



Board of Commissioners

Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

May 26, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of May 26, 2026 is Presented for Approval** [2026-191](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the agenda of May 26, 2026.
2. **Minutes from May 19, 2026 are Presented for Approval** [2026-192](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the May 19, 2026 Minutes.

PROCLAMATION

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

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

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

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.
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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.

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.

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 Commission; 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.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

Board Workshop: 2026 Legislative Session Update
 Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room
 Public access via Zoom:
 Webinar ID: 923 9869 6921 | Passcode: 518162 | Phone: 651-372-8299
 10:30 a.m. (est.)

Board Workshop: Community & Economic Development Mini Workshops: RiversEdge and Rice Creek Commons
 Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room
 Public access via Zoom:
 Webinar ID: 923 9869 6921 | Passcode: 518162 | Phone: 651-372-8299
 1:30 p.m.

Advance Notice:
 June 02, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers
 June 09, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers
 June 16, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers
 June 23, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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Item Number: 2026-191

Meeting Date: 5/26/2026

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of May 26, 2026 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of May 26, 2026.



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Minutes from May 19, 2026 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the May 19, 2026 Minutes.

Attachments

1. May 19, 2026 Minutes

May 19, 2026 - 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, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner Xiong 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 Moran.

1. Agenda of May 19, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-182](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 19, 2026.

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

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

2. Minutes from May 12, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-183](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 12, 2026 Minutes.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Settlement Agreement in *Tameca Williams v. Ramsey County* (Court File No. 62-CV-25-4466) [2026-189](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the settlement with Tameca Williams in *Tameca Williams v. Ramsey County* (Court File No. 62-CV-25-4466), totaling \$170,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

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

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

Resolution: [B2026-061](#)

4. Salary Schedule and Grade for New Classified Position - Data Practices Officer [2026-170](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve the salary schedule and grade allocation for the new unrepresented job classification of Data Practices Officer:

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Annual Salary Schedule</u>
Data Practices Officer - Classified		102A	35 \$ 74,290.99 - 111,436.48

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

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

Resolution: [B2026-062](#)

5. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 601 Annapolis Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55118 [2026-168](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustices or undue hardships caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:
 - Commissioner District 5
 - PIN: 09-28-22-33-0108
 - Property Address: 601 Annapolis Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55118
 - Repurchase amount due to date: \$32,701
2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Meiby Maribe Artola and Dayana Y Artola, fee owners at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

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

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

Resolution: [B2026-063](#)

PRESENTATION

6. Detoxification and Withdrawal Management Facility Update [2026-160](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Sophia Thompson, Director, Social Services Department; Jim Langer, Human Services Manager, Social Services Department. Discussion can be found on archived video.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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.

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 10:39 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss the Benjamin Hill vs. Thomas Rudenick et al. matter. The Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: Benjamin Hill vs. Thomas Rudenick et al. Matter

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

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

Excused: Commissioner Xiong.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Jason Hively, Outside Counsel; Gloria Reyes, Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice; David Metusalem, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Office; Amelia Cruver, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (Resolution B2026-064).

Motioned by Miller, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



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Item Number: 2026-194

Meeting Date: 5/26/2026

Sponsor: Human Resources

Title

Proclamation: Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Attachments

1. Proclamation

Proclamation

WHEREAS, May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month with the first recorded Asian immigrant arriving in Ramsey County in 1875; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's AANHPI population has grown to include (but is not limited to) Asian Indian, Burmese, Chinese, Cambodian, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Karen, Korean, Lao, Native Hawaiian, Thai and Vietnamese ancestry or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to creating a vibrant community where all Minnesotans are valued, belong, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to advancing racial equity and ending racism in systems and institutions that have created unfair disparities; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County acknowledges, celebrates, and honors the rich histories, languages, cultures, and contributions of the AANHPI community in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Ramsey County Employee Resource Group: Asian Descent Network, and particularly those individuals, families, and businesses who have been impacted by the aggressive tactics used by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of leveraging the county's collective power and resilience in order to protect the well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners affirms its commitment to ensuring that all Minnesotans have value, belong, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners sees, hears, and values the AANHPI community in Ramsey County and greater Minnesota; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares May 26, 2026, as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Ramsey County.


Rafael Ortega, Board Chair, District 5


Tara Jebens-Singh, Commissioner, District 1



Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner, District 2


Garrison McMurtrey, Commissioner, District 3


Rena Moran, Commissioner, District 4


Mai Chong Xiong, Commissioner, District 6


Kelly Miller, Commissioner, District 7


Ling Becker, County Manager

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-172

Meeting Date: 5/26/2026

Sponsor: Human Resources

Title

Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027 - Waive First Reading and Set Public Hearing Date

Recommendation

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.

Background and Rationale

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.01.A.1 requires that certain acts of the Ramsey County Board shall be by ordinance. The provisions of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter relating to compensation for the Board of Commissioners in section 2.01.D state that:

- a. The Ramsey County Board may determine the amount of the annual salary of its members by passage of a salary ordinance; and
- b. The salary ordinance must be passed by July 1 of the year prior to the effective date of the ordinance;
- c. The ordinance shall not become effective until the first business day of the following year (January 1, 2027).

Ramsey County employees with settled bargaining agreements and unrepresented employees received a general wage increase of 3.50% in 2026. It has normally been the intention of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that future salary increases for the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners be set at the bargained cost of living adjustment (COLA) for employees in the previous year.

An increase of 3.50% for the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will result in a salary increase equivalent to the bargained COLA given to employees in the calendar year 2026. The current annual salary of the Board of Commissioners is \$107,199 for county board members, and \$112,559 for the County Board Chair. The proposed salary ordinance would increase commissioners' salary to \$110,951 for county board members and to \$116,499 for the County Board Chair.

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.02 states each proposed ordinance shall receive two readings: first, at the time it is presented, and second, at the time of the public hearing as required by law. Both readings may be waived if a copy of the ordinance is supplied to each member of the Ramsey County Board prior to its introduction. In accordance with these requirements, the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027 was provided to each commissioner prior to its introduction on May 26, 2026. Therefore, the first reading may be waived by duly made motion and majority vote.

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter section 5.02 states that every proposed ordinance shall hold a public hearing as required by law. A notification of the public hearing, which includes the draft ordinance will be

publicized in advance of the public hearing.

This action sets the date of the Public Hearing as June 16, 2026 at 9 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers. Persons who intend to testify are encouraged to sign up online at ramseycountymn.gov/chiefclerk prior to June 16, 2026. If in-person testimony is not feasible, comments may alternatively be provided via the following methods:

- Email: chiefclerk@ramseycountymn.gov <<mailto:chiefclerk@ramseycountymn.gov>>
- Written letter to: Chief Clerk, 15 West Kellogg Blvd, 250 Courthouse, Saint Paul, MN 55102

The entire proposed Ordinance can be found on Ramsey County’s website <https://www.ramseycountymn.gov/your-government/ordinances-regulations>

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

There is no specific racial equity impact associated with this Request for Board Action.

