

Board of Commissioners Minutes

November 25, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McMurtrey joined the board meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Jebens-Singh

1. Agenda of November 25, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-500](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of November 25, 2025.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from November 18, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2025-501](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the November 18, 2025 Minutes.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program [2025-482](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Adopt the 2026-2030 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Authorize the County Engineer to prepare plans and agreements for all projects identified in the Transportation Improvement Program and to issue solicitations in accordance with County policies and procedures and the Minnesota Department of Transportation's list of "Pre-Qualified Vendors by Work Type."
3. Authorize the County Surveyor to execute Right of Way Plats and Certificate of Surveys for projects in the 2026-2030 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program, or previously approved Transportation Improvement Program, that require the

- determination of existing right of way for the delineation and /or acquisition of property interest.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute change orders and amendments to agreements, supplemental agreements, and agreements related to the expenditure of Transportation Improvement Program Project Funds utilizing County State Aid, Federal, State, and participating funding associated with the construction of the approved projects in the 2026-2030 or a previously approved Transportation Improvement Program in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures.
 5. Authorize the County Engineer and County Attorney to acquire temporary easements, permanent easements, fee title, enter into Limited Use Permits with the State of Minnesota, and complete the disposition of excess County properties for projects in the 2026-2030 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program, or previously approved Transportation Improvement Program, by negotiation or condemnation.
 6. Authorize the County Engineer to approve negotiated settlements for up to \$100,000 over Ramsey County's appraised value per parcel for temporary and permanent easements and fee title.
 7. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute purchase agreements, settlements, closing documents, Limited Use Permits, and other related real estate documentation associated with Ramsey County Board approved acquisitions of real property.
 8. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute cooperative agreements and maintenance agreements with cities, counties, the state, and other governmental agencies for their participation in projects listed in the 2026-2030 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program or previously approved Transportation Improvement Program.
 9. Authorize the County Manager to make temporary transfers, as needed, from the County General Fund to Public Works to cover expenses related to the TIP until funds are received from bonds, Wheelage Tax proceeds, County State Aid Highway, Federal, or State Participating funds. Repayment is to be made upon receipt of the funds.
 10. Authorize the County Engineer to submit grant applications for state and federal funding for projects listed in the 2026-2030 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program.
 11. Authorize the County Manager to accept grants and execute grant agreements, agreeing to the grant terms and conditions for the grant award. For grants that so require, Ramsey County agrees to be responsible for any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the county's construction cost estimate and will return to the grantor any grant amount appropriated for the project but not utilized under the terms of the grant agreement.
 12. Authorize the County Manager or designee to provide statements of support to county constituent cities for grant applications being pursued by the cities.
 13. Approve the transfer of \$15,300,000 from the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Tax Levy fund balance to the 2026 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority operating budget to be used to fund the 2026 Transportation Improvement Program projects identified to be funded by Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority funds.
 14. Approve the transfer of \$32,680,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax fund balance to the Administrative operating budget to be used to fund the 2026 Transportation Improvement Program projects identified to be funded by Local Option Sales Tax funds.
 15. Authorize the County Manager to establish project budgets for projects within the Transportation Improvement Program. Authorize Public Works to transfer funds between these respective projects as needed.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-218

PRESENTATION

4. Presentation: Wood Waste Management Plan

[2025-463](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Daniel Schmidt, Division Manager, Public Health. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

None.

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 10:26 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05 subdivision 3(d) in order to discuss cybersecurity updates, the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Cybersecurity Updates.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McMurtrey joined the board meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Chetan Ganatra, Chief Information Officer, Information Services; Teal Girgen, Manager, Information Services; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.