



Board of Commissioners Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

May 19, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 1. **Agenda of May 19, 2026 is Presented for Approval** [2026-182](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 19, 2026.

- 2. **Minutes from May 12, 2026 are Presented for Approval** [2026-183](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 12, 2026 Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 3. **Settlement Agreement in Tameca Williams v. Ramsey County (Court File No. 62-CV-25-4466)** [2026-189](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

- 1. Approve the settlement with Tameca Williams in Tameca Williams v. Ramsey County (Court File No. 62-CV-25-4466), totaling \$170,000.
- 2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

- 4. **Salary Schedule and Grade for New Classified Position - Data Practices Officer** [2026-170](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve the salary schedule and grade allocation for the new unrepresented job classification of Data Practices Officer:

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Annual Salary Schedule</u>
Data Practices Officer - Classified		102A	35 \$ 74,290.99 - 111,436.48

- 5. **Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 601 Annapolis Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55118** [2026-168](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustices or undue hardships caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:
 - Commissioner District 5
 - PIN: 09-28-22-33-0108
 - Property Address: 601 Annapolis Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55118
 - Repurchase amount due to date: \$32,701
2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Meiby Maribe Artola and Dayana Y Artola, fee owners at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

PRESENTATION

6. Detoxification and Withdrawal Management Facility Update

[2026-160](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

None. For information and discussion only.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

Regional Railroad Authority Meeting
Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300
10:00 a.m. (est.)

Closed Meeting *Closed to the Public*
Re: Benjamin Hill v. Thomas Rudenick et al.
Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room
10:30 a.m.

Board Workshop: Association of Minnesota Counties Update
Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room
Public access via Zoom:
Webinar ID: 923 9869 6921 | Passcode: 518162 | Phone: 651-372-8299
1:30 p.m.

Advance Notice:
May 26, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers
June 02, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers

June 09, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers
June 16, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2026-182

Meeting Date: 5/19/2026

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of May 19, 2026 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of May 19, 2026.



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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651-266-9200

Item Number: 2026-183

Meeting Date: 5/19/2026

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minutes from May 12, 2026 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the May 12, 2026 Minutes.

Attachments

1. May 12, 2026 Minutes



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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651-266-9200

May 12, 2026 - 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: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioners McGuire and Moran were excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Miller.

1. Agenda of May 12, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-175](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 12, 2026.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McGuire, and Moran

2. Minutes May 5, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-176](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve May 5, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McGuire, and Moran

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Mental Health Awareness Month [2026-140](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

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

4. Proclamation: Police Week [2026-088](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

Presented by Commissioner Jebens-Singh. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

7. Single Source Agreement with Regions Hospital for Inpatient Hospital Services [2026-083](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Approve the selection of and single source agreement with Regions Hospital, 640 Jackson Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101 for inpatient hospital commitment services for the period of May 12, 2026 through May 11, 2029 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$998,500 annually, with the option for two additional one-year renewal periods, with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$4,992,500.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McGuire, and Moran

Resolution: [B2026-057](#)

5. Jurisdictional Transfers of Portions of Otter Lake Road and White Bear Parkway [2026-153](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Revoke previously designated County State Aid Highway mileage of Otter Lake Road between County Road 96 (on the south) and 9th Street (on the north) to the city of White Bear Lake.
2. Accept jurisdiction of White Bear Parkway, between County Road 96 (on the south) and Otter Lake Road (on the east) from the city of White Bear Lake.
3. Authorize the director of Public Works/county engineer to pursue appropriate actions needed to add this new section of White Bear Parkway to the County State Aid Highway network through the process administered by the commissioner of transportation at the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Presented by Brian Isaacson, Director, Public Works. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McGuire, and Moran

Resolution: [B2026-058](#)

6. Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Maplewood for the Mental Health Outreach Team [2026-155](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Approve the joint powers agreement with the city of Maplewood to govern data sharing in the operation and evaluation of the Mental Health Outreach Team to be effective on date of final execution through May 3, 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Presented by Kenya Walker, Deputy Director, Social Services Department; Anna Hewitt, Human Services Manager, Social Services Department; Mike Dugas, Lieutenant, City of Maplewood. Discussion can be found on archived video.

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

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Ortega, and Xiong
Excused: McGuire, and Moran
Resolution: B2026-059

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No updates.

