
October 8, 2024 - 8:30 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:32 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, 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, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Xiong.

1. Agenda of October 8, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-265](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of October 8, 2024.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from October 1, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-266](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the October 1, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Hispanic Heritage Month [2024-386](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Presented by Commissioner McGuire. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6. Ramsey County Solid Waste Management Plan 2024-2042 [2024-454](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Adopt the Ramsey County Solid Waste Management Plan 2024-2042.

2. Authorize Saint Paul - Ramsey County Public Health to submit the Solid Waste Management Plan to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for review and approval.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-195](#)

7. Amendment to the Agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program [2024-438](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve an amendment to the agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for the period upon execution through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$1,218,060, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
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 Xiong, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-196](#)

8. Salary Plan and Grade of Shelter Wellness Assistant and Shelter Wellness Supervisor Job Classifications - Unclassified, Seasonal [2024-450](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve designation of two new job classifications within the Housing Stability Department to the unclassified service in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383A.286, Subdivision 3

- Job Classification: Shelter Wellness Assistant - Unclassified, Seasonal
 - Schedule: 01A
 - Grade: 22
 - Annual Salary Range: \$51,331 - \$75,621
- Job Classification: Shelter Wellness Supervisor - Unclassified, Seasonal
 - Schedule: 01A
 - Grade: 25
 - Annual Salary Range: \$57,556 - \$84,875

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-197](#)

10. Extension of the Countywide Unclassified Limited Duration Appointments [2024-394](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the extension of 98.0 unclassified limited duration positions for the COVID-19 response beyond the end of the emergency declaration as long as a 1) a business need exists, including continued COVID-19 response or recovery operations or urgent, limited time frame high priority needs; 2) funding is available; and 3) not to exceed the end of 2026 without further board action.
2. Approve an additional 2.0 unclassified limited duration positions for the COVID-19 response beyond the end of the emergency declaration as long as a 1) a business need exists, including continued COVID-19 response or recovery operations or urgent,

limited time frame high priority needs; 2) funding is available; and 3) not to exceed the end of 2026 without further board action.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2024-198

11. America Rescue Plan Update and Request for Technical Change [2024-444](#)

Sponsors: Finance

1. Approve the use of up to \$29,000,000 of the remaining unexpended American Rescue Plan Act awards to pay for personnel costs in the Ramsey County Operating Budget; and authorize these funds to be moved to general fund fund balance to accomplish this purpose.
2. Authorize the County Manager to create American Rescue Plan Act project accounts and use up to \$29,000,000 of general fund fund balance to fund projects aligned with each of the original American Rescue Plan Act-funded projects listed in this Request for Board Action.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements and contracts in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the funding.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2024-199

4. Grant Agreement with Substance Abuse Mental Health and Services Administration for Mental Health Urgent Care [2024-431](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for Mental Health Urgent Care.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the period upon execution through September 29, 2025, in the amount of \$1,000,000 with three additional one-year renewals.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the grant agreement in the form approved by the County Attorney's Office.
5. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of grant funding.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2024-200

5. Funding Allocation from the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and Families for Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act [2024-448](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Accept the funding allocation from the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and

Families for the implementation of the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act, in the amount of \$3,000,000.

2. Authorize the County Manager to execute grant agreement and amendments in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the funding allocation.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Abstain: Frethem

Resolution: B2024-201

9. Amendment to Agreement with United Healthcare Insurance Company for Regular Retiree Medical Insurance [2024-464](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the amendment to the agreement with United Healthcare Insurance Company, 9900 Bren Road East, Minnetonka, MN 55343 for regular retiree medical insurance plans for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 and may be renewed for up to three additional one-year periods.
2. Authorize the County Manager to finalize negotiations and 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.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Nay: Frethem

Resolution: B2024-202

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 9:57 a.m.