Community Participation Level and Impact

This action is strictly operational and internal facing. It is the intent of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that future salary increases for the commissioners be set at a rate that matches the bargained cost of living adjustment (COLA) given to employees in the previous year.

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

Funding is accounted for in the Board of Commissioner’s approved 2026-2027 operating budget.

Last Previous Action

On July 1, 2025, the Ramsey County Board adopted the Ramsey County Commissioners’ Salary Ordinance for 2026 (Ordinance Resolution B2025-138).

Attachments

1. Proposed Salary Ordinance
2. 2026 Metro Area Comparisons
3. Public Hearing Notice
4. Proposed Schedule of Events

1 Proposed Salary Ordinance

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3 WHEREAS, the provisions of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter (Charter) relating to
4 compensation for the Board of Commissioners state that:

- 5 a) The Board may determine the annual salary of its members by passage of a salary
6 ordinance; and,
7 b) The salary ordinance must be passed by July 1 of the year prior to the effective date of
8 the ordinance; and,
9 c) The ordinance shall not become effective until the first business day of the following year
10 (January 1, 2027); and,
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12 WHEREAS, The Charter requires that per diem payments be made to the County and that,
13 with the exception of fees, payments and other compensation paid to an officer of the
14 Association of Minnesota Counties, the County will not add these payments to the
15 Commissioners' salary when payments are received from the various boards, committees and
16 other governmental agencies; and
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18 WHEREAS, The current annual salary of the Board of Commissioners is \$107,199 for County
19 Board Members, and \$112,559 for the County Board Chair; and,
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21 WHEREAS, In 2026, Ramsey County employees received a general wage increase of
22 3.50%; and,
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24 WHEREAS, It has been the intention of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that
25 future salary increases for the Board of Commissioners be set at a rate that matches the
26 general increase in wages given to employees in the previous year; and,
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28 WHEREAS, An increase of 3.50% for the Board of Commissioners will result in a salary
29 increase equivalent to the cost of living adjustment (COLA) given to employees in the calendar
30 year 2026;

31 Now, Therefore, The Board of Commissioners for the County of Ramsey Does,
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33 ORDAIN, That the annual salary for the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for
calendar year 2027 shall increase to \$110,951 for County Board Members and to \$116,499 for the
County Board Chair; and Be it Further
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36 ORDAINED, With the exception of fees, payments and other compensation paid to an
37 officer of the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Board voted to decline fees, payments and
38 other compensation paid to County Board members in exchange for representing the County on
39 outside boards, committees and other governmental agencies and any subcommittees thereof,
40 and that any funds received by the County would remain within the County's General Fund; and
41 Be It Further
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43 ORDAINED, That the Commissioners are eligible to receive fees, payments and other
44 compensation paid from the following boards, committees and other governmental agencies
45 and any subcommittees thereof;
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47 Association of Minnesota Counties (if serving as an Officer)
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49 And Be It Further
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51 ORDAINED, That all appointments of County Commissioners to various boards,
52 committees and other governmental agencies shall be ratified by County Board resolution
53 before per diems shall be paid; and Be It Further
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55 ORDAINED, That any subsequent new appointments or changes in appointments to
56 new or existing boards, committees or governmental agencies, and any subsequent establishment

57 of new per diem rates or increase in current per diem rates shall be ratified by
58 County Board resolution before per diems shall be paid; And Be It Further

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60 ORDAINED, That any increase in per diems or new per diems which are approved by
61 the above described process, shall be included in the next annual salary ordinance, and Be It
62 Further

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64 ORDAINED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners shall be allowed to
65 receive actual and necessary expenses for attendance at conferences, seminars, etc., in
66 connection with their official County Commissioner duties as do all other Ramsey County
67 employees; and Be It Further

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69 ORDAINED, That unless a valid referendum petition is filed within 45 days after the
70 publication of this ordinance, this ordinance shall:

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72 a) Become effective on January 1, 2027 and replace the previous salary ordinance (Ordinance
73 B2025-138); and,

74 b) Continue in effect throughout calendar year 2027 and subsequent years until changed by a
75 subsequent County Board ordinance.

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2026 SALARIES OF MAJOR METRO AREA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jurisdiction (1)	Ramsey County (2)	Ramsey County (2,4) Chair	Hennepin County (2)	Dakota County (2)	Anoka County (4)	Anoka County (4) Chair	Washington County (2)	Scott County (2, 3)	Scott County (2, 3) Chair	Scott County (2, 3) Vice Chair	Carver County (4)	Carver County (4) Chair	Carver County (4) Vice Chair
2026 Base Pay	\$107,199.00	\$112,559.00	\$134,753.00	\$106,689.00	\$96,144.71	\$96,144.71	\$88,051.00	\$85,876.96	\$85,876.96	\$85,876.96	\$95,907.00	\$95,907.00	\$95,907.00
2026 Allowance	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00		\$6,996.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,500.00			\$2,600.00	\$1,950.00	\$8,580.00	\$8,580.00	\$8,580.00
2026 Annual Rate	\$114,399.00	\$119,759.00	\$134,753.00	\$113,685.00	\$103,644.71	\$104,644.71	\$88,051.00	\$85,876.96	\$88,476.96	\$87,826.96	\$104,487.00	\$104,487.00	\$104,487.00
General Wage Adjustment	3.50%		4.00%	4.25%	3.00%		3.00%						

- (1) Official salary rates shown. With the exception of Ramsey County, some individual members of these county boards may choose to receive lesser amounts.
- (2) These Counties pay mileage reimbursement according to IRS regulations
- (3) Scott County Commissioners no longer receive per diems; it is built into their salary as of 2020
- (4) Administrative Allowance provided for expenses incurred inside the metro area as noted.
- (5) Annual general wage adjustment for unrepresented employees only; does not include performance pay, range movement, market adjustments, etc
- (6) The above rates reflect application of the general wage adjustment to the 2025 rate, and with the exception of Ramsey County, were effective January 1, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in the Ramsey County Courthouse – Saint Paul City Hall (Council Chambers, Room 300), 15 West Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

This Public Hearing will be conducted in order to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed 2027 Salary Ordinance for compensation to the Board of Commissioners for calendar year 2027.

The entire proposed Ordinance can be found on Ramsey County's web site www.RamseyCountyMN.gov (under the Public Notice section on the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners' page), or obtained by calling Jason Yang, Chief Clerk – County Board (651) 266-9200.

Persons who intend to testify are requested to contact the Chief Clerk prior to Tuesday, June 16, 2026. If in-person testimony is not feasible, comments may alternatively be provided via the following methods:

Email: chiefclerk@RamseyCountyMN.gov

Written Mail: Chief Clerk, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd, Suite 250, Saint Paul, MN 55102

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 26, 2026	RBA #1 – Waive the First Reading and Set the Public Hearing Date for June 16, 2026
June 3, 2026	Official Newspaper (Press Pub) publishes Public Hearing Ordinance and Start of the 10-Day Notice for Ordinances
June 16, 2026	RBA #2 – Waive the Second Reading and Hold the Public Hearing
June 23, 2026	RBA #3 – Approve the Salary Ordinance for 2027
January 1, 2027	Effective Date of Ordinance

Item Number: 2026-178

Meeting Date: 5/26/2026

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Title

Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and Permanent Easement Agreement for Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park Paved Trail on Private Property

Recommendation

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.

