

Board of Commissioners Minutes

June 16, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:03 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 McMurtrey.

1. Agenda of June 16, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-214](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 16, 2026.

Chair Ortega made a motion, seconded by Miller, to amend the agenda to correct the time of the Closed Meeting Re: County Manager Performance Review from 1:30 p.m. to 10:30 a.m. Motion passed.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed as amended.

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

2. Minutes from June 2, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-215](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 2, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

3. Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027 - Waive the Second Reading and Hold the Public Hearing [2026-173](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Waive the second reading of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027.
2. Hold the Public Hearing for the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027.

Chair Ortega opened the public hearing at 9:05 a.m. There were two speakers, Rich Neumeister and Greg Copeland who testified in opposition to the proposed salary increase and expense allowance; which can be assessed via the archived video. The chair called three times for additional public comments. Hearing none, the chair closed the public hearing at 9:16 a.m.

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.02 states each proposed ordinance shall receive two readings: first, at the time it is presented, and second, at the time of the public hearing as required by law. Both readings may be waived if a copy of the ordinance is supplied to each member of the Ramsey County Board prior to its introduction.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-075

POLICY ITEM

4. Appointment of Members to the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority for 2026 [2026-208](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the appointment of members to the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority for the year 2026.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-076

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6. Fund Transfer from Bond Interest to Park at RiversEdge [2026-211](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$1,200,000 from bond interest and premiums to the Park at RiversEdge project account for project activities.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-077

5. Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for Pediatric Mental Health Training [2026-204](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Health for Pediatric Mental Health Training for Social Services and Public Health staff.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for Pediatric Mental Health Training for the period upon execution, through May 31, 2028, in the amount of \$265,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Presented by Kenya Walker, Human Services Manager, Social Services. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-078

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 10:19 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 3(a), the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting to discuss the County Manager Performance Appraisal, which was not open to the public.

Re: County Manager Performance Appraisal

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m.

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

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office

No action taken.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.