



Board of Commissioners Minutes

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Saint Paul, MN 55102
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August 5, 2025 - 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, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner Moran was absent. 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, Ortega, and Xiong
Excused: Moran

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner McGuire.

1. Agenda of August 5, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-289](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of August 5, 2025.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

2. Minutes from July 22, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2025-290](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the July 22, 2025 Minutes.

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

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

Excused: Moran

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Child Support Awareness Month [2025-288](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Watermain Easement with the City of Shoreview at the Ramsey County Lake [2025-287](#)

Owasso Residence

Sponsors: Property Management, Social Services

1. Approve the watermain easement and agreement with the City of Shoreview, 4600 Victoria Street North, Shoreview, MN 55126, for a permanent easement for a city water main at the Ramsey County Lake Owasso Residence property.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

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

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-147

6. Agreement with Saint Paul Capitals Hockey Association for Ice Rental [2025-220](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve agreement with Saint Paul Capitals Hockey Association, PO Box 16382, Saint Paul, MN 55116 for:
 - a. Ice rental upon execution of the agreement through April 1, 2030, with an option to have one five-year renewal term through April 1, 2035, with rates established in by the County Board of Commissioners.
 - b. Capital payments totaling \$50,000 for facility improvements.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to approve the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to establish a project budget for facility improvement for Highland Arena.
4. Authorize the County Manager to approve other minor improvements to the interior or exterior of ice arenas as requested by the Saint Paul Capitals Youth Hockey Association at their sole financial responsibility.

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

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-148

7. Settlement Agreement in *Matthew Breen v. Ramsey County, et al.* (Court File No. 23-CV-03398-JRT-JDF) [2025-292](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the settlement agreement with Matthew Breen relating to Matthew Breen v. Ramsey County, et al., Court File No. 23-CV-03398 (JRT/JDF), totaling \$460,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

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

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-149

8. Settlement Agreement in *Ching Vang v. Alex Grundhofer, et. al.* (Court File No. 0:24-CV-00397-NEB-ECW) [2025-294](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the settlement agreement with Ching Vang, Case No. 0:24-CV-00397 -NEB-ECW, totaling \$242,500.00.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

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

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-150

4. Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Suburban Square Partners LLP [2025-254](#)
for Women, Infants, and Children Clinic Leased Space

Sponsors: Property Management, Public Health

1. Approve the second amendment to the lease agreement with Suburban Square Partners, LLP, 7500 West 78th Street, Edina, MN 55439, for space at the Suburban Square Shopping Center, 1682 Suburban Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55106, to extend the lease for the period of October 1, 2025 through September, 30, 2030, in accordance with the rates in the lease agreement, and with the option to renew for one additional five year term.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease amendment.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments that do not have a financial impact.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-151

9. Declaration of Local State of Emergency Due to City of Saint Paul Digital [2025-302](#)
Security Incident

Sponsors: Emergency Management & Homeland Security

1. Under the authority given in Minnesota Statutes 12.29, declare Ramsey County to be in a Local State of Emergency effective July 29, 2025, due to the ongoing and expected response to the digital security incident in the city of Saint Paul.
2. Authorize the County Manager to declare that this Local State of Emergency will end at such time as the County Manager determines, acting on the advice of the Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and subject matter experts. The County Manager must notify the Chair of the Ramsey County Board within 24 hours that it is determined that the State of Emergency is no longer warranted.
3. Authorize the County Manager and Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to coordinate such actions and request such state and/or federal assistance as needed to protect lives and public and private property in Ramsey County and the recovery of the county to the extent practicable and allowed by law, ordinance, and Charter.
4. Direct the Chief Clerk to give prompt and general publicity of the declaration and any termination of the Local State of Emergency and that it be filed promptly by the Chief Clerk.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-152

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 10:21 a.m.