

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

March 7, 2023 - 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, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair MatasCastillo. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Reinhardt:

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference.

We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota People. We want to acknowledge the Ojibwe, the Ho Chunk and the other nations of people who also called this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events.

1. Agenda of March 7, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-026](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the agenda of March 7, 2023.
Motion by Moran, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
2. Minutes from February 28, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-027](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the February 28, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Women in Construction Week

[2023-080](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Salary Schedule and Grade for a New, Unrepresented Job Classification: County Engineer - Unclassified

[2023-082](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the salary schedule and grade for a new, unrepresented job classification: County Engineer - Unclassified.
2. Approve designation of a new classification to the unclassified service in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383A.286, Subdivision 3:
 - Job Classification: County Engineer - Unclassified
 - Schedule: 98B
 - Grade: 40
 - Annual Salary Range: \$98,982 - \$147,096
3. Approve the change in designation of a current classified, managerial position to an unclassified position within the Public Works department in accordance with the Personnel Act, Minnesota Statutes 383A.286, Subdivision 3.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2023-039](#)

5. Cooperative Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Silver Lake Aerator

[2023-071](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve cooperative agreement Public Works 2022-16, with the cities of Maplewood, North St. Paul, and the Valley Branch Watershed District, for the transfer of ownership, operation, and maintenance of the aeration system located within Joy Park on Silver Lake, for the period March 2023 through winter 2035-2036.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2023-040](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presented by Commissioner MatasCastillo. 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 Chair MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair MatasCastillo declared the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.