



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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November 16, 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 November 16, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-566](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Motion by McGuire, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from November 9, 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-579](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

3. 2022 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance - Waive the Second Reading [2021-628](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2021-247](#)

4. 2022 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance - Hold Public Hearing [2021-627](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Chair Carter opened the public hearing at 9:04 a.m. As no one was signed up to speak, the chair called three times for public comment. Hearing none, the chair closed the public hearing at 9:05 a.m.

COVID UPDATE

Presented by County Manager Ryan O'Connor, Sara Hollie, Director - Public Health, Dr. Ogawa,

Medical Director - Public Health, and Laura Andersen, Deputy Incident Commander - Public Health.
Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6. Name Change of the Chemical Health Committee [2021-622](#)
- Sponsors: Social Services
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-248
7. Agreement for Ramsey County Library - Maplewood Design-Build Part 1 [2021-612](#)
- Sponsors: Property Management
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-249
8. Second Amendment to Lease with Hmong American Partnership [2021-586](#)
- Sponsors: Property Management and Public Health
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-250
9. American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Violence Prevention Initiatives [2021-645](#)
- Sponsors: County Manager's Office and Safety and Justice
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-251
10. American Rescue Plan Act Funding Request for Tier 1 Priority Administrative Items [2021-618](#)
- Sponsors: Finance
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-252
11. September 2021 Report of Contracts, Grant and Revenue Agreements, Emergency Purchases, Sole Source, Single Source Purchases and Final Payments [2021-619](#)
- Sponsors: Finance
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-253
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5. Bonuses and Financial Incentives to Hire and Retain Registered Nurses at the Ramsey County Care Center [2021-465](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Commissioner McDonough made a substitute motion, seconded by Reinhardt, to replace the four proposed recommendations with two recommendations as follows:

1. Direct the County Manager to develop and communicate to the Board a short-term plan that is focused on serving current residents without a concern for increasing census to maximize revenue during the current COVID-19 wave of increased transmission and human impact.
2. Direct the County Manager to develop long-term recommendations, to be presented to the County Board in a workshop during the first quarter of 2022, regarding Care Center operations beyond the short-term plan to managing through the current COVID-19 wave of increased transmission.

Motion by McDonough, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2021-254](#)

POLICY ITEM

12. Expansion of the Employee COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination and Testing Policy to all Ramsey County Elected Officials [2021-654](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Motion by McDonough, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2021-255](#)

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ryan O'Connor. Additional report provided by Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer. 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 10:34 a.m.