



Board of Commissioners

Agenda

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

September 17, 2024 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of September 17, 2024 is Presented for Approval** [2024-259](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 17, 2024.

2. **Minutes from September 3, 2024 are Presented for Approval** [2024-384](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the September 3, 2024 Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. **Public Safety Answering Point Funding Allocation Project** [2024-369](#)

Sponsors: Emergency Communications

1. Establish a project account number for Public Safety Answering Point one-time funding allocation project.
2. Authorize the County Manager to move up to \$373,777.53 of Emergency Communication's Fund balance to the Public Safety Answering Point one time funding allocation project in BY2024.

4. **Resolution for Minnesota Management and Budget for Release of Bond Funding for Battle Creek Waterworks Project** [2024-381](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Pledge to complete the project or phase if it exceeds the total funding provided by the proposed \$2,425,635.04 grant from the Minnesota Metropolitan Council.
2. Affirm that the Ramsey County has the financial capability to provide any required matching funds and that the source of the county's matching funds shall be the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Open Space - Facility Operations /Maintenance PRK BC Waterworks Renovation Account, Account #2024 441207.

5. **Participation in the Comprehensive Improvement Special Service District for Downtown Saint Paul** [2024-380](#)
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Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve participation in the Comprehensive Improvement Special Service District for Downtown Saint Paul for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.
2. Accept annual service charges imposed in the district for county properties estimated at \$199,000 for 2025 and subject to escalation in each of the four subsequent years.

6. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 127 Acker Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55117 [2024-376](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

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 - Commissioner District 3
 - PIN: 30-29-22-43-0109
 - Property Address: 127 Acker Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55117
 - Repurchase amount due to date: \$529
2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Brian Galvin, fee owner at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

7. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 820 Ocean Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106 [2024-377](#)

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1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustices or undue hardships caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:
 - Commissioner District 6
 - PIN: 28-29-22-44-0005
 - Property Address: 820 Ocean Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106
 - Repurchase amount due to date: \$15,000
2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Scott Bradley, fee owner at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

8. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 934 Orange Avenue East, Saint Paul, MN 55106 [2024-378](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustices or undue hardships caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:
 - Commissioner District 6
 - PIN: 21-29-22-33-0103
 - Property Address: 934 Orange Avenue East, Saint Paul, MN 55106
 - Repurchase amount due to date: \$22,680
2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Nancy Ann

Severin, fee owner at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

9. Settlement Agreement in Simpson v. Joyful Homes, et al. (Court File no. [2024-416](#) 62-CV-22-2942)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the settlement agreement Simpson v. Joyful Homes, et al., (Court File no. 62 -CV-22-2942), totaling \$75,000.
2. Authorize Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

9:45 a.m.: Regional Railroad Authority Meeting, Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300

10:00 a.m.: Budget Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300

5:00 p.m.: Public Hearing, Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300

Public Access via Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/99935217581?](https://zoom.us/j/99935217581?pwd=wd7aaYmTrb85MBJKTe4HziONKLb0DW.1)

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Advance Notice:

September 24, 2024 County board meeting – Council Chambers

October 01, 2024 County board meeting – Council Chambers

October 08, 2024 County board meeting – Council Chambers

October 15, 2024 County board meeting – Council Chambers



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2024-259

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

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Recommendation

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Recommendation

Approve the September 3, 2024 Minutes.

Attachments

1. September 3, 2024 Minutes

September 3, 2024 - 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: Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Xiong and Chair Reinhardt. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Frethem

1. Agenda of September 3, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-257](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 3, 2024.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

2. Minutes from August 27, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-258](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the August 27, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Adoption of the Internal Audit Charter [2024-346](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the adoption of the Internal Audit Charter.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-169

4. Salary Schedule and Grade for Library Assistant and Senior Library Assistant - Classified Positions [2024-359](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve designation of two new job classifications within the Library Department to the classified service in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383A.285, Subdivision 3:

- Job Classification: Library Assistant - Classified
 - Schedule: 22M
 - Grade: 11F
 - Annual Salary Range: \$36,480 - \$50,907
- Job Classification: Senior Library Assistant - Classified
 - Schedule: 22M
 - Grade: 15F
 - Annual Salary Range: \$41,135 - \$60,068

