

# **Board of Commissioners Minutes**

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**September 6, 2022 - 9 a.m.**

**Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300**

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The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9 a.m. with the following members present: Carter, Frethem, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Chair MatasCastillo. Absent: McGuire. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt  
Absent: McGuire

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Read by Commissioner Frethem:

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference.

We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota People. We want to acknowledge the Ojibwe, the Ho Chunk and the other nations of people who also called this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring.

1. Agenda of September 6, 2022 is Presented for Approval [2022-332](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 6, 2022.

Commissioner McDonough arrived at this point.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

2. Minutes from August 23, 2022 are Presented for Approval [2022-333](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the August 23, 2022 Minutes.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Carter. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

## PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Luis Rosario, Ramsey County Assessor

[2022-466](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Presented by Chair MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. 2023 Regular Retiree Medical Insurance Renewal

[2022-472](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the renewal of HealthPartners Inc., 8170 33rd Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55425 and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, PO Box 64560, Saint Paul, MN, 55164 as the medical insurance carriers for Regular Retirees of Ramsey County and other participating public entities for plan year 2023.
2. Approve the following plans and monthly rates for Retirees for 2023:
  - HealthPartners Journey Medicare Advantage Plan for Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses/dependents who reside in the HealthPartners Journey service area, at \$290 for single coverage and \$581 for family coverage.
  - HealthPartners Retiree National Choice Supplemental Plan for Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses/dependents who reside in the United States outside of the Journey service area, at \$290 for single coverage and \$581 for family coverage.
  - HealthPartners Major Medical with enrollment restricted to non-Medicare-eligible retirees ages 65 and over and their families, at \$985 for single coverage and \$1973 for family coverage.
  - Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Classic with Rx option 2 for Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses who reside anywhere in the United States, at \$198 for single coverage and \$397 for family coverage.
  - Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Standard Preferred Provider Organization with Blue Rx for Medicare eligible retirees and spouses who reside anywhere in the United States at \$282 for single coverage and \$565 for family coverage.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute the 2023 contract renewals with HealthPartners and Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: [B2022-205](#)

5. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 5, Local 8-Assistant County Attorneys for the years of 2022, 2023 and 2024

[2022-460](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of collective bargaining agreement with American Federation of

State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 5, Local 8-Assistant County Attorneys for the years of 2022, 2023 and 2024.

2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement incorporating the terms and conditions.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2022-206

6. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Ramsey County Technical Employees Association for the Years 2022, 2023 and 2024 [2022-463](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of collective bargaining agreement with Ramsey County Technical Employees Association for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement incorporating the terms and conditions.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2022-207

8. Joint Powers Agreement with the Metro East Consortium for Adult Basic Education Services [2022-457](#)

Sponsors: Community Corrections

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Metro East Consortium, 2520 East 12th Avenue, North St. Paul, MN 55109 for adult basic education services.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to Execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2022-208

9. Sale of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 1179 Seminary Avenue West to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota [2022-461](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Approve the sale of the tax-forfeited property located at 1179 Seminary Avenue West (27-29-23-44-0075) to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the city of Saint Paul, MN for \$10,000, plus maintenance costs and recording fees, with a deed restriction and/or restrictive covenant limiting purchases of the property for the next seven years to parties qualifying for affordable housing.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2022-209

10. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 558 Arlington Avenue East, [2022-464](#)

Saint Paul, MN 55130

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustice or undue hardship caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:

Commissioner District 3

PIN: 20-29-22-31-0028

Property Address: 558 Arlington Avenue East, Saint Paul, MN 55130

Repurchase Amount Due to Date: \$25,975

2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Linda Phillips, fee owner at the time of forfeiture ("Repurchaser"), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2022-210

**11. Speed Zone Study on Various Ramsey County Roads**

[2022-468](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Request the Minnesota Department of Transportation to conduct a speed zone study on portions of McKnight Road, Victoria Street, Edgerton Street, and New Brighton Road.
2. Authorize Ramsey County Public Works to install speed limit signs based on the Minnesota Department of Transportation's study results.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2022-211

**12. Amendment # 1 to the Master Grant Contract with Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for Employment Services**

[2022-465](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Approve amendment # 1 to the Master Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for Employment Services to update the Workforce Solutions address noted on the contract, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute future amendments related to an address change, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2022-212

**13. Carryover of 2021 Property Management Operating Funds into 2022 Budget**

[2022-372](#)

Sponsors: Economic Growth and Community Investment

Approve funding and related transfers of \$840,000 from Property Management's Building Fund Balance for the following items:

- Public Works Fund Operating Projects; \$144,000.
- Library Facilities Fund Operating Projects; \$380,000.
- Courthouse Facilities Fund Operating Projects; \$76,000.
- General Building Fund Operating Projects; \$240,000.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2022-213

**14.** Cancellation of the October 4 and November 1, 2022 Board Meetings [2022-476](#)

Cancel the Ramsey County Board meetings of October 4 and November 1, 2022.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

Resolution: B2022-214

**7.** Revised Salary Grade for Seven Job Classifications in the Public Health, Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Job Series [2022-405](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve the Revised Salary Grade for seven job classifications in the Public Health Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Job Series to include the following titles:

| <b>Job Classification</b> | <b>Schedule</b> | <b>Grade</b> | <b>Annual Salary Range</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| WIC Nutrition Educator    |                 |              |                            |
| WIC Nutrition Educators:  |                 |              |                            |
| - American Sign Language  | From: 22N       | 17M          | \$42,384 - \$62,507        |
| - Hmong speaking          | To: 22N         | 20M          | \$47,278 - \$70,192        |
| - Karen speaking          |                 |              |                            |
| - Somali speaking         |                 |              |                            |
| - Spanish speaking        |                 |              |                            |

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| Nutrition Specialist - WIC | From: 02A | 23M | \$53,196 - \$78,761  |
|                            | To: 02A   | 31  | \$71,164 - \$105,545 |

Chair MatasCastillo motioned to table this item, seconded by McDonough - unanimously approved. The item was tabled.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: McGuire

**POLICY ITEM**

**15.** Presentation of the 2023 Supplemental Budget and Performance Measures [2022-475](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

None. For information only.

Presented by County Manager Ryan O'Connor, Heather Bestler - Director of Property Tax, Records and Election Services, Patrick Chapman - Interim County Assessor, Alex Kotze - Chief Financial Officer, Susan Earle - Director of Finance, Renee Vought - Deputy Director of Finance, Elizabeth Tolzmann - Director of Policy and Planning. Discussion can be found on archived video.

### **COUNTY CONNECTIONS**

Presented by County Manager, Ryan O'Connor. 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 MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair MatasCastillo declared the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.