

Board of Commissioners Minutes

October 14, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner Xiong was excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega
Excused: Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner McMurtrey.

1. Agenda of October 14, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-426](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of October 14, 2025.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega

Excused: Xiong

2. Minutes from October 7, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2025-427](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the October 7, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega

Excused: Xiong

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month [2025-412](#)

Sponsors: Emergency Communications

Presented by Commissioner Jebens-Singh. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Donation from the Minnesota State Fair to the Social Services Department. [2025-396](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Retroactively accept the donation of \$28,000 from Minnesota State Fair to the Social Services Department in the form of 1,400 State Fair Tickets.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega

Excused: Xiong

Resolution: B2025-187

5. Certification of Property Assessed Clean Energy Charges for Energy Improvements

[2025-387](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Request the County Auditor to extend the proposed special assessment plus interest on the following property:

Owner: 80 West LLC

Property Address: 80 4th Street W, Saint Paul, MN 55102

PIN: 06.28.22.24.0012

Project Type: Energy efficiency improvements

Assessment Request: \$1,530,000.00

Interest Rate: 7.49%

Interest Starts Accruing: 06/01/2027

Finance Period: 24 years

Such assessments shall be payable in equal annual principal and interest installments extending over the term of the special assessment. The first of the installments shall be payable with general property taxes in 2027, and shall bear interest at the rates per annum and interest start date stated above, and to the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the interest start date until December 31 of the tax payable year to which the first installment will be extended, and to each subsequent installment, when due, shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments and to each installment shall also be added the special assessment administration fee required by Minnesota Statutes section 429.061, subdivision. 5.

2. Direct the Chief Clerk to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor to extend the assessment for 80 West LLC on the property tax lists of the county.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega

Excused: Xiong

Resolution: B2025-188

6. Minnesota Family Investment Program Biennial Service Agreement for 2026-2027

[2025-320](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Ratify the submittal of the 2026-2027 County Biennial Service Agreement for Minnesota Family Investment Program to the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and Family for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and Family for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027 in the amount of \$18,534,057 annually.

3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement as revised and approved by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.
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 apply for and accept additional grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and Family for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.
6. Authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement as revised and approved by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.
7. Authorize the County Manager to make temporary transfers, as needed, from the County General Fund to Workforce Solutions to cover program expenses until program funds are received, with repayment to be made upon receipt of the funds.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega

Excused: Xiong

Resolution: B2025-189

7. Restore 2024 Information Technology Projects Appropriation [2025-395](#)

Sponsors: Information Services

Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$3,114,817 from General Fund balance to restore the Information Technology Projects Appropriation closed out to fund balance as part of the 2024 budget closing process.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega

Excused: Xiong

Resolution: B2025-190

8. Minnesota Paid Leave Implementation [2025-404](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Authorize the County Manager to finalize negotiations and to execute an agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 200 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10166 for the administration of Paid Family Medical Leave insurance, coupled with Short- and Long-Term Disability insurances, with services commencing January 1, 2026, and extending for a term of at least two years.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement and execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega

Excused: Xiong

Resolution: B2025-191

9. Settlement Agreement in *John and Amy Waters v. Ramsey County, et al.* [2025-432](#)
(Court File No. 62-CV-23-4037).

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the settlement agreement with John and Amy Waters relating to Settlement Agreement in John and Amy Waters v. Ramsey County, et al. (Court File No. 62-CV-23-4037), totaling \$875,000.

2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega

Excused: Xiong

Resolution: B2025-192

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

10. 2026 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance - Waive First Reading and Set Public Hearing Date

[2025-331](#)

Sponsors: Finance

1. Waive the first reading of the proposed 2026 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance.
2. Set the Public Hearing date of November 04, 2025, at 9 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, third floor of Ramsey County Courthouse, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN, 55102 to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed 2026 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega

Excused: Xiong

Resolution: B2025-193

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 Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3) (to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real property), the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: 3329 Rice Street. The property that is the subject of this meeting is located in the City of Shoreview on 3329 Rice Street.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Ortega, Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Moran, Miller, and McMurtrey. Commissioner Xiong was absent.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, County Attorney's

Office; Scott Schwahn, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office; Lee Vang, Paralegal, County Attorney's Office; Jean Krueger, Director, Property Management; Brian Isaacson, Director, Public Works; Brad Estochen, County Engineer, Public Works; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; and Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to approve and execute purchase agreements, settlements, closing documents, and other related real estate documentation associated with the sale of said parcels, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office (Resolution B2025-194).

Motion by Miller, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Unanimously approved.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.