
June 24, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 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

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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Miller.

1. Agenda of June 24, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-249](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 24, 2025.

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

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

2. Minutes from June 17, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2024-575](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 17, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

3. Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2026 - Waive the Second Reading and Hold the Public Hearing [2025-196](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Waive the second reading of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2026.
2. Hold the Public Hearing for the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2026.

Chair Ortega opened the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. There was one speaker, Greg Copeland who testified in opposition to the proposed salary increase and expense allowance; as a

substitution, which can be accessed via the archived video. The chair called three times for additional public comments. Hearing none, the chair closed the public hearing at 9:10 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: B2025-132

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs for the Functional Zero Project [2025-250](#)

Sponsors: Veterans Services

1. Approve an amendment to the joint powers agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs, 435 Wabasha Street North #120, Saint Paul, MN 55102, for the Homelessness Mission - Functional Zero Project for the period of June 24, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000 in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-122

5. Sole Source Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Employee Metropass [2025-231](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the selection of and sole source agreement with the Metropolitan Council, 570 Sixth Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411 for Metropass License for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030 in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Approve fully subsidized employer funding commitment for one year from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to
5. agreements and contracts in accordance with the County's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the available funds.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-123

9. Acceptance of Legislative Grant for Capitol Area Public Safety and Livability Initiative [2025-228](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Accept the legislative grant from the State of Minnesota for Capitol Area Community Vitality for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029 in the amount of \$3,000,000.

2. Authorize the County Manager to establish the Capitol Area Community Vitality project account.
3. 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.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-124

6. Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program [2025-149](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Approve continuation of Ramsey County's participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program, as well as public distribution of the performance measures report via the county's website.
2. Ratify the County Manager's submission of Ramsey County's annual report of its adopted performance measures to the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor.

Presented by Larry Timmerman, Planning Manager, Policy and Planning. 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: B2025-125

7. Agreement with Network Communications International Corp., dba NCIC Correctional Services for Inmate Communication Services [2025-212](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the selection of and the agreement with Network Communications International Corp., dba NCIC Correctional Services, 607 East Whaley Street, Longview, Texas 75601 for inmate communication services for the period of June 24, 2025 through June 23, 2027 with the option to be renewed for three additional one-year periods for a total of five years, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to 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.

Presented by Ashlee Bryant, Under Sheriff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-126

8. Agreement with Taher, Inc. for Micro Market Services [2025-213](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the selection of and the agreement with Taher, Inc., 5570 Smetana Drive, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343 for micro market services for the period of June 24, 2025 through June 23, 2027 with the option to be renewed for three additional one-year periods for a total of five years, in accordance with the rates established in

the agreement.

2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to 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.

Presented by Ashlee Bryant, Under Sheriff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-127

- 10.** Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the Crossover/Dual Status Youth Grants 2025 Program [2025-256](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the Crossover/Dual Status Youth Grants 2025 Program.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the Crossover/Dual Status Youth Grants 2025 Program for the period upon execution to June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$300,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to establish the budget for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the Crossover/Dual Status Youth Grants 2025 Program in the County Attorney's Office.
5. 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 Erica Schumacher, Assistant Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office. Discussion can be found on archived video.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-128

- 11.** Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs for the Restorative Practices Initiatives Grant Program 2025 [2025-257](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs for the Restorative Practices Initiatives Grant Program 2025.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs for the Restorative Practices Initiatives Grant Program 2025 for the period of August 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027 in the amount of \$450,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement when the State of Minnesota presents a final grant agreement for execution to Ramsey County provided that the terms and conditions of the final grant agreement remain substantially similar to the terms and conditions of the draft grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to establish the budget for the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs for the Restorative Practices Initiatives Grant Program 2025 in the County Attorney's Office upon the execution of the final grant agreement.
5. 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 Erica Schumacher, Assistant Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office. Discussion can be found on archived video.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-129

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 10:18 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss Ching Vang v. Ramsey County matter, the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re Ching Vang v. Ramsey County

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:37 am.

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

Also present: Ling Becker, Ramsey County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney; Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney; Kevin Plaisance, Assistant County Attorney; Alex Kotze, Deputy County Manager, Health and Wellness Service Team; David Metusalem, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office; Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics 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 (Resolution B2025-130).

Motioned by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.

CLOSED MEETING

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

In Re Breen Matter

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 11:19 am.

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

Also present: Ling Becker, Ramsey County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney; Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney; Kevin Plaisance, Assistant County Attorney; Alex Kotze, Deputy County Manager, Health and Wellness Service Team; David Metusalem, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics 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 (Resolution B2025-131).

Motioned by McMurtrey, seconded by Moran. Unanimously approved.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.