



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

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

October 12, 2021 - 9 a.m.

Virtual meeting / 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: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Chair Carter. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Agenda of October 12, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-562](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of October 12, 2021.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

2. Minutes from October 5, 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-574](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the October 5, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Licensed Family Child Care Provider Appreciation Day [2021-515](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Presented by Commissioner MatasaCastillo. Brian Theine, Manager of Family Support Programs in Social Services, provided comments and accepted the proclamation on behalf of Ramsey County licensed family child care providers. Discussion can be found on archived video.

4. Proclamation: Foster Care Provider Appreciation Day [2021-514](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Presented by Commissioner McDonough. Brian Theine, Manager of Family Support Programs in Social Services, provided comments and accepted the proclamation on behalf of Ramsey

County foster care providers. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COVID UPDATE

Presented by County Manager Ryan O'Connor, Sara Hollie, Director - Public Health. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Single Source Agreement with Deloitte Consulting LLP for Employee and Retiree Benefit Consulting Services [2021-518](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the Single Source Agreement with Deloitte Consulting LLP, 4022 Sells Drive, Hermitage, TN 37076, for employee and retiree benefits consulting services for the period October 12, 2021 through July 9, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$400,000
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McDonough

Resolution: [B2021-217](#)

6. Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center Security Camera System Replacement. [2021-548](#)

Sponsors: Emergency Communications

1. Approve the use of the Emergency Communications Center Equipment Fund Balance to replace the security camera system at the Emergency Communications Center at the cost of \$90,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to establish Emergency Communications Security Camera System Replacement Project and transfer \$90,000 from the Emergency Communications Center Equipment Fund Balance to this project.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McDonough

Resolution: [B2021-218](#)

7. Termination of Abatement Agreement for the Land O' Lakes Expansion Project [2021-543](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Terminate the property tax abatement agreement for the Land O' Lakes expansion project.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute necessary documents to finalize the termination.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McDonough

Resolution: [B2021-219](#)

8. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 1008 Carroll Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104-5414 [2021-510](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax and Records and Election Services

1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustice or undue hardship caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:

Commissioner District 4

PIN: 35-29-23-33-0051

Property Address: 1008 Carroll Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104-5414

Repurchase Amount Due to Date: \$ 18,670.91

2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Trinity Financial Services, LLC, an entity to whom the right to pay taxes was given by mortgage, ("Repurchaser"), subject to the following conditions that must be met within 90 days of approval of this resolution: Repurchaser will a) execute a repurchase contract; and b) provide the required down-payment or payment-in-full of all back taxes, interest, penalties, recording fees and costs and maintenance costs at the time of execution.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McDonough

Resolution: B2021-220

POLICY ITEMS

9. Presentation: Minimum Floor Price on Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco in Ramsey County [2021-602](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Sara Hollie - Director, Public Health and . Discussion can be found on archived video.

10. Minimum Floor Price on Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco in Ramsey County [2021-585](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Support a minimum floor price on cigarettes and smokeless tobacco and ban the redemption of coupons and in-store discounts on all tobacco products in Ramsey County.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McDonough

Resolution: B2021-221

11. Presentation: American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Violence Prevention Initiatives [2021-596](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office, Health and Wellness Administration and Safety and Justice

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by County Manager Ryan O'Connor, Kathy Hedin, Deputy County Manager - Health and Wellness, and Scott Williams, Deputy County Manager - Safety and Justice. 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 Carter. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 13D.03, the County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

Re: Sheriff's Office Budget Appeal

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt and Chair Carter. Also present: Ryan O'Connor, County Manager; Scott Williams, Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice Service Team; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Jenny Groskopf, Enterprise Risk Manager, Finance; Mee Cheng, Director of Administrative Services and Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office. Also present: Angela Brandt, Attorney, Larson King, LLP.

The Board directed County Staff to proceed as discussed during the closed meeting.

The Closed Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.