

Board of Commissioners Minutes

January 6, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:03 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. 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, Ortega, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Moran.

1. Agenda of January 6, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-001](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of January 6, 2026.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from December 16, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2026-002](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the December 16, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

POLICY ITEM

3. Election of the Chair for 2026 [2026-003](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Elect the Chair for the year 2026.

Commissioner McMurtrey nominated Commissioner Ortega as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Xiong.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-001](#)

4. Election of the Vice-Chair for 2026 [2026-004](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Elect the vice-chair for the year 2026.

Commissioner McGuire nominated Commissioner Xiong as Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner Moran.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-002

5. Rules of Procedure for 2026

[2026-005](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Adopt Rules of Procedure to govern the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.
2. This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions pertaining to procedures.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-003

6. Appointments to Standing Committees for 2026

[2026-006](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve appointments to the standing committees for the year 2026.

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

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

Resolution: B2026-004

7. Appointments to Outside Boards and Committees for 2026

[2026-007](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve appointments of commissioners to various outside boards, committees and commissions for the year 2026.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-005

8. Appointment of Members to the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for 2026

[2026-008](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the appointment of members to the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the year 2026.

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

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

Resolution: B2026-006

9. Appointment of Members to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for 2026

[2026-009](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the appointment of members to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the year 2026.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-007

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

10. Cancellation of Board Meetings in 2026

[2026-011](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the cancellation of the following Ramsey County board meetings in 2026:

1. February 24
2. March 3
3. March 24
4. March 31
5. June 30
6. July 21
7. September 15
8. September 29
9. December 8
10. December 29

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-008

11. Contract with Press Publications, Inc for 2026 Newspaper Publications

[2026-012](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Award a contract to Press Publications, Inc., 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, as the designated Official Newspaper for the following Ramsey County publications:
 - A. Official proceedings of the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners and all notices for the year 2026; the 2025 Financial Statement; and the Notice of Expiration of Redemption in the Vadnais Heights Press in the amount of \$7.05 per column inch for the first insertion, and \$7.05 for subsequent insertions.
 - B. 2025 Financial Statement in the White Bear Press as the other newspaper of general circulation located in a different municipality in the county than the Official Newspaper, in the amount of \$17.73 per column inch and \$17.73 per column inch for subsequent insertions.
 - C. Official Newspaper for publication of Ramsey County's List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent on the first day of January 2026 in the Vadnais Heights Press in the amount of \$7.05 per column inch and \$7.05 per column inch for subsequent insertions.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the contract with Press Publications, Inc.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-009

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 9:46 a.m.