

Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 24, 2024 - 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: Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Xiong and Chair Reinhardt. Commissioner McGuire was absent. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Moran.

1. Agenda of September 24, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-261](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 24, 2024.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

2. Minutes from September 17, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-262](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the September 17, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Integrity Day of Spirit of Service Week [2024-372](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Designation of a Position to Unclassified, Unrepresented Service in the [2024-397](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve the change in designation of a current correctional officer position to that of an unclassified, unrepresented position for use as a role of Assistant Division Director of Field Services in accordance with the Personnel Act, Minnesota Statute 383A.286, Subdivision 3.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-182

5. Emergency Communications Pointe Building Allied Radio Matrix for
Emergency Response Radio Site Lightning Strike Equipment Replacement

[2024-406](#)

Sponsors: Emergency Communications

1. Approve the use of \$60,000 from the Emergency Communications Center Radio Fund Balance to replace lightning strike damaged equipment at the Pointe Building Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response Radio site.
2. Authorize the County Manager to establish an Emergency Communications Pointe Building Lightning Strike Equipment Replacement project account.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provide the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-183

6. Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreements

[2024-388](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the traffic signal maintenance agreements with the cities of Roseville, New Brighton, and Maplewood.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreements.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute future traffic signal agreements with other partner agencies in forms approved by the county attorney's office.
4. Authorize the County Engineer to update the traffic signal lists attached to these agreements as necessary.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-184

7. Designation and Revocation of County State Aid Highway Mileage on Various
County Roadways

[2024-395](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Authorize the revocation of previously designated County State Aid Highway mileage for:
 - a. New Brighton Road (CSAH 47), from Lake Johanna Boulevard (CSAH 149) to its

- intersection with County Road E2 (CSAH 73) (depicted as Segment 1 on Attachment A)
- b. Sherwood Road (CSAH 4) from County Road J/Ash Street (CSAH 1) to its intersection with Turtle Lake Road (depicted as Segment 2 on Attachment A)
2. Establish, locate, and designate as a County State Aid Highway of Ramsey County, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota:
- a. Otter Lake Road (CR148)/Scheuneman Road (CR 147)/Hoffman Road (CR 146)/CR F (CR 95) from Goose Lake Road (CSAH 14) to US 61 (depicted as Segments 1-4 on Attachment B)
 - b. Labore Road (CR 108) from Goose Lake Road (CSAH 14) to County Road E East (CSAH 15) depicted as Segment 5 on Attachment B)
 - c. Lydia Road (CR 107)/Joy Road (CR 109) from Bellaire Ave (CSAH 19) to Geneva Ave (MN 210) (depicted as Segments 6-7 on Attachment B)
 - d. County Road J (CR 81) from Centerville Road (CSAH 59) to I-35E (depicted as Segments 8 on Attachment B)
 - e. County Road E (CR 99)/Soo Street (CR 136) from Victoria (CSAH 52) to Owasso Boulevard (CSAH 18) (depicted as Segments 9-10 on Attachment B)

Motion by Moran, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-185

8. Settlement Agreement in Torrey-White v. Ramsey County, et al. (Court File No. 22-cv-02524) [2024-439](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the settlement agreement with Michael Torrey-White relating to Torrey-White v. Ramsey County, et al., (Court File No. 22-cv-02524), totaling \$75,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-186

POLICY ITEM

9. Certification of the Maximum Tax Levy for the Proposed 2025 Property Tax Notices [2024-390](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Approve the proposed maximum tax levy to finance the 2025 budget in the amount of \$395,960,717. The breakdown between General County and Library levy is as follows:

General County	\$379,015,287
Library	<u>\$16,945,430</u>
Total	\$395,960,717

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-187

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 10:15 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

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

In Re Hooper v. Ramsey County

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioners Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Xiong and Chair Reinhardt. Also present were: Ling Becker, County Manager; Susan Earle, Chief Finance Officer, Finance; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Bradley Cousins, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Gloria Reyes, Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice Service Team, Ashlee Bryant, Undersheriff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, Brad Lindberg, Chief Correctional Officer, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office, Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance & Ethics Office; Jason Patten, Risk Specialist, Compliance & Ethics Office, and Jason Yang, Planning Specialist, 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 Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (Resolution B2024-188).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.