



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

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

April 22, 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, 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 Jebens-Singh.

1. Agenda of April 22, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2024-552](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of April 22, 2025.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from April 15, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2024-565](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the April 15, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Administrative Professionals Day Proclamation [2025-103](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Presented by Commissioner Moran. Discussion can be found in archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Amendment to Single Source Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. for Phase 1 Bruce Vento Regional Trail Final Design and Construction Administration [2025-133](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve an amendment to the agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc for construction of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail Phase 1, to extend the term of the agreement through December 31, 2027 in the not-to exceed amount of \$390.888.
2. Authorize the Chair and 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, in a form approved by the County Attorney Office, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-079

5. Grant Award from the Metropolitan Council for 2024 Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fishing Piers Grant Program

[2025-137](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Metropolitan Council for the 2024 Regional Parks Fishing Piers Grant Program.
2. Accept grant award from and approve the grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fishing Piers Grant Program for the period upon execution through June 30, 2026, in the total amount of \$125,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreements.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments to agreements, in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.
5. Establish a project account number for Sucker Lake Fishing Pier in 2025.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-080

6. Teresa Marie Schnell, Trustee for the Next of Kin of Dillion Dean Bakke, Decedent (Court File No. 0:23-CV-02655-KMM-JFD)

[2025-146](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the settlement agreement with Teresa Marie Schnell, Trustee for the Next of Kin of Dillion Dean Bakke, Decedent, (Court File No. 0:23-CV-02655-KMM-JFD), totaling \$3.6 million.

Discussion can be found in archived video.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-081

PRESENTATION

7. Presentation: Ramsey County Federal and State Response

[2025-160](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Ling Becker, County Manager; Maria Sarabia, Chief of Staff; and Alex Kotze, Interim Deputy County Manager of Health and Wellness. Discussion can be found in archived video.

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 10:40 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3) (to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real property), the Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is 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 St. Paul on 160 East Kellogg Boulevard.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 12:24 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Ortega, Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Moran, Miller, McMurtrey, Xiong. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, County Attorney's Office; Kathleen Ritter (virtual), Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office, Kari Collins, Deputy County Manager, Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team, Jean Krueger, Director, Property Management; Josh Olson, Director, Community and Economic Development, Chris Gliedman, CBRE Group; Frank Sherwood, CBRE Group; Michael Rogers, Deputy Director - Multimodal Planning, Public Works; Scott Schwahn, Senior Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office; Deanna Pesik, Compliance and Ethics Officer; Alex Kotze, Interim Deputy County Manager, Health & Wellness Service Team, Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

Motion to approve the following recommendations with the selected contractor by Commissioner Jebens-Singh. Seconded by Commissioner McMurtrey. Unanimously approved.

1. Negotiate a Letter of Intent with the selected contractor.
2. Negotiate a purchase and sale agreement with the selected contractor.
3. Return to the county board for approval and execution of the purchase and sale agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorizes the Office of the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (B2025-082).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