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2024-170](#)

5. Public Online Auction of 64 Tax-Forfeited Properties Utilizing MNBid [2024-374](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Authorize the County Manager to hold a public online auction of 64 properties, according to the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of Sale, Exhibit A.
2. Approve the appraised value of each parcel as listed on the Auction List, Exhibit B.
3. Certify that all parcels of land have been viewed and none of the parcels physically pertain to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, subdivision 8, and 282.018.
4. Authorize the County Manager to remove any parcel prior to auction where insufficient time exists for board approval of the removal from the auction and to bring it back to the board for ratification of the removal.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2024-171](#)

6. Amendment to the Agreement with Bay West, Inc. for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services [2024-367](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the amendment to agreement with Bay West Inc., 5 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103, to provide Household Hazardous Waste and Very Small Quantity Generator Management Services at the Ramsey County Environmental Service Center for the period of April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2024-172](#)

7. Hold a Closed Meeting: Strategy for Labor Negotiations [2024-392](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Hold a closed meeting of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 under Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.03 to consider strategy for labor negotiations - pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting will take place in-person at 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.
Aye: Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: McGuire
Resolution: B2024-173

PRESENTATION

8. Presentation: Solid Waste Management Plan [2024-366](#)

Sponsors: Health and Wellness

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Public Health Staff: Rae Frank, Deputy Director and Daniel Schmidt, interim Environmental Health Division Manager. 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 Reinhardt. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reinhardt declared the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.03 (Labor Negotiation Strategy Discussion) in order to discuss labor negotiation strategies, the Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Labor Negotiation Strategy Discussion.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Xiong and Chair Reinhardt. Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Susan Earle, Interim Chief Finance Officer, Finance; Cassy Fogale, Labor Relations Manager, Human Resources; Jada Lewis, Director of Civil Division, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Johanna Berg, Deputy County Manager; Alex Kotze, Interim Deputy County Manager, Health & Wellness Service Team; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance & Ethics

Office; Morgan Reiman-Nagel, Data Compliance Manager, Compliance & Ethics Office; Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance & Ethics Office; Jason Patten, Claims Analyst, Compliance & Ethics Office; Gina Kalis, HR Program Assistant, Human Resources; Wesley DeBerry, Labor Relations Specialist, Human Resources; Maria Zelinsky, HR Program Administrator, Human Resources; and Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board, County Manager's Office.

Motioned by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Frethem. Unanimously approved.

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 (B2024-174).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



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Sponsor: Emergency Communications

Title
Public Safety Answering Point Funding Allocation Project

Recommendation

1. Establish a project account number for Public Safety Answering Point one-time funding allocation project.
2. Authorize the County Manager to move up to \$373,777.53 of Emergency Communication’s Fund balance to the Public Safety Answering Point one time funding allocation project in BY2024.

Background and Rationale

The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) continues efforts at the local, state, and national levels to make 911 systems more efficient and less costly to all levels of governments. In 2023, the Statewide Emergency Service Board (SECB) allocated one time funding to primary PSAP entities. The Emergency is Communication Network (ECN), a branch of the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the SEBC recognized the significant costs at the local level to upgrade equipment to ensure it is cable all of interfacing with the new digital network. Every PSAP will undergo an extensive assessment to determine the inclusive costs for which each PSAP will be responsible over the course of the next year. To offset these interim costs while the PSAP assessments are being conducted, every eligible PSAP received a one-time increase to their annual statutorily defined appropriation to assist in covering initial and prerequisite costs required to mitigate from transitional to end state next-generation 911(NG-911). Ramsey County received \$373,777.53, as provided in MN Statutes, Section 403.133 subdivision 2. These funds have the same restrictions and requirements as the annual statutorily defined appropriation for NG-911 and should be set up in their own project with the ECC fund 14001. A project was not created in calendar year 2023 and the one-time allocation rolled to the ECC fund 14001 fund balance. Board approval is needed to establish the project and allocate the one-time allocation funds currently in the ECC fund balance to the project.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being
 Prosperity
 Opportunity
 Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Next-generation 911 benefits all Minnesotans, regardless of any diversity, cultural, or demographic variables. All Minnesotans will be able to connect to the state-of-the-art 911 network to deliver the request for assistance to the correct 911 call center based on their location.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community engagement associated with this request for board action.

