



Board of Commissioners Minutes

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Saint Paul, MN 55102
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October 3, 2023 - 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: McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair Martinson. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Xiong.

1. Agenda of October 3, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-273](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of October 3, 2023.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

2. Minutes from September 26, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-289](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the September 26, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Licensed Family Child Care Provider Recognition Day [2023-424](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Sale of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 735 Margaret Street to the [2023-422](#)

Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the County of Ramsey, Minnesota

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Approve the sale of the tax-forfeited property located at 735 Margaret Street (32-29-22-11-0017) to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the County of Ramsey, Minnesota for \$88,750, plus maintenance costs and recording fees, with a deed restriction and/or restrictive covenant limiting purchases of the property for the next seven years to parties qualifying for affordable housing.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in a manner consistent with local regulations and requirements as approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2023-167

5. Emergency Communications Dispatch Center Remodel [2023-393](#)

Sponsors: Emergency Communications

1. Approve the use of \$800,000 from the Emergency Communications Center Equipment Fund Balance to remodel the Emergency Communications Dispatch Center.
2. Authorize the County Manager to establish Emergency Communications Dispatch Center Remodel as a project account in the Emergency Communications Center budget.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to the agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provide the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2023-168

6. Grant Award from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Driving While Impaired and Traffic Safety Enforcement [2023-398](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$150,000 for Driving While Impaired and Traffic Safety Enforcement.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 in the amount of \$150,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk execute the grant agreement.
4. 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 Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2023-169

7. Status Report on Projects and Closure of Select Projects [2023-419](#)
- Sponsors: Finance
- Approve the closure of the projects and release appropriations per attached document.
- Motion by Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Frethem
Resolution: B2023-170
8. Bonding Project Prioritization [2023-414](#)
- Sponsors: Policy & Planning
- Support the 2024 bonding requests in the priority order as follows:
1. Rice Creek Commons (\$25 million)
 2. Park at RiversEdge (\$20 million)
 3. Aldrich Arena & Community Event Center (\$12.835 million)
 4. Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health Facility (\$10.5 million)
 5. Rice Creek North Regional Trail (\$5 million)
 6. Youth Detention Facility (\$16 million)
- Motion by Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Frethem
Resolution: B2023-171
9. Agreement with WEX for Flexible Spending Accounts Reimbursement and Health Savings Account Services [2023-377](#)
- Sponsors: Human Resources
1. Approve the Agreement with WEX Health Inc., 82 Hopmeadow Street, Suite 220, Simsbury, CT 06089 to administer Reimbursement and Health Savings Account Services for the period of September 27, 2023 through December 31, 2026 with the option for two one-year renewals.
 2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
 3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and 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 Xiong, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.
Aye: Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Absent: Frethem
Resolution: B2023-172

POLICY ITEM

10. Presentation: Environmental Services Center [2023-423](#)
- Sponsors: Public Health
- None. For information and discussion only.
- Presented by Sara Hollie, Director, Public Health and Rae Frank, Deputy Director, Public Health. 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 Martinson. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Martinson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.