

Board of Commissioners Minutes

May 27, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:04 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Moran

1. Agenda of May 27, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2024-561](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 27, 2025.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

2. Minutes from May 20, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2024-571](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 20, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

PROCLAMATION

Presented by Commissioner Moran and Commissioner Xiong. Discussion can be found in archived video.

3. Proclamation: Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders Month [2025-191](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections for Medical Examiner Services [2025-185](#)

Sponsors: Medical Examiner

1. Approve an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55108, for medical examiner services for the period upon execution through June 30, 2026, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$42,000 per year.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2025-099

6. Termination of Ground Lease with District Energy St. Paul, Inc.

[2025-188](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the termination of the ground lease with District Energy St. Paul, Inc., 76 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102, for use of 35,974 square feet of land at 50 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease termination.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2025-100

7. General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund Transfer

[2025-206](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Authorize the County Manager to transfer \$6,000,000 of General Fund fund balance to the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund.
2. Authorize the County Manager to transfer unencumbered funds from the General Fund fund balance up to an additional \$3,000,000 as necessary to replenish the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund in the event the General Liability/Tort Self-Insurance Fund is depleted to a balance of \$3,000,000 or less. This delegated authority shall expire on December 31, 2025.
3. The County Manager shall provide written notification to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and the Audit Committee of any transfer of funds pursuant to the delegated authority in this Request for Board Action within ten (10) working days after the transfer of funds is complete. The appropriation of funds shall be utilized in accordance with Ramsey County Home Rule Charter 10.01 (B).

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2025-101

8. Classification and Compensation Changes for Salary Plans 02P, 98A, 98B, and 98D

[2025-202](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve the classification and compensation changes for salary plans 02P, 98A, 98B, and 98D for non-represented employees in the classified and unclassified service of the Ramsey County Personnel System.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2025-102

5. 2025 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization

[2025-178](#)

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

1. Appoint the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization members and designated chairs, to conduct the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization, as needed, on meeting days June 17, 2025 and adjourn on completion of business (excluding Saturday):
 - Bryan Clapper - District 1
 - Patrick Todd (Chair) - District 2
 - Patty Lammers - District 3
 - Susan Gilmer - District 4
 - John Mascari - District 5
 - Patrick Guernsey - District 5
 - Jeanette Jones - District 6
 - Joy Erickson (Chair) - District 7
 - Lora Bullert - County Manager appointed
 - Artika Tyner - County Manager appointed
2. Approve the Procedural Rules to be adhered to by the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.
3. Approve the Code of Ethics and Conduct Guidelines to be adhered to by the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.
4. Authorize the County Manager to approve the payment of expenses for the 2025 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization and expenses for training for 2026 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization members as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 274.13.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire, to amend recommendation 1 to read as the following:

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 - Joy Erickson (Chair) - District 7
 - Lora Bullert - County Manager appointed
 - Susan Gilmer - County Manager appointed

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2025-103

9. Approval of the Transit and Transportation Investment Plan

[2025-181](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Approve the Transit and Transportation Investment Plan.

Discussion can be found in archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2025-104

PRESENTATION

10. Presentation: All-Abilities 2050 Transportation Plan

[2025-215](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Brian Isaacson, Director of Public Works and Mike Rogers, Deputy Director of Public Works. Discussion can be found in archived video.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presented by Commissioner McGuire. Discussion can be found in archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. 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 Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.