
Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: 8/5/2025

Title: Settlement Agreement in *Matthew Breen v. Ramsey County, et al.* (Court File No. 23-CV-03398-JRT-JDF)

File Number: 2025-292

Background and Rationale:

Plaintiff Matthew Breen alleges that while incarcerated at the Adult Detention Center and the Ramsey County Correctional Facility from December 9, 2022 through December 18, 2022, he contracted a rare medical condition called Ludwig's Angina due, in part, to the fault of the facilities' nurses who provided him medical care and sheriff deputies who failed to transport him to a dental appointment on December 9, 2022.

Plaintiff and Ramsey County, on behalf of itself and its employees named as defendants in their individual and official capacities, reached a settlement. The board approved that settlement in a closed session on June 24, 2025.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the settlement agreement with Matthew Breen relating to Matthew Breen v. Ramsey County, et al., Court File No. 23-CV-03398 (JRT/JDF), totaling \$460,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: - 1: Moran

By: _____



Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board