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**Sponsor:** Public Works

**Meeting Date:** 5/9/2023

**Title:** Reappointment of the County Surveyor

**File Number:** 2023-148

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**Background and Rationale:**

Minnesota Statutes 383A.42 requires the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners to appoint a County Surveyor. Minnesota Statute 389.011 further requires the County Surveyor to be licensed in Minnesota as a land surveyor under the laws of the state of Minnesota. The statute additionally provides that the appointment is to be for a period not to exceed four years, after which the Ramsey County Board would need to take action to reappoint.

The primary responsibilities of the County Surveyor are to:

- Administer and direct the Land Survey Division within the Public Works department;
- Be responsible and accountable for the statutory requirements of the County Surveyor and for duties assigned by the Department Director;
- Recommend divisional direction, objectives, and goals to the Department Director; to establish division priorities;
- Develop and implement department and division standards and procedures; and perform related duties as assigned.

The County Surveyor is critical in developing the county's transportation system. In addition to their direct involvement in the county's transportation system, the Land Survey division also supports and assists other departments (i.e., Parks and Recreation, Property Management) with their surveying needs for the county. Statutory responsibilities of the County Surveyor include approval of subdivision plats and maintenance of the Public Land Survey System.

Daniel Baar was initially appointed to the position of Ramsey County Surveyor, effective May 21, 2019. Mr. Baar is well qualified to continue to serve in his capacity as Ramsey County Surveyor.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Reappoint Daniel Baar to the position of Ramsey County Surveyor, for up to a four-year term, from May 21, 2023, through May 20, 2027, as provided by Minnesota Statutes 383A.42 and 389.011.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By:   
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Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board