



Board of Commissioners Agenda

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

September 2, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of September 02, 2025 is Presented for Approval** [2025-337](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 02, 2025.

2. **Minutes from August 26, 2025 are Presented for Approval** [2025-338](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve August 26, 2025 Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. **Ramsey County 2025 Cooperative Deer Management Plan** [2025-321](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Approve the Ramsey County Cooperative Deer Management Plan for 2025.

4. **Revoke County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard and revert to White Bear Township** [2025-349](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Approve revoking County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard from 280 feet west of Bellaire Avenue to East County Line Road/County Road F and revert to White Bear Township.
Authorize the Board Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

POLICY ITEM

5. **Presentation of the Proposed 2026-2027 Biennial Budget** [2025-354](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

None. For Information Only.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

10:30 a.m. (est.) Board Workshop: Projected Impact - 2026 Taxes Payable
Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300

Advance Notice:

Sept. 09, 2025 No county board meeting – Association of Minnesota Counties Fall Conference

Sept. 16, 2025 County board meeting – Council Chambers

Sept. 23, 2025 County board meeting – Council Chambers

Sept. 30, 2025 No county board meeting – Fifth Tuesday



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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Item Number: 2025-337

Meeting Date: 9/2/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

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Recommendation

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Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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651-266-9200

Item Number: 2025-338

Meeting Date: 9/2/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minutes from August 26, 2025 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve August 26, 2025 Minutes.

Attachments

1. August 26, 2025 Minutes.

Board of Commissioners Minutes

August 26, 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, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Vice-Chair McGuire. Commissioner McMurtrey and Chair Ortega were excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Scott Schwahn, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Jebens-Singh.

1. Agenda of August 26, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-323](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of August 26, 2025.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey, and Ortega

2. Minutes from August 19, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2025-324](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the August 19, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey, and Ortega

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Access to Grass Lake section of Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park [2025-311](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve a Temporary Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for access to Grass Lake section of Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park for the completion of a sanitary improvement project.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Temporary Right of Entry

- agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are consistent with compensation requirements within the Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council.
 4. Authorize the County Manager to accept compensation funds from the Metropolitan Council to be given to the Parks & Recreation department to complete work identified within the compensation section of the Temporary Right of Entry Agreement with Metropolitan Council.
 5. Authorize the County Manager to establish a project number for restoration compensation funds in the Parks and Recreation budget.

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

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

Excused: McMurtrey, and Ortega

Resolution: B2025-160

5. Agreement with Independent School District 622 for Election Services [2025-313](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Approve the agreement with North St. Paul, Maplewood, and Oakdale Independent School District 622 for election services for the period of September 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$118,290, with the option to renew for one additional two-year terms.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreements in accordance with the provisions of the agreements and with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, and in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

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

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

Excused: McMurtrey, and Ortega

Resolution: B2025-161

4. Rice Creek Commons Public Road Right of Way Dedication [2025-309](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Authorize the County Manager to approve, execute, and deliver the subdivision plat known as "RICE CREEK COMMONS SECOND ADDITION", in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office and the County Surveyor's Office.

Discussion can be found on achieved video.

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

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

Excused: McMurtrey, and Ortega

Resolution: B2025-162

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 Vice-Chair McGuire. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair McGuire declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss Purdue Opioid Settlement. The Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Purdue Opioid Settlement

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Vice-Chair McGuire

Absent: McMurtrey and Ortega

Also present: Ling Becker, Ramsey County Manager; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Scott Schwahn, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; David Asp, Lockridge Grindal Nauen; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Nadir Abdi, Deputy County Manager, Health and Wellness Service Team; Amy Caron, Director, Public Health; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office; Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics; Jason Patten, Risk Specialist, Compliance and Ethics Office; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-321

Meeting Date: 9/2/2025

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Title

Ramsey County 2025 Cooperative Deer Management Plan

Recommendation

Approve the Ramsey County Cooperative Deer Management Plan for 2025.

Background and Rationale

On December 14, 1999, by Resolution 99-500, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the Cooperative Deer Management Plan (CDMP). The cities of Saint Paul, Maplewood, Little Canada, Vadnais Heights, Shoreview and White Bear Township are participants in the CDMP that involves the removal of deer on Ramsey County properties.

The CDMP seeks to manage the deer populations in the county through the use of archery and/or sharp shooting, in cooperation with neighboring municipalities. Deer populations that exceed the social or carrying capacity of the land can be detrimental to the overall health of the herd and impact the public through increased car/deer collisions and through the spread of deer ticks that may carry Lyme disease.

Ramsey County sets population goals of 15-20 deer per square mile of deer habitat, as recommended by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The deer population exceeds the overall goal of 15-20 per square mile of deer habitat in certain areas.

During the most recent survey, conducted in 2023, a total of 175 deer were observed within the survey boundaries. In the fall of 2024, 57 deer were harvested through the special archery hunts and an additional 29 deer were harvested through sharp shooting.

Based on the 2025 CDMP, in cooperation with the affected municipalities, Parks proposes conducting special archery hunts during the regular archery season, to run from October 20, 2025 to December 14, 2025, on seven county sites. Participants for these hunts will be selected by the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base. It is anticipated that these special archery hunts will remove 45-62 deer. Sharpshooting may be proposed in select areas with elevated populations; however, no areas meet the criteria at this time. Parks staff have worked with the United States Department of Agriculture and local Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officers to donate all deer harvested through sharp shooting to those in need.

The Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed the 2025 CDMP.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being

☒ Prosperity

☒ Opportunity

☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Deer density has prompted continued deer control in some of Ramsey County's most diverse communities,

such as Battle Creek Regional Park. The removal will reduce herd stress, deer car collisions and lower the potential for tick-borne illness within this area.

Community Participation Level and Impact

The CDMP is a cooperative effort that involves the county and affected municipalities. In addition, the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission, a citizen advisory group appointed by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, annually reviews and offers input to the plan.

Through participation with Metro Bowhunters Resource Base, a non- profit organization that collaborates with residents to keep deer herds at sustainable levels, residents are empowered to care for Ramsey County natural resources and collaborate with their neighbors to maintain healthy deer herds. Any deer harvested by sharp shooting is donated to families in need.

The Parks and Recreation department maintains past and current data from the implementation of each year's Plan on the Ramsey County Open Data portal bringing informative and data driven story to residents. <https://opendata.ramseycounty.us/stories/s/64f4-mkvq>

☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☒ Involve ☒ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

Costs for this program include staff time for the deer counts and coordination of the plan, rental of a helicopter for aerial counts and a contribution of up to \$5,000 towards the cost of the sharpshooter if this management tool is required. Funding for these costs is included in the 2025 operating budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Last Previous Action

On August 20, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the 2024 Cooperative Deer Management Plan (Resolution B2024-162).

Attachments

1. 2025 Plan and Schedule

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department

2025 Ramsey County Cooperative Deer Management Plan

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, in December of 1999, approved a deer population management plan. Since the approval of the plan, the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department has implemented an annual deer management program, which includes population evaluations and management. Locations for deer management are set from aerial deer survey, hunter statistic and human-deer interaction data. Management tools can then be chosen to maintain or reduce deer numbers in these areas.

With guidelines provided from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wildlife management department, the Ramsey County deer population goal is set at 15-20 deer per square mile of deer habitat. Management tools are implemented in areas that exceed this population goal or where the social carrying capacity (deer population level at which people can tolerate or accept the problems associated with a deer herd) is elevated. Deer herd populations that exceed the carrying or social capacity of the land can be detrimental to the overall health of the herd and impact the public through increased auto/deer collisions and the spread of deer ticks that may carry Lyme disease. The 2025 management program was reviewed by the Ramsey County Parks Commission members.

