



Board of Commissioners Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

June 10, 2025 - 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: 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 Jebens-Singh.

1. Agenda of June 10, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2024-568](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 10, 2025.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from June 3, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2024-573](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 3, 2025 Minutes.

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

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

PROCLAMATION

Presented by Commissioner Xiong. Discussion can be found in archived video.

3. Proclamation: PRIDE Month Proclamation [2025-233](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Appointments to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee [2025-229](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Appoint the following individuals to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee as

follows:

Partial appointment terms to begin June 24, 2025 and end June 23, 2026:

- District 1 Joey Best
- District 1 Rebecca Schoenecker
- District 2 Alicia House
- District 2 Shannon Ruth-leigh
- District 5 Kayla Nance
- District 5 Krista Hutchinson

Appointment terms to begin June 24, 2025 and end June 29, 2027:

- District 1 Hongyi Lan
- District 2 Aisha Ellis
- District 2 Maureen Carlyle
- District 3 Mubina Qureshi
- District 5 Ogden Rodgers
- District 6 Nancy Vang

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

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

Resolution: B2025-112

6. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission [2025-234](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Appoint the following individuals to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 10, 2025, and ending June 6, 2028.
 - Jordan Nelson
 - Alison Long
 - Thomas Lemke
2. Appoint the following individuals to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 10, 2025, and ending June 8, 2027.
 - Vanessa Agudo
 - Han Zhang

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

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

Resolution: B2025-113

7. Project Account for Paddle Share Program [2025-219](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Authorize the County Manager to establish a project budget for the Paddle Share Program in the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-114

9. Certification of Property Assessed Clean Energy Charges for Energy Improvements [2025-189](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Request the County Auditor to extend the proposed special assessment plus interest on the following property:

Owner: Lex Center LLC

Property Address: 3570 Lexington Avenue, Shoreview, MN 55126

PIN: 35.30.23.22.0004

Project Type: Energy efficiency improvements

Assessment Request: \$175,000

Interest Rate: 5.25%

Interest Starts Accruing: 01/01/2026

Finance Period: 10 years

Such assessments shall be payable in equal annual principal and interest installments extending over the term of the special assessment. The first of the installments shall be payable with general property taxes in 2026, and shall bear interest at the rates per annum and interest start date stated above, and to the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the interest start date until December 31 of the tax payable year to which the first installment will be extended, and to each subsequent installment, when due, shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments and to each installment shall also be added the special assessment administration fee required by Minnesota Statutes section 429.061, subdivision. 5.

2. Direct the Chief Clerk to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor to extend the assessment for Lex Center LLC on the property tax lists of the county.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-115

4. Appointments to the Personnel Review Board

[2025-235](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Appoint Charles Tyler to the Personnel Review Board for a four-year term beginning June 10, 2025 and ending August 1, 2029; and
2. Appoint Sara Beckstrand (Incumbent) to the Personnel Review Board for a four-year term beginning August 1, 2025 and ending August 1, 2029.

Discussion can be found in archived video.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-116

8. Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota for Intensive Supervised Release

[2025-200](#)

Sponsors: Community Corrections

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55108, for Intensive Supervised Release Programming for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Presented by Kim Stubblefield, Deputy Director, Community Corrections and Valeria deRusha, Assistant Division Director of Administrative Services, Community Corrections. Discussion can be found on archived video.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-117

10. Eligible Projects for the Ramsey County Transportation Sales and Use Tax Funding

[2025-217](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the removal of the following projects from the Ramsey County Transportation Sales and Use Tax Capital Improvement Plan.
 - a. METRO Green Line: Operating.
 - b. METRO Gold Line: Operating.
 - c. Riverview Corridor: Capital and Operating.
 - d. Ramsey County 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Approve the addition of the following projects to the Ramsey County Transportation Sales and Use Tax Capital Improvement Plan.
 - a. Roadways and Interchanges**
 - i. Lexington Avenue at CSAH 96 - Arden Hills and Shoreview.
 - ii. Hamline Avenue at CSAH 96 - Arden Hills.
 - iii. Snelling Avenue at Larparenteur Avenue - Falcon Heights.
 - iv. Rice Creek Commons Spine Road at CSAH 96 - Arden Hills.
 - v. White Bear Avenue at I-94 - Saint Paul.
 - b. Corridor Improvements**
 - i. White Bear Avenue: Beam Avenue to I-94 - Maplewood and Saint Paul.
 - ii. Maryland Avenue: Johnson Parkway to White Bear Avenue - Saint Paul.
 - iii. Larparenteur Avenue/Parkway Drive: Hennepin County Line to Hwy 61 - Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Roseville, and Saint Paul.
 - iv. Lexington Avenue: CSAH 96 to County Road J - Arden Hills and Shoreview.
 - c. Transformative and Innovative**
 - i. Rice Creek Commons Spine Road - Arden Hills.
 - ii. County Fleet Electric Vehicle Transition - Countywide.
 - iii. RiversEdge Transportation Infrastructure - Saint Paul.
 - d. Union Depot and Railroad**
 - i. Union Depot Track Three Extension - Saint Paul.
 - ii. Union Depot Train Deck Repairs and Modernization - Saint Paul.
 - iii. Union Depot Facility Modernization - Saint Paul.
 - iv. County Road C Bridge over BNSF Railroad - Roseville.
 - v. Victoria Street at CPKC Railroad - Shoreview.
 - vi. Larparenteur Avenue at CPKC Railroad - Maplewood and Saint Paul.
 - e. Other**
 - i. Purple Line Corridor - Maplewood and Saint Paul.
 - ii. Bruce Vento Regional Trail Extension - White Bear Lake.
 - iii. Trout Brook Regional Trail Extension - Little Canada, Maplewood, Saint Paul, and Vadnais Heights.
 - iv. All Projects contained in the 2024-2028 Ramsey County Transportation Improvement Program.
3. Authorize the use of Ramsey County Transportation Sales and Use Tax Funding for the completion of projects identified in the Ramsey County Transportation Sales and Use Tax Capital Improvement Plan.

Presented by Brian Isaacson, Director, Public Works and Mike Rodgers, Deputy Director, Public Works. 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: B2025-118

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

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 10:45 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

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

In Re: Waters v. Ramsey County

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:46 p.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; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney; Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney; Sophia Thompson, Director, Social Services Department; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office; Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

Motioned by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting. (B2025-119)

The closed meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

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

In Re Seelig v. Ramsey County et al.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 2:21 p.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; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney; Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney; Gloria Reyes, Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice Service Team; Kyle Mestad, Chief of Staff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office; Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

Motioned by Miller, seconded by Moran. Unanimously approved.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting. (Resolution B2025-120)

The closed meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.