Background and Rationale

Ramsey County is the fee owner of the Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park property in the City of Shoreview. The Snail Lake section of Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park has an existing paved, multi-use public trail that has been periodically flooding from high water since late 2015. During high water periods, the public created an informal natural surface trail on private property to get around the flooded paved public trail. The informal natural surface trail is located on the west side of Floral Drive and runs across three private properties (312 Floral Drive owned by Wesley and Tara Crouch, 314 Floral Drive owned by Lawrence & Tammy Swope, and 306 Floral Drive owned by Cynthia Segura and David Hodgson). The residents previously granted the county a temporary easement for a woodchipped natural surface trail for use by the public. The informal trail had been wood chipped by the county to prevent erosion of the soil and maintained for the duration of the temporary easement until the county trail improvement project could begin. The temporary easement allowed public access and short-term maintenance until permanent easements are established.

Over the past year, county staff worked with the residents to complete a design for the paved trail improvements to determine the final boundaries (i.e. extents) of the permanent easements. The residents have now agreed to grant the county the temporary easements needed to construct the paved trail improvements and the permanent easements allowing the public use of the trail.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being

Prosperity

Opportunity

Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This is a regional park that attracts visitors from around the region, including the surrounding city of Shoreview, which consists of 17.5% people of color (African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic). By obtaining permanent easements, the county will be able to provide trail users with an alternate route (temporary) during high water periods. In addition, the county will be able to proceed with design and development for a more permanent and resilient trail solution for access through the regional park during times of periodic flooding.

Community Participation Level and Impact

These properties were previously identified for potential trail corridor easement as a solution to trail flooding part of a 2020 Metropolitan Council process for regional park and trail system additions. The development of the 2020 Vadnais Snail Lakes Regional Park Long Range Plan Update included a robust community engagement process to reach as wide of an audience as possible, while also focusing on an equitable approach through a selection of engagement sessions to reach as diverse audience as possible. The county has planned improvements for the trail system to address past flooding issues in park scheduled for 2025. These improvements are based on the 2020 Long Range Plan Update and 2022 Trail Feasibility Study community feedback. These private properties and informal woodchip trail were part of that community discussion. The level of impact to the community is great based on the comments received about trail’s importance to the community.

- Inform
- Consult
- Involve
- Collaborate
- Empower

Fiscal Impact

The permanent easement compensation will be funded through the Parks and Trails Legacy Funds made available through the Metropolitan Council and allocated to the Vadnais-Snail Lakes Wetland A Trail Improvement Project.

Compensation was determined through property appraisals performed in 2025 by Valbridge Property Advisors and is based on square footage of the proposed permeant easements. Compensation for each private resident is as follows:

- 306 Floral Drive 270sf = \$1,800
- 312 Floral Drive 6,079sf = \$37,500
- 314 Floral Drive 610sf = \$4,800

There are no other fiscal impacts to the Parks and Recreation department operating budget.

Last Previous Action

On December 12, 2023, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved three temporary easements on these three properties for the installation of a wood chip trail to restore public access (Resolution B2023-235).

On April 4, 2021, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park Long Range Plan Amendment which addressed infrastructure that has been adversely effected by fluctuating water levels make the trails unusable (Resolution B2021-083).

Attachments

- 1. Easement Agreements, Exhibits and Offer Letters

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All costs and expenses payable with respect to Grantee's or its agents, contractors, servants, or the public's use of the Easement Area, and with respect to the installation, construction, maintenance, and repair or replacement of the Trail, will be paid by the Grantee, its successors or assigns. As consideration for the grant of the easements pursuant to this Agreement, no portion of any such costs or expenses related to the Trail, will ever be levied or assessed against any portion of the Grantors' parcel or the Grantors, their successors or assigns.

As further consideration for the grant of the easement interests pursuant to this Agreement, as applied to the Easement Area only, Grantee will indemnify, defend and hold harmless Grantors, and all future fee owners of the Grantors' Property, and such fee owner's successors, assigns, mortgagees, tenants, licensees, and their respective successors and assigns, from and against any and all costs, liabilities,

damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), suffered or incurred by any reason of the Grantee's, its agents, invitees, contractors, servants or the public's use, occupancy, possession, construction, maintenance, or repair upon or within the Easement Area, or breach of any covenant of this Agreement, including but not limited to any claim for hazardous substances. Except as expressly stated herein, nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of the statutory limits on liability set forth in Minnesota Statutes or a waiver of any available immunities or defenses.

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Signature page to Temporary Construction Easement and Permanent Public Trail Right-of-Way Easement
(GRANTORS)

Signature Block

Printed Name: WESLEY CROUCH

Wesley Crouch

Printed Name: TARA CROUCH

Tara Crouch

STATE OF *MN*)
) ss.
COUNTY OF *Ramsey*)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the *19* day of *March* 2026, by Wesley Crouch, GRANTOR.

GRANTORS

Angela Nicole Marlette
NOTARY PUBLIC

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STATE OF *MN*)
) ss.
COUNTY OF *Ramsey*)

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Angela Nicole Marlette
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Printed Name: Rafael E. Ortega *Signature Block*

Title: Chair, Board of
(if applicable) Commissioners
On behalf of: Ramsey County
Rafael E. Ortega

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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Printed Name: Jason Yang *Signature Block*

Title: Chief Clerk
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On behalf of: Ramsey County
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GRANTEE

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Lot 20, Block 1, WHITE OAKS PARK, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

EXHIBIT B-1**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT AREA**

An easement over, under and across that part of Lot 20, Block 1, WHITE OAKS PARK, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ramsey County, Minnesota, lying southwesterly of Line A and northeasterly of Line B described as follows:

Line A being described as:

