



Board of Commissioners

Agenda

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

February 3, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of February 3, 2026 is Presented for Approval** [2026-047](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of February 3, 2026.

2. **Minutes from January 27, 2026 are Presented for Approval** [2026-048](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the January 27, 2026 Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. **Designation of County State Aid Highway Mileage on Century Avenue from I-694 to County Road E** [2026-040](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Establish, locate, and designate Century Avenue/East County Line Road, between the north ramp of Interstate 694 and County Road E, as County State Aid Highway 72, subject to the approval of the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation.
2. Authorize and direct the Chief Clerk to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation.

4. **Ramsey County Board Resolution Condemning Operation Metro Surge and Supporting the Federal Response Action Team** [2026-064](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Condemns the aggressive tactics used by immigration enforcement agents and mourns the loss of life, physical injury, and community trauma resulting from Operation Metro Surge.
2. Denounces the violent and unconstitutional actions taken by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Minnesota, acknowledge the fear and trauma these actions have caused in local communities, and affirm the County's commitment to upholding constitutional rights and public safety.
3. Calls on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to immediately cease and

permanently end Operation Metro Surge.

4. Condemns the preventable and brutal killing of Renee Nicole Good - a 37-year-old U.S. citizen who was fatally shot by two ICE agents in Minneapolis on January 7, 2026 and Alex Pretti - a 37-year-old U.S. citizen also fatally shot by an ICE agent in Minneapolis on January 24, 2026.
5. Requests an independent or parallel investigation to be conducted by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's Force Investigations Unit (FIU) to ensure transparency, accountability, and public trust.
6. Urge strong and humane protection of our borders while ensuring clear, consistent, and fair pathways to citizenship for refugees, asylum seekers, and others seeking safety and opportunity.
7. Calls for due process for all individuals who have been detained, the full release of all unlawfully detained, including children, and reunification of families.
8. Directs the County Manager to establish a structured and coordinated response to Operation Metro Surge, including but not limited to the following actions:
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COUNTY CONNECTIONS

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

Closed Meeting *Closed to the Public*

Re: Property Tax Litigation

Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room

10:30 a.m. (est.)

Closed Meeting *Closed to the Public*

Re: Federal Operations Update - Adult Detention Center

Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room

1:30 p.m.

Advance Notice:

February 10, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers

February 17, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers

February 24, 2026 No county board meeting - NACo Legislative Conference (Washington, D.C.)

March 03, 2026 No county board meeting - AMC Legislative Conference (Saint Paul, MN)



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2026-047

Meeting Date: 2/3/2026

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

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Recommendation

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Attachments

1. January 27, 2026 Minutes.



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

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January 27, 2026 - 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: Jebens-Singh, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire joined the board meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2. Commissioner McMurtrey was excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: McMurtrey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Miller.

1. Agenda of January 27, 2026 is Presented for Approval

[2026-036](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of January 27, 2026.

Commissioner Moran motioned to amend the agenda to table item #8: Presentation: Metropolitan Mosquito Control District. Motioned by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed as amended.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

2. Minutes from January 20, 2026 are Presented for Approval

[2026-037](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the January 20, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Correction to 2026-27 Public Health Fee Schedule

[2026-029](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Approve the revised fee schedule for 2026-27 Environmental Health and Clinical Services Fee Schedule.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.
Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Excused: McMurtrey
Resolution: [B2026-018](#)

3. Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for Tuberculosis Control Services [2025-510](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for Ramsey County to provide tuberculosis control services to Dakota County residents for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, in the not to exceed amount of \$70,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Presented by Amy Caron, Director, Public Health. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Excused: McMurtrey
Resolution: [B2026-019](#)

5. 2025 Budget Adjustment for the Lake Owasso Residence [2026-043](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$2 million of General Fund fund balance to the 2025 Lake Owasso Residence Enterprise Fund.

