

Board of Commissioners Minutes

April 27, 2021 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met virtually in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Chair Carter. Also present were Kathy Hedin, Deputy County Manager - Health and Wellness Service Team, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Agenda of April 27, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-182](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of April 27, 2021.

Motion by McDonough, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from April 20, 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-195](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the April 20, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Fair Housing Month [2021-217](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Presented by Commissioner Reinhardt. To accept the proclamation were Simon Opatz, Government Affairs Director, and Mark Mason, Vice President of Saint Paul Area Association of Realtors. Discussion can be found on archived video.

INFORMATION

4. COVID Information [2021-218](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Presented by Kathy Hedin, Deputy County Manager - Health and Wellness Service Team, Dr. Lynne Ogawa, Medical Director - Public Health, and Laura Anderson, Deputy Incident Commander. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 53 Cook Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55117 [2021-200](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax and 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: 30-29-22-23-0025

Property Address: 53 Cook Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55117

Repurchase Amount Due to Date: \$14,342.64

2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Lori Dittel, heir to the estate of

Leonard D. Jurek, fee owner at the time of forfeiture, ("Repurchaser"), subject to the following conditions that must be met within 90 days of approval of this resolution: Repurchaser will a) execute a repurchase contract; and b) provide the required down-payment or payment-in-full of all back taxes, interest, penalties, recording fees and costs and maintenance costs at the time of execution.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-090

6. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 78 10th Street East, Unit P291, Saint Paul, MN 55101 [2021-201](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax and 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 5

PIN: 31-29-22-43-1260

Property Address: 78 10th Street East, Unit P291, Saint Paul, MN 55101

Repurchase Amount Due to Date: \$830.70

2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by The Pointe of Saint Paul Condominium Association, an entity granted the right to pay property taxes in a recorded declaration at the time of forfeiture, ("Repurchaser"), subject to the following conditions that must be met within 90 days of approval of this resolution: Repurchaser will a) execute a repurchase contract; and b) provide the required down-payment or payment-in-full of all back taxes, interest, penalties, recording fees and costs and maintenance costs at the time of execution

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-091

7. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 353 Larch Street, Saint Paul, MN 55117 [2021-203](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax and 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: 25-29-23-43-0023

Property Address: 353 Larch Street, Saint Paul, MN 55117

Repurchase Amount Due to Date: \$66,800.77

2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Anthony Costanza on behalf of CMA Investment, LLC., fee owner at the time of forfeiture, ("Repurchaser"), subject to the following conditions that must be met within 90 days of approval of this resolution: Repurchaser will a) execute a repurchase contract; and b) provide the required down-payment or payment-in-full of all back taxes, interest, penalties, recording fees and costs and maintenance costs at the time of execution.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-092

8. Cancellation of 2020 Forfeiture of 903 Burr Street, Saint Paul MN 55130

[2021-204](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax and Election Services

Approve the cancellation of the 2020 forfeiture of 903 Burr Street, Saint Paul MN 55130, PIN: 29-29-22-31-0049.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-093

9. COVID-19 Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant Award from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

[2021-216](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

1. Ratify the submission of an application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the COVID-19 Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant in an amount of \$280,000.
2. Accept a grant award of \$295,648 and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for COVID-19 Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant for the period of April 20, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and contracts and execute 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 apply for and accept additional COVID-19 Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the period of April 27, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in a form approved by the County Attorney's office.
6. Authorize the County Manager to make temporary cash loans, as needed, from the County General Fund to Workforce Solutions to cover program expenses until program funds are received, with repayment to be made upon receipt of the funds.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-094

POLICY ITEM

- 10.** Metro Transit Presentation and 2021 Annual Operating Grant Agreement with Metropolitan Council [2021-206](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the 2021 Annual Operating Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for METRO Green Line Transitway Service Operating Assistance of \$5,757,357 from Ramsey County for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the 2021 Annual Operating Grant Agreement.

MatasCastillo moved the item for discussion, seconded by Frethem. Presented by Wes Kooistra, General Manager of Metro Transit and Ed Petrie, Finance Director of Metro Transit. Discussion can be found on archived video.

McDonough made a motion for the item to be tabled, seconded by Ortega. Following the vote, the item was tabled.

Motion by McDonough, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Nay: Frethem

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by Kathy Hedin, Deputy County Manager. 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 Carter. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.