



# Board of Commissioners

## Minutes

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April 14, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 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 Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, 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 Moran.

1. Agenda of April 14, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-129](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of April 14, 2026.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from April 7, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-130](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the April 7, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

### PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Administrative Support Professionals [2026-123](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Agreement with Xcel Energy for Transmission Tower Relocation [2026-111](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Approve the scoping estimate agreement with Xcel Energy, 417 Nicollet Mall, 5th Floor,

Minneapolis, MN 55401, for an initial engineering and materials payment to relocate transmission towers connected to the Park at RiversEdge project in the amount of \$2,089,569.

2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-041

6. Vacation of Unimproved County Road Right-of-Way [2026-119](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the vacation of unimproved county road right-of-way located along the eastern border of Ramsey County within the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 28, Range 22, Ramsey County, Minnesota.
2. Request that a copy of this resolution be filed with the County Auditor and the County Recorder.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-042

7. 2026 Unified Local Youth Plan for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Minnesota Youth Program [2026-082](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Approve the 2026 Unified Local Youth Plan for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth and Minnesota Youth Program for the period of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Youth Plan.
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 approved Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth and Minnesota Youth Program budgets.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into expenditure grant agreements and execute amendments to agreements in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office and Finance, provided the amounts are within the limits of the approved program budgets.
5. Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept additional Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth and Minnesota Youth Program grant funds as they become available under the Grant Agreement.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-043

8. Appointment to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County [2026-086](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

Appoint Alexandria Merritt to serve on the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County for a term beginning April 14, 2026, and ending July 31, 2027.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2026-044

9. Agreements with Taher, Inc., and Trinity Services Group, Inc., for Food Services [2026-099](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the selection of and the agreements with Taher, Inc., 5570 Smetana Drive, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343 and Trinity Services Group, Inc., 477 Commerce Boulevard, Oldsmar, Florida 34677 for food services for the period of May 18, 2026 through May 17, 2028 with the option to be renewed for three additional one-year periods for a total of five years, in accordance with the rates established in the agreements.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreements.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreements in accordance with the County's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-045](#)

10. Capital Improvement Program Contingent Fund Request for the Saint Paul Campus Security Project [2026-106](#)

Sponsors: Safety and Justice, Property Management

Authorize the County Manager to transfer up to \$200,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Contingent Account to the Saint Paul Campus Security Project Capital Improvement Program project budget for project activities.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-046](#)

5. Ramsey County Economic Development Strategy Launching Building Stronger Together [2026-124](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

Approve and endorse the Building Stronger Together Economic Development Strategy and authorize its implementation.

Presented by Josh Olson, Director, Community and Economic Development. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-047](#)

## 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**

No updates.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.