



# Board of Commissioners Minutes

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December 3, 2024 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:03 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Xiong and Chair Reinhardt. Absent was Commissioner McGuire. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

## ROLL CALL

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Moran.

1. Agenda of December 3, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-278](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of December 3, 2024.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

2. Minutes from November 26, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-277](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the November 26, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

## ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

3. Proposed Ramsey County Arts, Cultural and Creative Enterprise Advisory Commission Ordinance - Waive the Second Reading and Hold the Public Hearing [2024-514](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners, Economic Growth and Community Investment

1. Waive the Second Reading of the proposed Ramsey County Arts, Cultural and Creative Enterprise Advisory Commission Ordinance.
2. Hold the Public Hearing for the proposed Ramsey County Arts, Cultural and Creative

Enterprise Advisory Commission Ordinance.

Chair Reinhardt opened the public hearing at 9:05 a.m. There were no speakers signed up to comment - the chair called three times for public comments. Hearing none, the chair closed the public hearing at 9:08 a.m.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2024-255](#)

4. 2025 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance - Waive Second Reading and Hold Public Hearing [2024-446](#)

Sponsors: Finance

1. Waive the second reading of the proposed 2025 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance.
2. Hold the public hearing for the proposed 2025 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance.

Chair Reinhardt opened the public hearing at 9:08 a.m. There were no speakers signed up to comment - the chair called three times for public comments. Hearing none, the chair closed the public hearing at 9:10 a.m.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2024-256](#)

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Memorandum of Understanding with the Partners of the Ramsey County Bail Reform Work Group for the Supported Pre-Charge Release Process [2024-530](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the partners of the Ramsey County Bail Reform Work Group for the Supported Pre-Charge Release Process.
2. Authorize the Board Chair to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2024-257](#)

6. Grant Agreement with Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for Ramsey County Emergency and Public Safety Communications Network Replacement [2024-642](#)

Sponsors: Emergency Communications

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to Department of Justice Office for Fiscal Year 24 Community Oriented Policing Services Technology and Equipment Program Invitational Solicitation.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Department of Justice Office for Emergency and Public Safety Communications Network Replacement for the period of upon execution through March 31, 2026 in the amount of \$2,965,000.
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. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the grant agreement in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-258

7. Resolution Affirming Metro County Engagement on Youth Intervention [2024-657](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Affirm the work of the 2024 Working Group on Youth in promoting best practices and improving the system of care.
2. Affirm the county's work to provide holistic, intentional, and therapeutic support through healing and treatment homes, as well as wrap around services for justice system-interacting youth and their families in alignment with Minnesota Session Laws 2023, Chapter 52, Public Safety Omnibus Bill.
3. Direct the county to participate in a metro county workgroup to develop a plan to address placement options for county-connected youth with complex needs in both social services and juvenile justice systems.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-259

8. Master Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Health [2024-531](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Master Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Health for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Master Grant Contract.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute grants and amendments to the grant agreement in the form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2024-260

## **POLICY ITEM**

9. Ramsey County Sheriff Operational Staffing Study Proposal [2024-623](#)

Sponsors: Safety and Justice

For information and discussion only.

Presented by Director Gloria Reyes. 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 10:07 a.m.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss Venedia Larita Campbell and Martin Alan Smith II v Schroeder et al., the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Venedia Larita Campbell and Martin Alan Smith II v Schroeder et al.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Xiong, and Chair Reinhardt. Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Gloria Reyes, Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice Service Team, Susan Earle, Chief Financial Officer, Finance, and Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board, County Manager's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Unanimously approved, Now, Therefore, Be It resolved, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorized the Office of the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting. (Resolution B2024-261).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.