

Board of Commissioners Minutes

August 6, 2024 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Xiong and Chair Reinhardt. Also present were Johanna Berg, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner McGuire missed roll call and arrived at 9:04 a.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Ortega.

INCOMING BOARD CHAIR STATEMENT

Remarks provided by incoming board chair, Victoria Reinhardt. Discussion can be found on archived video.

1. Agenda of August 6, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-249](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of August 6, 2024.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from July 23, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-250](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the July 23, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

3. Ramsey County Employee Achievement Award: Estrella Alarcon, Ramsey County Attorney's Office [2024-004](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

None. For information and discussion only.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Agreement with Gentry Academy for Ice and Turf Rental [2024-333](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve agreement with Gentry Academy, 1420 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights, MN 55110, for ice and turf rental for the period upon execution through June 15, 2029, with an option to have one five-year renewal term through June 15, 2034, with the rates established by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to approve the agreement.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-151](#)

5. Appointment of Diane Holmgren, Interim Director of Public Health, as the Community Health Services Administrator and Agent of the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Community Health Board [2024-339](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Appoint Diane Holmgren, interim Director of Public Health, as the Community Health Services Administrator and Agent of the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Community Health Board

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-152](#)

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

6. Adopt the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department Ordinance [2024-292](#)

Sponsors: Emergency Management & Homeland Security

Adopt the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department Ordinance.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2024-153](#)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES - OUTGOING PRESIDENT REMARKS

Outgoing remarks provided by immediate past president, Mary Jo McGuire. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Johanna Berg. 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 Reinhardt. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reinhardt declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss Simpson v. Joyful Home Health Care, LLC, et al., the Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Simpson v Joyful Home Health Care, LLC, et al.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Xiong and Chair Reinhardt. Also present: Johanna Berg, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Director of Civil Division, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Sophia Thompson, Director, Social Services Department; Ling Becker, Director, Workforce Solutions Department; Susan Earle, interim Chief Finance Officer, Finance; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance & Ethics Officer, Compliance & Ethics Office; Jason Patten, Claims Analyst, Compliance & Ethics Office; and Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board, County Manager's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorizes the Office of the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (B2024-154).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.