

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

July 14, 2026 - 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 Xiong.

1. Agenda of July 14, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-249](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of July 14, 2026.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from July 07, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-250](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the July 07, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week [2026-246](#)

Sponsors: Community Corrections

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Health for the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office to Improve and Increase Illicit Drug Toxicology Testing and Surveillance [2026-256](#)

Sponsors: Medical Examiner

1. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health to improve and increase illicit drug toxicology testing and surveillance from July 14, 2026, through August 31, 2028, in the amount of \$125,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the grant 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, provide the amounts are within the limits of available funding.
4. Authorize the County Manager to establish a grant budget account in the Medical Examiner's Office to account for this grant funding.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-087

6. Proposed Changes and Additions to Public Health Fees

[2026-265](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Approve proposed additions and a change to Public Health fees for client telehealth services and one vaccine fee.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-088

8. Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to Utilize the Minnesota Criminal Justice Data Communications Network

[2026-259](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1430 Maryland Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106 to utilize the Minnesota Criminal Justice Data Communications Network for the period upon execution through five years from the fully executed agreement in the amount of \$261,600.
2. Approve the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1430 Maryland Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106 for court data subscriber services.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the joint powers agreement.
4. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-089

9. Proposed Ramsey County Sheriff's Office Fee Schedule Update

[2026-238](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

Approve the proposed updated fee schedule changes for security services and civil process services.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-090

5. Amendment to Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant Master Plan [2026-217](#)
- Sponsors: Community & Economic Development, Public Works
- Approve the amended Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant Master Plan.
- Discussion can be found on archived video.
- Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.
- Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
- Resolution: [B2026-091](#)
7. Grant Agreements with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Community Crime Intervention and Prevention Programs [2026-041](#)
- Sponsors: Sheriff's Office
1. Ratify the submittal of the grant applications to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, for Community Crime Intervention and Prevention Programs.
 2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety for community-based programming for crime prevention services for communities most impacted by violence, for the period upon execution to December 31, 2027 in the amount of \$250,000.
 3. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety for community-based programming for crime prevention services, including community outreach, for the period upon execution to December 31, 2027 in the amount of \$425,000.
 4. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreements.
 5. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreement 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 funds.
- Presented by Kyle Mestad, Undersheriff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, and Daryl Gullette, Inspector, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Discussion can be found on archived video.
- Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
- Resolution: [B2026-092](#)

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

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss elections. The Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: Elections and Related Litigation

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Bradly Cousins, Assistant County Attorney; Alex Kotze, Deputy County Manager, County Operations Service Team; Maria Sarabia, Chief of Staff, County Manager's Office; Rose Lindsay, Director, Communications and Public Relations; Tracy West, Director, Property Tax, Records, and Elections Services; David Triplett, Deputy Director, Property Tax, Records, and Elections Services; and Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Authorize the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this Closed Meeting.

Motioned by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed. (Resolution B2026-093).
Aye: 7 Nay: 0

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.