletcher; and Undersheriff Kyle Mestad. 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

None.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martinson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.