Aerial Deer Survey and Population Estimates

An aerial survey was not completed in 2024, due to minimal to no snowpack. A 12-inch snowpack is ideal to be able to see the deer well. A survey was completed in 2023 and a total of 175 deer were counted in mid-February and early March, which was a decrease since the last survey completed in 2021, when a total of 447 deer were observed. The deer count was lower in 2023 partially due to survey areas being reduced because of decreasing snow cover, which also made for poor visibility in areas that were surveyed. Survey conditions and locations are taken into consideration when making management decisions. (See Attachment 1 for the 2023 aerial survey map)

Annual Archery Program

Annual archery hunts are held at select Ramsey County operated park locations, in conjunction with neighboring municipalities to maintain or reduce the deer population. Several other agencies and municipalities are conducting or planning deer management programs within their jurisdiction, in addition to the management programs on county property. These include the Arden Hills Army Training Site, H.B. Fuller and the cities of Little Canada, Maplewood, North Oaks, Shoreview, Saint Paul and Roseville. The cities of Gem Lake, Vadnais Heights and White Bear Township still allow archery hunting on private property under certain city criteria.

The Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department, in cooperation with the associated municipalities, is proposing to conduct special archery hunts on 7 county properties in the fall of 2025. Ramsey County Parks, in coordination with Ramsey County Property Management, has expanded the Battle Creek Park hunt to include Boy's Totem Town for the third year. (See Attachment 2 – 2025 hunt information)

The program will be conducted using special archery hunts during the regular State of Minnesota archery season. Participants will be selected through the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB), a non-profit organization who coordinates volunteer archers from the public. Hunts will be restricted to dates established by the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department. Archers will be allowed to keep the deer shot during the regular season. These hunts are expected to remove approximately 45 - 62 deer. A total of 57 deer were harvested during the 2024 season. Attachment 3 includes the 2024 hunt summary and harvest statistics.

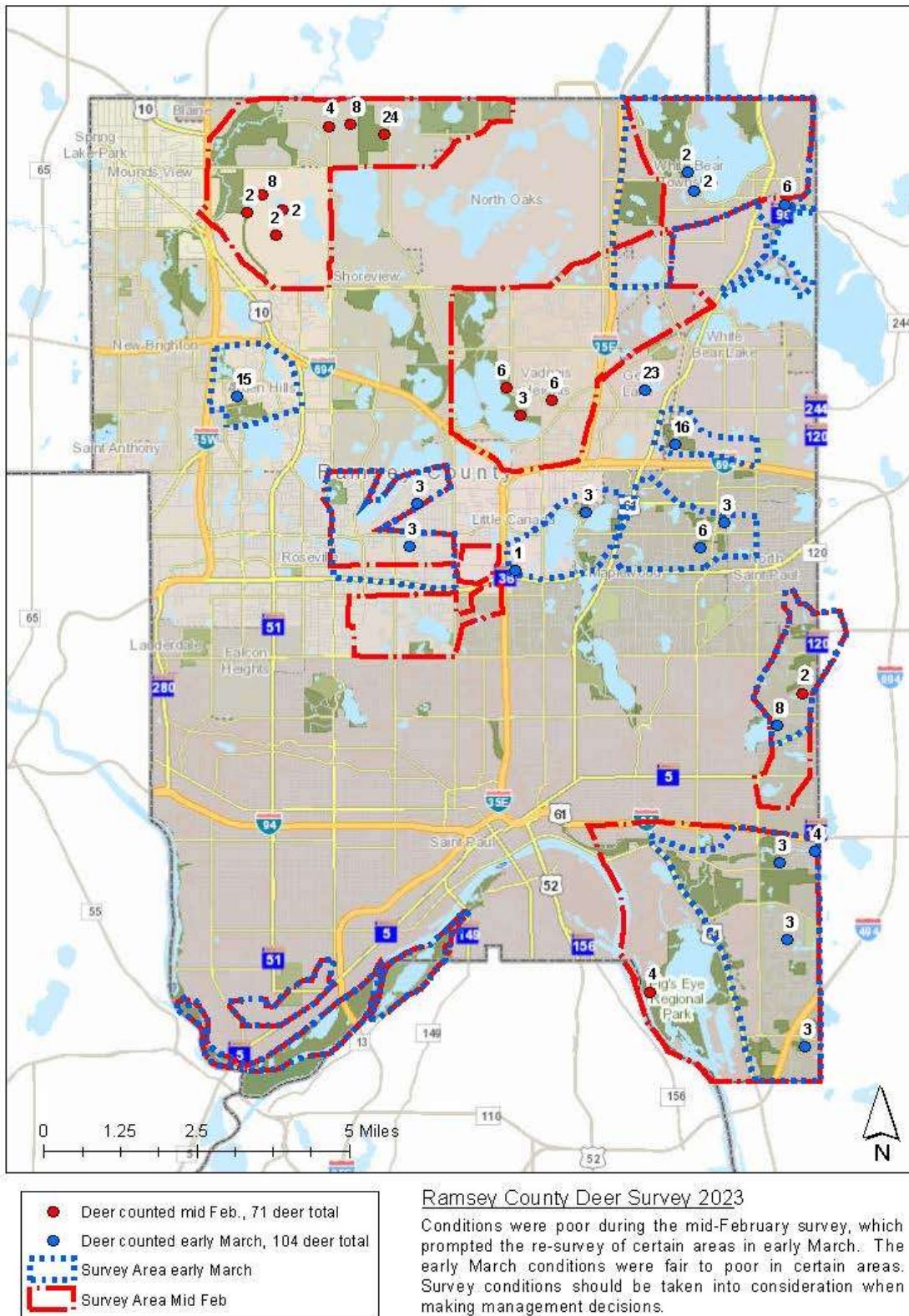
Sharp Shooting Program

Firearm sharpshooting can be used to quickly reduce numbers to a safe level in areas where the deer herd has far exceeded the population goal. The Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department first used sharpshooting in 2005 as a deer reduction option in conjunction within the cities of Maplewood and St. Paul. In 2014, 2015, and 2016 the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department aided the City of Maplewood with coordinating sharpshooting on city and county land in northern sections of Maplewood. Annually, since 2017, the City of Maplewood, City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department coordinated with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for the removal of deer through sharp shooting within southeastern Ramsey County. The total deer removed through sharp shooting and general locations is listed in the table below:

Location	Location	City	2005	2014	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Highwood area	Highwood Ave area	St. Paul / Maplewood	200			64	33	22	14	50	20	30	29
Northern section of Maplewood	Larpenteur / Century area	Maplewood		120	75								
Annual total		Annual totals	200	120	75	64	33	22	14	50	20	30	29
		Permitted take / Goal	200	120	75	100	75	75	50	50	50	50	50

In 2024, 29 deer were removed, successfully reducing the deer population within the Highwood Ave area. The Ramsey County Parks & Recreation department, in cooperation with the affected municipalities, is proposing to allow sharpshooting on county land for the winter of 2025/2026 in select areas where the number of deer exceed the social or carrying capacity of the land, which is usually elevated at 3 to 10 times the population goal of 15-20 deer per square mile of deer habitat.

2023 Aerial Deer Survey Map



Attachment 2

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department Ramsey County Cooperative Deer Management Archery Program (Fall 2025)*

Site	max # of hunters	expected harvest
(Fri-Sun)		
Poplar Lake	8	4-8
Pig's Eye	18	8-10
Fish Creek	12	6-8
Turtle Creek	10	4-6
(Mon-Wed)		
Battle Creek & Boys Totem Town	15	7-10
Vadnais	20	10-12
<u>Rice Creek North Trail</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4 - 6</u>

* All sites will have two 3-day hunts during October, November or December.
They will be Fri-Sun or Mon-Wed.

Attachment 3

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department 2024 Special Archery Deer Hunt Summary

Archery Hunts

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation department's 25th annual special permit archery hunt, in conjunction with St. Paul, Maplewood, Little Canada, Vadnais Heights, Shoreview, and White Bear Township, was a safe and successful season. There were multiple 3-day hunts in October, November, and December within 7 Ramsey County sites.