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 10:08 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

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

In Re: 3M Campus Property Tax Litigation

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:40am

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

Excused: Commissioners McGuire and Moran

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Amelia Cruver, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Kari Collins, Deputy County Manager, Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; Patrick Chapman, County Assessor, County Assessor's Office; Corey Erickson, Deputy County Assessor, County Assessor's Office; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics Office; Marcelo Neblett, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Rachel, Aburime, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Tracy West, Director, Property Tax, Records, and Election Services; and Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve outside valuation experts and the budget proposed in the May 12, 2026 Closed Session in accordance with the procedure set out in Resolution 2005-238.
2. Authorize the County Manager to transfer funds to the project account number to cover costs associated with the 3M Campus Property Tax Litigation.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McMurtrey, seconded by Commissioner Xiong. Motion passed (Resolution B2026-060).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-189

Meeting Date: 5/19/2026

Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Title

Settlement Agreement in *Tameca Williams v. Ramsey County* (Court File No. 62-CV-25-4466)

Recommendation

1. Approve the settlement with Tameca Williams in Tameca Williams v. Ramsey County (Court File No. 62-CV-25-4466), totaling \$170,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

Background and Rationale

Tameca Williams commenced a lawsuit against Ramsey County on August 27, 2024 under the Minnesota Whistleblower Act. The Complaint alleges that the Ramsey County Correctional Facility (“RCCF”) sought to discharge her from her employment as a corrections officer in response to her complaints about workplace safety. Williams sought damages for, among other things, future lost wages and benefits, pain and suffering, and attorney’s fees.

Williams and Ramsey County reached a settlement. The board approved that settlement in a closed session on April 21, 2026.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

There is no racial equity impact associated with this request for board action.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community engagement associated with this request for board action.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

The county is self-insured, and the settlement agreement will be paid out of the county’s tort liability fund.

Last Previous Action

On April 21, 2026, the Ramsey County Board met in a closed session to receive advice from and provide direction to the County Attorney’s Office (Resolution B2026-051).

Attachments

1. Settlement Agreement
2. Resolution

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

This Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims, (“Agreement”), is made and entered into between Tameca Abdulai, formerly know as Tameca Williams (“Abdulai”) and Ramsey County (“the County”) (collectively “the Parties”). The purpose of the Agreement is to resolve all matters, claims, and issues relating in any way to Abdulai’s employment with Ramsey County.

1. Recitals

Abdulai filed a lawsuit against Ramsey County captioned *Tameca Williams v. Ramsey County*, Court File No. 62-CV-25-4466 alleging violations of the Minnesota Whistleblower Act. To avoid the risks, uncertainty, and costs associated with litigation, the Parties have agreed to compromise and settle this dispute. The County has denied and continues to deny liability.

2. Consideration

In consideration of the above and the payment and promises set forth herein the parties agrees as follows:

A. Ramsey County will pay the sum of \$170,000 to Abdulai and her attorneys, divided into 3 checks as follows:

- 1) A payment to Halunen Law in the amount of \$76,205.00 as for claimed attorneys’ fees and costs for which a Misc. 1099 will be issued;
- 2) A payment to Tameca Abdulai in the amount of \$37,518.00, less withholdings, as and for claimed wage loss, for which a W2 will be issued; and
- 3) A payment to Tameca Abdulai in the amount of \$56,277.00 as and for claimed emotional distress for which a Misc. 1099 (box 3) will be issued.

Ramsey County will mail the 3 checks to Abdulai’ counsel at the following address:

Halunen Law
1650 IDS Center
80 South Eighth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402

B. Ramsey County will pay all mediator’s fees incurred in connection with this matter;

C. Unless otherwise required by law or authorized by Abdulai, in response to calls or inquiries to Ramsey County Human Resources from prospective employers, Ramsey County will provide Abdulai’s dates of employment, and positions held.

- D. As set forth more fully below Abdulai agrees to waive all known and unknown charges, claims, causes of action, appeals, grievances, and complaints, which are raised or could have been raised in connection with her employment by Ramsey County. Abdulai authorizes her attorneys to take all necessary steps to cause any such pending charges, claims, causes of action, appeals, grievances, and complaints to be withdrawn and dismissed with prejudice.
- E. Abdulai agrees that payment of the amount above constitutes full and final settlement of all claims and fully satisfies all monetary obligations related to this matter, including payments for attorney fees, costs or disbursements.