- Inform
 Consult
 Involve
 Collaborate
 Empower

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact will allow Emergency Communications to establish a project and utilize the one-time funding direct allocation from the state to offset interim costs while Minnesota works in collaboration with the SECB and the Commissioner of Public Safety on interoperable public safety communications between and amongst disparate agencies and jurisdictions across the state. The project will increase the appropriation authority for Emergency Communications in compliance with the requirements from the state. Funds were received in 2023; however, a project was not created in calendar year 2023 and the onetime allocation rolled to ECC fund balance 14001 creating an available balance for the Dispatch ECC fund balance of \$3,258,730. The establishment of the project in the amount of \$373,777.53 will leave an available Dispatch ECC Fund balance of \$2,884,852.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

None.

Item Number: 2024-381

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Title

Resolution for Minnesota Management and Budget for Release of Bond Funding for Battle Creek Waterworks Project

Recommendation

1. Pledge to complete the project or phase if it exceeds the total funding provided by the proposed \$2,425,635.04 grant from the Minnesota Metropolitan Council.
2. Affirm that the Ramsey County has the financial capability to provide any required matching funds and that the source of the county's matching funds shall be the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Open Space - Facility Operations /Maintenance PRK BC Waterworks Renovation Account, Account #2024 441207.

Background and Rationale

Ramsey County owns and operates the Battle Creek Waterworks water park facility located at 2401 Upper Afton Road East, Maplewood, MN 55119. The water park was constructed in 2000 to serve the community as a family water park within the Ramsey County regional park system. As the facility is nearing 25 years old, there are several maintenance needs including needed repairs to mechanical systems, American Disability Act accessibility upgrades, energy efficiency upgrades, pool improvements, and new amenities needed to enhance the user experience. If maintenance issues are not addressed at the water park the facility could experience business interruptions.

During the 2023 state of Minnesota legislative session general obligation bonds and modernization funding were approved by the legislature to support infrastructure projects within the regional parks and trails system. In February 2024, the Ramsey County Board authorized the County Manager to establish a project budget for the Battle Creek Waterworks remodel. In July 2024, the Ramsey County Board approved the project budget and financing plan for the facility renovation and on August 13th, 2024, the board accepted \$1,313,520 from the state of Minnesota Modernization Funds.

Before Minnesota Management and Budget can release the Minnesota State Bond Grant funding of \$2,425,635.04 to Metropolitan Council for this project, a resolution containing project completion assurances and financial capability was requested.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

The Battle Creek Waterworks facility is located within a racially diverse community and the majority patrons utilizing the facility are racially and ethnically diverse. Parks & Recreation (Parks) staff conducted community engagement prior to the planning phase of this project to ascertain resident's desires for this facility. Engagement results found that community members greatly valued having a water park at this location and were very much in favor of addressing maintenance needs and investing in enhancements to the facility.

Community Participation Level and Impact

As was mentioned previously Parks conducted community engagement with residents during the 2023 to obtain feedback from residents about their deserves for improvements to the water park facility as well as user experience. Parks staff were able to incorporate feedback from residents into the renovation plans for the facility.

- Inform
- Consult
- Involve
- Collaborate
- Empower

Fiscal Impact

Project spend for the Battle Creek Waterworks Renovation Project Budget is estimated at \$5,393,223 and includes \$2,425,635 of funding from the state of Minnesota General Obligation Bonds and Metropolitan Council Bonds, \$1,077,068 of Legacy grant funds, \$577,000 of Operation and Maintenance funding from the state of Minnesota and \$1,313,520 state of Minnesota Modernization Funds.

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
State General Obligation Bonds	\$2,425,635
FY 24 Battle Creek Legacy Grant	\$1,077,067
State Modernization Funds	\$1,313,520
State Operation & Maintenance Funds	\$ 577,000
TOTAL FUNDS	\$5,393,222

The project is expected to take place during the non-operating months so there is no anticipated operational impact.

Last Previous Action

On August 13, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepted Modernization Funds for the Battle Creek Waterworks Facility Improvements (Resolution B2024-156).

On July 23, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the amended project budget and financing plan for the Battle Creek Waterworks (Resolution B2024-132).