A total of 57 deer were harvested in 2024, compared to 72 in 2023. The 2024 deer harvest included: 17 adult doe, 7 fawn doe, 25 adult bucks, and 8 fawn bucks (see attached table). The antlerless harvest rate was 56% in 2024, which is a 11% decrease from 2023. The overall success rate for the special archery hunts was 63% in Ramsey County; state average for archery is 25%.

Minnesota Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) provided 90 archers, not including hunt coordinators. No safety problems were reported during any of the hunts. Some park users continued to use the park trails during the hunts, even with "park closed" signage. This is an annual occurrence and archers have adapted to the potential of having park patrons in the hunt areas.

2024 HARVEST STATS

Ramsey County Site	Adult Buck	Adult Doe	Fawn Doe	Fawn Buck	Site Total
Battle Creek	5	6	2	1	14
Fish Creek	3	3	3	0	9
Pigs Eye	4	2	2	4	12
Poplar Lake	2	3	0	1	6
Rice Creek	2	0	0	1	3
Turtle Creek	3	2	0	0	5
Vadnais Hts	6	1	0	1	8
Total	25	17	7	8	57

Ramsey County Cooperative Deer Management Implementation Program for 2025

Site	Cities	Max # hunters	Hunt Dates	Orientation
Monday-Wednesday				
Battle Creek & Boys Totem Town	Maplewood, St. Paul	15	Oct. 20 – 22, Nov. 3 – 5	Sept. 24
Vadnais Lake	Vadnais Heights	20	Oct. 27 - 29, Nov. 17 - 19	Oct. 1
Rice Creek Trail	Shoreview	7	Oct. 27 - 29, Nov. 17 - 19	Oct. 1
Friday - Sunday				
Poplar Lake	WBT, Shoreview	8	Oct. 31 – Nov 2, Nov. 14 – 16	Sept. 24
Fish Creek	Maplewood, St. Paul	12	Oct. 24 – 26, Nov. 14 - 16	Sept. 24
Pig's Eye	St. Paul	18	Oct. 24 – 26, Nov. 14 - 16	Oct. 1
Turtle Creek	Shoreview	10	Dec. 5 – 7, Dec. 12 -14	Sept. 24

*** Hunts held on State or Municipal land, not on Ramsey County Parkland**

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 9/2/2025

Title: Ramsey County 2025 Cooperative Deer Management Plan

File Number: 2025-321

Background and Rationale:

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The Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed the 2025 CDMP.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Approve the Ramsey County Cooperative Deer Management Plan for 2025.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: 
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-349

Meeting Date: 9/2/2025

Sponsor: Public Works

Title

Revoke County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard and revert to White Bear Township

Recommendation

1. Approve revoking County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard from 280 feet west of Bellaire Avenue to East County Line Road/County Road F and revert to White Bear Township.
2. Authorize the Board Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

Background and Rationale

In 2020, White Bear Township and Ramsey County agreed to design and reconstruct County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard to have separate road and pedestrian facilities. The function and class of roadway following the reconstruction of County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard warranted the turnback of the corridor to White Bear Township. The county has completed the construction of County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing in White Bear Township on August 18th, 2025. Per Minnesota State Statute 163.11, Subdivision 5a, Ramsey County will be revoking County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard and reverting this highway to White Bear Township. South Shore Boulevard (County Road 94) between 280 feet west of Bellaire Avenue (County Road 160) and County Road F (County State Aid Highway 12) are to be reverted to ownership by White Bear Township. The statute requires Ramsey County to host a public hearing in White Bear Township, to receive testimony from residents living in the township, regarding reverting this highway.

During the public hearing held on August 18th, 2025 at Heritage Hall, 4200 Otter Lake Road, White Bear Township, MN 55110, there were questions about the stormwater infiltration basin located at the southeast corner of South Shore Boulevard and Ballaire Avenue. This stormwater feature will be retained and owned by Ramsey County and is not part of the jurisdictional transfer agreement. A project to restore the function of the pond will be constructed by Ramsey County in late 2025 or early 2026, depending on weather conditions.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 163.11 Subdivision 5b, the county is required to maintain the Township Segment for a period of two years after the Date of Revocation. To satisfy this requirement, the county and township have agreed to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA provides that the township will perform all such maintenance on behalf of the county in exchange for the payment to the township by the county of \$20,000 (equating to \$10,000 per year for two years of maintenance), and the performance by the county of a reclamite project on the road section in 2026.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being ☒ Prosperity ☒ Opportunity ☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

In 2020, White Bear Township had a population of 11,049 people with a median household income of

\$122,966 with an employment rate of 66.9%. The population includes 85.3% White, 3.7% Hispanic or Latino, 3.1% Asian, 1.4% Black or African American, 5.4% two or more races, 1.1% Other race.

Community Participation Level and Impact

The South Shore Boulevard project was designed from 2018 to 2022. It had multiple open houses. Designers worked with the homeowners during design and construction. Lake Links Association helped gain project funding and community participation for this trail that is part of a bigger trail system around White Bear Lake.

☒ Inform ☒ Consult ☒ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

The county is responsible for the maintenance of the roadway segment for two years after execution of the turnback. The Memorandum of Agreement provides that the township will perform all such maintenance on behalf of the county in exchange for the payment to the township by the county of \$20,000 (equating to \$10,000 per year for two years of maintenance), and the performance by the county of a reclamite project on the road section in 2026. These maintenance activities are accounted for in the Public Works maintenance budget.

Last Previous Action

On August 18, 2025, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing at Heritage Hall, 4200 Otter Lake Road, White Bear Township, Minnesota 55110, to afford the public the opportunity to comment on jurisdictional transfer of a roadway to White Bear Township.

On January 11, 2022, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution B2022-013).

Attachments

1. Certified Mail Receipts
2. Affidavit of Publication
3. Map
4. Memorandum of Agreement

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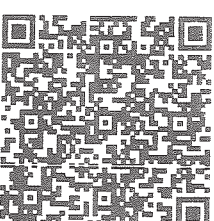
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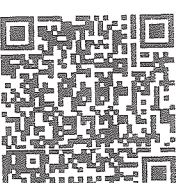
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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

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AUG 04 2025

Carter Johnson, being first duly sworn, on oath states as follows:

1. I am the publisher of the WHITE BEAR PRESS, or the publisher's designated agent. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this Affidavit, which is made pursuant of Minnesota Statutes §331A.07.
2. The newspaper has complied with all of the requirements to constitute a qualified newspaper under Minnesota law, including those requirements found in Minnesota Statutes §331A.02.
3. The dates of the month and the year and day of the week upon which the public notice attached was published in the newspaper are as follows:

Once a week, for one week, it was published on Wednesday, the 30th day of July, 2025.

4. The publisher's lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space, as determined pursuant to §331A.06, is as follows:

a) Lowest classified rate paid by commercial users for comparable space _____

b) Maximum rate allowed by law for the above matter _____

c) Rate actually charged for the above matter \$ 24.10/inch

5. Mortgage Foreclosure Notices. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §580.033 relating to the publication of mortgage foreclosure notices: The newspaper's known office of issue is located in Ramsey County. The newspaper complies with the conditions described in §580.033, subd. 1, clause (1) or (2). If the newspaper's known office of issue is located in a county adjoining the county where the mortgaged premises or some part of the mortgaged premises described in the notice are located, a substantial portion of the newspaper's circulation is in the latter county.

We are a qualified newspaper in the following counties: Anoka, Ramsey and Washington

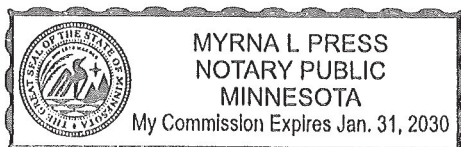
FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

BY:

TITLE: Carter Johnson, Publisher
PRESS PUBLICATIONS
4779 Bloom Avenue
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 30th day of July, 2025.