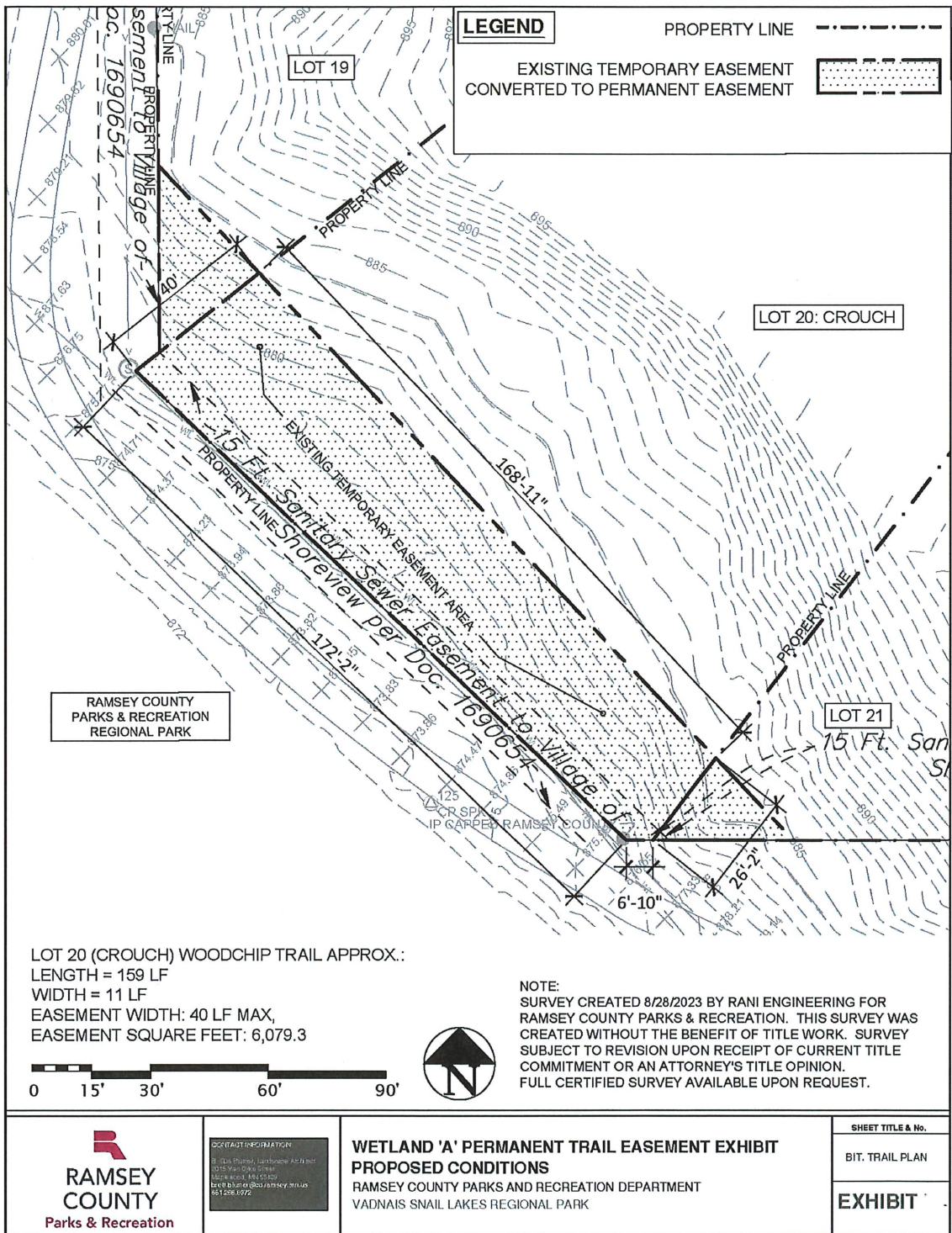
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Line B being described as:

Commencing at a point on the west line of WINDWARD HEIGHTS NO. 4, according to the recorded plat thereof, distant 60 feet south, as measured at right angles, to the south line of said WHITE OAKS PARK; thence west parallel with the south line of said WHITE OAKS PARK a distance of 400 feet to the point of beginning of said Line B to be described; thence northwesterly to a point in the northwesterly line of said Lot 20, Block 1, said point being 118.7 feet north of the south line of said Lot 20 as measured at right angles to the south line of said Lot 20 and said line there terminating.

EXHIBIT B-2

DEPICTION OF EASEMENT AREA



2-9-2026

Wesley Crouch
312 Floral Drive
Shoreview, MN 55126

RE: Snail Lake Regional Park Trail Improvement Project – Acquisition of Temporary Construction and Permanent Trail Easement over a portion of your property located at 312 Floral Drive, Shoreview, Minnesota

Dear Wesley:

As you know, we have been in communication with you regarding the Snail Lake Regional Park Trail Improvement Project and the County's desire to acquire a temporary construction easement and permanent right-of-way easement ("Easement") along a portion of your property to enable the construction and use of a permanent paved public trail for pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-motorized use of the trail as part of the overall Snail Lake Regional Park trail system. I have included a draft of the proposed easement agreement for your review.

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Based on the appraisal report, the County hereby offers you, as owner of the affected real estate, the sum of \$37,500 for the Easement, contingent upon Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approval.

If the amount is acceptable, please contact me at the phone number or email set forth below to indicate your interest. I will then schedule a time to sign an agreement acquiring the Easements. If this amount is not acceptable, please contact me immediately to continue negotiations regarding the potential purchase of the Easement. Since the Easement is necessary for the Snail Lake Regional Park Trail Improvement Project, it may be acquired by eminent domain if the County cannot acquire it through voluntary purchase within a reasonable time. Nevertheless, a mutual agreement is preferred to utilizing eminent domain, and we ask your assistance in reaching such a mutual agreement.

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Respectfully,

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B. Gus Blumer
Director of Planning and Development
Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department
Email: brett.blumer@ramseycountymn.gov
Contact Phone: 651-266-0372

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(GRANTEE)

Printed Name: Rafael E. Ortega *Signature Block*

Title: Chair, Board of
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On behalf of: Ramsey County

Rafael E. Ortega

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name: Jason Yang *Signature Block*

Title: Chief Clerk
(if applicable)
On behalf of: Ramsey County

Jason Yang

GRANTEE

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Saint Paul, MN 55102-1416

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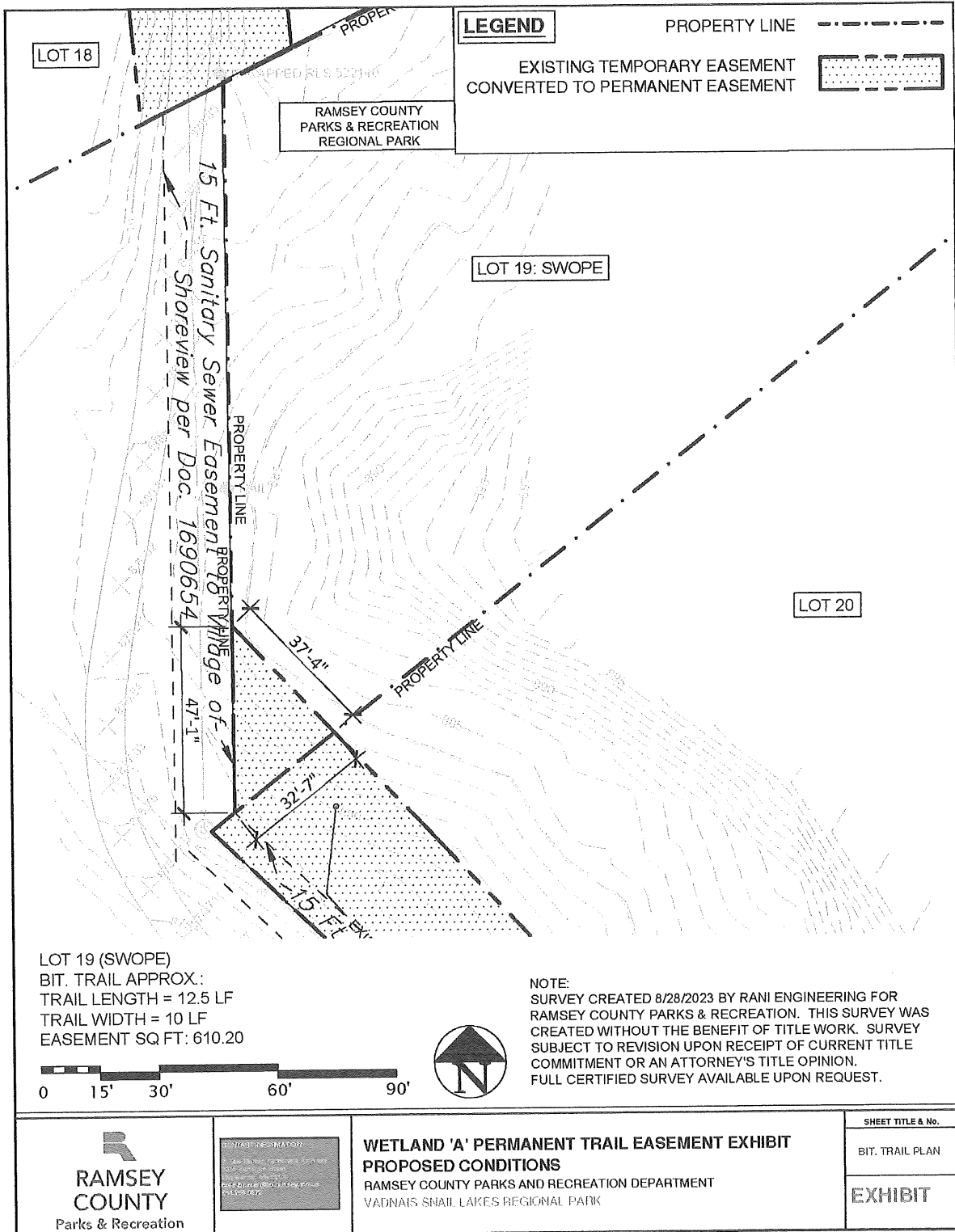
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DEPICTION OF EASEMENT AREA



