



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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June 18, 2024 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:04 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair Martinson. Also present were Johanna Berg, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner McGuire

1. Agenda of June 18, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2023-668](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 18, 2024.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

2. Minutes from June 11, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2023-689](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 11, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

3. Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2025 - Waive the Second Reading and Hold the Public Hearing [2024-215](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Waive the second reading of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2025.
2. Hold the Public Hearing for the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2025.

Chair Martinson opened the public hearing at 9:10 a.m. There was one speaker who shared their public testimony, which can be accessed via the archived video. The chair called three times for additional public comments. Hearing none, the chair closed the public hearing at 9:16

a.m.

In addition, the Chief Clerk's Office received written testimony from resident, Bill Hosko, with the following:

So today, you are about to give yourselves another annual pay increase. Over 100K annual salary now for a part-time job. A copy of your ordinance justifying your doing so is just below. The highlights are what is most important, and most egregious. All of you, should be hanging your heads in shame. Few of you did, nor ever would have received 100K-plus compensation in the private sector. Particularly for a part-time job. It appears all of you have fallen into the trap of justifying your annual acts while perpetually proclaiming 'Equity' for everyone in society. But most of you have become clever as you've joined the county board - particularly because one of your own has been your teacher, and has quietly shown you the way. Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega is the pristine example of why your board should be subject to term-limits (2 terms) and why any future pay raises you receive should be strictly governed by Voter approval. Neither he nor any of you will ever pursue this, the most honorable path, because comfortably, you know there remains no larger news editor nor civic leader left here who actually cares enough about our declining county, to get your body upon a higher path. Throughout all human history, when persons of weak character attain power, most will predictably abuse it.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: B2024-109

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program [2024-195](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Approve continuation of Ramsey County's participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program, as well as public distribution of the performance measures report via the county's website.
2. Ratify the County Manager's submission of Ramsey County's annual report of its adopted performance measures to the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: B2024-110

4. County Attorney Report on 2023 Civil Asset Forfeiture Funds [2024-218](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office

Accept the County Attorney Report on Civil Asset Forfeitures - County Attorney 2023 Activity.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: B2024-111

POLICY ITEM

6. Presentation: 160 East Kellogg Property Disposition [2024-236](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Chris Gliedman, Vice President of Commercial Real Estate Services Company (CBRE) and Jean Krueger, Director of Property Management. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Johanna Berg. 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 Martinson. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martinson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.