

Board of Commissioners Minutes

February 17, 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, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire was late and arrived at 9:01 a.m. Commissioner Xiong was late and arrived at 9:03 a.m. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, 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 Jebens-Singh.

1. Agenda of February 17, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-069](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of February 17, 2026.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Xiong

2. Minutes from February 10, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-070](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the February 10, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Xiong

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Black History Month [2026-074](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Presented by Commissioner McMurtrey and Commissioner Moran. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. State Aid Variance Request for Little Canada Road Improvements [2026-056](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Request a variance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation Aid Operations Rules Chapter 8820.9936 (Minimum Design Standards, Urban; New or Reconstruction Projects) to allow a reduced design speed in lieu of the required 30 miles per hour minimum.
2. Indemnify, save, and hold harmless the State of Minnesota and its agents and employees of and from claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or by reason of the reduced design speed for the Little Canada Road Improvements Project in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.9936 and further agrees to defend at their sole cost and expense any action or proceeding commenced for the purpose of asserting any claim arising as a result of the granting of this variance.

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

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

Resolution: B2026-030

7. Amendment to the Single Source Agreement with 4Mativ Technologies, Inc. [2025-488](#)
for Foster Care Student Transportation Management Services

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Approve an amendment to the single source agreement with 4MATIV Technologies, Inc. to add additional transportation management, vendor coordination, routing, and technology services and to extend the term of the agreement for the period of July 01, 2023, through August 31, 2026, in the not to exceed amount of \$1,746,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

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

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

Resolution: B2026-031

5. Transfer Local Affordable Housing Aid Funds from Community and Economic Development to Housing Stability. [2026-059](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Authorize the County Manager to transfer \$4,000,000 from the Community and Economic Development department's Local Affordable Housing Aid fund to the Housing Stability operating budget.
2. Authorize the County Manager to adjust LAHA project budgets that have been established in the Community and Economic Development and Housing Stability departments to reflect the transfer noted above.
3. Authorize the County Manager to move funding within the LAHA project in the Housing Stability department from the 2026 budget year to the 2025 budget year to align with the year the LAHA funding was received.
4. 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.

Presented by Jaime Wilkins, Director, Housing Stability and Laurie Pierce, Co-Deputy Director, Housing Stability. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Resolution: B2026-032

6. Grant Acceptance and Agreement to Comply with the Terms of the Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the city of Saint Paul for the Emergency Solutions Grant [2026-060](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve the amendment to the joint powers agreement with the city of Saint Paul for the Emergency Solutions Grant administration.
2. Accept a grant award and approve the county's agreement to the terms of a grant agreement between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the city of Saint Paul for the Emergency Solutions Grant upon execution, through September 23, 2027, in the amount of \$594,589.
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.

Presented by Jaime Wilkins, Director, Housing Stability and Laurie Pierce, Co-Deputy Director, Housing Stability. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Resolution: B2026-033

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presented by Commissioner McGuire. 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 10:41 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3) (to develop or consider offers or counter offers for the purchase or sale of real property), the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: 160 East Kellogg Blvd. The property that is the subject of this meeting is located in the city of Saint Paul on 160 East Kellogg Boulevard.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Ortega, Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Moran, McMurtrey, and Xiong.

Commissioner Miller joined the board meeting remotely pursuant Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2.

Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager; Alex Kotze, Deputy County Manager, County Operations Service Team; Kari Collins, Deputy County Manager, Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; Jean Krueger, Director, Property Management; Chris Gliedman, CBRE Group; Scott Schwahn, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office; Cheryl Judge, Manager, Property Management; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office; Jason Patten, Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics Office; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

Motion to approve the following recommendations by Commissioner McMurtrey; seconded by: Xiong. Unanimously approved. Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (Resolution B2026-034).

- 1. Pursue negotiations with the selected contractor.**
- 2. Execute the letter of intent.**
- 3. Negotiate a purchase and sale agreement with the selected contractor.**
- 4. If unsuccessful pursue letter of intent and purchase and sale agreement with the other contractor, or with a new interested party if the offer is at or above \$3,500,000 and with a closing in 18 months or less from execution of purchase of sale agreement.**
- 5. Return to the county board for approval and execution of the purchase and sale agreement.**

The closed meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.