



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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November 19, 2024 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Xiong and Chair Reinhardt. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Frethem.

1. Agenda of November 19, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-274](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of November 19, 2024.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from November 12, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-273](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the November 12, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

3. Presentation: Ramsey County Employee Achievement Award: ECC Technical Team, Ramsey County Emergency Communications [2024-519](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Commissioner Moran. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Amendment to Single Source Agreement with Senior Services Consortium of [2024-528](#)

Ramsey County for Home Delivered Meals and Coordination Services

Sponsors: Health and Wellness

1. Approve an amendment to the single source agreement with Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County, 1376 Hoyt Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55108 for home delivered meals and coordination services through December 31, 2025, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$496,125.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
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.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2024-232

6. Community Corrections Department Annual Authority for Procurement Requests

[2024-518](#)

Sponsors: Community Corrections

Authorize the County Manager, subject to review by the County Attorney's Office and the Finance Department, to do the following:

1. Enter into the following expenditure agreements without solicitation through December 31, 2025, and execute future amendments to the agreements and contracts in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the budget for the services listed below:
 - A. Contracts in which the county currently provides services and receives payments from external sources, such as health plans, the Courts, other counties, and other parties, including payments for services already provided.
 - B. Lead or host county contracts held by other counties in accordance with Minnesota Statute 256.0112.
 - C. Community support programs, culturally specific African American community support programs, and culturally specific American Indian / Indigenous community support programs.
 - D. Providers authorized by community collaboratives established in Minnesota Statute 124D.23 for which Ramsey County has fiscal agent responsibilities.
 - E. Providers of psychiatric, psychosexual, and psychological services; to conduct evaluations, consultations, therapy, and treatment, as long as funds are available, the need exceeds the supply of providers, and the providers are registered or licensed.
2. Approve actions deemed necessary for the orderly administration of expenditure agreements through December 31, 2025:
 - A. Acceptance of supplementary awards or rate adjustments the county may receive from funding sources other than county levy; and execute amendments with funders and contractors.
3. 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 department's approved budget.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2024-233

7. Financial Assistance Services Department Annual Authority for Procurement

[2024-524](#)

Requests

Sponsors: Financial Assistance Services

Authorize the County Manager, subject to review by County Attorney's Office and the Finance to do the following:

1. Enter into the following expenditure agreements without solicitation through December 31, 2025, and execute future amendments to the agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the budget for the services listed below:
 - A. Contracts in which the county currently provides services and receives payments from external sources, such as health plans, the Courts, other counties, and other parties, including payments for services already provided.
 - B. Lead or host county contracts held by other counties in accordance with Minnesota Statute 256.0112.
 - C. Community support programs, culturally specific African American community support programs and culturally specific American Indian / Indigenous community support programs.
 - D. Providers when the Minnesota Department of Human Services has issued the solicitation for an existing service in the county and selected the contractor or when the Minnesota Department of Human Services has approved the contractor through a certification process.
2. Approve actions deemed necessary for the orderly administration of expenditure agreements through December 31, 2025.
 - A. Acceptance of supplementary awards or rate adjustments the county may receive from funding sources other than county levy; and execute amendments with funders and contractors.
3. 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 department's approved budget.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2024-234

8. Social Services Department Annual Authority for Procurement Requests [2024-523](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Authorize the County Manager, subject to review by the County Attorney's Office and Finance to do the following:

1. Enter into the following expenditure agreements without solicitation through December 31, 2025, and execute future amendments to the agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the budget for the services listed below:
 - A. Contracts in which the county currently provides services and receives payments from external sources, such as health plans, the Courts, other counties, and other parties, including payments for services already provided.
 - B. Lead or host county contracts held by other counties in accordance with Minnesota Statute 256.0112.
 - C. Community support programs, culturally specific African American community support programs and culturally specific American Indian / Indigenous community support programs.
 - D. Providers authorized by community collaboratives established in Minnesota Statute 124D.23 for which Ramsey County has fiscal agent responsibilities.

- E. Providers of psychiatric, psychosexual, and psychological services; to conduct evaluations, consultations, therapy and treatment, as long as funds are available, the need exceeds the supply of providers, and the providers are registered or licensed.
 - F. Providers when the Minnesota Department of Human Services has issued the solicitation for an existing service in the county and selected the contractor or when the Minnesota Department of Human Services has approved the contractor through a certification process.
 - G. Providers of foster care emergency shelter, foster care and emergency shelter administrative management services, corporate foster care, community residential care program, respite care, and emergency shelter; as long as funds are available, the need exceeds the supply of providers, and the providers are registered or licensed.
 - H. Providers of adult day services, individualized home support services, prevocational services, day support services, employment services, and semi independent living skills services, when that service has been selected by the consumer, or his or her guardian, in accordance with Minnesota Statute 256B.49.
 - I. Providers of out-of-state residential treatment for children, as long as funds are available, no in- state treatment provider can be identified that meets the needs of the children to be placed, the selected provider is licensed by a state authority and accredited by the Joint Commission, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or the Council on Accreditation.
 - J. Medical directors for Social Services detoxification services, the Mental Health Center, and for Social Services in county correctional programs, as long as funds are available, the need exceeds the supply of providers, and the providers are licensed.
 - K. Providers of intensive residential treatment services when the Minnesota Department of Human Services has approved the contractor through a certification process.
 - L. Providers of accreditation training services for mental health professionals in accordance with Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic requirements.
 - M. Culturally specific emergency shelter and foster care, culturally specific group residential providers, culturally specific liaisons to prevent education neglect and child protection involvement, culturally specific services for American Indian families involved in child protection, culturally specific services to prevent out of home placement, culturally specific guardianship and culturally specific parent mentoring by peers.
2. Approve actions deemed necessary for the orderly administration of expenditure agreements through December 31, 2025
 - A. Acceptance of supplementary awards or rate adjustments the county may receive from funding sources other than county levy; and execute amendments with funders and contractors.
 - B. Approve letters of need determination, including any new Rule 31 Outpatient Treatment Agreements, subject to any exclusions in Resolution 93-457.
 3. 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 department's approved budget.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-235](#)