Attachments

- 1. Project Budget and Funding Source

Battle Creek Water Works Project Budget and Funding Source

Legacy Grant - BC Site Infrastructure

Grant Total	\$ 1,077,067.88
Admin/Overhead	\$ -
External Services	\$ 325,029.00
Construction	\$ 752,038.88
	\$ 1,077,067.88

Items Paid for with Non-GO funds

(includes BC Legacy Grant, Modernization, O&M)

Admin/Overhead	\$ 216,181.25
External Services	\$ 325,029.00
Construction	\$ 2,426,378.41
	\$ 2,967,588.66

State Bond Grant

Grant Total	\$ 2,425,635.04
Admin/Overhead	\$ -
External Services	\$ -
Construction	\$ 2,425,635.04
	\$ 2,425,635.04

Admin/Overhead	\$ 216,181.25
External Services	\$ 325,029.00
Construction	\$ 4,852,013.45
	\$ 5,393,223.70

Modernization Grant

Grant Total	\$ 1,313,520.78
Admin/Overhead	\$ -
External Services	\$ -
Construction	\$ 1,313,520.78
	\$ 1,313,520.78

Operation & Maintenance (O&M)

Total	\$ 577,000.00
Admin/Overhead	\$ 216,181.25
Construction	\$ 360,818.75
	\$ 577,000.00

Total Project Budget

\$ 5,393,223.70

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2024-380

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

Sponsor: Property Management

Title

Participation in the Comprehensive Improvement Special Service District for Downtown Saint Paul

Recommendation

1. Approve participation in the Comprehensive Improvement Special Service District for Downtown Saint Paul for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.
2. Accept annual service charges imposed in the district for county properties estimated at \$199,000 for 2025 and subject to escalation in each of the four subsequent years.

Background and Rationale

The Saint Paul Downtown Alliance represents downtown business, nonprofits, government entities, residents, and entrepreneurs to build a strong and vibrant downtown and to create a positive downtown experience. In 2020, the Saint Paul Downtown Alliance proposed the Special Service Improvement District for a portion of downtown Saint Paul, with the mission of creating and maintaining a vibrant, economically successful, and safe and attractive downtown.

With support from local property owners and businesses, the Saint Paul City Council subsequently established a downtown special service improvement district for a portion of downtown Saint Paul. Beginning in 2021, the services provide for enhanced safety programs, cleaning and upkeep programs, and communication/public space activation programs. The services are funded by service charges assessed by the City of Saint Paul against commercial and industrial property owners in the district, and via voluntary participation by residential and tax-exempt property owners in the district.

In November 2020, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved Ramsey County's participation in the Special Service Improvement District for Downtown Saint Paul for a period of five years (Resolution B2020-224).

On July 24, 2024, the Saint Paul City Council adopted Ordinance No. ORD 24-17 to replace the existing Special Service Improvement District with a new expanded downtown special service improvement district that, in totality, will include nearly all of the downtown Saint Paul geographic area. The Saint Paul City Council also adopted Resolution No. RES PH 24-157 to authorize annual service charges for the expanded district, with residential property owners now included as non-voluntary participants. The expanded special service improvement district is referred to as the Comprehensive Improvement Special Service District, and a new five-year term for the district will take effect on January 1, 2025 - effectively ending the term for the initial Special Service Improvement District one year early on December 31, 2024.

Ramsey County, as a voluntary participant in the district, will pay annual service charges per the rates established for property owners in the district and based on the building size and street frontage. The expanded district includes all county buildings in downtown. It also includes a significant portion of the Union Depot property subject to separate consideration for voluntary participation by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Black, indigenous, and people of color are disproportionately impacted when law enforcement is requested for a response to non-violent and/or non-criminal incidents. With the expansion of the special service district in downtown Saint Paul, additional monitoring, safety personnel, and public assistance resources will be made available, which will reduce the need for law enforcement response for minor incidents and reduce the racial disparities.

Community Participation Level and Impact

An informational presentation was shared with the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners on August 13, 2024, and is available for review through the county website at <https://ramseycountymn.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. More information on the Saint Paul Downtown Alliance is available on the organization's website: <https://stpdowntownalliance.org>.