3. Release of All Claims

Abdulai hereby knowingly, voluntarily, irrevocably, and unconditionally waives and releases Ramsey County, and all of its departments, facilities, agencies, and past and present elected officials, employees, representatives, insurers, and legal counsel from any and all claims, controversies, causes of action, damages, costs, attorney fees, or liabilities of any nature, known and unknown, related in any way to her employment with Ramsey County, including but not limited to claims existing at any time up to and including the date of this Agreement.

The foregoing specifically includes, but is not limited to, any claims under the Minnesota Human Rights Act; civil rights laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which includes the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Title VII, Americans with Disability Act (ADA), Older Worker's Benefits Protection Act (OWBPA), the Equal Pay Act (EPA); the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); the Veteran's Preference Act, and each of these laws as amended; and all other federal, state, and local civil rights laws; any other claim for unlawful employment practices, whistleblower claims, retaliation, whether legal or equitable; and any claim or right or entitlement under the Ramsey County Personnel Act, Minn. Stat. § 383A.281, et seq., the Ramsey County Personnel Rules, the Ramsey County Benefits Policies and any and all applicable collective bargaining agreements. Abdulai waives the right to receive monetary damages or other legal or equitable relief awarded by or to any governmental agency related to any such claim or charge.

Abdulai acknowledges, understands, and agrees she is releasing in the Agreement all claims that have arisen through the date of her signature below.

4. Abdulai's Ability to Execute Agreement and Receive Payment

Abdulai expressly represents and warrants she is able to execute this Agreement and is not a party to any bankruptcy proceeding before any court. Abdulai further expressly represents and warrants that to the best of her knowledge no person, firm, corporation, governmental

entity, or other entity has any right to proceed by way of subrogation, enforcement of a lien, or otherwise against Ramsey County.

Abdulai hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Ramsey County from any liability whatsoever to any person, firm or corporation beyond the consideration already paid as a part of the Agreement, including, without limitation, liability for claims of negligence, constitutional claims, breach of contract, fraud, misrepresentation, strict liability and/or breach of express or implied warranty and/or actions for enforcement of any liens including, without limitation, any subrogation claim and/or lien enforcement claim arising from payment of any insurance benefits, Medicare payments, medical assistance claim, or otherwise, which may now exist or thereafter arise. It is agreed all liens or any statutory obligations will be satisfied by the proceeds of the settlement.

5. Other Agreements

- A. The parties understand and agree that the term "Ramsey County," as used in the Agreement includes Ramsey County and all of its departments, facilities, agencies, and past and present elected officials, employees, representatives, insurers, and legal counsel.
- B. Abdulai agrees the Agreement binds her and also binds her heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, agents, partners and successors in interest. Abdulai represents that no right, claim or cause of action covered by the Agreement has been assigned or given to someone else, nor are any attorney fees owed to any counsel for which Ramsey County is liable.
- C. Abdulai agrees the Agreement is not an admission by Ramsey County of any violation of her rights, any statutory violation, or of any liability whatsoever and that Ramsey County has and continues to deny any liability whatsoever.
- D. Data concerning Abdulai shall be maintained and disclosed in accordance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Abdulai acknowledges and understands that nothing in Section 2.C above precludes Ramsey County from complying with a request for information made under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, a subpoena from any federal, state or local enforcement agency, a court order, or other legal process.
- E. Abdulai agrees that she is responsible for all tax consequences associated with the payments described in paragraph 2.A above and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Ramsey County from any and all actions against it by any taxing authorities as a result of tax characterization and treatment of the payments.