- 9.** Approval of the Household Hazardous Waste Inter-County Reciprocal Use Agreement [2024-526](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve an Inter-County Reciprocal Use Agreement with the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott, and Washington for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Reciprocal Use Agreement.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-236](#)

- 10.** Yard Waste and Food Scraps Reciprocal Use Agreement [2024-527](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Reciprocal Use Agreement with Washington County for the period upon execution through December 31, 2029.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-237](#)

- 11.** Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Anthony for Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites [2024-598](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Anthony for Use of Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to renew the term of the agreement for four one-year periods with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-238](#)

- 12.** Joint Powers Agreements for Recycling Funding [2024-532](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreements with the cities of Arden Hills, Lauderdale, North Oaks, Saint Paul, and Shoreview for recycling funding for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreements.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-239](#)

- 14.** Request of Use of Central Fleet Services Fund Balance [2024-520](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the transfer of \$800,000 from the Central Fleet Services fund balance to Central Fleet Services general operating budget.
2. Authorize the use of transferred Central Fleet Service fund balance dollars for the purchase and implementation of Global Positioning System and Telematics devices throughout the majority of the county's fleet.
3. Authorize the use of transferred Central Fleet Service fund balance dollars to supplement the budget line items associated with general operations costs for maintenance and repair activities.
4. Authorize the County Manager to account for the Global Positioning System and Telematics Technology Implementation Project budget in Public Works Central Fleet.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2024-240

- 15.** Permanent Highway Easement with Minnesota Department of Transportation [2024-373](#)
for Access to Keller Regional Park Drainage Improvement Project

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve a Permanent Highway Easement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for access to Keller Regional Park in Maplewood to complete a drainage improvement project.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Permanent Highway Easement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the Permanent Highway Easement to Keller Regional Park in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2024-241

- 16.** Agreement with Honeywell International for Arenas & Administration Building [2024-501](#)
Guaranteed Energy Savings Project Design / Build Part II

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve the report provided by Honeywell International, Inc., 715 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA, 30308 which is contained within the agreement for Part 2 Services for the Arenas & Admin Building Guaranteed Energy Savings Project.
2. Approve the selection of and the agreement with Honeywell International Inc, 715 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA, 30308 for Part 2 Services for the Arenas & Admin Building Guaranteed Energy Savings Project upon execution of the agreement and for the duration of the agreement and subject to the county's right to extend the measurement and verification period of the agreement on a year-to-year basis up to an additional 17 years, in accordance with the rates established.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
4. Authorize a loan from the general fund to the Parks Department for the Arenas & Administration Building Guaranteed Energy Savings Project of up to \$6,012,000 to finance the energy investments and approve the associated loan repayment schedule.
5. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement and to exercise the extension rights provided in the agreement in accordance with its terms, all in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.
6. Request that a copy of the agreement and the report be provided to the Commissioner of Commerce within 30 days of the effective date of the agreement, as required by

Minnesota Statutes, section 471.345, subdivision 13.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-242](#)

5. Ramsey County Mobile Crisis Services

[2024-631](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Approve the use of the Minnesota Department of Human Services Mental Health Crisis Grant funds to pay for self-pay mental health crisis services.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-243](#)

13. Memorandum of Agreement with University of Minnesota Extension for 4-H Youth Development and Extension Volunteer Program

[2024-534](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with University of Minnesota Extension for administration of the 4-H Youth Development and Extension Volunteer Program education programs for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments in accordance with the provisions of the agreement, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-244](#)

17. 2025 Ramsey County State Legislative Platform

[2024-633](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Approve the 2025 Ramsey County State Legislative Platform.
2. Authorize Ramsey County representatives to work with members of the Minnesota State Legislature and other interested parties to promote legislation reflective of the positions contained in the platform.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-245](#)

18. 2025 Ramsey County Federal Legislative Platform

[2024-634](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Approve the 2025 Ramsey County Federal Legislative Platform.
2. Authorize Ramsey County representatives to work with members of U.S. Congress and other interested parties to promote legislation reflective of the positions contained in the

platform.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2024-246

PROCLAMATION

19. Commissioner Frethem Proclamation

[2024-650](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Presented by Commissioner McGuire. Discussion can be found on 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 Reinhardt. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reinhardt declared the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss the DeLaQuay Williams Matter, the Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re DeLaQuay Williams Matter.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Xiong, and Chair Reinhardt. Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Director of Civil Division, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance & Ethics Office; Jason Patten, Risk Specialist, Compliance & Ethics Office; Diane Holmgren, Interim Public Health Director, Health and Wellness Service Team, and Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board, County Manager's Office.

Motioned by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Xiong. Unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Office of the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (B2024-247).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

