

Board of Commissioners Minutes

May 20, 2025 - 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, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire was absent. Commissioner Xiong was absent during roll call and approval of the agenda and minutes. She arrived at 9:14 a.m. and was present for the rest of the board meeting. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Miller.

1. Agenda of May 20, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2024-558](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 20, 2025.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

2. Minutes from May 13, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2024-570](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 13, 2025 Minutes.

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

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

Absent: McGuire

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Mental Health Awareness Month [2025-105](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for Participation in the Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force Program [2025-152](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1430 Maryland Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55406 for participation in the Minnesota Anti-Heroin Task Force Program upon execution through five years from the fully executed agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2025-093](#)

5. Amendment to the Agreement with Reiling Construction, Co., Inc., for Safety and Security Barriers in the Adult Detention Center [2025-096](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve an amendment to the agreement with Reiling Construction, Co., Inc., 867 Pierce Butler Route, Saint Paul, MN 55104 for the construction of safety and security barriers in the Adult Detention Center, to extend the amendment upon execution through December 17, 2026, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2025-094](#)

7. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 184 - Deputy Sheriff Commanders for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027 [2025-175](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 184 - Deputy Sheriff Commander for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2025-095](#)

6. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff's Federation for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027 [2025-174](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff's Federation for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Motion to amend the attachment "2025-2027 Ramsey County Deputy Sheriff's Federation Tentative Agreement Summary List" to reflect the agreed-upon clarifying language. Motioned by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

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

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2025-096

8. Support for Nominations to National Association of Counties 2025 Leadership Positions [2025-198](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Health Policy Steering Committee.
2. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire for: Member of the Programs and Services Committee, Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Arts and Culture Commission.
3. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Garrison McMurtrey for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Vice Chair of the Community, Economic & Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee.
4. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rena Moran for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Healthy Counties Advisory Board.
5. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rafael Ortega for: Member of the Large Urban County Caucus and Member of the Transportation Steering Committee.
6. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong for: Vice Chair - Human Services & Education (Aging Subcommittee); Member - Large Urban County Caucus.
7. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Kelly Miller for: Member of the IT Standing Committee and Member of the Large Urban County Caucus.

Motion to amend the Background and Rationale section to correct inaccurate appointments and ensure alignment with Board Resolution B2025-046 and Board Resolution B2025-047. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Approved unanimously.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2025-097

9. Amendment to the Minimum Assessment Agreement for the Ford Site TIF District #322 [2025-201](#)

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

Approve the second amendment to minimum assessment agreement and the reduction of minimum market values set forth therein, in substantially the form presented to the Ramsey County Board, together with any related documents necessary in connection therewith.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2025-098

PRESENTATION

10. Presentation: Investing in the Workforce Update

[2025-164](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Kristen Schultz, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, and Cassy Fogale, Labor Relations Manager. Discussion can be found on archived video.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presented by Commissioner Moran. 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 10:38 a.m.