Myrna L. Press
Notary Public



**RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on August 18, 2025, at Heritage Hall, 4200 Otter Lake Road, White Bear Township, Minnesota 55110.
This Public Hearing will be conducted to afford the public the opportunity to comment on jurisdictional transfer of a roadway to White Bear Township. South Shore Boulevard (County Road 94) between Bellaire Avenue (County Road 160) and County Road F (County State Aid Highway 12) are to be reverted to ownership by White Bear Township.
Persons who intend to testify are encouraged to sign up by www.ramseycounty.us/chiefclerk or to contact the Chief Clerk at 651-266-9200 prior to August 18, 2025.
If in-person testimony is not feasible, comments may alternatively be provided via the following methods:
Email: chiefclerk@ramseycounty.us | Phone: 651-266-9200 | Written Mail: Chief Clerk, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd, Suite 250, Saint Paul, MN 55102
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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

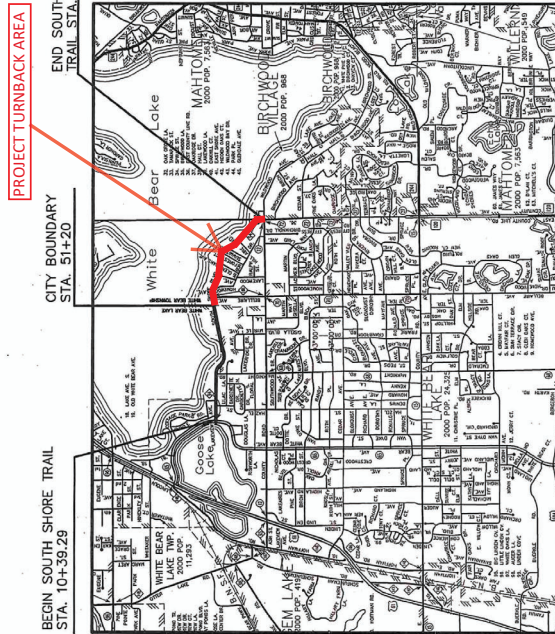
RAMSEY COUNTY, CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE & WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP

SOUTH SHORE TRAIL

RAMSEY COUNTY PROJECT NO. P-8025

CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR: BITUMINOUS SURFACING, AGGREGATE BASE, GRADING, ADA IMPROVEMENTS, CONCRETE CURB & GUTTER, STORM SEWER, STORMWATER POND IMPROVEMENTS & LIGHTING
LOCATED ON: SOUTH SHORE BOULEVARD FROM WHITE BEAR AVENUE TO COUNTY ROAD F

- LEGEND**
- EXISTING GATE VALVE
 - EXISTING HYDRANT
 - EXISTING CURB BOX
 - EXISTING SANITARY MANHOLE
 - EXISTING STORM MANHOLE
 - EXISTING CATCH BASIN
 - EXISTING GAS VALVE
 - EXISTING CABLE TV BOX
 - EXISTING TELEPHONE BOX
 - EXISTING POWER POLE
 - EXISTING ELECTRICAL MANHOLE
 - EXISTING LIGHT POLE
 - EXISTING WATERMAN
 - EXISTING SANITARY SEWER
 - EXISTING STORM SEWER
 - EXISTING GAS MAIN
 - EXISTING CABLE TV
 - EXISTING UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE LINE
 - EXISTING UNDERGROUND POWER
 - EXISTING OVERHEAD POWER
 - EXISTING FIBER LINE
 - EXISTING CURB AND GUTTER
 - EXISTING FENCE
 - EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
 - EXISTING EASEMENT
 - EXISTING MAILBOX
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 - EXISTING STREET SIGN
 - EXISTING TREE
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 - PROPOSED CONTOUR
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 - PROPOSED MANHOLE (STORM/SANITARY)
 - PROPOSED CATCH BASIN
 - PROPOSED WATERMAN
 - PROPOSED STORM SEWER
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 - PROPOSED CURB AND GUTTER
 - IN PLACE R/W
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 - TEMPORARY EASEMENT
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 - LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION



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NOTE:
THE SUBSURFACE UTILITY INFORMATION IN THIS PLAN IS UTILITY COMPANY PROVIDED. THE QUALITY LEVEL WAS DETERMINED BY THE UTILITY COMPANY. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THE EXISTING UTILITY DATA.
THE EXACT LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES SHOWN IN THIS PLAN SET ARE UNKNOWN. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CONTACT THE UTILITY COMPANIES PRIOR TO STARTING ANY EXCAVATION.
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL SYSTEM.....1-800-252-1166

GOVERNING SPECIFICATIONS	
THE 2020 EDITION OF THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION "STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION" SHALL GOVERN. ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, INCLUDING "FIELD MANUAL FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE LAYOUTS."	
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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
RAMSEY COUNTY AND WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP
FOR MAINTENANCE OF SOUTH SHORE BOULEVARD (previously COUNTY ROAD 94)
BETWEEN BELLAIRE AVENUE (COUNTY ROAD 160) AND EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD (CSAH
72) AFTER JURISDICTIONAL TURN-BACK**

RECITALS

- A.** Ramsey County ("County") and White Bear Township ("Township") are parties to that certain Ramsey County Cooperative and Maintenance Agreement with the Township of White Bear Township for Reconstruction of South Shore Boulevard [Ramsey County Project # P8025] (County Agreement No. PUBW2022-07R), dated June 7, 2022 (the "Reconstruction Agreement"). Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Reconstruction Agreement.
- B.** Pursuant to the Reconstruction Agreement, South Shore Boulevard between Bellaire Avenue (County Road County Road 160) and East County Line Road (CSAH 72) (the "Township Segment") was reconstructed in 2022-2023. The Project also included the construction of a separated bicycle/pedestrian Trail along the Township Segment. The Project is complete.
- C.** Since Project completion, the County has provided basic maintenance of the new, one-way South Shore Boulevard within the Township Segment (consisting of snow plowing, street sweeping, and other minor maintenance), and the Township has been responsible for maintenance of the Trail.
- D.** The Township Segment was previously a County Road (CR 94).
- E.** On September 2, 2025, the County, in accordance with Minn. Stat. 163.11 Subdivision 5a, adopted a resolution revoking the Township Segment as a County highway and returning jurisdiction of the Township Segment to the Township.
- F.** All conditions to the effectiveness of the revocation set forth in Minn. Stat. 163.11 Subdivision 5a have been met, and the County resolution revoking the Township Segment as a County highway became effective on September 2, 2025 (the "Date of Revocation").
- G.** Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 163.11 Subdivision 5b, the County is required to maintain the Township Segment for a period of two years after the Date of Revocation.
- H.** Township has agreed to perform all such maintenance on behalf of the County in consideration of the payment by the County to the township of maintenance funds in the amount of \$20,000, as more fully set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township and County agree to the following:

- 1. Within thirty (30) days after the Date of Revocation, the County shall pay to Township maintenance funds in the amount of \$20,000 (equating to \$10,000 per year for two years of maintenance), and Township shall accept such maintenance funds, in full satisfaction of County's maintenance obligations under Minn. Stat. 163.11 Subdivision 5b, except for Reclamite project identified in Paragraph 2 hereof.
- 2. In 2026, County will perform a Reclamite project on the Township Segment at the County's cost.

3. This Memorandum of Agreement shall not be considered an amendment to the Reconstruction Agreement, the terms of which remain in full force and effect.

