

# Board of Commissioners

## Minutes

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**May 4, 2021 - 9 a.m.**

**Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300**

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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 Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, 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 May 4, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-184](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 4, 2021.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from April 27, 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-196](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the April 27, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

### PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Correctional Officers Week [2021-172](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office and Community Corrections

Presented by Commissioner Frethem. To accept the proclamation were Superintendent Bill Finney, Assistant Superintendent Brad Lindberg and Assistant Superintendent Mike Johnson. Discussion can be found on archived video.

### COVID UPDATE

Presented by County Manager Ryan O'Connor. Discussion included Kathy Hedin, Deputy County Manager - Health and Wellness, Dr. Lynne Ogawa, Medical Director - Public Health, Laura Anderson, Deputy Incident Commander - Public Health, Michael Reed, Logistics Chief - Public Health, and Jen Schreifels, Safety Officer - Public Health. Discussion can be found on archived video.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

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**4. Property Tax Abatement [2021-215](#)**

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

Approve the property tax abatement, and any penalty and interest, with a reduction of \$10,000 or more for 559 Humboldt Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55107-2916, PIN: 08-28-22-23-0053.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-095

**5. 2021 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization [2021-214](#)**

Sponsors: County Assessor's Office

1. Appoint the Special Board members and designated chairs, to conduct the 2021 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization, as needed, on meeting days June 14, 2021 through June 25, 2021 (excluding Saturday):
  - Jan Rapheal - District 1
  - David L. Norrgard (Chair) - District 2
  - Daniel Ward II - District 3
  - Marsha Goff (Chair) - District 4
  - Jeanette Jones - District 4
  - Ron Stevens - District 5
  - Paul Ellis - District 6
  - Joy Erickson - District 7
  - John Mascari
  - Robert Lafond
2. Approve the Procedural Rules to be adhered to by the 2021 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.
3. Approve the Code of Ethics and Conduct Guidelines to be adhered to by the 2021 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.
4. Authorize the County Manager to approve the payment of expenses for the 2021 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization and expenses for training for 2022 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization members as required by Minnesota Statute.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-096

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Presented by Commissioner McGuire. 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**

Discussion can be found on archived video.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

**CLOSED MEETING**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 1(d) (attorney-client privilege), the County Board met in a closed legal briefing, which was not open to the public.

Legal Strategies in the matter of *Sullivan et al. v. Ramsey County* were discussed.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt and Chair Carter. Also present: Ryan O'Connor, County Manager; Scott Williams, Deputy County Manager; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Ashlee Bryant, Commander, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office; Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Kim Parker, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Claire Heitman, Civil Division, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; and Donald Lewis, Nilan Johnson Lewis, PA, outside counsel to Ramsey County.

Motion by Commissioner Reinhardt seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Unanimously approved. Now, Therefore, Be It RESOLVED, the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorizes the Office of the Ramsey County Attorney and the county's outside counsel to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (B2021-097).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.