

Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 7, 2021 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Reinhardt, and Chair Carter. Absent: Ortega. 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, and Reinhardt
Absent: Ortega

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Agenda of September 7, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-424](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 7, 2021.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

2. Minutes from August 24, 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-430](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the August 24, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

COVID UPDATE

Presented by County Manager Ryan O'Connor, Sara Hollie, Director - Public Health, Dr. Ogawa, Medical Director - Public Health, and Laura Andersen, Deputy Incident Commander - Public Health. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Law Enforcement Labor [2021-461](#)
Services #349 Emergency Communications Center
Dispatchers/Telecommunicators for the Year 2021

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Law Enforcement Labor

Services #349 for the year 2021.

2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-185

5. Renewal of Employee/Retiree Dental and Employee Life & Disability Insurance Plans for 2022 [2021-457](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve renewal of the contract with HealthPartners, 8170 33rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, for dental insurance for active employees and retirees for Plan Year 2022, at a 3% rate increase with no plan design changes resulting in premiums of \$44.68 for Single coverage and \$99.59 for Family coverage.
2. Approve renewal of the contract with Minnesota Life, 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, for County-paid Basic Life insurance, and employee-paid Optional Employee and Spouse Life, Dependent Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment insurance for Plan Year 2022 at a 0% rate increase with no plan design changes.
3. Approve renewal of the contract with National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, Inc., 14852 Scenic Heights Road #210, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344, for County-paid Basic Long-Term Disability and employee-paid Optional Long-Term Disability and employee-paid Short-Term Disability insurance for Plan Year 2022 at a 0% rate increase with no plan design changes.
4. Authorize the County Manager to execute the 2022 contract renewals with HealthPartners, Minnesota Life and National Insurance Services of Wisconsin.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-186

10. Seventh Amendment to the Office Lease Agreement with Spruce Tree Centre, LLP. [2021-449](#)

Sponsors: Property Management and Community Corrections

1. Approve the Seventh Amendment to the Office Lease Agreement with Spruce Tree Centre, LLP, 1600 University Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104, for space in the Spruce Tree Centre located at 1600 University Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104 for the period of November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2026.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease amendment.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute the five-year renewal option in accordance with the general terms and conditions of the amended lease.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-187

11. Name Change of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Committee [2021-455](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Approve the name change of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Committee to "Disability Support and Services Committee."

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-188

12. Appointments to Board of Directors of Minnesota Landmarks

[2021-466](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the following appointments to the Board of Directors of Minnesota Landmarks:

Board of Directors (reappointments) - three-year terms to expire in 2024:

Commissioner Rafael Ortega

Imani Jaafar

Scott Knudson

Eric Larson

Board of Director (new appointments) - three-year terms to expire in 2024:

The Honorable Donovan Frank

Lyssa Washington

Board of Directors - terms to expire with office:

Mariam DeMello - for Mayor Melvin Carter

Judy Swanholm - Landmark Center Volunteer Association President

Officers of the Board of Directors of Minnesota Landmarks for 2021-2022:

Chairman - Scott Knudson

Vice Chairman - Tom Boyd

Secretary - Manny Castillo

Treasurer - Mike Fogal

Assistant Treasurer - Helen Wagner

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-189

13. Cancellation of Board Meetings in Fourth Quarter 2021

[2021-467](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Cancel the Ramsey County board meetings of December 7 and December 28, 2021.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-190

14. July 2021 Report of Contracts, Grant and Revenue Agreements, Emergency Purchases, Sole Source, Single Source Purchases and Final Payments.

[2021-464](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Accept the monthly report of contracts, grant and revenue agreements, emergency purchases, sole source and single source purchases and final payments for the month of July 2021.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-191

4. Renewal of Active Employee and Early Retiree Medical Insurance Contract with HealthPartners for 2022 [2021-456](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve renewal of the contract with HealthPartners Inc., 8100 34th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55440, to continue the HealthPartners Distinctions plan for Active Employees and Early Retirees for Plan Year 2022 at an 8% premium increase absent any plan design changes resulting in a premium of \$1,012.17 for single coverage and \$2,412.21 for family coverage.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute the 2022 contract renewal with HealthPartners.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-192

6. Grant Award from Minnesota Housing Association for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program [2021-462](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Housing Association, Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program in the amount of \$3,962,171.
2. Accept a grant award from and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Housing Association for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$3,087,500.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-193

7. Site Agreement and Service Fee Addendum with ServeMinnesota to Host and Support Housing Resource Members [2021-463](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve the Site Agreement and Service Fee Addendum with Reading and Math, Inc. (ServeMinnesota) AmeriCorps for 20 Housing Resource Navigators for the Housing Stability Department for the period of September 13, 2021 to August 31, 2022 in the

amount of \$200,000.

2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute any future addendums to agreements.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-194

8. Master Agreement with Network Communications International Corporation dba NCIC Inmate Communications for Video Visitation Services [2021-454](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the selection of and the Master Agreement with Network Communications International Corporation dba NCIC Inmate Communications, 607 East Whaley Street, Longview, Texas 75601 for video visitation services for the period of September 7, 2021 through September 6, 2024 with the option to be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year periods for a total of five years, in accordance with the rates established in the Master Agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Master Agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the Master Agreement in accordance with the County's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by McDonough, seconded by MatasCastillo to bring item to the table for discussion.

During the discussion, a motion was made by McDonough, seconded by MatasCastillo to withdraw their original motion in order to table item until September 21, 2021. After a final vote, the item was tabled.

Motion by McDonough, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

9. Grant Application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for Transportation and Economic Development Infrastructure funding for the Rice Street Revitalization Project [2021-453](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Authorize the County Manager to submit a grant application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for Transportation and Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI) funding for the Rice Street Revitalization Project, in the amount of \$9,645,000.
2. Certify the following grant requirements per the Transportation and Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI):
 - a) Ramsey County will act as the legal sponsor for project contained in the TEDI Program Application and the county supports the submittal of the application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for funding of this project.
 - b) Ramsey County has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure matching funds, adequate construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of the proposed project for its design life.
 - c) Ramsey County has not violated any Federal, State or local laws pertaining to fraud,

bribery, graft, kickbacks, collusion, conflict of interest or other unlawful or corrupt practice.

- d) Upon approval of its application by the state, Ramsey County may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project, and that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in all contract agreements.
 - e) Ramsey County has committed \$9,645,000 in funding towards the local match requirement. Those funds will come from the Ramsey County 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
 - f) Ramsey County confirms that all funding necessary for the project is secured and Ramsey County will provide funds to complete the project.
 - g) Ramsey County will repay the grant if milestones are not realized by the completion date identified in the Application.
 - h) Ramsey County certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules of the Application.
 - i) Sources and uses, private investors, equity, and other financing commitments represented in the grant document are accurate.
 - j) Ramsey County does not have an actual or potential conflict of interest associated with the proposed project or TEDI grant funds to be obtained by DEED for this project. If at any time after submission of this grant request, Ramsey County discovers a conflict of interest, Ramsey County will disclose that conflict immediately to the appropriate agency or grant program personnel.
3. Direct staff to return to the County Board for approval if grant is awarded.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: B2021-195

POLICY ITEM

- 15.** Funding for Ramsey County's Racial Equity and Community Engagement Response Team to Advance Racial and Health Equity through the American Rescue Plan Act

[2021-499](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Prince Corbett, Racial and Health Equity Administrator, and Ling Becker, Director - Workforce Solutions. 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 Carter. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carter declared the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.