

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

July 7, 2026 - 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 7, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-236](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of July 7, 2026.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from June 23, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-237](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 23, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Release of Storm Sewer Easement [2026-242](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the release of the existing storm sewer easement across a parcel of land located at 1644 Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon Heights, Minnesota 55113.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Release of Easement.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-083](#)

4. First Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for the Administration of the Byrne Grant for the Familiar Faces Program [2026-244](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve an amendment to the joint powers agreement with the City of Saint Paul, 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 700 City Hall, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55101 for the administration of the Byrne Grant for the Familiar Faces Program upon execution through May 31, 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-084

5. Gift acceptance from the Minnesota State Fair to the Social Services Department [2026-241](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Accept the 2026 gift of \$28,000 in the form of 1,400 tickets from Minnesota State Fair to the Social Services Department.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-085

6. Summary of the Conclusions from the Performance Evaluation of the County Manager and Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between Ramsey County and Ling Becker, County Manager [2026-260](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the second amendment to the Employment Agreement between Ramsey County and Ling Becker, County Manager.
2. Authorize the annual salary of the County Manager to be increased effective August 1, 2026, as a reflection of distinguished performance, resulting in a salary of \$283,550.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the second amendment to the Employment Agreement.

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: B2026-086

PRESENTATION

7. Presentation: Recycling & Energy [2026-239](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Trista Martinson, Executive Director of Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy. Discussion can be found on archived video.

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 10:32 a.m.