



Board of Commissioners Minutes

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

September 26, 2023 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair Martinson. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: McGuire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Reinhardt.

1. Agenda of September 26, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-272](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 26, 2023.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

2. Minutes from September 19, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-288](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the September 19, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Hispanic Heritage Month [2023-411](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Presented by Commissioner Xiong.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems Replacement for Ramsey [2023-369](#)

County Radio Sites

Sponsors: Emergency Communications, Safety and Justice

1. Approved the use of the 800 MHz Radio Fund Balance to replace two radio sites heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at the approximate cost of \$400,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to establish Emergency Communications Heating, Ventilation, and Air Condition Radio Sites project account.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2023-158

5. Naming Rights Agreement for the Fieldhouse at TCO Sports Garden with City & County Credit Union [2023-412](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve the Naming Rights Agreement with City & County Credit Union, 144 11th Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55101, for naming rights for the Fieldhouse at TCO Sports Garden for the period upon execution to November 1, 2032.
2. Authorize the County Manager to account for the Naming Rights project as a project budget within Parks and Recreation.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute change orders and amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurements policies and procedures, provided sufficient funding is available for the project.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2023-159

7. Personnel Complement Increase in Social Services [2023-399](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Social Service Department by 1.0 Full Time Equivalent Certified Peer Recovery Specialist position and 1.0 Full Time Intern position for the duration of the grant.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2023-160

8. Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant [2023-409](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the city of Saint Paul, 367 Grove Street, Saint Paul, MN, 55101, for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant, for the period of May 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: McGuire
Resolution: B2023-161

9. Acceptance of Legislative Public Safety Aid Funds for Public Safety Programs and Initiatives [2023-396](#)

Sponsors: Safety and Justice, County Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office

1. Accept the Legislative Public Safety Aid funds for Public Safety Programs and Initiatives in the amount of \$6,029,000.
2. Approve the use of \$6,029,000 Public Safety Aid for the following public safety programs and initiatives from December 2023 through December 2027:
 - \$2,059,000 for Bail Reform
 - \$1,770,000 for Non-Fatal Shooting Initiative
 - \$1,600,000 for Adult Detention Center Phone Access and Fee Elimination
 - \$600,000 for Sheriff's Office Employee Assistance Program
3. Authorize the County Manager to account for the Public Safety Aid as a project in the Office of Safety and Justice budget.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provide the amounts are within the limits of available funding.
5. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Office of Safety and Justice by 3.0 Full Time Equivalent for the duration of the funding.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: McGuire
Resolution: B2023-162

10. Insurance Benefit Terms in Collective Bargaining Agreements with Teamsters 320 Bargaining Units for the Year 2024 [2023-432](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the negotiated terms for insurance benefits in the collective bargaining agreements with Teamster 320 Bargaining Units for Year 2024:
 - Teamsters Local 320 - Correctional Officers I & II
 - Teamsters Local 320 - Correctional Officers III
 - Teamsters Local 320 - Probation Officers
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreements to incorporate negotiated terms for insurance benefits into the 2022-2024 collective bargaining agreements.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: McGuire
Resolution: B2023-163

6. Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals [2023-417](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for

- grants for the benefit of justice involved and homeless individuals for the period September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2028 in the amount of \$2,499,795.
2. Authorize the County Manager to accept a grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for grants for the benefit of justice involved and homeless individuals, for the period of September 30, 2023 through September 29, 2028 in the amount of \$2,499,795.
 3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2023-164

POLICY ITEM

11. Presentation: District Energy Clean Energy Program/Green Hydrogen Project [2023-245](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Property Management and District Energy St. Paul. Discussion can be found on archived video.

12. Ground Lease Agreement with District Energy St. Paul, Inc. [2023-241](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the ground lease agreement with District Energy St. Paul, Inc., 76 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102, for use of 35,974 square feet of land at 50 Kellogg Boulevard West, Saint Paul, MN 55102, for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, in the amount of \$11,290 per month.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute lease amendments to renew the lease at negotiated rates, with the same general terms and conditions.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2023-165

13. Certification of the Maximum Tax Levy for the Proposed 2024 Property Tax Notices [2023-413](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Approve the proposed maximum tax levy to finance the 2024 budget in the amount of \$378,034,546. The breakdown between General County and Library levy is as follows:

General County	\$361,443,332
Library	<u>\$16,591,214</u>
Total	\$378,034,546

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2023-166

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 Martinson. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martinson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 3(a), the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

Re: County Manager Performance Evaluation

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair Martinson. Also present: Annie Porbeni, Chief Human Resources Officer; Ryan O'Connor, County Manager; and Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk.

No action taken.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.