Agreed as of the last date set forth below:

[SIGNATURE PAGES ATTACHED]

**RAMSEY COUNTY SIGNATURE PAGE TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
RAMSEY COUNTY AND WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP**

Ramsey County

By: _____

Name: Rafael Ortega

Title: Chair, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

Date: _____

By: _____

Name: Jason Yang

Title: Chief Clerk, Ramsey County

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

Assistant County Attorney

**WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP SIGNATURE PAGE TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
RAMSEY COUNTY AND WHITE BEAR TOWNSHIP**

White Bear Township

By: _____
Name: Ed Prudhon
Title: Chair, Town Board
Date: _____

Approved as to form:

Township Attorney

Sponsor: Public Works

Meeting Date: 9/2/2025

Title: Revoke County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard and revert to White Bear Township

File Number: 2025-349

Background and Rationale:

In 2020, White Bear Township and Ramsey County agreed to design and reconstruct County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard to have separate road and pedestrian facilities. The function and class of roadway following the reconstruction of County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard warranted the turnback of the corridor to White Bear Township. The county has completed the construction of County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing in White Bear Township on August 18th, 2025. Per Minnesota State Statute 163.11, Subdivision 5a, Ramsey County will be revoking County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard and reverting this highway to White Bear Township. South Shore Boulevard (County Road 94) between 280 feet west of Bellaire Avenue (County Road 160) and County Road F (County State Aid Highway 12) are to be reverted to ownership by White Bear Township. The statute requires Ramsey County to host a public hearing in White Bear Township, to receive testimony from residents living in the township, regarding reverting this highway.

During the public hearing held on August 18th, 2025 at Heritage Hall, 4200 Otter Lake Road, White Bear Township, MN 55110, there were questions about the stormwater infiltration basin located at the southeast corner of South Shore Boulevard and Ballaire Avenue. This stormwater feature will be retained and owned by Ramsey County and is not part of the jurisdictional transfer agreement. A project to restore the function of the pond will be constructed by Ramsey County in late 2025 or early 2026, depending on weather conditions.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 163.11 Subdivision 5b, the county is required to maintain the Township Segment for a period of two years after the Date of Revocation. To satisfy this requirement, the county and township have agreed to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The MOA provides that the township will perform all such maintenance on behalf of the county in exchange for the payment to the township by the county of \$20,000 (equating to \$10,000 per year for two years of maintenance), and the performance by the county of a reclamite project on the road section in 2026.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

- Approve revoking County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard from 280 feet west of Bellaire Avenue to East County Line Road/County Road F and revert to White Bear Township.
- Authorize the Board Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: 
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2025-354

Meeting Date: 9/2/2025

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Presentation of the Proposed 2026-2027 Biennial Budget

Recommendation

None. For Information Only.

Background and Rationale

Chapter 3.30.k of the Administrative Code provides that the County Manager shall prepare and submit the annual budget proposal and capital improvements plan proposal to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.

On September 2, 2025, the County Manager will present the proposed 2026-27 Biennial Budget. This will be followed by a workshop session presented by the County Assessor and County Auditor, who will provide information related to impacts on property taxes.

Following these kick-off presentations, each service team will present their budget proposals in Council Chambers per the schedule below:

- Sept. 15, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - Strategic Team
- Sept. 16, 2025, 1:30 p.m. - Information and Public Records
- Sept. 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - Economic Growth and Community Investment
- Sept. 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - Health and Wellness
- Sept. 22, 2025, 8:30 a.m. - Safety and Justice

Two public hearings will be held in the Ramsey County Courthouse - Council Chambers, Suite 300 to give community members an opportunity to provide testimonies directly with the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners on the proposed 2026-27 budget and proposed 2026 tax levy:

- Sept. 22, 2025, 5:00 p.m. - First Budget Public Hearing
- Dec. 11, 2025, 6:00 p.m. - Truth and Taxation Public Hearing

More information can be found at Ramsey County Budget and Finance: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/budget-finance>

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being ☒ Prosperity ☒ Opportunity ☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Ramsey County is one of the most racially and ethnically diverse counties in the state of Minnesota, with more than 40% of residents being people of color. More than 130 languages or dialects are spoken in Ramsey County. Racial equity is a required component in Ramsey County's Strategic Plan and Performance

Measures, which guide and influence each Service Team's budget allocations and community investments. Departments are also required to address racial equity impacts specifically in their budget submissions.

Hearings before the board, along with other opportunities for discussion and input on the budget and spending priorities, provide transparency and grants residents the opportunity to hold county leadership accountable to ensure the budget works toward achieving Ramsey County's vision of a vibrant community where all are valued and thrive.

Community Participation Level and Impact

For this particular presentation, the community participation level is to inform. However, community input is woven into all service team budget proposals and service teams will speak to how they engaged community in the development of their budget during their budget presentations to the board. Two public hearings will also be held in Council Chambers to give community members an opportunity to share feedback directly with the Board of Commissioners (as noted above).

☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

This presentation is the first in a series (as noted above) to set the financial direction of the organization for the next biennium.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

1. Presentation



Ramsey County Manager's 2026-27 Recommended Budget

Ling Becker, Ramsey County Manager
Sept. 2, 2025





Propelling into Ramsey County's Next Chapter

- First budget as County Manager.
- 2025 Supplemental Budget presentation set the stage.
 - Transition to service teams has vastly benefited the county in operationalizing work.
 - Intentional focus on structural improvement through organizational alignment to ensure we operate efficiently and effectively.
- Unprecedented budgetary pressures.



Current Context

- Responding to growing fiscal pressures and uncertainty acknowledging:
 - Federal actions.
 - State budget.
 - Federal budget.
- Balancing immediate needs with long-term resilience
- Unprecedented time — demands clarity, discipline, resolve and courage.



Vision:

A vibrant community where all are valued and thrive.

Mission:

A country of excellence working with you to enhance our quality of life.

What guides us is unwavering

- Making investment with intentional choices—even when resources are tight.
- Commitment to excellence in service, driven by community and focused on people.
 - Most diverse county in the state.
 - 550,000 residents.
 - 4,000 dedicated employees.
- Countywide Goals:
 - Well-being, opportunity, prosperity and accountability.
 - Embedded throughout the budget—whether in strategic investments, targeted reductions or systems transformation.
 - Remind us why we're here and who we serve.

Drivers of this Budget

- Employee investments through classification and compensation modernization.
- Rising state cost shifts and unfunded mandates.
- Prioritizing investment in core services and improving organizational outcomes.





A Budget of Responsible Choices

- Strategic stewardship of resources
 - Align resources with the county's most critical needs while strengthening operational excellence to meet future challenges.
 - Implement targeted staffing reductions and service adjustments to maintain long-term fiscal stability with a focus on core county services.
- Makes targeted investments to sustain core operations and services
 - Underinvestment today weakens our ability to respond tomorrow.
 - Must preserve infrastructure, workforce, and service delivery capacity.
 - Proactive preparedness is less costly than reactive crisis response.
- Aligned with Budget Themes.

Budget Core Themes



County Responsible Services: Delivering the essential, mandated services that protect health, safety, and well-being.



Operating as One Ramsey County: Representing the unified commitment of all county departments and employees working together to serve residents.



Advancing Partnerships: Growing impact through partnerships that address disparities and drive shared solutions.



Investing in Organizational Excellence: Strengthening systems and processes to ensure accountability, efficiency, and impact.



Supporting Long-Term Fiscal Health: Addressing structural funding gaps, safeguarding reserves, and growing our tax base.



County Responsible Services

- Investments in:
 - Social Services – Child Protection Services.
 - Emergency Management and Homeland Security.
 - Workforce Development.
 - Emergency Communications Center.
- Ensuring a responsive, efficient and stable public assistance system.



One Ramsey County

- Project Bridge Reducing Adult Detention Center population.
- Enterprise investment and coordination guided by our values
 - County-wide evaluation.
 - Racial Health Equity positions.
 - Trusted Messenger Initiative.



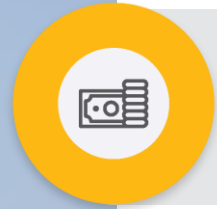
Advancing Partnerships

- Intentionality and commitment to drive transformation.
 - Appropriate Response Initiative.
 - Family Coaches.
 - Justice Transformation.
 - American Indian Coordinator.



Investing in Organizational Excellence

- Organizational alignment.
- Compliance and Ethics Office.
- Focus on federal revenue in Human Services.
- Staffing capacity in county core operations.
- Increased investment revenue.

