



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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November 21, 2023 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, 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 absent during Roll Call, approval of the November 21, 2023 agenda, and approval of the November 14, 2023 minutes. She arrived at 9:06 a.m. during the voting of the Administrative Items and was present for the rest of the board meeting.

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

Absent: Moran

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Reinhardt.

1. Agenda of November 21, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-278](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of November 21, 2023.

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Motion by McGuire, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

2. Minutes from November 14, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-295](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the November 14, 2023 Minutes.

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Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Increase to Ramsey County Board of Commissioners Operating Budget [2023-508](#)
- Sponsors: County Manager's Office
- Authorize the county manager to transfer \$150,000 from the unallocated general account to the county board operating budget account in 2023.
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Moran
Resolution: [B2023-201](#)
4. Transfer from General Fund Balance to Tort Liability Self-Insurance Fund [2023-485](#)
- Sponsors: Finance
- Authorize the County Manager to transfer \$3,000,000 of General Fund Balance to the Tort Liability Self Insurance Fund to provide adequate funding and reserve balance for potential future claim settlements and Court awards related to county liabilities.
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Moran
Resolution: [B2023-202](#)
5. Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity for Direct Emergency Services [2023-504](#)
- Sponsors: Housing Stability
1. Accept a grant award and approve the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity, PO Box 64951, Saint Paul, MN, 55164 for Direct Emergency Services for the period of execution through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$2,248,000.
 2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant contract.
 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.
 4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into expenditure grant agreements and execute amendments to agreements in a form approved by Finance and the County Attorney's Office provided the amounts of funding are within the limits of the approved expenditure grant agreement program budget.
 5. Approve extension of ten Full Time Equivalent unclassified limited duration positions from December 31, 2024, through April 30, 2025.
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Moran
Resolution: [B2023-203](#)
6. Extension of a Tax Increment Financing District for the Minnesota Event District in the City of Saint Paul [2023-499](#)
- Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services
1. Approve the Minnesota Laws 2023, Chapter 64, Article 8, Section 4 which amends the authorized expenditures of the tax increments during the extended term and authorizes

- the Housing Redevelopment Authority of the city of Saint Paul to extend the duration of the Downtown and Seventh Place Tax Increment Financing District by 10 years to December 31, 2033.
2. Approve the Amended Agreement with the city of Saint Paul and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the city of Saint Paul for a period upon execution through December 31, 2033.
 3. Authorize the Board Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Amended Agreement.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: B2023-204

8. Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement with Metropolitan Council and Ramsey County for the Project Development Phase of the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project

[2023-506](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement for the Project Development Phase by and among the Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County, and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project.
2. Authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and contracts and execute amendments to agreements and contracts in accordance with procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of funding.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: B2023-205

9. Grant Award from Minnesota Department of Human Services for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training

[2023-439](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Ratify the submittal of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Workplan and grant application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training.
2. Authorize the acceptance and expenditure of grant awarded funds of \$105,623 from the Minnesota Department of Human Services for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute the Grant Allocation Award.
4. Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.
5. 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.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2023-206](#)

10. 2025 Contract Extension with Minnesota Family Investment Program Employment Services Providers [2023-494](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Extend the term of the Minnesota Family Investment Program Employment Service provider agreements for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.
3. Authorize the County Manager to make temporary transfers, as needed, from the County General Fund to Workforce Solutions to cover program expenses until program funds are received, with repayment to be made upon receipt of the funds.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2023-207](#)

7. Charitable Gambling License with White Bear Township for Lake Region Hockey Association and Applebee's Neighborhood Grill Bar [2023-500](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Approve the application requesting a premises permit for Applebee's Neighborhood Grill Bar in White Bear Township for lawful pull-tab gambling activity for Lake Region Hockey Association.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the application.

Commissioner Frethem made an amendment motion, seconded by Reinhardt, to correct the name of the hockey association in the RBA from White Bear Lake Hockey Association to Lake Region Hockey Association.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2023-208](#)

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ryan O'Connor. 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 Martinson. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martinson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

