

Board of Commissioners Minutes

July 28, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner Miller joined the board meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2. 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 Jebens-Singh.

1. Agenda of July 28, 2026 is Presented for Approval

[2026-270](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of July 28, 2026.

Commissioner Moran motioned to amend the agenda to add RBA 2026-284: Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for Emergency Shelters, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

Commissioner Ortega motioned to amend the agenda to move County Connections to immediately follow the approval of the agenda and minutes, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from July 14, 2026 are Presented for Approval

[2026-271](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the July 14, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Appointments to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County

[2026-257](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

Appoint the following individuals to serve on the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County for a term beginning on August 1, 2026 and ending on July 31, 2028:

- Tami Cybulski (incumbent) Business
- Ethel Garcia (incumbent) Business
- Jennifer Germain (incumbent) One-Stop Partner
- Fidelity Goodlaxson (incumbent) Community-Based Organization
- John Perlich (incumbent) Business

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

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

Resolution: B2026-094

4. Ramsey County 2026 Cooperative Deer Management Plan [2026-255](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Approve the Ramsey County Cooperative Deer Management Plan for 2026.

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

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

Resolution: B2026-095

5. Acceptance of Operations and Maintenance Funding from Metropolitan Council [2026-254](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Authorize the County Manager to accept Operations and Maintenance funds each year from the Metropolitan Council.
2. Authorize the County Manager to use the Regional Rehabilitation project currently in the Parks and Recreation department to budget for all Operations and Maintenance funding moving forward.

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

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

Resolution: B2026-096

6. Staffing Study Recommendations for the Adult Detention Center and Request for Personnel Complement Increase [2026-262](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office, Safety and Justice

1. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Adult Detention Center of the Sheriff's Office by 23.0 Full-Time Equivalent Correctional Officers.
2. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Adult Detention Center of the Sheriff's Office by 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent Community Service Officer.
3. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Adult Detention Center of the Sheriff's Office by 8.0 Full-Time Equivalent Unfunded Correctional Officers.
4. Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$1 million from the General Contingency Account to the Sheriff's Office 2026 operating budget for the Adult Detention Center.

Presented by Ling Becker, County Manager; Bob Fletcher, Sheriff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; Kyle Mestad, Undersheriff; Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Discussion can be found on

archived video.

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

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

Resolution: B2026-097

7. Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for Emergency Shelters

[2026-284](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve the joint powers agreement with the city of Saint Paul to accept Local Affordable Housing Aid funds to respond to unsheltered homelessness jointly serve through a coordinated partnership for the period of July 28, 2026, through December 31, 2028.
2. Authorize receipt of \$1,080,000 from the city of Saint Paul to reimburse Ramsey County for allowable costs to support the creation and expansion of emergency shelter, stabilization and connections to housing and other supportive resources for individuals experiencing homelessness, including those impacted by the encampment closures over the course of the term of the joint powers agreement.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to establish a project number for the emergency shelters in the Housing Stability's Department budget.

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

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-098

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 10:51 a.m.