



Board of Commissioners Minutes

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

February 6, 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 Vice-Chair Reinhardt. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Moran.

1. Agenda of February 6, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2023-651](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of February 6, 2024.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson

2. Minutes January 23, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2023-673](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the January 23, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson

PROCLAMATION

Presented by Commissioners Moran and Xiong. Discussion can be found on archived video.

3. Proclamation: Black History Month [2024-026](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Allocation of Funding for the Park at RiversEdge [2024-019](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$1.8 million of interest earnings to complete an acquisition, predesign, and design project for the Park at RiversEdge.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson

Resolution: B2024-020

5. U.S. Small Business Administration Funds for the Small Business Reimagination Center

[2024-023](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the U.S. Small Business Administration in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the Small Business Reimagination Center.
2. Accept \$1,500,000 grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration to invest in the Ramsey County small business ecosystem by creating the Small Business Reimagination Center.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into expenditure grant agreements and execute amendments to agreement in a form approved by Finance and the County Attorney's Office provided the amounts of funding are within the limits of the approved expenditure grant agreement program budget.
5. Approve an increase in the personal complement of the Community & Economic Development department by 1.0 Full Time Equivalent.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson

Resolution: B2024-021

6. 2024 Parks Capital Project Accounting

[2024-005](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Authorize the County Manager to establish project budgets for the following in the Parks and Recreation Department:

- a. Battle Creek Waterworks Remodel
- b. Bruce Vento Trail Phase 1 Design & Construction
- c. Bruce Vento Trail Phase 2 Design
- d. Highland Arena Roofing
- e. Aldrich Arena Strategic Renovation
- f. Arena & Admin Guaranteed Energy Savings Project
- g. Long Lake Culvert Repair
- h. Arena Capital Maintenance
- i. Tuj Lub Renovation - Keller Regional Park
- j. Battle Creek Stormwater
- k. Boat Launches - Long Lake & Turtle Lake
- l. 2024 Comprehensive Capital Asset Management Preservation Plan Projects
- m. 2024 Regional Rehabilitation Projects

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson
Resolution: B2024-022

7. Grant Awards from the Metropolitan Council for Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund Projects [2024-021](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Accept grant awards from and approve grant agreements with the Metropolitan Council for Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund Projects for the periods of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027, in the total amounts of \$2,320,762 for State Fiscal Year 2024, and \$2,073,188 for State Fiscal Year 2025.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute State Fiscal Year 2024 grant agreements.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute State Fiscal Year 2025 grant agreements in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments to agreements, in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.
5. Authorized the County Manager to make temporary cash loans, as needed, from the General Fund to the Parks and Recreation Department to implement these projects until funds are received, with repayment to be made when funds are available.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Martinson
Resolution: B2024-023

8. Resolution to Support Mighty Ducks Grant Program Application [2024-034](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Adopt a resolution to support Parks & Recreation's application to the Mighty Ducks Grant Program for grant funding.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Martinson
Resolution: B2024-024

9. Phase 1 Bruce Vento Regional Trail Extension Local Match to State Bond Construction Funding [2024-024](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Accept and approve the Bruce Vento Phase 1 extension estimated construction budget and financing plan in the amount of \$1 million.
2. Authorize the County Manager to allocate county funds in the amount of \$496,071 from the Capital Project Fund balance for a local funding match for the Phase 1 Bruce Vento Regional Trail Extension construction project.
3. Authorize the County Manager to account for the Phase 1 Bruce Vento Regional Trail construction project as a budgeted project in Parks & Recreation.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Martinson
Resolution: B2024-025

- 10.** Seventh Amendment to Lease Agreement with State of Minnesota for Space at Metro Square [2024-030](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the seventh lease amendment to the lease agreement with the state of Minnesota, 50 Sherburne Avenue, #309, Saint Paul, MN, for space at Metro Square, 121 7th Place East, Saint Paul, MN, for the period from February 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024, for the total amount of \$143,678, with all other material terms remaining in effect and unchanged.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease amendment.
3. Increase Property Management's 2024 Revenue and Expenditure Budget by \$143,678.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson

Resolution: B2024-026

- 11.** Joint Powers Agreement with Hennepin County, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Human Services and the City of Minneapolis for HIV Prevention Projects. [2024-016](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement for HIV Prevention Projects with the following entities for the period upon execution:
 - a. Hennepin County - 525 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55415.
 - b. Minnesota Department of Health - 625 Robert Street, North, Saint Paul, MN 55164.
 - c. Minnesota Department of Human Services - 540 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, MN 55415.
 - d. City of Minneapolis - 505 South 4th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55415.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson

Resolution: B2024-027

- 12.** Agreement with the City of Falcon Heights for Law Enforcement and Public Safety Services [2024-017](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the city of Falcon Heights for law enforcement and public safety services for the one-year period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson

Resolution: B2024-028

- 13.** Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for Participation in the Violent Crime Reduction Unit [2024-018](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1430 Maryland Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55106 for participation in the Violent Crime Reduction Unit upon execution through three (3) years from the fully executed agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.
3. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Sheriff's Office by 1.0 Full Time Equivalent Deputy Sheriff.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson

Resolution: B2024-029

14. 2024 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance Series 2024A - [2023-604](#)
Parameters Resolution

Sponsors: Finance

1. Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the sale of General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2024A including the terms and parameters for the general obligation bonds Series 2024A.
2. Establish the Pricing Committee, which consists of the County Board Chair (County Board Vice-Chair as alternate), County Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
3. Authorize the Pricing Committee to see the 2024A general obligation bonds if all parameters are met.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Martinson

Resolution: B2024-030

POLICY ITEM

15. Countywide Strategic Plan Update [2024-027](#)

Sponsors: Policy & Planning

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by interim Policy & Planning Director, Lidiya Girma. 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 Vice Chair Reinhardt. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Reinhardt declared the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.