

Board of Commissioners Minutes

August 4, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:05 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McMurtrey was excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner McGuire.

1. Agenda of August 4, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-276](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of August 4, 2026.

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

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

Excused: McMurtrey

2. Minutes from July 28, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-277](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the July 28, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Child Support Awareness Month [2026-267](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Project Budget and Financing Plan for Teams Rooms Technology Project [2026-261](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Accept and approve the project budget and financing plan for the Teams Room Technology project in an amount up to \$500,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to account for the Teams Rooms Technology project as a budgeted project in Property Management.
3. Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$500,000 from the Capital Projects Fund Holding Project to the Team Rooms Technology project for project activities.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-099

9. Proposed Changes and Additions to Social Services Fees [2026-266](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Approve proposed changes to rates for Mental Health services and additions of a fee schedule for Guardianship services.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-100

5. Amendment to Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant Master Plan [2026-248](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

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, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-101

6. Obligation of 2026 State Affordable Housing Aid for Housing Development Projects [2026-269](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Approve the obligation of State Affordable Housing Aid for recommended projects and funding amounts for the preservation and construction of affordable housing in the amount of \$436,475.
2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into the necessary loan or other agreements and execute amendments to loan or other agreements in a manner consistent with local regulations and requirements, in form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Presented by Max Holdhusen, Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-102

7. Obligation of 2026 Local Affordable Housing Aid for Housing Development Projects [2026-268](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Approve the obligation of Local Affordable Housing Aid for recommended projects and funding amounts for the preservation and construction of affordable housing in the amount of \$8,194,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into the necessary loan or other agreements and execute amendments to loan or other agreements in a manner consistent with local regulations and requirements, in form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Presented by Max Holdhusen, Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development.
Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: [B2026-103](#)

8. Amendment to the Agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program [2026-273](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve an amendment to the agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027, in the amount of \$5,281,093, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
3. 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 Renee Theese, Prevention and Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program Coordinator, Housing Stability Department; Jaime Wilkins, Director, Housing Stability Department. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: [B2026-104](#)

10. Ramsey County's Response to Encampment Closures in the City of Saint Paul [2026-297](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Affirm that people experiencing homelessness are valued members of the Ramsey County community and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their housing status.
2. Affirm the county's commitment to serving residents experiencing homelessness in ways that reduce barriers to services and advance opportunity, wellbeing, prosperity, and housing stability.
3. Recognize that homelessness is driven by a combination of housing challenges, systemic economic pressures, health conditions, and social factors, and that the county's response must address both immediate needs and the underlying systemic

causes.

4. Direct the County Manager to continue implementing a coordinated effort focused on providing support to residents of encampments in Saint Paul, including:
 - a. Strengthen existing outreach efforts by providing expanded onsite support at encampment locations, with the aim of supporting basic needs; helping residents apply for benefits; and connecting residents to public health, physical health, mental health, substance use, disability, and housing services.
 - b. Invest in partnerships that help expand emergency shelter capacity to assist residents with opportunities to transition from encampments to temporary shelters, housing or other options.
 - c. Provide additional support and case management to help residents move from encampments or temporary shelter to more stable housing.
 - d. Work closely with the city of Saint Paul and community partners to advance the housing continuum of care and coordinate services.
 - e. Continue to provide the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners with regular updates about the current phased closing of encampments in the city of Saint Paul.
 - f. Continue to provide high-level, periodic updates on the county's efforts to members of state legislators.
5. Direct the County Manager to advance existing strategies and develop additional strategies to strengthen the housing continuum, including the following actions, in alignment with the... [Heading Home Ramsey Strategic Plan](https://www.ramseycountymn.gov/archival-document?id=23765) [<https://www.ramseycountymn.gov/archival-document?id=23765>](https://www.ramseycountymn.gov/archival-document?id=23765) and the [Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan](https://www.ramseycountymn.gov/your-government/projects-initiatives/economic-development-initiatives/economic-competitiveness-inclusion-plan) [<https://www.ramseycountymn.gov/your-government/projects-initiatives/economic-development-initiatives/economic-competitiveness-inclusion-plan>](https://www.ramseycountymn.gov/your-government/projects-initiatives/economic-development-initiatives/economic-competitiveness-inclusion-plan):
 - a. Expand housing access through building partnerships with landlords.
 - b. Increase supportive housing capacity through strategic investments and coordinated system planning.
 - c. Transform access to housing by redesigning and modernizing the Coordinated Entry System.
 - d. Strengthen services that improve housing stability by addressing complex behavioral health, medical, and housing needs.
 - e. Advance the Community Wellness and Response initiative through a One Ramsey County approach that coordinates and integrates the work of Financial Assistance Services, Public Health, Community Corrections, Social Services, Veteran's Services, Workforce Solutions, and other county departments.
 - f. Champion regional policy and systems change through advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels.
 - g. Build data-driven system performance by aligning investments and system improvements with data from the Ramsey County Community Needs Assessment and other sources.
 - h. Preserve existing affordable housing by supporting the acquisition, renovation, and preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing.
 - i. Increase the supply of affordable housing through competitive housing development funding.
 - j. Expand opportunities for homeownership through downpayment assistance and support for home rehabilitation and repair.
 - k. Strengthen homelessness prevention and housing stabilization efforts to help households remain stably housed and reduce inflows into homelessness.
 - l. Strengthen partnerships across cities, healthcare, housing, philanthropy, local governments and community organizations to improve coordinated responses to

housing instability and homelessness.

Presented by Ling Becker, County Manager; Jaime Wilkins, Director, Housing Stability Department; Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-105

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 10:55 a.m.