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

The Saint Paul Downtown Alliance is seeking voluntary participation in the Comprehensive Improvement Special Service District by Ramsey County. The service charge is estimated at \$199,000 in 2025 and subject to escalation in each of the four subsequent years as approved by the Saint Paul City Council. Funding for the service charges to the county will come from the Unallocated General Fund.

Last Previous Action

On August 13, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners received presentation on the Comprehensive Improvement Special Service District.

On November 10, 2020, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved Ramsey County's participation in the Special Service Improvement District for Downtown Saint Paul for a period of five years (Resolution B2020-224).

Attachments

None.

Board of Commissioners

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Sponsor: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

Title

Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 127 Acker Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55117

Recommendation

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2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Brian Galvin, fee owner at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

Background and Rationale

The subject property is located at 127 Acker Street East and is industrial vacant land located in the North End neighborhood of the city of Saint Paul. Property taxes for 2022 were unpaid and the property forfeited to the state on December 5, 2023. The repurchase applicant is Brian Galvin, fee owner at the time of forfeiture.

Repurchaser has submitted, along with repurchase application, down-payment in the amount necessary to enter into repurchase contract. Payments received will be deposited in the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund upon execution of repurchase contract.

The department of Property Tax, Records and Election Services (PTRES) has reviewed the repurchase application and supporting documentation and finds Repurchaser has experienced financial hardship which eventually led to the forfeiture of the property.

Based on these findings, PTRES recommends approval of the repurchase application, thereby correcting any undue hardships or injustices resulting from the forfeiture, subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval of the resolution.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being

Prosperity

Opportunity

Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

While the racial equity impact of repurchasing one parcel is unclear, racial demographics provide marginal insight. More than 71% of households in the North End neighborhood are non-White, as compared to only 43% of non-White households throughout all of Saint Paul, which makes this an area more racially diverse than most of Saint Paul. Regardless of area demographics, investments made in this community can positively

impact racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community engagement associated with this request for board action.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

Revenue from sales of tax-forfeited property is deposited into the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund. Net proceeds from this sale in the Fund, after paying administration costs and assessments, are distributed 40% to the county, 40% to the Saint Paul Public School District 625 and 20% to the city of Saint Paul on an annual basis.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

1. Map of property located at 127 Acker Street East



Overview



Legend

- Tax Parcel
- Ramsey County
- Waterbody
- Parcel Info

Parcel ID<	302922430109	Alternate ID	n/a	Owner	STATE OF MN TRUST
Sec/Twp/Rng	30/29/22	Tax	5E TAX FORFEITURE NOT	Address	EXEMPT
Property	127 ACKER ST	Classification	REPORTED;		PO BOX 64097
Address	E ST PAUL	Parcel Area	0.1743		SAINT PAUL MN 55164-0097
Tax Authority Group (TAG)	ST PAUL 625 C				
Brief Tax Description	F. W. LAPHAM'S ADDITION LOT 5				
	(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)				

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Board of Commissioners

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Title

Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 820 Ocean Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106

Recommendation

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2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Scott Bradley, fee owner at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

Background and Rationale

The subject property is located at 820 Ocean Street and is a residential single-family home located in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood of the city of Saint Paul. Property taxes for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 were unpaid and the property forfeited to the state on August 1, 2023. The repurchase applicant is Scott Bradley, fee owner at the time of forfeiture.

Repurchaser has submitted, along with repurchase application, down-payment in the amount necessary to enter into repurchase contract. Payments received will be deposited in the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund upon execution of repurchase contract.

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Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

While the racial equity impact of repurchasing one parcel is unclear, racial demographics provide marginal insight. More than 66% of households in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood are non-White, as compared to only 43% of non-White households throughout all of Saint Paul, which makes this an area more racially diverse than most of Saint Paul. Regardless of area demographics, investments made in this community can positively

impact racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community engagement associated with this request for board action.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

Revenue from sales of tax-forfeited property is deposited into the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund. Net proceeds from this sale in the Fund, after paying administration costs and assessments, are distributed 40% to the county, 40% to the Saint Paul Public School District 625 and 20% to the city of Saint Paul on an annual basis.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments





