



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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April 13, 2021 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met virtually in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Chair Carter. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Chair Carter delivered remarks on the death of Daunte Wright who was shot by a Brooklyn Center police officer following a traffic stop. She added that the planned workshops following the board meetings would be canceled and rescheduled. She asked for a moment of reflection.

Present: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Agenda of April 13, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-180](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of April 13, 2021.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

2. Minutes from April 6, 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-193](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the April 6, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

PROCLAMATION

Chair Carter recessed the meeting at 9:24 a.m. due to technical issues during the presentation of the Public Safety Telecommunicators Proclamation. The meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m. This was approved.

3. Proclamation: Public Safety Telecommunicators Week [2021-170](#)

Sponsors: Safety and Justice

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

4. Proclamation: County Government Month [2021-208](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Presented by Commissioner McGuire. A brief video accompanied the reading of the proclamation. Discussion can be found on archived video.

INFORMATION

5. COVID Information [2021-209](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Presented by County Manager Ryan O'Connor. Questions were heard from commissioners, and answers were provided by Dr. Lynne Ogawa, Medical Director - Public Health, and Laura Anderson, Deputy Incident Commander - Public Health. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6. Participation in Urban Institute's Upward Mobility Cohort [2021-012](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Ratify the submittal of a grant proposal to the Urban Institute.
2. Accept a grant award of \$125,000 and approve a grant agreement with the Urban Institute for the period of grant execution through May 31, 2022.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments to agreements, in accordance with the County's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Elizabeth Tolzmann, Director of Policy and Planning, provided some remarks. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Resolution: [B2021-085](#)

POLICY ITEM

7. Housing and Redevelopment Authority Area of Operation [2021-211](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

Request the cities of Saint Paul and North St. Paul to pass a resolution allowing for the expansion of the Ramsey County's Housing and Redevelopment Authority's area of operation in order to create and support housing and redevelopment projects within their communities.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Resolution: [B2021-086](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

County Manager Ryan O'Connor did not report any updates.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.