- F. Abdulai specifically acknowledges and affirms that the Agreement supersedes and replaces any rights or protections she may have under any Ramsey County Personnel Rules, Ramsey County Benefits Policies, Ramsey County Board Resolutions or any other County pronouncement, directive or ordinance. The Agreement contains the entire understanding between Ramsey County and Abdulai.
- G. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between Ramsey County and Abdulai with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This is a fully integrated agreement, and supersedes all prior agreements, representations, and/or understandings by the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.
- H. Abdulai also represents she has suffered no unreported workplace injuries and has not been denied leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).
- I. The invalidity or partial invalidity of any portion of the Agreement shall not invalidate the remainder thereof and said remainder shall remain in full force and effect. Moreover, if one or more of the provisions contained in the Agreement shall, for any reason, be held to be excessively broad as to scope, activity, subject or otherwise, so as to be unenforceable, such provision or provisions shall be construed by the appropriate judicial body by limiting or reducing it or them, so as to be enforceable to the maximum extent compatible with then applicable law. To the extent that any claim is ultimately determined to be not waivable, Abdulai agrees that the consideration paid as part of the Agreement upholds the validity of the waiver of all remaining claims.
- J. Abdulai represents and certifies that she: (a) has read the Agreement carefully; (b) understands its provisions; (c) has been advised of her right to consult counsel and in fact was represented by counsel; (d) has not been influenced to sign the Agreement by any statement or representation by Ramsey County; and (e) enters into the Agreement knowingly and voluntarily with full knowledge of what it means.
- K. Abdulai hereby agrees to indemnify Ramsey County and hold it harmless as to any claim for attorney fees, costs, disbursements and any other costs whatsoever incurred by her counsel.
- L. The parties agree the Agreement is not precedential and may not be offered or received into evidence in any proceeding except to enforce its terms.
- M. The Agreement shall be governed by Minnesota law. The courts of the State of Minnesota, either federal or state, shall have jurisdiction over, and be the proper venue for, any disputes arising out of the Agreement.

- N. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which together, if they have not been modified, shall be deemed one original Agreement and shall be final and binding on the parties. In addition, signatures may be submitted via facsimile.
- O. Williams agrees that the drafting of the Agreement involved her attorney and attorneys for Ramsey County and that the Agreement shall not be construed against either party as the drafter.
- P. This Agreement is subject to the approval of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and shall become binding on Ramsey County upon execution by the Board Chair, or his designee and the County Clerk, or his designee.

6. **Right to Consult and Rescission Period.**

EMPLOYEE IS SPECIFICALLY ADVISED TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY OF EMPLOYEE'S CHOICE BEFORE SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT WHICH RELEASES RIGHTS EMPLOYEE HAS OR MAY HAVE UNDER FEDERAL STATE AND LOCAL LAW, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED, TO THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT ("ADEA"), THE ADA, TITLE VII, AND THE MINNESOTA HUMAN RIGHTS ACT. EMPLOYEE HAS TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS TO CONSIDER THIS AGREEMENT AND WHETHER TO SIGN IT.

HAVING ELECTED TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT, TO FULFILL THE PROMISES SET FORTH HEREIN, AND TO RECEIVE THE SUMS AND BENEFITS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH "2" ABOVE, EMPLOYEE FREELY AND KNOWINGLY, AND AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION, ENTERS INTO THIS AGREEMENT INTENDING TO WAIVE, SETTLE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS EMPLOYEE HAS OR MIGHT HAVE AGAINST RELEASEES.

IN THE EVENT EMPLOYEE SIGNS THIS AGREEMENT, EMPLOYEE MAY REVOKE OR RESCIND THE AGREEMENT WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF SIGNING IT WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS UNDER THE AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT, AND IT WILL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE OR ENFORCEABLE UNTIL THIS SEVEN DAY (7) DAY PERIOD HAS EXPIRED. TO EFFECTIVELY REVOKE OR RESCIND, THE REVOCATION OR RESCISSION MUST BE IN WRITING AND MUST BE DELIVERED BY HAND OR SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, POSTMARKED WITHIN THE FIFTEEN (15) OR SEVEN (7) DAY PERIODS, RESPECTIVELY, AND PROPERLY ADDRESSED TO:

Kristine Nogosek
Assistant Ramsey County Attorney

Ramsey County Attorney's Office
360 Wabasha Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102

EMPLOYEE AGREES THAT EMPLOYEE HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL OF EMPLOYEE'S OWN CHOOSING AND THAT IF EMPLOYEE SIGNS THIS AGREEMENT, EMPLOYEE DID SO VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY PRESSURE OR COERCION OF ANY NATURE FROM ANYONE. EMPLOYEE FURTHER AGREES THAT ANY AMENDMENTS TO THIS AGREEMENT WILL NOT EXTEND OR OTHERWISE RESTART ANY OF THE TIME PERIODS REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH 6.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO:

03 / 28 / 2026
Date: _____

Tameca Abdulai

Tameca Abdulai

Date: _____

By: _____
Rafael E. Ortega
Chair – County Board of
Commissioners


Date: _____

By: _____
Jason Yang
Chief Clerk – County Board of
Commissioners

AS TO FORM:

Date: 03 / 27 / 2026

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Board of Commissioners
Resolution
B2026-051

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: 4/21/2026

Title: Tameca Williams Matter

File Number: 2026-162

Background and Rationale:

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Authorize the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Moran.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jason Yang'.

Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-170

Meeting Date: 5/19/2026

Sponsor: Human Resources

Title

Salary Schedule and Grade for New Classified Position - Data Practices Officer

Recommendation

Approve the salary schedule and grade allocation for the new unrepresented job classification of Data Practices Officer:

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Annual Salary Schedule</u>
Data Practices Officer - Classified	102A	35	\$ 74,290.99 - 111,436.48

Background and Rationale

The Compliance & Ethics Office is requesting a new unrepresented job classification - Data Practices Officer. The Data Practices Officer will ensure compliance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. As a government agency within Minnesota, Ramsey County is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA), which is a state requirement similar to federal requirements under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Data Practices Officer’s work will include directing and managing responses to high volumes of data requests, accessing data to provide resident services, providing data practices training to county employees, and safeguarding responsive data to protect data privacy. Failure to meet these obligations increases the county’s exposure to potential regulatory violations (ex: monetary fines), litigation (ex: settlement agreements), and reputational damages (ex: negative press).

This role will improve operational efficiency and create systems that increase organizational effectiveness by:

- Managing at least 70 department data practices contacts:
 - Training users in the data request tool and how to respond to data requests
 - Supporting department data management framework (workflows, standardized responses, decision trees, etc.)
 - Providing data management consultation
- Developing and maintaining a countywide data inventory.
- Developing, implementing and maintaining data compliance policies, procedures and guidance.
- Developing and delivering data compliance training (both in-person, virtually and on-demand).

Having the data protection systems in place will ensure the county has a consistent and timely response to members of the public making data requests.

This classification is a direct report to the Chief Compliance & Ethics Officer.

The Human Resources department followed its normal process for conducting the classification study and determined:

- There is no existing classification that adequately describes all of the duties, responsibilities and knowledge required of the new classification.

- Adding the Data Practices Officer classification will provide the structure needed to meet the demands of overall program growth and realignment of integrated services and will strengthen each division’s ability to serve Ramsey County residents.
- The classification was point rated by a human resources job evaluation team and Data Practices Officer received a total of 850 points.
- The recommended salary is based on Ramsey County’s job evaluation procedures and policies and is consistent with the County compensation policy and practices (Resolution 95-356) and the Personnel Act (Minnesota Statute 383A.282).

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Having a Data Practices Officer ensures equal access to government information to all community members, regardless of their background, resources, or racial demographics. The lack of a centralized expert can become a barrier to information that disproportionately affects marginalized groups. This role allows for consistent tracking and release of data that may be essential in identifying and correcting systemic disparities in public programs.

Community Participation Level and Impact

The Data Practices Officer lowers barriers for residents seeking information and engaging with the county. This dedicated role trains and guides 70 department level data practices contacts to ensure responses to data requests are accurate and prompt. This structure fosters transparency and encourages residence to engage and partner with the county.

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

1. Job Class Title - Data Practices Officer

Job Class Title: Data Practices Officer

BASIC FUNCTION:

The Data Practices Officer coordinates, standardizes, implements and monitors countywide data practices administration; and performs other duties as assigned.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

1. Design and implement policies and procedures as required to ensure compliance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and rules and regulations.
2. Conduct research and provide guidance on the application of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and related rules.
3. Manage and facilitate the processing of complex, sensitive, and cross-departmental data requests with departments, county leadership, County Attorney's Office, Communications and Public Relations Office, and other stakeholders.
4. Develop, maintain and train departments on data practices, request requirements, and annual countywide training.
5. Serve as Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the data practices management systems and tools.
6. Assist with project management support in planning countywide initiatives and projects to establish and achieve countywide objectives.

(The work assigned to a position in this classification may not include all possible tasks in this description and does not limit the assignment of any additional tasks in this classification. Regular attendance according to the position's management approved work schedule is required.)

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

SUPERVISOR/MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITY: None.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS:

Daily meetings with the Policy & Operations Compliance Manager to provide information, give advice, answer questions, and confer on making decisions affecting countywide data practices and data compliance operations. Daily contact with department staff and management to discuss the processing of data requests and other data practices and data compliance matters. Regular meetings with the Commissioners' Offices, County Manager's Office, Deputy County Managers, department directors or assistant directors to discuss and advise on complex, sensitive, or high-risk data practices or data compliance matters including procedural and process improvements. Regular contact and communication with other organizations such as counties and the Department of Administration and members of the public.