2-9-2026

Larry and Tammy Swope
314 Floral Drive
Shoreview, MN 55126

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Dear Larry and Tammy:

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(GRANTORS)

Signature Block

Printed Name: DAVID HODGSON

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Printed Name: CYNTHIA SEGURA

[Handwritten signature of Cynthia Segura]

STATE OF Minnesota)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Ramsey)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the 27 day of April 2026, by David Hodgson, GRANTOR.

GRANTORS

[Handwritten signature of Angela Nicole Marlette]
NOTARY PUBLIC

Notarial Stamp



STATE OF Minnesota)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Ramsey)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the 27 day of April 2026, by Cynthia Segura, GRANTOR.

[Handwritten signature of Angela Nicole Marlette]
NOTARY PUBLIC

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(GRANTEE)

Printed Name: Rafael E. Ortega *Signature Block*

Title: Chair, Board of
(if applicable) Commissioners
On behalf of: Ramsey County
Rafael E. Ortega

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Printed Name: Jason Yang *Signature Block*

Title: Chief Clerk
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On behalf of: Ramsey County
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4-7-2026

David Hodgson and Cynthia Segura
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Shoreview, MN 55126

RE: Snail Lake Regional Park Trail Improvement Project – Acquisition of Temporary Construction and Permanent Trail Easement over a portion of your property located at 306 Floral Drive, Shoreview, Minnesota

Dear David and Cynthia:

As you know, we have been in communication with you regarding the Snail Lake Regional Park Trail Improvement Project and the County's desire to acquire a temporary construction easement and permanent right-of-way easement ("Easement") along a portion of your property to enable the construction and use of a permanent paved public trail for pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-motorized use of the trail as part of the overall Snail Lake Regional Park trail system. I have included a draft of the proposed easement agreement for your review.

The County hired Nathan Hansen of Valbridge Property Advisers, an independent real estate appraiser, to prepare an appraisal of your property. A copy of the appraisal report is enclosed. The boundary lines of the Easement are shown on the map on page 11 of the enclosed appraisal report. The Easement area consists of 270 square feet of land.

Based on the appraisal report, the County hereby offers you, as owner of the affected real estate, the sum of \$1,800.00 for the Easement, contingent upon Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approval.

If the amount is acceptable, please contact me at the phone number or email set forth below to indicate your interest. I will then schedule a time to sign an agreement acquiring the Easements. If this amount is not acceptable, please contact me immediately to continue negotiations regarding the potential purchase of the Easement. Since the Easement is necessary for the Snail Lake Regional Park Trail Improvement Project, it may be acquired by eminent domain if the County cannot acquire it through voluntary purchase within a reasonable time. Nevertheless, a mutual agreement is preferred to utilizing eminent domain, and we ask your assistance in reaching such a mutual agreement.

You may obtain your own appraisal of the property. If you wish to obtain your own appraisal, the County will reimburse you for the cost, up to a maximum of \$3,000.00. To obtain reimbursement, you must select a qualified, independent real estate appraiser, and submit to the County the information necessary for reimbursement, including a copy of the appraisal report, at least five days before a condemnation commissioners' hearing. The information necessary for reimbursement is a written invoice from the appraiser identifying the work performed and the fee charged. The invoice will be paid by the County within approximately 30 business days after receiving a copy of the appraisal report and the reimbursement information. All requests for reimbursement should be directed to me at the address shown on this letterhead. To further guide you, also enclosed is an information packet, "Property Acquisition Process – General Information for Property Owners."

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me directly. I look forward to hearing from you in the coming week or two and working towards a mutual agreement.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Blumer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

B. Gus Blumer
Director of Planning and Development
Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department
Email: brett.blumer@ramseycountymn.gov
Contact Phone: 651-266-0372

Item Number: 2026-179

Meeting Date: 5/26/2026

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Title

Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and Permanent Public Trail Right-Of-Way Easement Agreement for Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park with the City of Shoreview

Recommendation

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.

Background and Rationale

Ramsey County is the fee owner of the Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park property in the City of Shoreview. The Snail Lake section of Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park has an existing paved, multi-use public trail constructed by the county in 1998 as part of the development of the regional park trail system. The trail that was constructed passes over two parcels owned by the City of Shoreview. No formal agreement was created or documented for the construction or the trail or for ongoing use of the trails by the county across the city-owned property.

To assign ownership of the trail for maintenance and liability purposes, a temporary construction easement and permanent easement is now being established to allow the county to continue to own and operate the trail segments built on City of Shoreview property. Over the past year, county staff have worked with the city to complete a design for improvements to the paved trail to inform the permanent easements extents. The City of Shoreview has agreed to grant easements for the two city-owned parcels.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This is a regional park that attracts visitors from around the region, including the surrounding city of Shoreview, which consists of 17.5% people of color (African American, American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Hispanic). By obtaining permanent easements, the county will be able to provide park users with a multi-use public trail amenity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

These properties were previously identified for potential trail corridor easement as a solution to trail flooding part of a 2020 Metropolitan Council process for regional park and trail system additions. The development of the 2020 Vadnais Snail Lakes Regional Park Long Range Plan Update included a robust community engagement process to reach as wide of an audience as possible, while also focusing on an equitable

approach through a selection of engagement sessions to reach as diverse audience as possible. The county has planned improvements for the trail system to address past flooding issues in park scheduled for 2025. These improvements are based on the 2020 Long Range Plan Update and 2022 Trail Feasibility Study community feedback. These two city-owned properties and trail were part of that community discussion. The level of impact to the community is great based on the comments received about trail's importance to the community.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

The permanent easement compensation was agreed to be granted at no cost to the county. There are no other fiscal impacts to the Parks and Recreation Department budget.