Presented by Nadir Abdi, Deputy County Manager, Health and Wellness; Sophia Thompson, Director, Social Services. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.
Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Excused: McMurtrey
Resolution: [B2026-020](#)

6. 2025 Budget Adjustment for the Ramsey County Attorney's Office [2026-030](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office

Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$750,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the Attorney's Office 2025 operating budget for salary and benefit costs, professional services, and attorney services and administrative costs.

Presented by John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Excused: McMurtrey
Resolution: [B2026-021](#)

7. Allocation of Grant Funds from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety towards the Acquisition of Youth Healing and Treatment Homes. [2026-055](#)

Sponsors: Health and Wellness, Safety and Justice

1. Approve the allocation of Minnesota Department of Public Safety grant funds toward

the acquisition of Youth Healing and Treatment Homes in the amount of \$1,950,000.

2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into the necessary loan or other agreements and execute amendments to loan or other agreements in a manner consistent with local regulations and requirements, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-022

PRESENTATION

8. Presentation: Metropolitan Mosquito Control District

[2026-031](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

None. For information and discussion only.

This Presentation was tabled.

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 10:43 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to meet with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Outside Counsel, the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re Meeting with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Outside Counsel

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire and McMurtrey attended remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; John Kelly, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office; Steve Schleicher, Maslon LLP; 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.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2026-040

Meeting Date: 2/3/2026

Sponsor: Public Works

Title

Designation of County State Aid Highway Mileage on Century Avenue from I-694 to County Road E

Recommendation

1. Establish, locate, and designate Century Avenue/East County Line Road, between the north ramp of Interstate 694 and County Road E, as County State Aid Highway 72, subject to the approval of the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation.
2. Authorize and direct the Chief Clerk to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation.

Background and Rationale

On August 20, 2024, the board approved an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and Washington County for the jurisdictional transfer of Century Avenue/East County Line Road (Trunk Highway 120) from the north ramp of I-694 to County Road E. The agreement detailed the conditions of the turnback. MnDOT approved the agreement on August 29, 2024, and officially released Trunk Highway 120 to Ramsey and Washington counties on August 1, 2025. This one-mile segment of border road is split equally between the two counties.

The transferred highway segment should be designated as a County State Aid Highway (CSAH) under the provisions of Minnesota Statute Section 162.02, subdivision 11. The new segment will be assigned route number 72 to align with the designation of the previously turned-back segments of Century Avenue. To accomplish this, a resolution is needed to add this segment to the Ramsey County State Aid Highway Network. Adding the new roadway allows ongoing funding, via the gas tax, to be drawn from the state based on the number of miles within Ramsey County.

Supporting resolutions are needed from the city where the proposed CSAH designation is being requested. This portion of Century Avenue in Ramsey County is located in the city of White Bear Lake. White Bear Lake supports this action and will provide Ramsey County with a resolution of support when it becomes available. Washington County will obtain resolutions for the cities along the route under its jurisdiction.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

As this is an administrative process, racial equity impacts will likely be limited. Century Avenue currently serves Ramsey County residents on the west side of the roadway along with the diverse population utilizing Century College for education and ongoing personal development opportunities.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community participation association with this request for board action.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

CSAH funds received from the state will see a slight increase due to the additional mileage. This revenue is accounted for in the 2026-2027 approved budget.

Last Previous Action

On August 20, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved an agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation and Washington County for the jurisdictional transfer of Century Avenue (Resolution B2024-164).

Attachments

1. Location map
2. Resolution

Location Map



RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY 72
IN THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE

WHEREAS, the County board of the County of Ramsey approved on August 20, 2024, the jurisdictional transfer, from the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation to Ramsey County, of Trunk Highway 120 from the North Ramp of Interstate 694 to County Road E (County State Aid Highway No. 15) within Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, has similarly approved the jurisdictional transfer of Trunk Highway 120 (Century Ave/East County Line Road) from the North Ramp of Interstate 694 to County Road E (County State Aid Highway No. 15) within Ramsey County to the jurisdiction of Ramsey County, effective August 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation released Trunk Highway 120 (Century Ave/East County Line Road) from the North Ramp of Interstate 694 to County Road E (County State Aid Highway No. 15) within Ramsey County to Ramsey County on August 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of the County of Ramsey that the highway segment being transferred should be designated as a County State Aid Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Statute Section 162.02, subdivision 11; and

