



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

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February 3, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:06 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 Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, 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 February 3, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-047](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of February 3, 2026.

Commissioner Xiong motioned to amend the agenda to add RBA 2026-061: Ramsey County Board Resolution Condemning Operation Metro Surge and Supporting the Federal Response Action Team. Motioned by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed as amended.

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

2. Minutes from January 27, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-048](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the January 27, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Designation of County State Aid Highway Mileage on Century Avenue from I-694 to County Road E [2026-040](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Establish, locate, and designate Century Avenue/East County Line Road, between the north ramp of Interstate 694 and County Road E, as County State Aid Highway 72, subject to the approval of the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation.
2. Authorize and direct the Chief Clerk to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-023

4. Ramsey County Board Resolution Condemning Operation Metro Surge and Supporting the Federal Response Action Team

2026-061

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Condemns the aggressive tactics used by immigration enforcement agents and mourns the loss of life, physical injury, and community trauma resulting from Operation Metro Surge.
2. Denounces the violent and unconstitutional actions taken by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Minnesota, acknowledge the fear and trauma these actions have caused in local communities, and affirm the County's commitment to upholding constitutional rights and public safety.
3. Calls on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to immediately cease and permanently end Operation Metro Surge.
4. Condemns the preventable and brutal killing of Renee Nicole Good - a 37-year-old U.S. citizen who was fatally shot by an ICE agent in Minneapolis on January 7, 2026 and Alex Pretti - a 37-year-old U.S. citizen also fatally shot by two ICE agents in Minneapolis on January 24, 2026.
5. Requests an independent or parallel investigation to be conducted by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's Force Investigations Unit (FIU) to ensure transparency, accountability, and public trust.
6. Urge strong and humane protection of our borders while ensuring clear, consistent, and fair pathways to citizenship for refugees, asylum seekers, and others seeking safety and opportunity.
7. Calls for due process for all individuals who have been detained, the full release of all unlawfully detained, including children, and reunification of families.
8. Directs the County Manager to establish a structured and coordinated response to Operation Metro Surge, including but not limited to the following actions:
 - a. Utilize legal resources to ensure Ramsey County parks and recreational parking lots and property are not improperly appropriated by the Department of Homeland Security.
 - b. Lead ongoing efforts through Federal Response Action Team encompassing both operational and legislative efforts, to pursue the following outcomes and provide weekly updates to Commissioners on work including:
 - i. Partnering with trusted community organizations to provide eviction prevention and food security.
 - ii. Finding additional ways for residents to access county services with virtual options similar to COVID response.
 - iii. Developing a cohesive communications strategy for the County workforce, subsidiaries, and partners for the purpose of aligned and accurate messaging and to mitigate inaccurate information.
 - iv. Continue to train staff on immigration enforcement interactions.
 - v. Review policies and procedures to identify adjustments needed to protect the safety, well-being, and rights of clients, workers, partners, and residents including installation of signage reflecting parking lots are for designated county activities only.
 - vi. Continue to plan for and mitigate long term mental health and economic impacts to the community.
 - c. Evaluate opportunities to utilize and leverage the county's Alternative Response Initiative.
 - d. Share reporting resources for employees to report unconstitutional or unlawful

- activity that impact the safety, well-being, and rights of community.
- e. Provide high-level periodic updates on county impacts of Operation Metro Surge to members of the Ramsey County Congressional delegation.
- f. Engage government partners to assess the impacts of Operation Metro Surge and plan responses to future federal agent deployments.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-024

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

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss the 3M campus property tax litigation. Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: 3M Campus Property Tax Litigation

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:40am

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

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance, Kari Collins, Deputy County Manager, Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team, Patrick Chapman, County Assessor, Corey Erickson, Deputy County Assessor, County Assessor's Office, Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office, Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics Office, Marcelo Neblett, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office, Rachel, Aburime, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office, Tracy West, Director, Property Tax, Records, and Election Services, and Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Miller. Unanimously approved. The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners resolved to: 1) Approve outside valuation experts and the budget proposed in the February 3, 2026 Closed Session in accordance with the procedure set out in Resolution 2005-238. 2) Authorize the County Manager to establish a project account number for the 3M campus tax litigation matter. 3) Authorize the County Manager to transfer funds to the project account number to cover costs associated with the 3M Campus Property Tax Litigation (Resolution B2026-025).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:13am.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss Federal Operations Update - Adult Detention Center. Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: Federal Operations Update - Adult Detention Center

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

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

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Gloria Reyes, Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice Service Team; Maria Sarabia, Chief of Staff, County Manager's Office; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, 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 2:55 p.m.