IMPACT ON SERVICES/OPERATIONS:

Duties impact the overall development and administration of Ramsey County data request services, data practices management, and data compliance management. Proper performance plays an important role in optimizing County data compliance processes and operations, leading to transparency and enhanced credibility, and creates confidence with residents and stakeholders. Improper performance leads to increasing the County's exposure to potential regulatory violations, litigation and negative impact to the County's reputation.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Work is performed in an office environment.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:

- Knowledge of ordinances, laws and regulations impacting data compliance, retention, protection and distribution, including but not limited to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and the MN Official Records Act.
- Knowledge of procedures, principles associated with data practices, privacy, and management.
- Knowledge of project management and program management.
- Skill in analyzing complex information and ability to manage data requests in alignment with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.
- Skill in managing, maintaining and learning new technology tools and systems.
- Skill in handling sensitive, nonpublic, private, and confidential data.
- Skill in implementing and evaluating organizational objectives and solutions for policies and procedures.
- Ability to lead competing business process improvement projects simultaneously across county departments.
- Ability to communicate verbally and in writing.
- Ability to translate complicated legal and technology concepts.
- Ability to create and monitor program performance measures and corrective action plans.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Bachelor's degree in risk management, compliance, communications, English, business administration, public policy, public administration, or a field related to information management.

Experience: Four years of professional experience in data practices (MN state equivalent of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), data privacy, technology applications, information management, digital services, records management, or related experience.

Substitution: Equivalent combination of education and experience.

Certifications/Licensure: None.

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-168

Meeting Date: 5/19/2026

Sponsor: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

Title

Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 601 Annapolis Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55118

Recommendation

1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustices or undue hardships caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:
 - Commissioner District 5
 - PIN: 09-28-22-33-0108
 - Property Address: 601 Annapolis Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55118
 - Repurchase amount due to date: \$32,701
2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Meiby Maribe Artola and Dayana Y Artola, fee owners at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

Background and Rationale

The subject property is located at 601 Annapolis Street East and is a residential single-family home located in the West Side neighborhood of the city of Saint Paul. Property taxes for 2021, 2022, and 2023 were unpaid and the property forfeited to the state on December 5, 2023. The repurchase applicants are Meiby Maribe Artola and Dayana Y Artola, fee owners at the time of forfeiture.

Repurchaser has submitted, along with repurchase application, proof of funds in the amount necessary to execute a full-pay repurchase contract. Payments received will be deposited in the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund upon execution of repurchase contract.

The department of Property Tax, Records and Election Services (PTRES) has reviewed the repurchase application and supporting documentation and finds Repurchaser has experienced financial hardship which eventually led to the forfeiture of the property.

Based on these findings, PTRES recommends approval of the repurchase application, thereby correcting any undue hardships or injustices resulting from the forfeiture, subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval of the resolution.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being

Prosperity

Opportunity

Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

While the racial equity impact of repurchasing one parcel is unclear, racial demographics provide marginal insight. More than 53% of households in the West Side neighborhood are non-White, as compared to only 43% of non-White households throughout all of Saint Paul, which makes this an area more racially diverse than most of Saint Paul. Regardless of area demographics, investments made in this community can positively

impact racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community engagement associated with this request for board action.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

Revenue from sales of tax-forfeited property is deposited into the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund. Net proceeds from this sale in the Fund, after paying administration costs and assessments, are distributed 40% to the county, 40% to the Saint Paul Public School District 625 and 20% to the city of Saint Paul on an annual basis.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

1. Map of property located at 601 Annapolis Street East



Overview



Legend

- Tax Parcel
- Ramsey County
- Waterbody
- Parcel Info

Parcel ID<	092822330108	Alternate ID	n/a	Owner	STATE OF MN TRUST
Sec/Twp/Rng	09/28/22	Tax	5E TAX FORFEITURE NOT	Address	EXEMPT
Property	601 ANNAPOLIS	Classification	REPORTED;		PO BOX 64097
Address	ST E	Parcel Area	0.1594		SAINT PAUL MN 55164-0097
	ST PAUL				
Tax Authority Group (TAG)	ST PAUL 625 L				
Brief Tax Description	THE W ST PAUL RE&IMP SYND 2 LOTS 10,11 & 12 BLK 39				
	(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)				

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Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

