

Board of Commissioners Minutes

May 26, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:05 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 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 Xiong.

1. Agenda of May 26, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-191](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 26, 2026.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from May 19, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-192](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 19, 2026 Minutes.

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

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month [2026-194](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Presented by Commissioner McGuire. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

4. Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027 - Waive First Reading and Set Public Hearing Date [2026-172](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Waive the First Reading of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027.
2. Set the Public Hearing date of June 16, 2026 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 Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-065](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and Permanent Easement Agreement for Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park Paved Trail on Private Property [2026-178](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve a temporary construction easement agreement and permanent public trail right-of-way easement agreement with private residents Wesley and Tara Crouch at 312 Floral Drive, Shoreview, MN adjacent to Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park in the amount of \$37,000.
2. Approve a temporary construction easement agreement and permanent public trail right-of-way easement agreement with private residents Lawrence & Tammy Swope at 314 Floral Drive, Shoreview, MN adjacent to Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park in the amount of \$4,800.
3. Approve a temporary construction easement agreement and permanent public trail right-of-way easement agreement with private residents Cynthia Segura and David Hodgson at 306 Floral Drive, Shoreview, MN adjacent to Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park in the amount of \$1,800.
4. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the easement agreements.
5. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

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

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

Resolution: [B2026-066](#)

6. Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and Permanent Public Trail Right-Of-Way Easement Agreement for Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park with the City of Shoreview [2026-179](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve a temporary construction easement agreement and permanent public trail right-of-way easement agreement for paved trail with the City of Shoreview at 318 Floral Drive, Shoreview, MN adjacent to Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park.
2. Approve a temporary construction easement agreement and permanent public trail right-of-way easement agreement for paved trail with the City of Shoreview at 358 Dennison Ave, Shoreview, MN adjacent to Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park.

3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the easement agreements.

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

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

Resolution: B2026-067

7. Support for Nominations to the National Association of Counties 2026 Leadership Positions

[2026-151](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh for: Member of the Arts & Culture Commissioner; member of the Health Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and member of the Resilience Counties Advisory Board.
2. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire for: Member of the Board of Directors; member of the Arts and Culture Commission; member of the Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board; member of Justice Public Safety Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; member of the Large Urban County - Steering Committee; member of the Membership Committee; member of the Programs and Services Committee; and member of the Retirement Readiness Committee.
3. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Garrison McMurtrey for: Member of the Community, Economic & Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.
4. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rena Moran for: Vice-chair of the Courts and Corrections Subcommittee; member of the Health Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.
5. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rafael E. Ortega for: member of the Large Urban County Caucus and member for the Transportation Steering Committee.
6. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong for: Member of the Human Services & Education Steering Committee; member of the Education, Children and Families Subcommittee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.
7. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Kelly Miller for: Member of the Environment, Energy, and Land Use Committee; member of the IT Standing Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.

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

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

Resolution: B2026-068

8. Support the City of Saint Paul's Federal Grant Application to U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration Bridge Investment Program for the Eastbound Kellogg RiverCenter Bridge Reconstruction

[2026-210](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Direct the County Manager to submit a letter of support from the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for the City of Saint Paul's Bridge Investment Program federal grant application for Eastbound Kellogg RiverCenter Bridge reconstruction, including a commitment of up to \$11 million of local match funding from county's dedicated transportation sources as part of the Building Stronger Together economic development strategy.

Presented by Brian Isaacson, Director, Public Works; Sean Kershaw, Project Manager, City of

Saint Paul; and Dag Dejene, Project Manager, City of Saint Paul. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-069

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.