Last Previous Action

On April 4, 2021, the County Board approved the Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park Long Range Plan Amendment which addressed infrastructure that has been adversely affected by fluctuating water levels make the trails unusable (Resolution B2021-083).

Attachments

1. Permanent Easement Agreements and Exhibits

Area above reserved for recording purposes

**AGREEMENT REGARDING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AND
PERMANENT PUBLIC TRAIL RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT**

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GRANTOR is the fee owner of that certain real property located at 318 Floral Drive, in the City of Shoreview, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota (“Grantor’s Property”), which is legally described on **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Grantors, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, and the exchange of covenants herein contained, hereby grant and convey to GRANTEE the following:

- A. A temporary construction easement over, across, on, under, and through that portion of the Grantors’ Property that is legally described on **Exhibit B-1** and depicted on **Exhibit B-2**, both attached hereto and incorporated herein (the “Easement Area”) (the “Temporary Construction Easement”), commencing upon the Effective Date and expiring one year following substantial completion of the Snail Lake Trail improvement project, together with the right of ingress to and egress from the Easement Area, for the following purposes:

1. Reconstructing a bituminous permanent trail (the “Trail”) as part of the Snail Lake Trail improvement project”; and
 2. Installing appropriate construction-related directional or trail-marking signage within the Easement Area, and on adjacent Grantee-owned property; and
- B. Commencing on the Effective Date, a perpetual easement over, across, on, under, and through the Easement Area, for the construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, reconstruction, and operation (including use by the general public) of the Trail for pedestrian, bicycle, maintenance, and other non-motorized use, over, under, and across the Easement Area (the “Permanent Easement”). Without limiting the foregoing, the foregoing grant conveys the permanent and perpetual right for Grantee to construct, maintain, operate, repair, replace, and reconstruct the Trail, and to permit the general public to use the Trail as part of the overall Snail Lake Regional Park trail system.

Except within the Easement Area, neither the Temporary Construction Easement nor the Permanent Easement are intended to, nor do they grant any public rights or duties with respect to Grantor’s Property. Grantee agrees to construct, operate, maintain, and repair or replace the Trail and the Easement Area.

All costs and expenses payable with respect to Grantee’s or its agents, contractors, servants, or the public’s use of the Easement Area, and with respect to the installation, construction, maintenance, and repair or replacement of the Trail, will be paid by the Grantee, its successors or assigns.

As further consideration for the grant of the easement interests pursuant to this Agreement, as applied to the Easement Area only, Grantee will indemnify, defend and hold harmless Grantors, and all future fee owners of Grantor’s Property, and such fee owner’s successors, assigns, mortgagees, tenants, licensees, and their respective successors and assigns, from and against any and all costs, liabilities, damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees), arising out of the activities, actions or inactions of Grantee or its agents, contractors, or employees in all activities related to the construction of the Snail Lake Trail improvement project and ongoing maintenance thereof. Nothing in this Agreement shall

constitute a waiver of the statutory limits on liability set forth in Minnesota Statutes or a waiver of any available immunities or defenses.

Grantor, for itself and its successors and assigns, does not make any representation or warranty as to the quality, condition, or status of the Easement Area and the Grantee accepts the Easement Area “as-is” and “with all faults.”

The obligations and rights under this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and each of their successors and assigns owning the land subject to this Agreement from time to time and shall run with the land; provided however, that Grantee will not assign its rights under this Agreement (except to another governmental entity) without the prior written consent of Grantor, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

[Separate Signature Pages Follow]

Signature page to Temporary Construction Easement and Permanent Public Trail Right-of-Way Easement
(GRANTOR)

Printed Name: _____ *Signature Block*

Title: _____
(if applicable)
On behalf of: City of Shoreview _____
Signature

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the ____ day of _____, 2026, by _____, the _____ of the City of Shoreview, a municipal corporation, on behalf of the City.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Signature page to Temporary Construction Easement and Permanent Public Trail Right-of-Way Easement
(GRANTEE)

Printed Name: Rafael E. Ortega *Signature Block*

Title: Chair, Board of
(if applicable) Commissioners
On behalf of: Ramsey County

Rafael E. Ortega

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the ____ day of _____, 2026, by Rafael E. Ortega, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Ramsey County, Minnesota, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, on behalf thereof.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name: Jason Yang *Signature Block*

Title: Chief Clerk
(if applicable)
On behalf of: Ramsey County

Jason Yang

GRANTEE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me the ____ day of _____, 2026, by Jason Yang, Chief Clerk of Ramsey County, Minnesota, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, on behalf thereof.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathleen Ritter, Assistant County Attorney

This document was drafted by:
RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (KMR)
360 Wabasha Street N., Suite 100
Saint Paul, MN 55102-1416

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of Grantor's Property

Lot 18, Block 1, WHITE OAKS PARK, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

