
August 10, 2021 - 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: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt (late), and Chair Carter. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, and Ortega
Absent: Reinhardt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Agenda of August 10, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-405](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of August 10, 2021.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, and Ortega

Absent: Reinhardt

2. Minutes from August 3, 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-406](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the August 3, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, and Ortega

Absent: Reinhardt

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Honoring Olympic Gold Medalist Sunisa Lee [2021-446](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Presented by Commissioner McDonough. Proclamation was accepted by a family representative, Kaohly Vang-Her, on behalf of the Lee family. A video message was shared from Sunisa's parents, Yeev Thoj and Houa John Lee. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COVID UPDATE

Presented by County Manager Ryan O'Connor, Sara Hollie, Director - Public Health, Laura Anderson, Deputy Incident Commander - Public Health, and Dr. Lynne Ogawa, Medical Director - Public Health.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Grant Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation for Local Road Improvement Program for County Road J from Centerville Road to Otter Lake Road, including the I-35E interchange [2021-388](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Accept a grant award with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for preliminary Design and environmental documents for the reconstruction of County Road J, from Centerville Road to Otter Lake Road, including the I-35E interchange (S.A.P. 062-593-009 tied to S.A.P. 062-660-012), in the amount of \$520,368.
2. Agree to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52: a) agree to pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the grant, and b) agree to return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the Project but not required to complete the Project.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to approve and execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and contracts and execute change orders and amendments to agreements and contracts, in accordance with the County's procurement policies and procedures provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.
5. Authorize the County Manager to make temporary cash loans as needed from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until funds are received, with repayment to be made upon receipt of the Local Road Improvement Project grant funds.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Resolution: [B2021-176](#)

POLICY ITEMS

5. Countywide Policy Regarding Face Coverings at County Sites [2021-437](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Require that visitors to Ramsey County indoor spaces wear face coverings.
2. Require that Ramsey County employees wear face coverings while working in Ramsey County indoor spaces and while conducting county business indoors at community (non-county) sites.
3. Authorize the county manager to administratively approve changes to this policy, including when masks are required or recommended, based upon CDC guidance and Public Health protocols, and update the Board as needed.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Resolution: [B2021-177](#)

6. American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the Advancement of the Ramsey County Economic Competitiveness & Inclusion Plan [2021-354](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Kari Collins, Director - Community and Economic Development. Discussion can be found on archived video.

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 Carter. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.