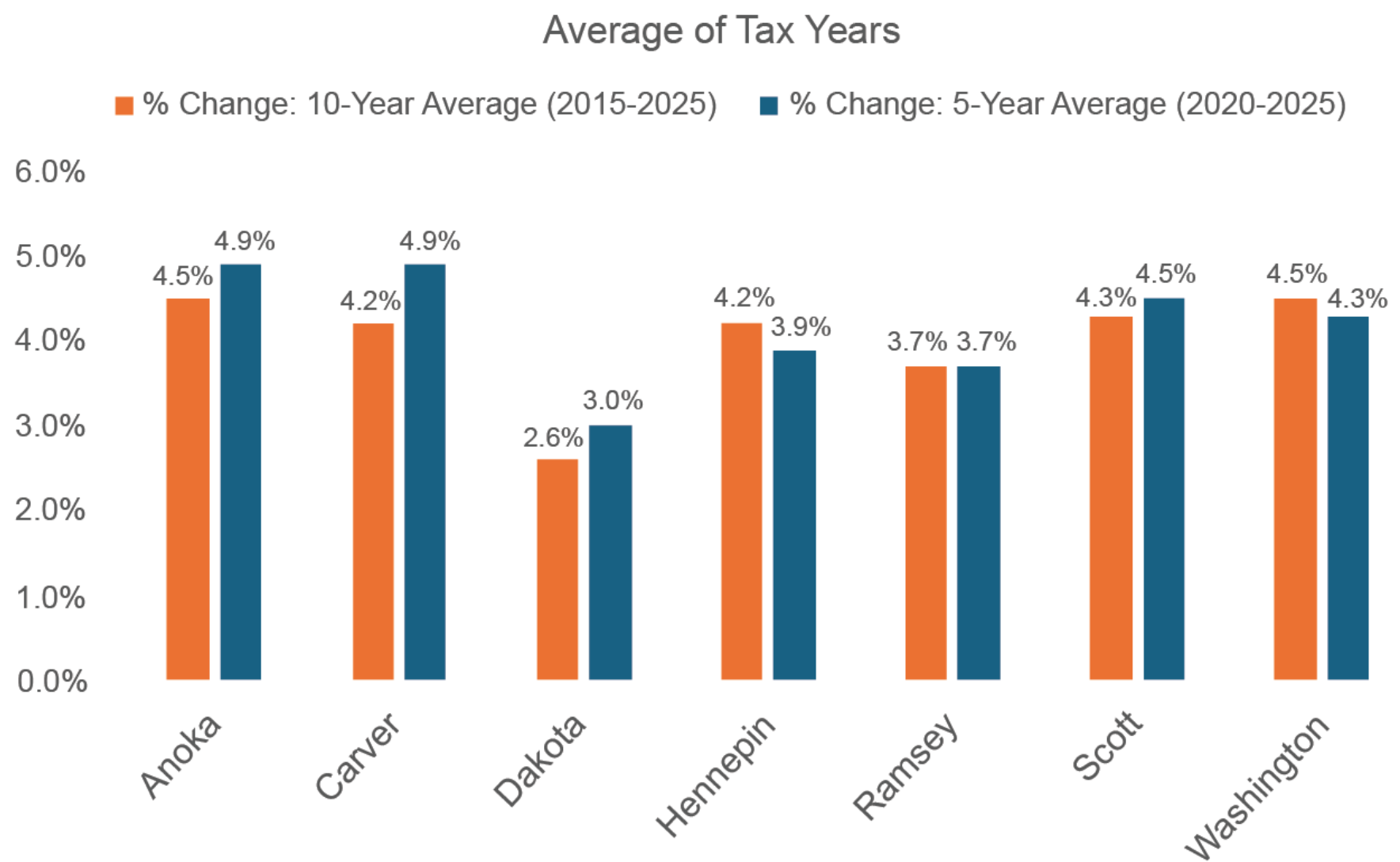


Supporting Long-Term Fiscal Health

- Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan 2.0.
- Housing Continuum.
- Transit and Transportation Plan investments.
- Redevelopment projects.
- Capital investments.

Proposed Budget and Property Levy Context

MSP Region – Average Annual Percentage Levy Change



Budget overview

Total proposed budget

- **2026:** \$929,256,728
- **2027:** \$968,457,020

Overall budget increase

- **2026:** 6.57%
- **2027:** 4.22%

Proposed levy increase

- **2026:** 9.75%
- **2027:** 7.5%

County Program Aid in 2026

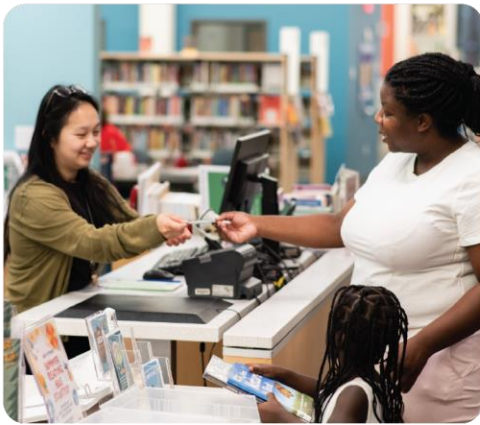
- Decrease of \$331,165
- Resulted in a levy increase of 0.1%

Regional Rail levy

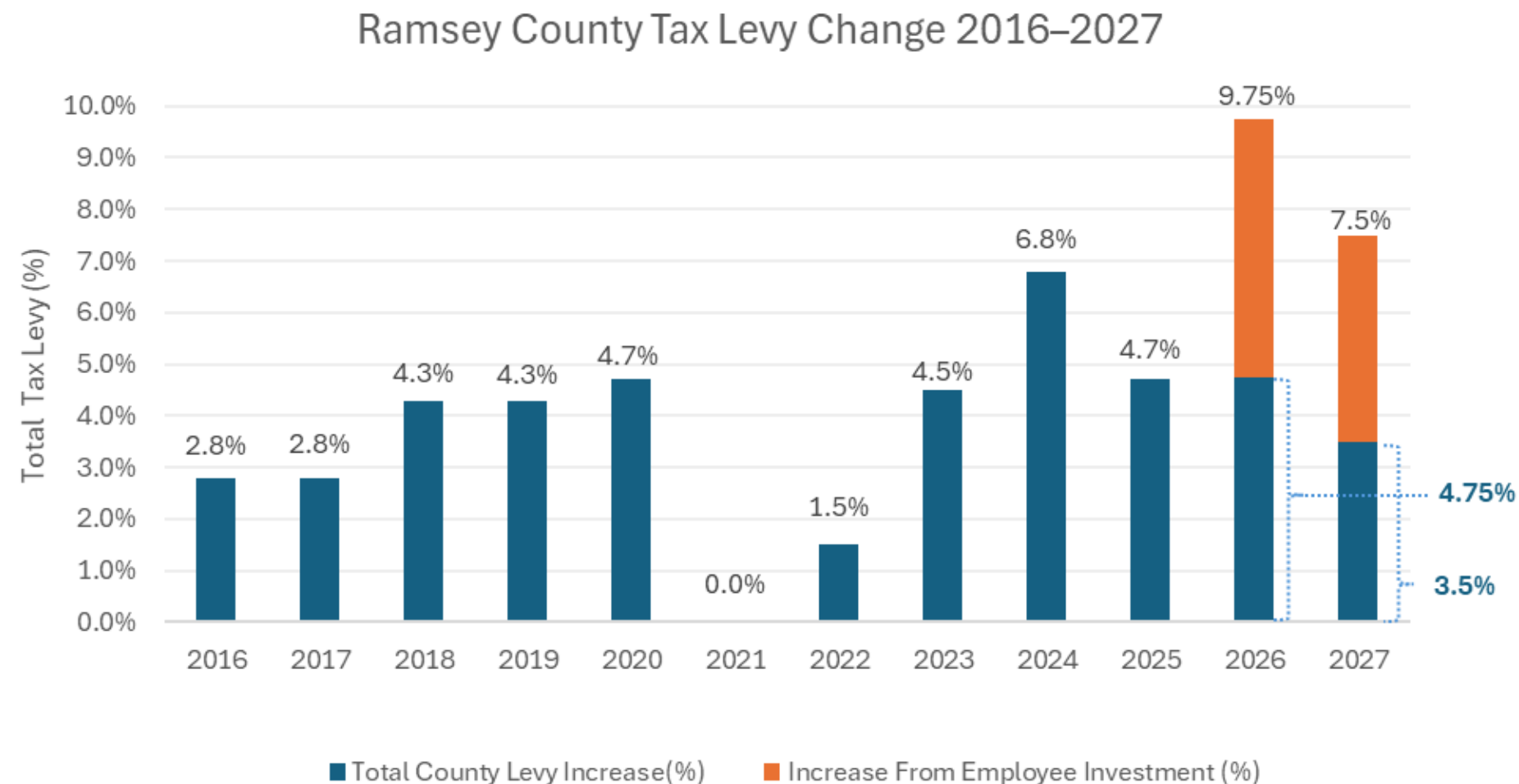
- **2026:** \$37,285,643
- **2027:** \$37,844,927 (est)

