

Board of Commissioners Minutes

July 1, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Moran.

1. Agenda of July 1, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2024-601](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of July 1, 2025.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from June 24, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2024-576](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 24, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong, to amend the June 24, 2025 minutes to read as the following:

Chair Ortega opened the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. There was one speaker, Greg Copeland who testified in opposition to the proposed salary increase and expense allowance, which can be accessed via the archived video. The chair called three times for additional public comments. Hearing none, the chair closed the public hearing at 9:10 a.m.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Chuck Wettergren Proclamation [2025-255](#)

Sponsors: Library

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Agreement with T.W. Vending Inc., dba Turnkey Corrections for Commissary Services [2025-214](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the selection of and the agreement with T.W. Vending Inc., dba Turnkey Corrections, 3329 Casey Street, River Falls, Wisconsin 54022 for inmate commissary services for the period of June 24, 2025 through June 23, 2027 with the option to be renewed for three additional one-year periods for a total of five years, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the County's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2025-133](#)

5. Proposed Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Fee Schedule [2025-239](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office, Finance

Approve the proposed updated fee schedule changes for security services and civil process services.

Presented by Kyle Mestad, Chief of Staff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2025-134](#)

6. Joint Powers Agreements and Related Amendments with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension [2025-226](#)

Sponsors: Safety and Justice

1. Approve a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Ramsey, on behalf of the Ramsey County Department of Emergency Communications to utilize Minnesota Criminal Justice Data Communications Network for an additional five-year period upon the execution of the agreement.
2. Approve a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Ramsey, on behalf of the Ramsey County Attorney's Office to utilize Minnesota Criminal Justice Data Communications Network for an additional five-year period upon the execution of the agreement.
3. Approve a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Ramsey, on behalf of the Ramsey County Department of Community Corrections to utilize Minnesota Criminal Justice Data Communications Network for an additional five-year period upon the execution of the agreement.
4. Approve an amendment to the Court Services Data Subscriber Amendment by the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal

Apprehension by and for the benefit of the State of Minnesota acting through its State Court Administrator's Office, and the County of Ramsey, on behalf of Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

5. Approve an amendment to the Court Services Data Subscriber Amendment by the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension by and for the benefit of the State of Minnesota acting through its State Court Administrator's Office, and the County of Ramsey, on behalf of Ramsey County Department of Community Corrections.
6. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign and execute three joint powers agreements.
7. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign and execute two Court Services Data Subscriber Amendments.

Presented by Dan Palmer, Deputy Director, Emergency Communications Center. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-135

7. Grant Agreement with Department of Human Services for Early Interventions [2025-199](#)
Prevent Civil Commitment

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Department of Human Services for culturally responsive early interventions to prevent an individual from meeting criteria for civil commitment and to promote positive outcomes for individuals living with mental illness.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Department of Human Services for Early Interventions to Prevent Civil Commitment for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$367,200.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. 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.

Presented by Kenya Walker, Deputy Director, Social Services Department, and Anna Hewitt, Human Services Manager, Social Services Department. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-136

8. Obligation of State Affordable Housing Aid for 2025 Housing Development [2025-241](#)
Projects

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Approve the obligation of State Affordable Housing Aid for recommended projects and funding amounts for the preservation and construction of affordable housing in the amount of \$739,478.
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 form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Presented by Max Holdhusen, Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-137

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

9. Adopt the Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2026

[2025-197](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Adopt the Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2026.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-138

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. Commissioner Moran was excused at approximately 10:45 a.m.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Presented by Chair Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 3(a), the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting to discuss the County Manager Performance Appraisal, which was not open to the public.

Re: County Manager Performance Appraisal

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Xiong, and Chair Ortega.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; and Kristen Schultz, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources.

No action taken.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss litigation strategies around federal actions. The Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: Strategies Around Federal Actions

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:51 pm.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Xiong, and Chair Ortega.

Also present: Ling Becker, Ramsey County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney; Brad Cousins, Assistant County Attorney; Alex Kotze, Deputy County Manager, Health and Wellness Service Team; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office; Maria Sarabia, Chief of Staff; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

Motioned by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved.

Authorize the County Attorney, or his designee, in his discretion, to join Ramsey County as a plaintiff in lawsuits that could impact the county's federal funding, including *King County v. Turner* and *San Francisco v. Trump*, and sign (or, designate the signing of) such agreements with counsel for plaintiffs as are necessary to effectuate this joinder (Resolution B2025-139).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.