

Board of Commissioners Minutes

November 18, 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, McMurtrey, Miller, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire arrived at 9:04 a.m. and missed the approval of the Agenda and Minutes. Commissioner Moran was excused. 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, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: Moran

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Xiong.

1. Agenda of November 18, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-449](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of November 18, 2025.

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

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

Excused: Moran

Absent: McGuire

2. Minutes from November 4, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2025-450](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the November 4, 2025 Minutes.

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

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

Excused: Moran

Absent: McGuire

PROCLAMATION

3. National Veterans and Military Families Month [2025-464](#)

Sponsors: Veterans Services

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

PRESENTATION

4. Presentation: 2025 Emerging and Diverse Developers Program Graduation [2025-429](#)
- Sponsors: Community & Economic Development
- None. For information and discussion only.
- Presented by Josh Olson, Director, Community and Economic Development. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. License and Lease Amendment with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation For The Use of the Arden Hills Communication Facility [2025-467](#)
- Sponsors: Emergency Communications
1. Approve the amendment to the agreement for a license and lease extension with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the use the communication tower located at 1929 Lake Valentine Road in the City of Arden Hills, for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2035, with the option to renew for one additional 10-year period.
 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 Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Ortega, and Xiong
- Excused: Moran
- Resolution: B2025-208
6. Certification of Property Assessed Clean Energy Charges for Energy Improvements [2025-453](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Request the County Auditor to amend the existing special assessment plus interest on the following property:
Owner: Every Meal
Property Address: 2715 Patton Road, Roseville, MN 55113
PIN: 05-29-23-33-0008
Project Type: Solar energy improvements
Assessment Request: \$274,935
Interest Rate: 6.75%
Interest Starts Accruing: 01/01/2026
Finance Period: 15 years
Such assessments shall be payable in equal annual principal and interest installments extending over the term of the special assessment. The first of the installments shall be payable with general property taxes in 2026, and shall bear interest at the rates per annum and interest start date stated above, and to the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the interest start date until December 31 of the tax payable year to which the first installment will be extended, and to each subsequent installment, when due, shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments and to each installment shall also be added the special assessment administration fee required by Minnesota Statutes section 429.061, subdivision. 5.

2. Direct the Chief Clerk to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor to amend the assessment for Every Meal on the property tax lists of the county.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-209

7. First Amendment to the Agreement with District Energy St. Paul Inc. for District Cooling Services [2025-469](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the first amendment to the agreement with District Energy St. Paul, Inc., 76 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN, 55102, for cold water service at Landmark Center, to extend the term of the agreement through September 30, 2048, 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 enter into agreements and 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 Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-210

9. Request for Proposals for Food Services [2025-442](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Authorize the issuance of Request for Proposals for food services in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures.
2. Direct staff to return to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners with a recommendation for selection of a contractor(s).

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-211

10. General Contingency Account Fund Transfer [2025-443](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

Authorize the County Manager to transfer \$171,793 from the General Contingency Account to the Sheriff's Office 2025 budget.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-212

11. 2026 Ramsey County State Legislative Platform [2025-471](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Approve the 2026 Ramsey County State Legislative Platform.

2. Authorize Ramsey County representatives to work with members of the Minnesota State Legislature and other interested parties to promote legislation reflective of the positions contained in the platform.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-213

12. 2026 Ramsey County Federal Legislative Platform

[2025-472](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Approve the 2026 Ramsey County Federal Legislative Platform.
2. Authorize Ramsey County representatives to work with members of the U.S. Congress and other interested parties to promote legislation reflective of the positions contained in the platform.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-214

8. Central Fleet Fund Balance Transfer

[2025-460](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the Central Fleet Fund Balance to Central Fleet's Operating Budget.
2. Approve the transfer of \$300,000 from the Central Fleet Fund Balance to Central Fleet's Capital Budget.
3. Authorize the use of transferred Central Fleet Fund balance dollars to supplement the budget line items associated with general operations costs for maintenance and repair activities.
4. Authorize the use of transferred Central Fleet Fund balance dollars to supplement Central Fleet's capital purchasing activities.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

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

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-215

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

13. Adoption of the 2026 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance

[2025-333](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Approve 2026 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance, which sets forth procedure for issuance of said bonds.

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

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-216

14. Resolution Authorizing the 2026A Bond Sale

[2025-334](#)

Sponsors: Finance

1. Approve the attached Resolution providing for the competitive negotiated sale of approximately \$31,500,000 in General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2026A including the terms attached thereto.
2. Authorize a general obligation bond sale of up to \$31,500,000 of principal.
3. Set February 9, 2026, as the bond sale and award date for proposals received; Finance will report to the Ramsey County Board on February 10, 2026.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Moran

Resolution: B2025-217

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 10:51 a.m.