

Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 16, 2025 - 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, 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 McMurtrey.

1. Agenda of September 16, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-346](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 16, 2025.

Chair Ortega motioned to amend the agenda and table Administrative Item #14: Guaranteed Energy Saving Project with inBYLT, LLC. Motioned by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from September 02, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2025-347](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the September 02, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Workforce Development Month [2025-310](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Purdue Pharma, L.P. Settlement (United States Bankruptcy Court for the [2025-363](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the Subdivision Participation and Release Form relating to Purdue Pharma, L.P. settlement, Bankruptcy Court File No. 19-23649.

Authorize the County Manager to execute the Subdivision Participation and Release Form and all necessary documents to ensure Ramsey County's participation in the settlement with Purdue Pharma.

Authorize the County Manager to establish a project budget for approved uses as listed in Exhibit A in the Memorandum of Agreement.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-165

5. Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Ramsey County Youth Support Services [2025-330](#)

Sponsors: Safety and Justice

Ratify the submittal of the grant application to Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$200,000 for State Miscellaneous Funding 2026.

Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for The Ramsey County Youth Support Services grant for the period of upon execution through August 30, 2026 in the amount of \$200,000.

Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.

Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-166

6. Grant Award from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Sexual Assault Services [2025-342](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Approve the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, Crime Victim Services for sexual assault services for the period upon execution through September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$347,314.

Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.

Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's policies and procedures.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-167

8. Grant Award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care Planning Grant [2025-374](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the United States Department of Housing

and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care Grant.

Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care lead agency planning for the period of November 1, 2026, to October 31, 2027, in the amount of \$438,075.

Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement, with revisions as approved by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-168

9. Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care Planning Grant

[2025-375](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care lead agency planning, upon execution of the grant, through August 31, 2026, in the amount of \$171,420.

Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement, with revisions as approved by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-169

10. Agreement with Jorgenson Construction, Inc. for Judicial Chambers Room 12D Remodel Project

[2025-329](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

Approve the selection of and agreement with Jorgenson Construction, Inc., 9255 East River Road Northwest, Minneapolis, MN 55433, for the Ramsey County Courthouse/City of Saint Paul City Hall Judicial Chambers Room 12D Remodel project, for the period of September 16, 2025 through September 15, 2026, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$247,100.

Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-170

11. First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Minnesota Second Judicial District for Project Work Orders

[2025-344](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

Approve the first amendment to the memorandum of understanding with the State of Minnesota, through its Second Judicial District, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55102, for county provided facility improvement, modifications and renovation services.

Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.

Authorize the County Manager to enter into construction agreements and execute change orders and amendments to agreements related to executing the projects established by the project works orders in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding established in the memorandum of understanding as amended.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-171

12. Lease Agreement with New Brighton Area Historical Society for Premises at Long Lake Regional Park [2025-343](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Approve the lease agreement with New Brighton Area Historical Society, PO BOX 120624, New Brighton, MN 55112, in Long Lake Regional Park, 700 Park Drive, New Brighton MN, 55112, for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2035, with the option to extend the lease for three additional 10-year terms, in the amount of \$1 per annum.

Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease agreement.

Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments that do not have a financial impact.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-172

13. Hold a Closed Meeting: Strategy for Labor Negotiations [2025-378](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Hold a closed meeting of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 under Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.03 to consider strategy for labor negotiations - pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting will take place in-person at 10:30 a.m.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-173

7. Grant Award from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Division for the Emergency Services Program Grant [2025-345](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Division for the Emergency Services Program Grant in the amount of \$3,585,290.

Accept a grant and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for the period of September 16, 2025, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$1,400,000.

Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.

Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Presented by Naly Yang, Interim Director, Housing and Stability Department. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-174

POLICY ITEM

14. Guaranteed Energy Savings Project with inBYLT, LLC

2025-377

Sponsors: Property Management

None. For information and discussion only.

This item was tabled.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

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 10:19 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.03 (Labor Negotiations) in order to discuss negotiations with impacted labor unions to bargain the effects of eliminating positions in the proposed 2026-27 budget, the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Labor Negotiation Strategy.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:39 a.m.

The following members present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Johanna Berg, Deputy County Manager, Organizational Alignment; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney Office; Patience Ferguson, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources; Kristen Schultz, Benefits Manager, Human Resources; Wesley DeBerry, Labor Relations Specialist, Human Resources; Alex Kotze, Chief Finance Officer, Finance; Elizabeth Brady, Senior Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office; Larry Timmerman, Manager, Policy and Planning; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics

Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board, County Manager's Office.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.