



# Board of Commissioners

## Agenda

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

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September 23, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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### ROLL CALL

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of September 23, 2025 is Presented for Approval** [2025-379](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 23, 2025.

2. **Minutes from September 16, 2025 are Presented for Approval** [2025-380](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the September 16, 2025 Minutes.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. **Capital Improvement Program Contingent Fund Request for Metro Square Renovation Project** [2025-365](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Authorize the County Manager to allocate and transfer up to \$2.5 million from the Capital Improvement Program Contingent Account to the Metro Square Renovation Project budget for project activities.

4. **Grant Award from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Division for the Community Living Infrastructure Grant** [2025-351](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Division for the Community Living Infrastructure Grant for \$1,006,810.
2. Accept a grant and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Division for the Community Living Infrastructure Grant upon execution of the grant through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$400,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
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.

**5. Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Pierce Butler Route Tree Canopy Improvement Project** [2025-361](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Metropolitan Council in the amount of \$171,050 for the 2025 Community Tree Planting Grant.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council for 2025 Community Tree Planting Grants for the period of May 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$171,050.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
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.
5. Authorize the County Manager to establish a grant budget of \$171,050 for the Pierce Butler Route Tree Canopy Improvement Project in the Public Works budget.

**6. State Aid Variance Request for New Brighton Road Improvements** [2025-362](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Request a variance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid Operations Rules Parts 8820.9926 (Minimum Design Standards: Rural Suburban Undivided; Reconditioning Projects) and 8820.9956 (Minimum Vertical Clearances for Underpasses), to allow a combined lane (paved) and shoulder width of 9 feet 11 inches at the railroad bridge crossing (Bridge Number 90407), station 56+00 to station 58+50, on New Brighton Road in lieu of a combined lane (paved) and shoulder width of 12 feet, and to allow a vertical clearance of 14 feet 3 inches for the bridge, station 56+00 to station 58+50, on New Brighton Road in lieu of the required 16 feet 4 inches, for State Aid Project 062-674-002.
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 granting of the variance, and further agree to defend at its sole cost and expense any action or proceeding begun for asserting any claim arising as a result of the granting of this variance.

**7. Property Tax Abatements** [2025-366](#)

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

Approve the property tax abatements, and any penalty and interest, with a reduction of \$10,000 or more for:

- 28-29-22-31-0113, 0 Jenks Ave, Saint Paul, MN
- 32-29-23-11-0015, 2227 University Ave W, Saint Paul, MN
- 32-30-23-43-0014, 641 Old Hwy 8 SW, New Brighton, MN
- 14-29-22-33-0014, 1706 White Bear Ave N, Maplewood, MN
- 34-29-23-32-0029, 0 University Ave W, Saint Paul, MN
- 34-29-23-32-0034, 0 University Ave W, Saint Paul, MN
- 20-28-23-14-0006, 1353 Cleveland Ave S, Saint Paul, MN
- 01-911807, 0 4th St E, Saint Paul, MN
- 30-29-22-33-0242, 60 Sycamore St W, Saint Paul, MN

30-29-22-33-0251, 0 Sycamore St W, Saint Paul, MN  
12-30-23-21-0031, 5516 Turtle Lake Rd, North Oaks, MN

**8. Local Option Disaster Tax Abatements [2025-368](#)**

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

Approve the property tax abatements, and any penalty and interest, with a reduction of \$10,000 or more for:

35-29-23-13-0217, 799 University Ave W, Saint Paul, MN  
21-28-23-12-0033, 1372 St Paul Ave, Saint Paul, MN

**PRESENTATION**

**9. Guaranteed Energy Savings Project with inBYLT, LLC [2025-377](#)**

Sponsors: Property Management

None. For information and discussion only.

**POLICY ITEM**

**10. Certification of the Maximum Tax Levy for the Proposed 2026 Property Tax Notices [2025-373](#)**

Sponsors: Finance

Approve the proposed maximum tax levy to finance the 2026 budget in the amount of \$434,565,563. The breakdown between the General County and Library levy is as follows:

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| General County | \$417,062,635       |
| Library        | <u>\$17,502,928</u> |
| Total          | \$434,565,563       |

**COUNTY CONNECTIONS**

**OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOARD CHAIR UPDATE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Following County Board Meeting:

10:00 a.m. (est.) Regional Railroad Authority Meeting, Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300

10:15 a.m. (est.) Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting, Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300

10:30 a.m. (est.) Closed Meeting \*Closed to the Public\*  
Re: Public Safety Discussion

Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room

1:30 p.m. Board Workshop: Development of 2026 Ramsey County State and Federal Legislative Platforms

Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room

Public access via Zoom:

Webinar ID: 954 0086 3719 | Passcode: 865916 | Phone: 651-372-8299

Advance Notice:

Sept. 30, 2025 No county board meeting – Fifth Tuesday

Oct. 07, 2025 County board meeting – Council Chambers

Oct. 14, 2025 County board meeting – Council Chambers

Oct. 21, 2025 County board meeting – Council Chambers