



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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January 14, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, 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, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Jebens-Singh

1. Agenda of January 14, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2024-538](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of January 14, 2025.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from January 7, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2024-539](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the January 7, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Mary Sue Hansen Proclamation [2024-691](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

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

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

4. Presentation: Ramsey County Employee Achievement Award: Fleet Management Team, Ramsey County Public Works [2024-702](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Commissioner Xiong to Fleet Services for Ramsey County staff and employees.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Cancellation of Board Meetings in 2025 [2024-496](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the cancellation of the following Ramsey County Board meetings in 2025:

1. February 25
2. March 4
3. March 25
4. April 29
5. July 15
6. July 29
7. September 9
8. September 30
9. October 28
10. November 11
11. December 9
12. December 30

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

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

Resolution: [B2025-009](#)

6. Settlement Agreement in Stephan Nicholas Holmes v. Reed Newkirk, et al. [2024-726](#)
(Court File No. 0:22-cv-02985)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the settlement agreement with Stephan Nicholas Holmes v. Reed Newkirk, et al., Court File No. 0:22-CV-02985, totaling \$75,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

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

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

Resolution: [B2025-010](#)

7. Appointment to the Pig's Eye Dump Task Force [2025-003](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Affirm the appointment of Victoria Reinhardt to the Pig's Eye Dump Task Force until the task force expires on June 30, 2026.

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

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

Resolution: [B2025-011](#)

8. Appointment of Amy Caron, Director of Public Health, as the Community Health Services Administrator and Agent of the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Community Health Board [2024-661](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Appoint Amy Caron, Director of Public Health, as the Community Health Services Administrator and Agent of the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Community Health Board

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

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

Resolution: B2025-012

9. Master Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Health

[2024-722](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Master Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Health for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Master Grant Contract.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute grants and amendments to the grant agreement in the form approved by the County Attorney's Office.
4. Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept grant awards from the Minnesota Department of Health.
5. 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 limits of the grant funding.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-013

10. Access Agreement with Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District for McKnight Basin Stormwater Maintenance/Repairs

[2024-692](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve the agreement with Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District for access to the McKnight Basin on county property to perform sediment removal work from stormwater detention ponds.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the access agreement.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-014

12. Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the Urban Areas Security Initiative

[2024-669](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, for the Urban Areas Security Initiative.
2. Accept the grant award and approve the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the Urban Areas Security Initiative for the period upon execution through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$200,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. 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 Jebens-Singh, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2025-015](#)

13. Agreement with the City of Saint Paul Police Department for the 2025 Traffic Enforcement Sub-Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety [2024-725](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the agreement with the city of Saint Paul Police Department, 367 Grove Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101 for the 2025 traffic enforcement sub-grant agreement from the MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1620, Saint Paul, MN 55101 upon execution of the agreement through September 30, 2025 in the amount of \$33,035.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
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.
4. Authorize the County Manager to execute future agreements for future traffic enforcement sub-grant agreements, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office, through 2030.

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

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

Resolution: [B2025-016](#)

14. Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for Participation in the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force [2024-727](#)

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 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force 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 Jebens-Singh, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2025-017](#)

15. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Technical Employees Association for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027 [2024-721](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Technical Employees Association for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement.

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

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

Resolution: [B2025-018](#)

16. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreements with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 8 Assistant County Attorneys Bargaining Unit for the Years 2025, 2026 and 2027 [2024-699](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of collective bargaining agreements with American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Local 8 Assistant County Attorneys Bargaining unit for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement incorporating these terms and conditions.

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

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

Resolution: B2025-019

11. Agreement with Terra General Contractors LLC for Battle Creek Waterworks Remodel Part 2 Design Build [2024-706](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve the selection of and agreement with Terra General Contractors LLC, 21025 Commerce Boulevard, Suite 1000, Rogers, MN 55374 for Part 2 Design-Build services for the Battle Creek Waterworks Remodel Project, for the period of contract execution through December 30, 2026, in the amount of \$5,066,682.
2. Accept and approve the updated Battle Creek Waterworks Remodel Project estimated budget and financing plan in the amount of \$5,537,254.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to reallocate funds from previously approved Parks & Recreation capital projects to fund the Battle Creek Waterworks Remodel Project.
5. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and amendments to agreements, in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-020

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 10:05 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss Juairé v. Ramsey County. The Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Juairé v. Ramsey County.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m with the following members present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Millers, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega. Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Kari Collins, Interim Deputy County Manager, Economic Growth and Community Investment, Pang Yang, Director, Ramsey County Library, Mandy Malceck, Investment Manager, Compliance and Ethics, Jason Patten, Claims Administrator, Compliance and Ethics, Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

Motion by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Xiong. 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 (Resolution B2025-021).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.