

Board of Commissioners Minutes

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.