WHEREAS, the City of White Bear Lake has proposed a resolution in support of the proposed jurisdictional transfer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Ramsey that Trunk Highway 120 (Century Ave/East County Line Road) from the North Ramp of Interstate 694 to County Road E (County State Aid Highway No. 15) within Ramsey County be hereby established, located, and designated as County State Aid Highway 72 of Ramsey County, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____.

Motion _____ [passed / failed].

Aye	Nay	Abstain

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20_____.
Attest:

By: _____

Title: Chief Clerk, Jason Yang

Date: _____



Board of Commissioners

Resolution

B2026-023

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Sponsor: Public Works

Meeting Date: 2/3/2026

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

Motion passed.

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

By:


Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board

Item Number: 2026-064

Meeting Date: 2/3/2026

Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Title

Ramsey County Board Resolution Condemning Operation Metro Surge and Supporting the Federal Response Action Team

Recommendation

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Background and Rationale

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Reports describe racial profiling, intimidation, excessive use of force, unlawful arrests and detentions, and retaliation against individuals documenting ICE activities. The tactics used-including armed operations, warrantless searches and arrests, and enforcement in sensitive locations such as schools, hospitals, places of worship, and courts undermine public safety. Numerous reports of immigration agents pepper spraying, damaging property, tackling, and forcibly detaining legal residents have emerged during the surge. These actions have caused widespread fear, trauma, and disruption in Ramsey County communities, eroding public trust, limiting residents' ability to participate in daily life, and hindering county workers' ability to deliver services effectively. Housing and food security concerns are increasing in Ramsey County.

Ramsey County operations and services have been disrupted. Many residents are fearful and hesitant to access services. Operation Metro Surge is causing fear, anxiety, chaos and immediate harm and disrupting both the lives of residents and the provision of critical county services--deterring people from interacting with government and community programs. Residents have canceled or rescheduled appointments within public health programs such as Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) services, family home visiting, family health, early childhood, family education, and are relying more on virtual services. The county is experiencing and anticipating revenue losses as events are postponed or canceled, and residents are withdrawing from participation in county-run programs and activities. Programs are being evaluated and pivoted to ensure access and availability for all residents when in person connections are jeopardized. These disruptions are compounded by financial strain and distraction on the county, as staff are required to absorb increased workloads and redirect time and resources to address escalating community needs and operational challenges caused by Operation Metro Surge.

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Racial Equity Impact

Ramsey County is the second most populous county in the state, the most densely populated county, and the most diverse county in Minnesota. As a result, its residents have been disproportionately impacted by Operation Metro Surge, with documented increases in fear, anxiety, and disruption to daily life. Community members report heightened concerns about racial profiling, reduced participation in work, school, and community activities, and a growing reluctance to access public services-trends that undermine community well-being and erode trust in public institutions.

Lawmakers must account for the racial equity impacts of Operation Metro Surge, which funds a harmful enforcement effort at the expense of federally supported health, housing, and food security programs that communities of color and immigrant families disproportionately rely on. These same communities are also those most dependent on sustained federal investment to maintain stability and opportunity.

Continued funding of unlawful federal enforcement destabilizes families, widens existing inequities, and shifts long-term costs onto local governments through increased demand for emergency services, public health interventions, child welfare involvement, and housing assistance-costs that ultimately fall on property taxpayers.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Throughout Operation Metro Surge in Minnesota and Ramsey County, residents, community organizations, and community partners have expressed their concerns via various channels. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff's Office, and the County Attorney's Office have all received testimonies from residents regarding Operation Metro Surge and its impact to their livelihood and wellbeing. The county is also seeing a decrease in in-person services and while virtual options are available, this may be impacting how residents are receiving essential services that require in-person appointments.

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Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this board action.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

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By:



Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board