EXHIBIT B-1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT AREA

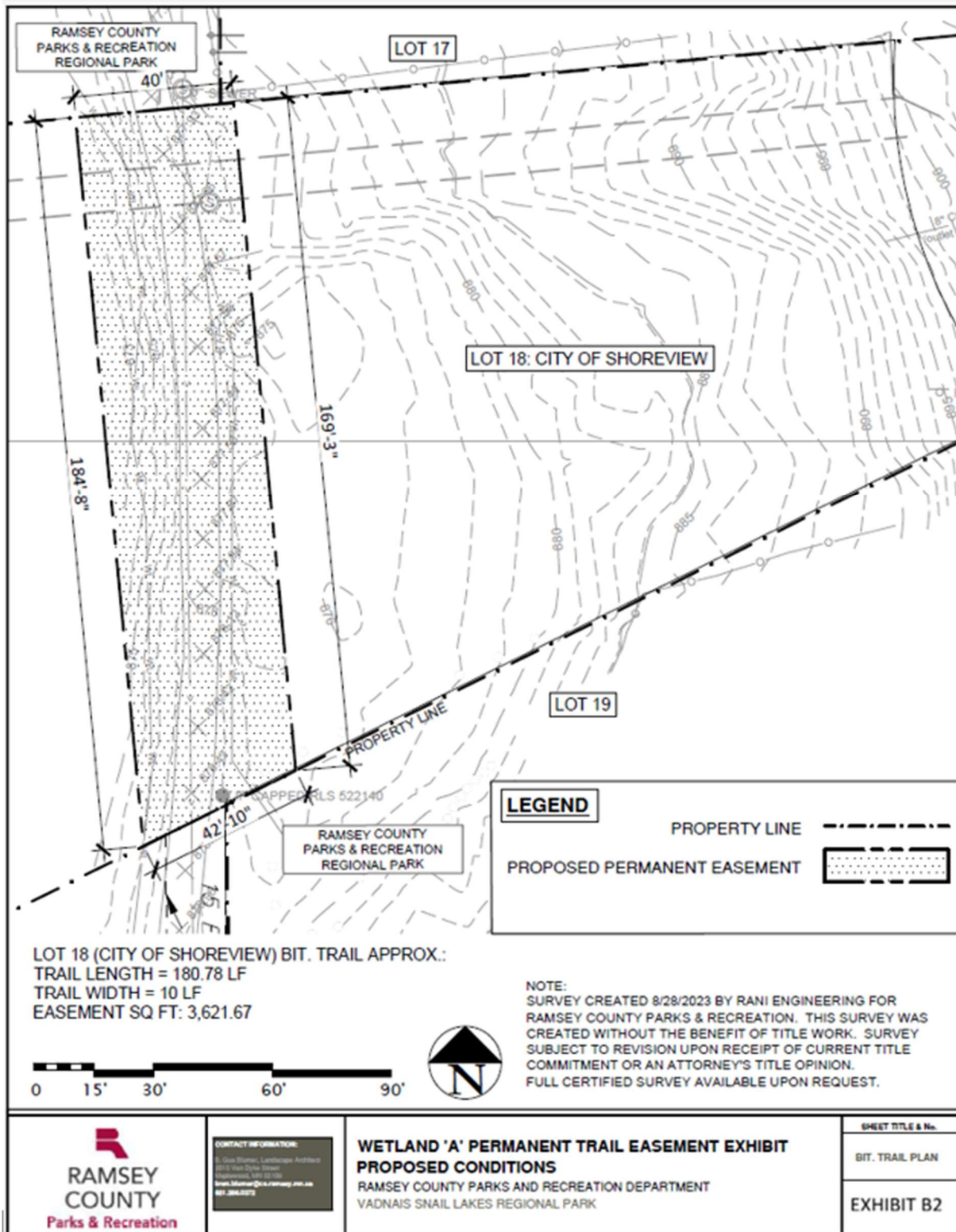
A 40.00 foot easement over, under and across Lot 18, Block 1, WHITE OAKS PARK, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ramsey County, Minnesota. The center line of said easement is described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 30 North, Range 23 West, Ramsey County, Minnesota; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 47 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the west line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1904.52 feet to the intersection with the southerly line of said Lot 18, Block 1, WHITE OAKS PARK; thence North 63 degrees 36 minutes 24 seconds East, along said southerly line of Lot 18, a distance of 172.98 feet to the point of beginning of said center line to be described; thence North 05 degrees 19 minutes 13 seconds West a distance of 176.70 feet to the northerly line of said Lot 18 and said center line there terminating.

The side lines of said 40.00 foot easement are to be prolonged or shortened to terminate at the northerly and southerly lines of said Lot 18.

EXHIBIT B-2

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Title: _____
(if applicable)
On behalf of: City of Shoreview _____
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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Printed Name: Rafael E. Ortega *Signature Block*

Title: Chair, Board of
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On behalf of: Ramsey County

Rafael E. Ortega

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name: Jason Yang *Signature Block*

Title: Chief Clerk
(if applicable)
On behalf of: Ramsey County

Jason Yang

GRANTEE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathleen Ritter, Assistant County Attorney

This document was drafted by:
RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (KMR)
360 Wabasha Street N., Suite 100
Saint Paul, MN 55102-1416

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of Grantor's Property

(Per COT No. 183063 & State Tax Forfeit Deed Doc. # 988609 – Torrens Property)

Lot 12, Block 3, WINDWARD HEIGHTS, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

TORRENS PROPERTY

EXHIBIT B-1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT AREA

A 40.00 foot easement over, under and across Lot 12, Block 3, WINDWARD HEIGHTS, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ramsey County, Minnesota. The center line of said easement is described as follows:

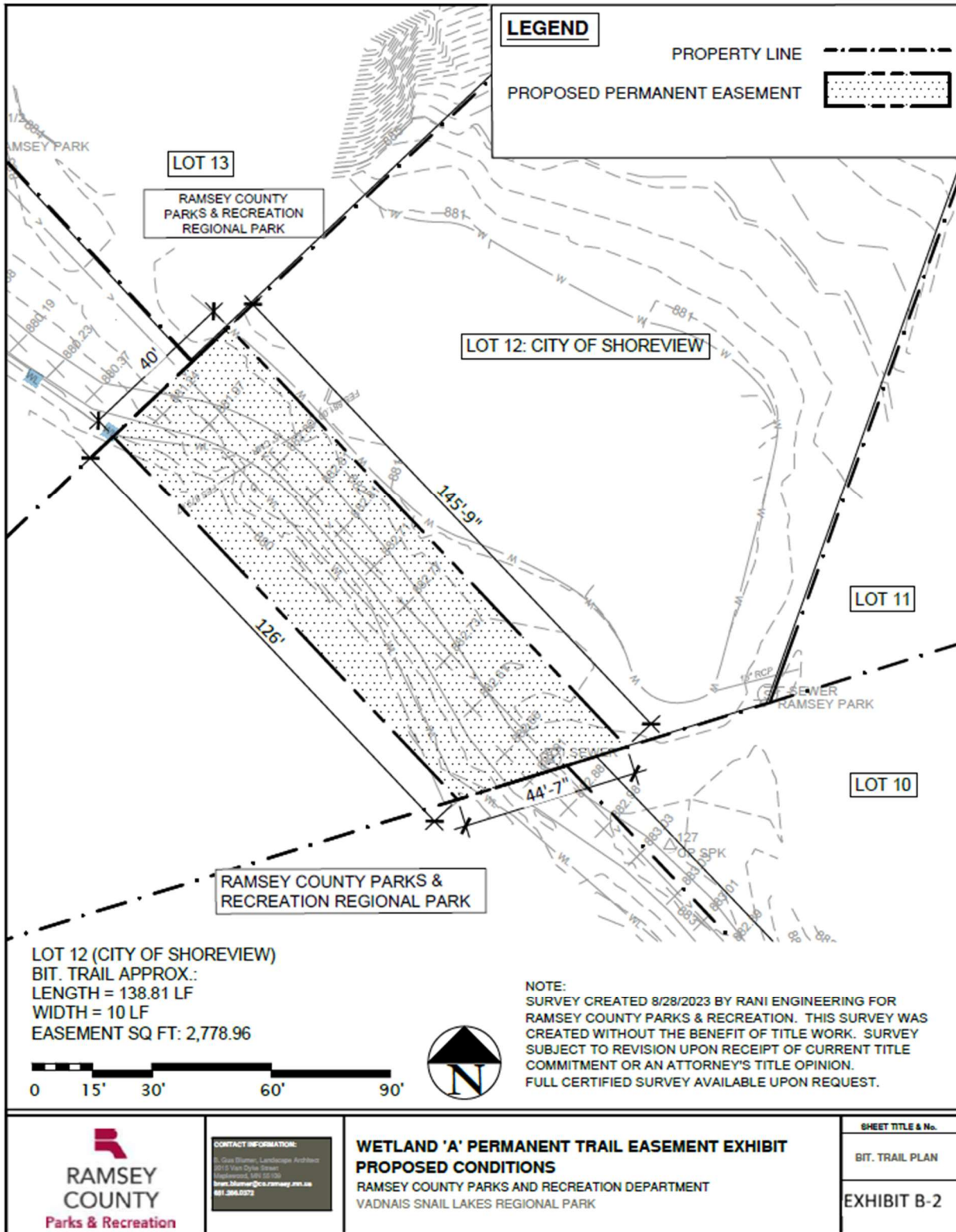
Commencing at the northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 30 North, Range 23 West, Ramsey County, Minnesota; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 47 seconds East, assumed bearing, along the west line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1084.86 feet to the intersection with the common lot line between Lots 10 and 12, Block 3, said WINDWARD HEIGHTS; thence North 72 degrees 48 minutes 26 seconds East, along said common lot line, a distance of 149.92 feet to the point of beginning of said center line to be described; thence North 43 degrees 26 minutes 33 seconds West a distance of 136.24 feet to the common lot line between Lots 12 and 13, said Block 3 and said center line there terminating.

