



# Board of Commissioners

## Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102  
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October 5, 2021 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the prevalence of the Delta variant. Commissioners will participate by telephone or other electronic means. In addition, it may not be feasible for commissioners, staff, or members of the public to be present at the regular meeting location due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the prevalence of the Delta variant. The meeting broadcast will be available online and linked via [ramseycounty.us/boardmeetings](https://ramseycounty.us/boardmeetings). Members of the public and the media will be able to watch the public meeting live online.

### ROLL CALL

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **Agenda of October 5 , 2021 is Presented for Approval.** [2021-591](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of October 5, 2021.

2. **Minutes from September 28, 2021 are Presented for Approval** [2021-590](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the September 28, 2021 Minutes.

### PROCLAMATION

3. **Proclamation: Hispanic Heritage Month** [2021-547](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

### COVID UPDATE

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. **Grant Awards from the Metropolitan Council for Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund Projects** [2021-519](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Metropolitan Council for Parks and Trails Legacy Amendment funding for regional park projects for State Fiscal Years 2022 and

2023.

2. Accept grant awards from and approve grant agreements with the Metropolitan Council for Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund projects for the periods of July 1, 2021 through June 31, 2025 in the total amounts of \$1,827,856 for State Fiscal Year 2022 and \$1,656,274 for State Fiscal Year 2023.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreements.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and contracts and amendments to agreements and contracts, in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.
5. Authorize the County Manager to make temporary cash loans, as needed, from the General Fund to the Parks and Recreation Department to implement these projects until funds are received, with repayment to be made when funds are available.

**5. Access and Maintenance Agreement for Rice Creek Stormwater Treatment Ponds in the Rice Creek Regional Trail Corridor.** [2021-520](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve an Access and Maintenance Agreement with the city of Shoreview for the Rice Creek Stormwater Treatment Ponds in the Rice Creek Regional Trail Corridor.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

**6. Funding Commitment for the Development Phase of the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project** [2021-400](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Approve the Ramsey County portion of the Ramsey County and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority joint financial commitment of \$39,900,000 for the Project Development Phase of the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project as follows:

- a. Financial commitment is contingent upon the following conditions being met or occurring:
  - i. No expenditures for right-of-way acquisition may be incurred or obligated prior to the completion of any necessary state and federal environmental review and findings and publication of the Environmental Decision Document in the Federal Registrar.
  - ii. Any expenditure of Ramsey County Parties' (Ramsey County and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority) funds pursuant to a Letter of No Prejudice issued by the Federal Transit Administration or pre-award authority is subject to the prior approval of the Ramsey County Parties.
  - iii. Ramsey County Parties must review and approve the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project scope, cost estimate and schedule at the completion of 30% design, 60% design, 90% design and 100% design.
  - iv. The METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project contingency shall be managed in accordance with the procedures established by the Ramsey County Parties in the METRO Purple Line Capital Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council.
  - v. Funds may be only used for Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grants Program and federally eligible activities.
  - vi. In the event the Federal Transit Administration deems any METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project expenditure as ineligible to qualify as part of the local match for the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project pursuant to a Full Funding Grant Agreement, the Metropolitan Council shall reimburse Ramsey County Parties for its proportional share of all ineligible expenditures.
  - vii. Fulfillment of the financial commitment for the Project Development Phase is subject

to the availability and provision of sufficient funding from the process of taxes authorized by Minnesota Statutes Section 297A.993 and associated financing; payment of the funding commitment in any year is subject to appropriation by Ramsey County and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority; and execution and fulfillment of grant agreement(s) by the Metropolitan Council.

**7. Capital Grant Agreement with Metropolitan Council and Ramsey County for the Project Development Phase of the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project**

[2021-398](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the Capital Grant Agreement for the Project Development Phase by and among the Metropolitan Council, Ramsey County and the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the METRO Purple Line Bus Rapid Transit Project.
2. Authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and contracts and execute amendments to agreements and contracts, in accordance with procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of funding.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**COUNTY CONNECTIONS**

**OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOARD CHAIR UPDATE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Following County Board Meeting:

Regional Railroad Authority Meeting: virtual meeting / Courthouse Room 300

Ramsey County Board Lunch-n-Learn - Topic: Racial Equity Request for Board Action Tool

Public access via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92707965296?pwd=L3ZGZEGyY2IBNUR5S2l4QjVUSGsvUT09>

Webinar ID: 927 0796 5296 | Passcode: 275133 | Phone: 1-651-372-8299

1:30 p.m. Closed meeting - \*\* CLOSED TO PUBLIC\*\*

Re: Labor Negotiations Strategy

Advance Notice:

October 12, 2021 County board meeting – Council Chambers

October 19, 2021 County board meeting – Council Chambers

October 26, 2021 County board meeting – Council Chambers

November 2, 2021 County board meeting – Council Chambers