



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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May 16, 2023 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:03 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair MatasCastillo. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frethem, MatasCastillo, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: McGuire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Moran.

1. Agenda of May 16, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-094](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 16, 2023.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

2. Minutes from May 9, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-095](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 9, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month [2023-135](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Presented by Commissioner Frethem.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Rice Creek Commons Annual Financial Report and Combined Project Budget [2023-183](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Accept the 2022 Rice Creek Commons Annual Financial Report.
2. Approve the 2023 Rice Creek Commons Combined Project Budget for infrastructure design services.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2023-073

5. Agreement with Morcon Construction Co., Inc. for Ramsey County Courthouse/City of Saint Paul City Hall Entries Project [2023-175](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the selection of and agreement with Morcon Construction Co., Inc., 5151 Industrial Boulevard Northeast, Fridley, MN 55421, for the Ramsey County Courthouse/City of Saint Paul City Hall Entries Renovation Project, for the period of May 16, 2023 through May 15, 2024, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$518,150.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provide the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2023-074

6. Support for Nominations to National Association of Counties' 2023 Presidential Leadership Positions [2023-214](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Nicole Frethem for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Arts and Culture Commission.
2. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Trista MatasCastillo for: Chair of the Veterans and Military Services Committee; Member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and Member of the Transportation Steering Committee.
3. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire for: Member of the Healthy Counties Advisory Board; Member of the Programs and Services Committee; Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Arts and Culture Commission.
4. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rena Moran for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and Member of the Justice & Public Safety Committee.
5. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rafael Ortega for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus; Member of the Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee; and Member of the Transportation Committee.
6. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt for: Chair of the Resilient Counties Advisory Board; Vice-Chair of the Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee; Member of the IT Standing Committee; and Member of the Large Urban County Caucus.
7. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Xiong for Member of the Human Services & Education Steering Committee; and Member of the Large Urban County Caucus.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: McGuire
Resolution: B2023-075

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ryan O'Connor. 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 MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair MatasCastillo declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.