Item Number: 2026-160

Meeting Date: 5/19/2026

Sponsor: Social Services

Title

Detoxification and Withdrawal Management Facility Update

Recommendation

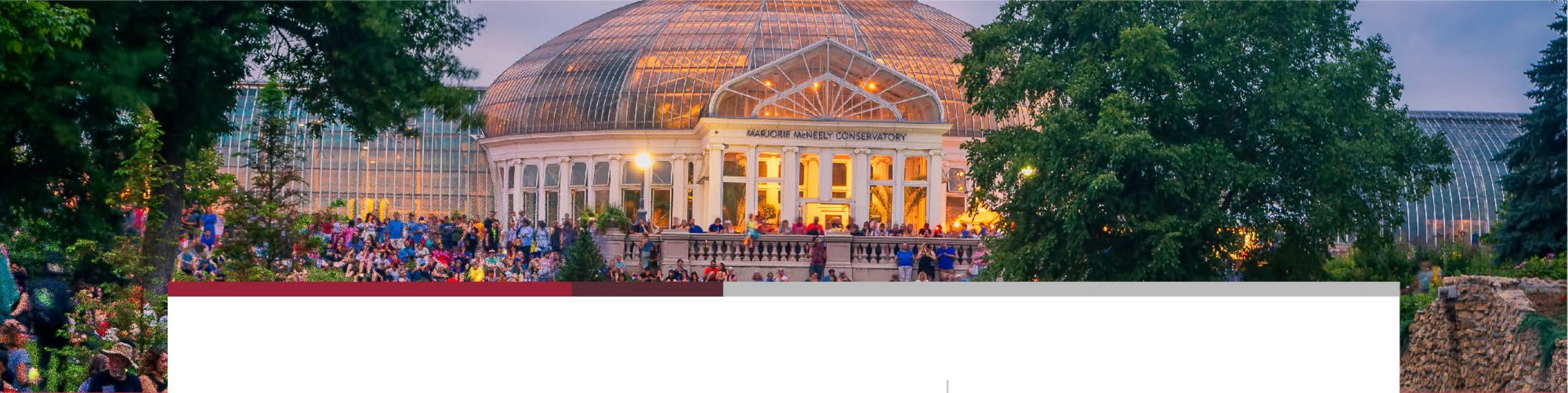
None. For information and discussion only.

Information

Social Services closed the Detoxification and Withdrawal Management facility and discontinued these services. This presentation will provide an update on the planning for the closure of detox, give an update of services provided during the bridging timeframe, and update how Social Services plans to move forward. Sophia Thompson, Director of Social Services and Jim Langer, Human Services Manager, Social Services, will be presenting.

Attachments

1.Presentation



Detox and Withdrawal Management Closure Update



May 19, 2026

Presenters

- Sophia Thompson, Director of Social Services
- Jim Langer, Human Services Manager, Social Services

Agenda

- Brief History
- Detox closure
- Goals and successes
- Moving forward
- Other resources

Thank you

To all the dedicated staff who have served our clients over the years



Brief History

- The Ramsey County Detox and Withdrawal Management program was first licensed to provide detox services in **1989**.
- In **2015**, the State of Minnesota expanded detox programs to include clinically managed and medically monitored withdrawal management services, recognizing the need for medical oversight and structured withdrawal support.
- The Ramsey County Detox/Withdrawal Management program became dually licensed for withdrawal management services in **2022**, which allowed enhanced clinical and medical care.

Minnesota Statute, section 254A.08 states

- *Every county board shall provide detoxification services for any person incapable of self-management or management of personal affairs or unable to function physically or mentally in an effective manner because of the use of a drug, including alcohol. **The board may utilize existing treatment programs and other agencies to meet this responsibility.***

Closure December 31, 2025

- Ramsey County aligned with best practices to meet evolving community needs through a change in the way detox/ withdrawal management services are offered.
- These services, which are currently provided by the county, will be transitioning to qualified community-based providers, who have the infrastructure and expertise to deliver high-quality, medically appropriate care.
- Right sizing county services.



Ramsey County Detoxification and Withdrawal Management program is now closed and no longer offering services.

Please call **651-266-4009** for immediate assistance and help finding an alternate service provider or visit **[RamseyCountyMN.gov/DetoxClosure](https://www.RamseyCountyMN.gov/DetoxClosure)** to review options online.