1. Map of property located at 820 Ocean Street



Overview



Legend

-  Tax Parcel
-  Ramsey County
-  Waterbody
-  Parcel Info

Parcel ID<	282922440005	Alternate ID	n/a	Owner	STATE OF MN TRUST
Sec/Twp/Rng	28/29/22	Tax	5E TAX FORFEITURE NOT	Address	EXEMPT
Property Address	820 OCEAN ST ST PAUL	Classification	REPORTED;		PO BOX 64097
		Parcel Area	0.1289		SAINT PAUL MN 55164-0097

Tax Authority Group (TAG) ST PAUL 625 C
Brief Tax Description MESSERLI & ESCHBACH'S ADDITION LOT 3 BLK 1
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Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2024-378

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

Sponsor: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

Title

Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 934 Orange Avenue East, Saint Paul, MN 55106

Recommendation

1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustices or undue hardships caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:
 - Commissioner District 6
 - PIN: 21-29-22-33-0103
 - Property Address: 934 Orange Avenue East, Saint Paul, MN 55106
 - Repurchase amount due to date: \$22,680
2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Nancy Ann Severin, fee owner at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

Background and Rationale

The subject property is located at 934 Orange Avenue East and is a residential single-family home located in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood of the city of Saint Paul. Property taxes for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 were unpaid and the property forfeited to the state on December 5, 2023. The repurchase applicant is Nancy Ann Severin, fee owner at the time of forfeiture.

Repurchaser has submitted, along with repurchase application, down-payment in the amount necessary to enter into repurchase contract. Payments received will be deposited in the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund upon execution of repurchase contract.

The department of Property Tax, Records and Election Services (PTRES) has reviewed the repurchase application and supporting documentation and finds Repurchaser has experienced financial hardship which eventually led to the forfeiture of the property.

Based on these findings, PTRES recommends approval of the repurchase application, thereby correcting any undue hardships or injustices resulting from the forfeiture, subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval of the resolution.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being

Prosperity

Opportunity

Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

While the racial equity impact of repurchasing one parcel is unclear, racial demographics provide marginal insight. More than 72% of households in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood are non-White, as compared to only 43% of non-White households throughout all of Saint Paul, which makes this an area more racially diverse than most of Saint Paul. Regardless of area demographics, investments made in this community can positively

impact racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community engagement associated with this request for board action.

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Fiscal Impact

Revenue from sales of tax-forfeited property is deposited into the Tax Forfeited Land Sale Fund. Net proceeds from this sale in the Fund, after paying administration costs and assessments, are distributed 40% to the county, 40% to the Saint Paul Public School District 625 and 20% to the city of Saint Paul on an annual basis.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments





1. Map of property located at 934 Orange Avenue East



Overview



Legend

-  Tax Parcel
-  Ramsey County
-  Waterbody
-  Parcel Info

Parcel ID<	212922330103	Alternate ID	n/a	Owner	STATE OF MN TRUST
Sec/Twp/Rng	21/29/22	Tax	5E TAX FORFEITURE NOT	Address	EXEMPT
Property	934 ORANGE	Classification	REPORTED;		PO BOX 64097
Address	AVE E ST PAUL	Parcel Area	0.1377		SAINT PAUL MN 55164-0097
Tax Authority Group (TAG)	ST PAUL 625 MNB				
Brief Tax Description	LANE'S EAST SIDE ADDITION LOT 1 BLK 1 <i>(Note: Not to be used on legal documents)</i>				

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Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2024-416

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Title

Settlement Agreement in Simpson v. Joyful Homes, et al. (Court File no. 62-CV-22-2942)

Recommendation

1. Approve the settlement agreement Simpson v. Joyful Homes, et al., (Court File no. 62-CV-22-2942), totaling \$75,000.
2. Authorize Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

Background and Rationale

On February 26, 2020, Terrion Sherman murdered his girlfriend, Abigail Simpson. At the time of the murder, Mr. Sherman was under a civil commitment order, but provisionally discharged to the community after being involuntarily committed to St. Peter, a psychiatric hospital for approximately six months.

Ramsey County, through its Adult Mental Health-Targeted Case Management division provided Mr. Sherman with case management services under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 253B. The lawsuit, brought by Abigail Simpson's parents alleges that the murder of Ms. Simpson was caused, in part, by Ramsey County's negligence in discharging its duties as Mr. Sherman's case manager.

