



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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August 22, 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, McGuire, 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

Commissioner Xiong was absent during Roll Call. She arrived at 9:04 a.m. and was present for the rest of the board meeting.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner McGuire.

1. Agenda of August 22, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-269](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of August 22, 2023.

Commissioner Moran stepped out during the voting of the Administrative Items.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

2. Minutes from August 15, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-285](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the August 15, 2023 Minutes.

Commissioner Moran stepped out during the voting of the Administrative Items.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. 2024-2025 Recycling & Energy Board Joint Activities Budget [2023-370](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Accept and approve the 2024-2025 Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board Joint

Activities Budget as recommended by the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board.
Commissioner Moran stepped out during the voting of the Administrative Items.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Moran
Resolution: B2023-134

4. Workforce State Direct Appropriation for Milestone Tech Program [2023-363](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Authorize the County Manager to accept funds designated for young adult workforce development through a direct appropriation from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute the grant agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Commissioner Moran stepped out during voting of Administrative Items

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Moran
Resolution: B2023-135

6. Cancellation of the November 7, 2023 Board Meeting [2023-386](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Cancel the Ramsey County Board meeting of November 7, 2023.

Commissioner Moran stepped out during the voting of Administrative Items.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Moran
Resolution: B2023-136

5. Workforce State Direct Appropriation for Community Tech Squad Program [2023-364](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Authorize the County Manager to accept funds designated for young adult workforce development through a direct appropriation from the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute the grant agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.
4. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Workforce Solutions department by 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent position, for the duration of the grant.

Commissioner Moran returned during the voting of this Administrative Item.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Resolution: B2023-137

POLICY ITEM

7. Presentation of the 2024-25 Biennial Budget

[2023-382](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

None. For information only.

Presented by County Manager, Ryan O'Connor, Policy and Planning Planning Manager, Larry Timmerman, County Assessor Pat Chapman, and County Auditor and Treasurer Tracy West. Discussion can be found on archived video.

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 11:06 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 Rice Creek Commons Outlot A of the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant Site

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair Martinson.

Also present: Ryan O'Connor, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Johanna Berg, Deputy County Manager - Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; Kari Collins, Director, Community and Economic Development; Ella Mitchell, Redevelopment Manager, Community and Economic Development; Josh Olson, Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development; Larina DeWalt, Redevelopment Manager, Community and Economic Development; Elizabeth Tolzmann, Chief of Staff, County Manager's Office; Alex Kotze, Chief Finance Officer, Finance; Jeanette Boit-Kania, Debt and Finance Manager, Finance; Morgan Reiman-Nagel, Data Compliance Manager, County Manager's Office; Ami Wazlawik, Principal Assistant, Board of Commissioners; and Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board, County Manager's Office.

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

The closed meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.