It's Been a Team Effort

- October 2025, an interdisciplinary team met frequently, including
 - Social Service, Public Health, Safety and Justice, Housing Stability, Race and Health Equity Administrator, Compliance and Ethics, Communications, Health and Wellness Service Team, Sheriff's Office, Evaluation Team, Purchasing and Contracting, Legal
- Goals were
 - Communicate with clients, staff, partners to ensure smooth transition
 - Respond to how to best serve clients seeking services
 - Winddown of building, services and operation logistics at 402 location
 - Create agreements through lease of current 402 space and detox and withdrawal management services provided by community providers through capacity building grants

Communication Plan

- GovDelivery, updated website, frequent partner communication, signage, internal emails
- Working with partners, staff and other departments to keep them informed

Bridge Plan, Phase 1

- Ensure those with most critical need had support
- Onsite Navigation Support and others to assist in navigation and referrals
- Created work procedures to assist in streamlined process
- Worked with Sheriff's Dept for transportation

Operations Closure

- How to physically close the detox location
- Stop contract services, licensure notification and other staff processes
- Donate medical supplies where appropriate

Contracting

- Lease for new community provider
- Detox services within Ramsey County boundaries to be provided
- Second Request for Proposals (RFP) for another local entity to provide services

Continuing to Serve Clients Through Bridge Plan, Phase 1

January 2026-April 2026

- Staff contracts were extended to provide Onsite Navigation Support for those still coming to 402 for overnight and weekend hours, during the most critical times over the winter
- Recovery Corp staff were assisting clients seeking care during Crisis Hours at 402
- Sheriff's Office were providing transportation to local facilities
- Local providers were sending open bed counts daily so staff could assist and provide navigation support to get people where they needed to go

Clients Served Since Detox and Withdrawal Management Closure

Month	Total Served	Phone Calls	Face to Face	RCSO transports
January 2026	91	77	14	2
February 2026	66	58	8	0
March 2026	27	26	1	0
April 2026	34	32	2	0

Moving Forward: Phase Two Bridging (May 1-TBD)

- As of **April 30**, onsite support navigators stopped providing services due to end of current staff agreements.
 - If there are walk-ups during times the building is open for Adult Crisis programming, those seeking detox services will be given information and can call 651-266-4900 for assistance.
- **Embedded Social Works (ESW)**, as part of Appropriate Response Initiative (ARI), will continue to answer the Detox phone number indefinitely to serve those calling for services.
 - The ARI staff will continue to check voicemails and will provide follow up
 - The staff will also receive emails on local bed openings for continued referrals
- The sheriff's office will not provide transportation to local detox facilities.
 - Some facilities will continue to provide transportation support.

Moving Forward: Contracting for Continued Services

Community and local providers will continue to provide services and referral points

- **Ramsey County Capacity Building Grants**
 - Local community provider is in negotiations for the lease of current 402 space (Request for Board Action is next week through Property Management)
 - This will allow the provider to seek licensure through DHS
 - Can be a 6-month timeline to receive licensure, but need a lease in hand
 - Same local providers will provide detox and withdrawal management services in the 402 location (estimated January 2027)
- Reissue of Capacity Building Grant (Estimated release date of May 19)
 - Allow more support of other entities wanting to provide services within Ramsey County geographical boundaries

Moving Forward: Communication Plan

- Updated signage to refer people to the phone number and website.
- Communication will be cascaded through the website, gov delivery and other mechanisms to keep community, providers and partners updated with the changes.
- Hospital systems, who are continuing to refer clients, will have another communication push to update about the closure.
- Talking points will be cascaded to staff.



Additional Resources for Those Who Need Support

Additional Ramsey County substance use education and navigation in community will be provided through the following initiatives:

- **The Safe and Strong University Avenue initiative** brings together law enforcement, service providers, and city and county prosecutors in an innovative new partnership where service providers will also be active along the corridor and guiding people to resources, including addiction treatment and housing services.
- **Syringe Service Program** - services include anonymous syringe exchange and disposal, wound care, Naloxone and overdose training, Fentanyl and Xylazine testing strips with harm reduction education, and connections to community resources.
- **Adult Crisis and Mobile Crisis Team** provides stabilization services, de-escalation, crisis intervention, mental health assessments, and initial crisis plans.
- **Co-Occurring Recovery (CORe) Program** supports adults with substance use and mental health recovery. The CORe team is made up of mental health providers, alcohol and drug counselors, peer recovery specialists. The program also provides access to nursing and psychiatric care.



Thank you

Questions?

