



# Board of Commissioners

## Minutes

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**May 9, 2023 - 9 a.m.**

**Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300**

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The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair MatasCastillo. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Read by Commissioner Frethem.

1. Agenda of May 9, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-092](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 9, 2023.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

2. Minutes from May 2, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-093](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 2, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

### **PROCLAMATION**

3. Proclamation: Mental Health Awareness Month [2023-182](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Presented by Commissioner Ortega.

4. Proclamation: Correctional Officers Week [2023-160](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections

Presented by Commissioner Reinhardt.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

5. Second Amendment to the Cooperative Maintenance Agreement with the City of New Brighton for Long Lake Regional Park - Lions Park [2023-170](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve the second amendment to the agreement with the city of New Brighton for installation and subsequent maintenance of electric vehicle charging stations.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the amendment.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [B2023-069](#)

6. Battle Creek Regional Park Master Plan Amendment [2023-172](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve the Battle Creek Regional Park Master Plan Amendment dated March 31, 2023.
2. Authorize submission of the Battle Creek Regional Park Master Plan Amendment to the Metropolitan Council.

Commissioner MatasCastillo made a motion to add a third recommendation, seconded by Reinhardt, as follows:

1. Approve the Battle Creek Regional Park Master Plan Amendment dated March 31, 2023.
2. Authorize submission of the Battle Creek Regional Park Master Plan Amendment to the Metropolitan Council.
3. Direct the County Manager to evaluate the following county-owned properties for potential alignment with the Battle Creek Regional Park Master Plan as a part of each property's land use and redevelopment planning process:
  - a) The former site of Boys Totem Town;
  - b) Maplewood Properties South (formerly The Ponds at Battle Creek); and
  - c) Maplewood Properties North (formerly part of the Ramsey County Correctional Facility).

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [B2023-070](#)

7. Reappointment of the County Surveyor [2023-148](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Reappoint Daniel Baar to the position of Ramsey County Surveyor, for up to a four-year term, from May 21, 2023, through May 20, 2027, as provided by Minnesota Statutes 383A.42 and 389.011.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [B2023-071](#)

8. Appointment of County Engineer [2023-174](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Appoint Bradley Estochen to the position of Ramsey County Engineer for a four-year term of

May 9, 2023, to May 8, 2027, as provided by Minnesota Statutes 163.07.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: B2023-072

## **POLICY ITEM**

9. Presentation: Federal Public Health Emergency

[2023-187](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

None. For information and discussion only.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Presented by Commissioner MatasCastillo. 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 11:18 a.m.