The parties reached an agreement in mediation, subject to Ramsey County Board approval. On August 6, 2024, the Ramsey County Board met in closed session to receive information and advice from the County Attorney's office related to the case and the settlement.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

There is no direct racial equity impact related to this request for board action.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community participation associated with this request for board action.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

Ramsey County is self-insured; the settlement will be paid out of the county's tort liability fund.

Last Previous Action

On August 6, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in a closed session to receive information and advice from the County Attorney's Office related to the case and the settlement (Resolution B2024-154).

Attachments

1. Settlement Agreement

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

This Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims (“Agreement”) entered into effective this 27th day of August, 2024:

WHEREAS Thomas Simpson and Michelle Simpson as court-appointed Co-Trustees for the next of kin of Decedent Abigail E. Simpson, has instituted legal proceedings against Ramsey County, in a lawsuit entitled *Thomas Simpson and Michelle Simpson as Co-Trustees for the next of kin Decedent Abigail E. Simpson v. Joyful Home Health Care, LLC; Adetomi Omotayo, individually and in her capacity as an employee of Joyful Home Health Care LLC; Nystrom & Associates, Ltd.; Kelsey Walczak (a/k/a Kelsey Sorensen), individually and in her capacity as an employee of Nystrom & Associates, Ltd.; Ramsey County; and John Does 1-10*, in the Second Judicial District Court, Court File No. 62-CV-22-2942 (the “Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, Thomas Simpson and Michelle Simpson as court-appointed Co-Trustees for the next of kin Decedent Abigail E. Simpson (the “Plaintiffs”) are dismissing the claims against Defendant Ramsey County in the Litigation such dismissal being with prejudice upon settlement on the terms set forth herein and for the consideration set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, with the advice and approval of counsel, Plaintiffs have agreed to compromise all claims against Defendant Ramsey County in the Litigation in exchange for a sum of money and other good and lawful considerations;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises contained herein, it is agreed as follows:

1. Parties. This Agreement is made and entered into between Plaintiffs and Defendant Ramsey County. Plaintiffs and Defendant Ramsey County are hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties.”

2. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to finally and fully resolve all matters, claims, counterclaims, and issues, whether known or unknown, which were raised, or which could have been raised in the Litigation against Defendant Ramsey County.

3. Consideration. In consideration of Plaintiffs' agreement and release of claims, as set forth herein, Defendant Ramsey County agrees to pay Plaintiffs the sum of \$75,000.00. This payment shall constitute full and complete settlement of all claims asserted by Plaintiff against Defendant Ramsey County in the Litigation. This payment shall be made payable to Robins Kaplan LLP Trust Fund within sixty (60) days of receipt of Plaintiffs' fully executed Agreement.

4. Full and Final Release of All Claims. Plaintiffs hereby mutually voluntarily, inevitably, unconditionally waive and completely release Defendant Ramsey County from any and all claims, counterclaims, complaints, controversies, causes of action, demands, suits, damages, costs, attorneys' fees, or liabilities of any nature, known and unknown which were raised, or which could have been raised in the Litigation. Plaintiffs for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns, and for the heirs, successors and assigns of Abigail E. Simpson do hereby release, acquit and forever discharge Defendant Ramsey County and its current, former, and future employees, officers, elected officials, directors, agents, departments, predecessors, successors and assigns in their official and individual capacities, and their successors and assigns (the "Released Parties") to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against any and all claims, complaints, controversies, causes of action, demands, suits, damages, costs, obligations, liabilities, rights or damages of any nature, including claims for attorneys' fees, which they have ever had, may now have, or which may hereafter arise, whether known or unknown, on account of, or in any way arising out of the events described in the Third Amended Complaint in the Litigation. This full and final release shall cover and include any and all future injuries and/or damages arising from

the matters referred to in this Agreement, not now known to the Parties hereto but which may later develop or be discovered, including the effects or consequences thereof, and including all causes of action, therefore. This expressly includes Plaintiffs' rights, if any, to appeal from dismissal of any or all of the claims in this Litigation.