Housing and Redevelopment Authority levy

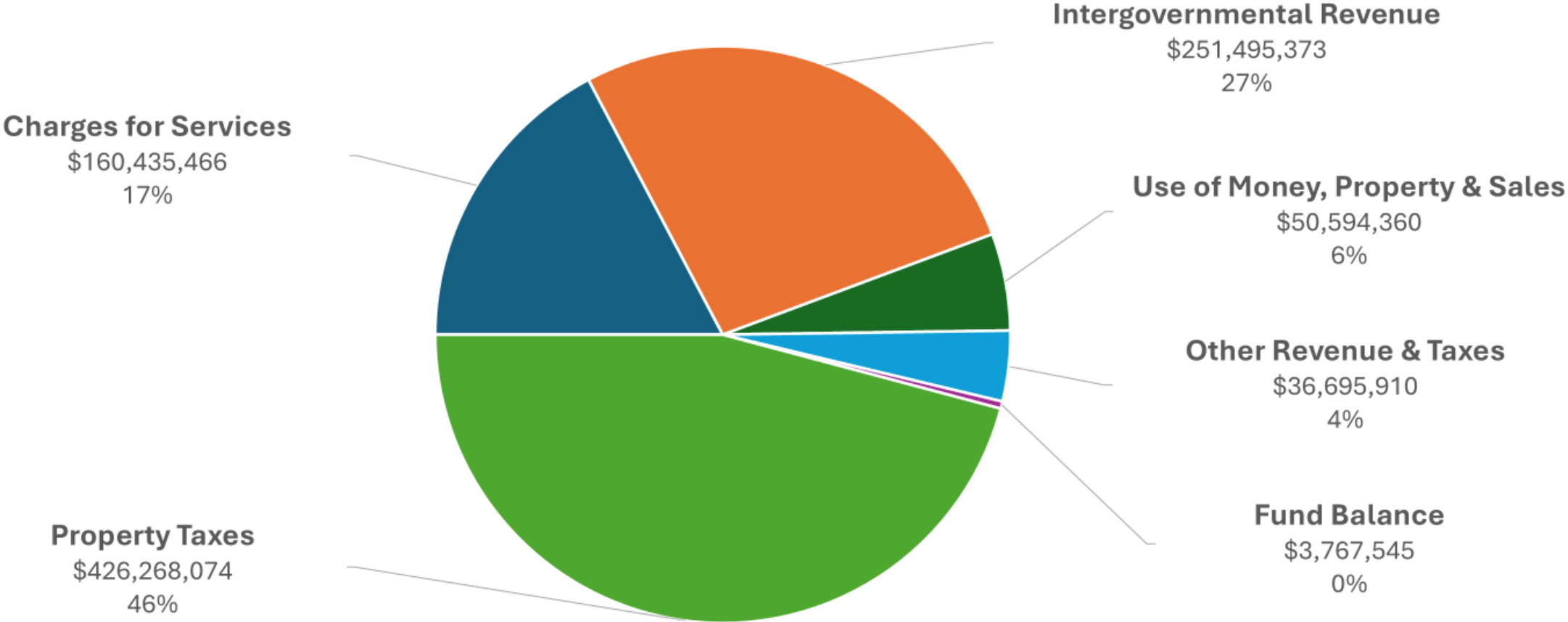
- **2026:** \$14,266,482
- **2027:** \$14,480,479 (est)



