

Board of Commissioners Minutes

May 6, 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 McGuire.

1. Agenda of May 6, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2024-554](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 6, 2025.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from April 22, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2024-567](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the April 22, 2025 Minutes.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Correctional Officers Week [2025-028](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections

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

4. Proclamation: American Indian Month [2025-155](#)

Sponsors: Policy & Planning

Presented by Commissioner Jebens-Singh. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Lease Agreement with the City of Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners for Ramsey County Emergency Communications Shelter [2025-139](#)
- Sponsors: Emergency Communications
1. Approve the lease agreement with the City of Saint Paul Board of Water Commissioners for the Maplewood Water Tank at 645 Sterling Street South Maplewood Minnesota 55119 for the period upon execution to January 2029, with three additional five year renewals.
 2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease agreement.
 3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments that do not have a financial impact.
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Resolution: [B2025-083](#)
6. Amendment to Lease Agreement with the City of White Bear Lake 4701 Highway 61 White Bear Lake MN 55110 for use of the White Bear Lake Water tower [2025-140](#)
- Sponsors: Emergency Communications
1. Approve the amendment to the lease agreement with the City of White Bear Lake 4701 Highway 61 White Bear Lake MN 55110 for the use of the city water tower at 4636 Centerville Road White Bear Lake Minnesota 55127 for the period upon execution to January 2035.
 2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
 3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments that do not have a financial impact.
- Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Resolution: [B2025-084](#)
7. Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for Participation in the Minnesota Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force Program [2025-154](#)
- 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-Methamphetamine 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 McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong
Resolution: [B2025-085](#)
8. Resolution to Support Proposed Art Project Application [2025-106](#)
- Sponsors: Parks & Recreation
1. Affirm support for the proposed public art project at Keller Regional Park submitted to Minnesota Department of Transportation Art for the Trunk Highway Program.
 2. Authorize the Chief Clerk to execute the Minnesota Department of Transportation

supporting resolution.

3. Authorize the Ramsey 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 McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-086

9. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 349 9-1-1 Telecommunicators and Public Safety Dispatchers for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027 [2025-157](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Law Enforcement Labor Services Local 349 9-1-1 Telecommunicators and Public Safety Dispatchers for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-087

10. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Ramsey County Supervisors Association for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027 [2025-158](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

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

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2025-088

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 Board Chair Updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss the Waters v. Ramsey

County. The Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Waters v. Ramsey County

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office, Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney, Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney; Alex Kotze, Deputy County Manager, Health and Wellness Service Team, Sophia Thompson, Director, Social Services Department, Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

Motioned by Ortega, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (B2025-089).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.