5. Plaintiff Responsible for Subrogation and Liens.

Plaintiffs and their attorneys represent that there may be subrogation claims or liens arising from the events and injuries described in the Third Amended Complaint. Plaintiffs agree to assume full responsibility for settlement and reimbursement of such subrogation claims or liens, and further agrees to defend and indemnify and/or hold Defendant Ramsey County and the Released Parties harmless against any insurers or governmental entities claiming subrogation rights or liens relating to the events and injuries described in the Third Amended Complaint.

6. Plaintiff's Ability to Execute Agreement and Receive Payment. Plaintiffs acknowledge that they have had the benefit of counsel regarding this Agreement. Both Thomas Simpson and Michelle Simpson as Co-Trustees for the next of kin Decedent Abigail E. Simpson are at least 18 years of age and mentally competent, and each has consulted with attorneys and other professional advisers of their choice regarding this Agreement and its legal and tax consequences.

7. Stipulation of Dismissal. The Parties hereto agree to execute and file a Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice in the forms attached hereto as Exhibit A following execution of this settlement agreement.

8. Voluntary Agreement. Without waiving any claims of privilege regarding any communications with their attorneys, Thomas Simpson, and Michelle Simpson as Co-Trustees for the next of kin Decedent Abigail E. Simpson acknowledges and agrees that they have read and

thoroughly discussed all aspects of this Agreement with their attorneys, that they understand this Agreement provisions, and that they sign and agree to this Agreement terms voluntarily and without coercion.

9. Full Satisfaction. Plaintiffs understand and agree that acceptance of the above consideration is in full and complete satisfaction of the aforementioned claims including any and all claims for attorneys' fees, costs, and disbursements, and that payment of the above amount in settlement of this case is in no way or manner to be construed as an admission on the part of Defendant Ramsey County, its employees, its agents, or any party benefited by this Agreement of the validity of this case or the Plaintiffs' claims, or of the liability of Defendant Ramsey County which validity and liability is expressly denied.

10. Settlement Forms. Plaintiffs and their counsel agree to approve and execute any forms necessary to obtain the above referenced settlement check, including W9 forms, and any forms or documents necessary to effectuate the dismissal of all claims against Defendant Ramsey County.

11. Complete Agreement. This Agreement contains and sets forth all of the terms agreed upon by the Parties regarding Plaintiffs' claims against Defendant Ramsey County and any of the Released Parties. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between Plaintiffs and Defendant Ramsey County and supersedes all other agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

12. Tax Consequences. Plaintiffs understand and acknowledge that Defendant Ramsey County makes no representation or warranties to Plaintiffs as to any tax consequences of the settlement outlined in this Agreement and fully acknowledges that no tax advice or research has been provided by Defendant Ramsey County. Plaintiffs fully acknowledge that they have not

relied upon any such representation and agree not to make any such claim. Plaintiffs understand and agree that any tax consequences or liabilities arising from this settlement and Agreement are solely the responsibility of Plaintiffs and further agrees to defend and indemnify and/or hold Defendant Ramsey County and the Released Parties harmless from any failure by the undersigned to pay any applicable taxes or assessments relative to this settlement and Agreement.

13. Agreement May Be Executed in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts with the same force and effect as if executed in one complete document by the Parties and their respective attorneys.

14. Effect of Agreement. Plaintiffs agree that this Agreement binds Plaintiffs and also binds Plaintiffs' heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, agents, partners, and successors in interest. Plaintiffs represent that no right, claim, or cause of action covered by this Agreement has been assigned or given to someone else, nor are any attorneys' fees owed to any counsel other than those that may be paid by the proceeds of this Agreement.

15. All Claims Are Disputed. All claims, past, present, or future, are disputed. Defendant Ramsey County and the Released Parties admit no liability, and this Agreement shall not be treated as evidence of liability nor as an admission of liability or responsibility on behalf of any party at any time or in any manner whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and with the intent to be bound, the parties now **ACCEPT AND AGREE** to the terms of this agreement and have executed it on and as of the date set forth below:

Signatures begin on the following page

For Plaintiff:

Dated: 8/23/2024



Thomas Simpson


Dated: 8/23/2024



Michelle Simpson

Dated: 8/27/2024

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By: _____

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Its: Board Chair

By: _____

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Its: Chief Clerk – County Board