The side lines of said 40.00 foot easement are to be prolonged or shortened to terminate at the said common lot lines described above.

TORRENS

EXHIBIT B-2

DEPICTION OF EASEMENT AREA



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-151

Meeting Date: 5/26/2026

Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Title

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

Recommendation

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.

Background and Rationale

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is seeking applications for leadership positions to NACo committees for 2026.

Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh is submitting an application for: Member of the Arts & Culture Commission; member of the Health Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus and member of the Resilient Counties Advisory Board.

Commissioner Jebens-Singh currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Arts and Culture Commission; Member - NACo Health Steering Committee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - NACo Resilient Counties Advisory Board; member -

AMC District X Committee; member - AMC Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee; member - AMC Health & Human Services Policy Committee; member - Interagency Early Intervention Committee; member - Minnesota Landmarks Board; member - Law Library Trustee; member - Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative Joint Powers Board; Vice Chair - TCAAP/Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority; member - Willow Lake Nature Preserve Foundation Board of Directors.

In addition, Commissioner Jebens-Singh currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; Chair - Audit Committee; member - Budget Committee of the Whole; member - Legislative Committee of the Whole; Chair - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and member - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire is submitting an application 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; and member of the Programs and Services Committee.

Commissioner McGuire currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Board of Directors; member - NACo Arts and Culture Commission; member - NACo Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; member - NACo Programs and Services Committee; member - AMC Board of Directors; member - AMC District X Committee; member - AMC Public Safety Policy Committee; member - Active Living Ramsey Communities; member - County-Court Joint Committee; member - Metro Library Services Agency Board of Trustees; member - Partnership on Waste and Energy; member - Ramsey County Extension Committee; member - Ramsey County League of Local Governments; member - Recycling & Energy Board; member - TCAAP/Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority.

In addition, Commissioner McGuire currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; Vice -Chair - Audit Committee; Vice-Chair - Budget Committee of the Whole; Chair - Legislative Committee of the Whole; Chair - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and Chair - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Garrison McMurtrey is submitting an application 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.

Commissioner McMurtrey currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - Community, Economic & Workforce Development Steering Committee; member - Large Urban County Caucus; member - Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; Representative - AMC Board of Directors; member - AMC District X Committee; member - County-Court Joint Committee; member - Generation Next; member - Greater MSP Regional Partnership; member - Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee; member - Metropolitan Emergency Services Board; member -

Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Board; member - Ramsey County Dispatch/800 MHZ Subsystem Policy Committee; member - Ramsey County Extension Committee; member - Re-Thinking I-94 Committee; member - Rice-Larpenteur Alliance.

In addition, Commissioner McMurtrey currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Vice-Chair - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; member - Budget Committee of the Whole; member - Legislative Committee of the Whole; member - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and Chair - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Rena Moran is submitting an application 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.

Commissioner Moran currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Vice-Chair - NACo Courts and Corrections Subcommittee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; member - NACo Justice & Public Safety Committee; member - AMC District X Committee; member - AMC Health & Human Services Policy Committee; member - County-Court Joint Committee; member - Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee; member - Heading Home Ramsey-Continuum of Care; member - Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee; member - Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Board; member - Saint Paul Children's Collaborative; member - Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood; member - State Community Health Services Advisory Committee; member - Youth Justice Transformation.

In addition, Commissioner Moran currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; Chair - Budget Committee of the Whole; Vice-Chair - Legislative Committee of the Whole; member - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; Chair - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and member - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Rafael E. Ortega is submitting an application for: member of the Large Urban County Caucus and member for the Transportation Steering Committee.

Commissioner Ortega currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Transportation Steering Committee; member - AMC District 10 Representative; member - AMC Transportation and Infrastructure Policy Committee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - Minnesota Landmarks Board; member - Recycling & Energy Board; member - Regions Hospital Board; member - Saint Paul Downtown Alliance.

In addition, Commissioner Ortega currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; Chair - Regional Rail Authority; member - Audit Committee; member - Budget Committee of the Whole; member - Legislative Committee of the Whole; member - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and member - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong is submitting an application 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.

Commissioner Xiong currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Human Services & Education Steering Committee; Vice-Chair - NACo Education, Children, and Families Subcommittee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; member - AMC District X Committee; member - AMC General Government Policy Committee; Presidential Appointment - AMC Housing, Economic Workforce Development Committee; member - East Metro Strong; member - Gold Line Joint Powers Board; member - Metro Gold Line Corridor Management Committee; Vice-Chair - Metro BRONZE Line Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Management Committee; member - Red Rock Corridor; member - Rush Line Task Force; member - Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee; member - Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board; member - Ramsey County Children’s Mental Health Collaborative; member - Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative; member - Youth Justice Transformation.

In addition, Commissioner Xiong currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

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Commissioner Kelly Miller is submitting an application 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.

Commissioner Miller currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Environment, Energy & Land Use Steering Committee; member - NACo IT Committee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; member - AMC District X Committee; member - AMC Environment & National Resources Policy Committee; member - AMC Tribal Relations Committee; member - Metropolitan Conservation Districts Joint Powers Board; member - Metropolitan Emergency Services Board; member- Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Board; member - Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards; member- Northeast Youth and Family Services Board of Directors; member - Ramsey County Dispatch/800 MHz Subsystem Policy Committee; member - Recycling & Energy Board; member - Regional Haulers Licensing Board; member - Workforce Innovation Board.

In addition, Commissioner Miller currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; member - Budget Committee of the Whole; member - Legislative Committee of the Whole; member - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; Chair - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and member - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This board action does not have a direct racial equity impact. However, if the appointments to NACo leadership positions are successful the appointed Ramsey County Commissioners will seek opportunities to advance racial equity through their work at a national level in addition to the state and local levels.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community engagement involved with this request for board action. Informing the community of this action provides transparency about potential NACo leadership appointments of Ramsey County Commissioners.

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this request.

Last Previous Action

On May 20, 2025, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the candidacy of Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong for 2025 National Association of Counties leadership positions (Resolution B2025-097).

Attachments

None.