Employee Investments: Class and Compensation Modernization

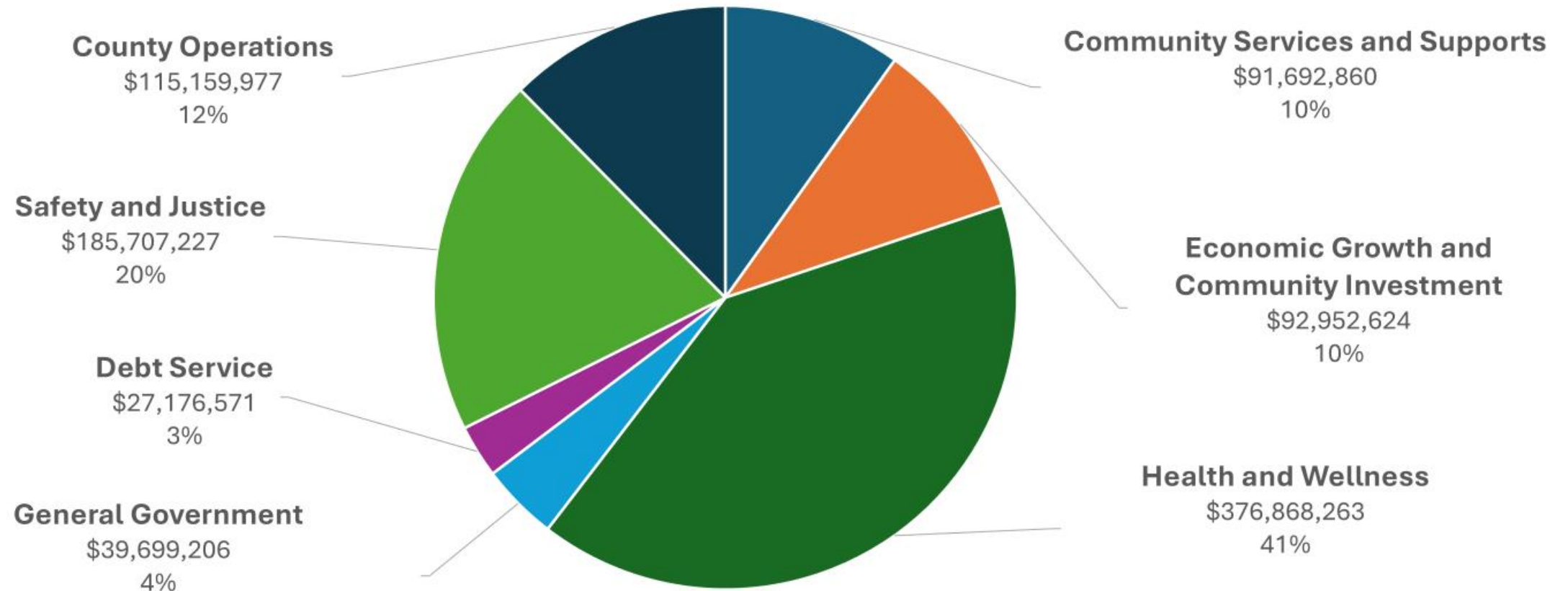


Where the County Dollar Comes From



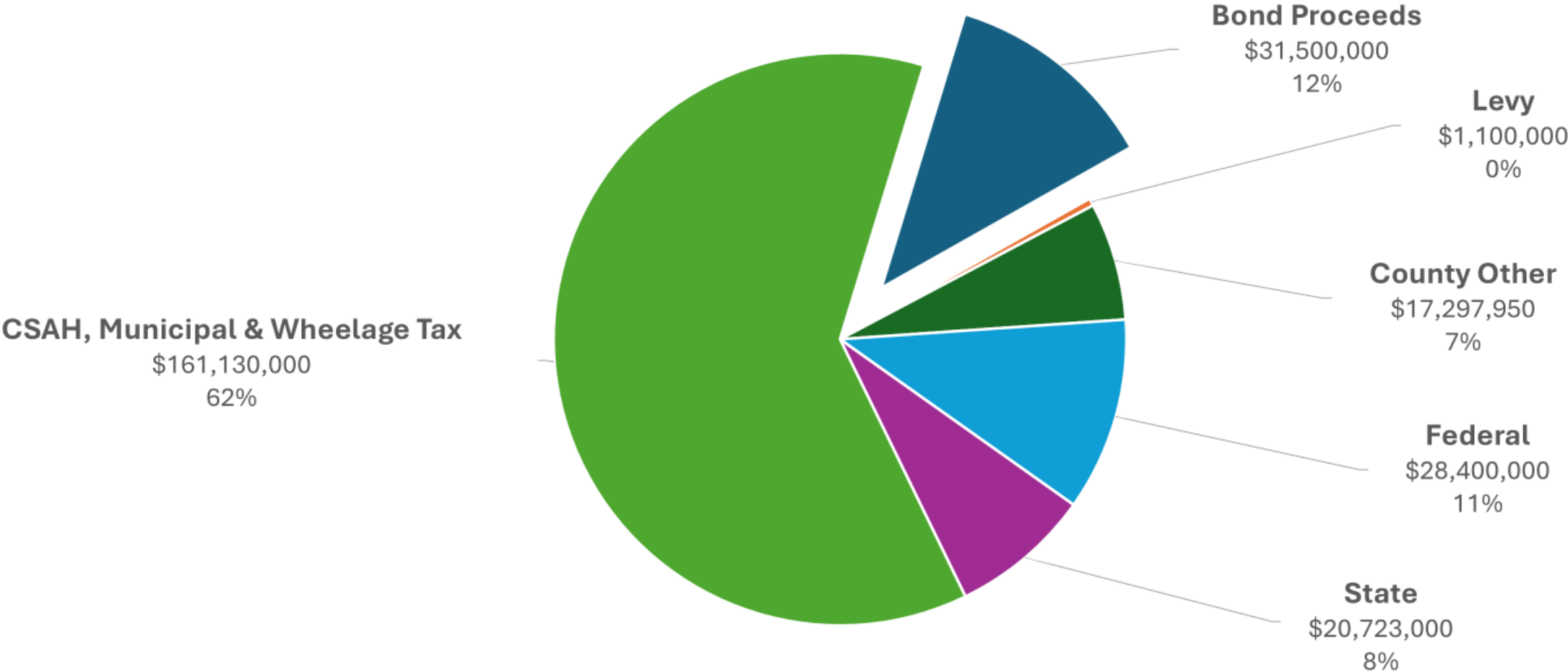
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Where the County Dollar Goes



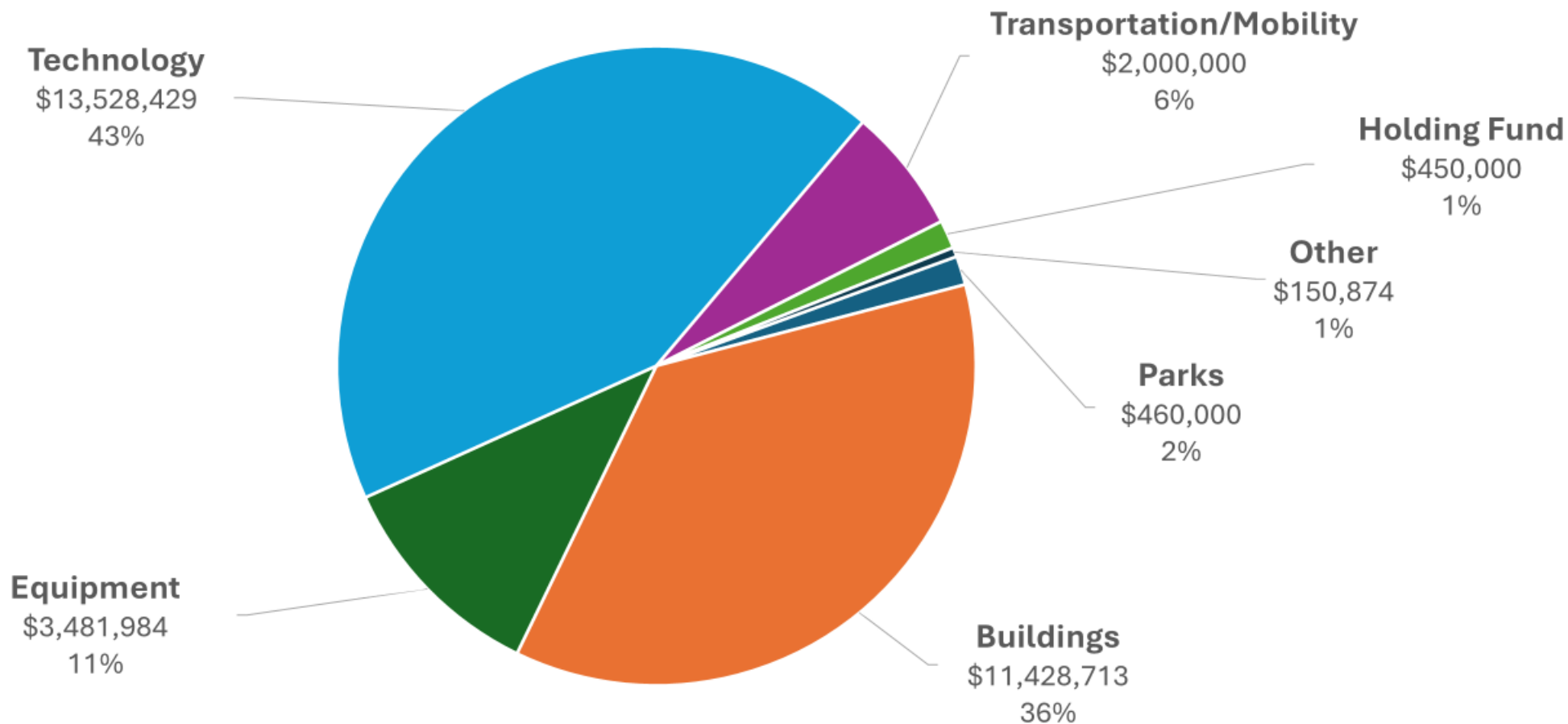
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Capital Budget Funding Sources



Total 2026 Proposed Capital Programs: \$260,150,950

2026 Bond Funded Projects



Organizational Alignment

Organizational Alignment

- Started as part of 2025 Supplemental Budget discussion.
- Balance service teams with intentional reduction of the Health and Wellness Service Team.
- Strong focus on operational excellence.
- New organizational structure beginning Jan. 1, 2026.
- Operational excellence strategic priority.



Organizational Structure 2026 and 2027

2027: Environmental Health will move to Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team.

Closing and Budget Timeline

Key Dates in the 2026-27 Budget Process

**Sept.
2**

County Manager presentation of proposed budget to County Board.

**Sept.
23**

County Board certifies 2026 maximum property tax levy.

**Sept.
15, 16, 18,
19 & 22**

Department presentations to County Board.

**Nov.
10-24**

Notices of estimated taxes, values emailed/mailed to property owners.

**Sept.
15**

Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee reviews county, city and school district maximum levies.

**Dec.
11**

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing #2 (6:30 p.m. at Saint Paul City Hall – Ramsey County Courthouse).

**Sept.
22**

Public Hearing #1 (5 p.m. at Saint Paul City Hall – Ramsey County Courthouse).

**Dec.
16**

County Board approval of 2026/2027 Ramsey County budget and property tax levy.