



# Board of Commissioners Minutes

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**November 26, 2024 - 9 a.m.**

**Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300**

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The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:03 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Xiong and Chair Reinhardt. Commissioner Moran was absent. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong  
Absent: Moran

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Presented by Commissioner McGuire.

1. Agenda of November 26, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2024-276](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of November 26, 2024.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Moran

2. Minutes from November 19, 2024 are Presented for Approval [2024-521](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the November 19, 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Moran

## **PROCLAMATION**

3. Proclamation: Native American Heritage Month [2024-625](#)

Sponsors: Economic Growth and Community Investment

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

4. Grant Award from the Metropolitan Council for Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund Project [2024-522](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Accept grant award from and approve the grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council for Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund Project for the period upon execution through December 31, 2025, in the total amount of \$184,031.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the grant agreement in the form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2024-248](#)

5. Agreement with Mounds View Irondale Youth Hockey Association for Ice Rental [2024-620](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve agreement with Mounds View Irondale Youth Hockey Association, 855 Village Center Drive, #316, North Oaks, MN 55127 for:
  - a. Ice rental upon execution of the agreement through November 26, 2029, with an option to have one five-year renewal term through November 26, 2033, with the rates established by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.
  - b. Capital payments totaling \$50,000 for facility improvements.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to approve the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve other minor improvements to the interior or exterior of ice arenas as requested by Mounds View Irondale Youth Hockey Association and at their sole financial responsibility.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2024-249](#)

6. Property Tax Abatement [2024-621](#)

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

Approve the property tax abatement, and any penalty and interest, with a reduction of \$10,000 or more for: 14-30-23-33-0014, 4600 Churchill St N, Shoreview, MN

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2024-250](#)

7. Amendment to Administrative Code - Chapter 4, Ramsey County Abatement Policy [2024-622](#)

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

1. Approve the amendments to the Administrative Code, Chapter 4.57.40, Delegation of Authority Policy.
2. Direct the Chief Clerk to the Ramsey County Board to amend the Administrative Code

to reflect the approved amendments.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2024-251](#)

8. Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care Planning Grant [2024-632](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care lead agency planning, for the period upon execution, to August 31, 2025, in the amount of \$162,042.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
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 limits of the grant funding.
4. Approve an increase in the personnel complement by 2.0 Full Time Equivalent positions within the Housing Stability Department for the duration of the grant.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2024-252](#)

9. Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Metropolitan Council for Leased Space in the Metro Square Building [2024-627](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the second amendment to the lease agreement with Metropolitan Council, 390 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55101, for space at Metro Square, 121 7th Place East, Saint Paul, MN 55101, to extend the lease for the period of March 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, at a negotiated rate.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease amendment.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Moran

Resolution: [B2024-253](#)

10. Second Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council and Ramsey County for the Project Development Phase of the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project [2024-630](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Capital Grant Agreement (#211040) for the Project Development Phase by and among the Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County, and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project.
2. Approve and authorize expenditures to a maximum of \$3,640,000 for the second grant activity period commencing on December 9, 2024, and concluding on December 31, 2025.

3. Approve and authorize the carryover of any unexpended funds from the first grant activity period into the second grant activity period, subject to expenditure in accordance with all applicable eligibility requirements and within the established expenditure cap.
4. Approve and authorize expenditures during the period the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project is outside the Capital Investment Grant Program notwithstanding that such expenditures will not be eligible for reimbursement or federal match thereunder.
5. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the second amendment.
6. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements and contracts in accordance with procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of funding.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Moran

Resolution: B2024-254

### **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 Reinhardt. Discussion can be found on archived video.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Reinhardt declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.