

Board of Commissioners Minutes

June 15, 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, 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 June 15, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-323](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 15, 2021.

Motion by McDonough, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from June 8, 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-324](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 8, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

PROCLAMATION

3. Proclamation: Pride Month [2021-273](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

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

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

4. Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2022 - Waive Second Reading [2021-291](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Waive the Second Reading of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2022

Motion by Ortega, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-129

5. Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2022 - Public Hearing [2021-290](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Hold a Public Hearing to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2022.

Chair Carter opened the Public Hearing at 9:19 a.m. She called three times for public comment. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing at 9:20 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6. Request for an Unclassified Full-Time Equivalent [2021-297](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office and Human Resources

Approve the designation of a current vacant Full-Time Equivalent in the unclassified service in the classification title of Assistant Division Director - County Attorney position in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383A.282 and 383A.286, subdivision 3.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-130

7. Sale of a Tax-Forfeited Property Located at 390 Fry Street to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota [2021-280](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax and Election Services

1. Approve the sale of the tax-forfeited property located at 390 Fry Street (33-29-23-41-0065) to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota for \$7,275.00, 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; and
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-131

8. Sale of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 612 Wells Street to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota [2021-281](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax and Election Services

1. Approve the sale of the tax-forfeited property located at 612 Wells Street (29-29-22-42-0195) to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota for \$3,500.00, 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; and
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-132

9. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 1700 Barclay Street North, [2021-282](#)
Maplewood, MN 55109

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 7

PIN: 15-29-22-34-0022

Property Address: 1700 Barclay Street North, Maplewood, MN 55109

Repurchase Amount Due to Date: \$23,372.06

2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Richard A. Lang, 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 MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-133

10. Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Minnesota for Participation in the Minnesota Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System [2021-276](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Minnesota on behalf of its Department of Education for participation in the Minnesota Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-134

11. Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Gold Line Joint Powers Board [2021-271](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Gold Line Joint Powers Board with Washington County, Washington County Regional Railroad Authority and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the Gold Line Joint Powers Board.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the document.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Resolution: B2021-135

12. 2021 Violence Against Women Act Services, Training, Officers Prosecutors Special Projects Grant from the State of Minnesota [2021-294](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office

1. Ratify the Violence Against Women Act Services, Training, Officers Prosecutors Special Projects 2021 grant application to the Office of Justice Programs for effective law enforcement and prosecution services to combat violent crimes against women, including the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.
2. Accept the Violence Against Women Act Services, Training, Officers Prosecutors Special Projects 2021 Grant and approve the grant agreement with the Office of Justice Programs for effective law enforcement and prosecution services for the period of April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$350,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the County Attorney's Office by 1.0 Full Time Equivalent Assistant County Attorney.
5. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Sheriff's Office by 1.0 Full Time Equivalent Deputy Sheriff.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-136

- 13.** Grant Award from Minnesota Department of Commerce for Minnesota Auto Theft Prevention Program - Youth Intervention Project [2021-298](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office

1. Accept a grant award of \$499,929.60 and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Commerce for Auto Theft Prevention Program - Youth Intervention Program for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
3. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Sheriff's Office by 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff.
4. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the County Attorney's Office by 1.0 FTE Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-137

- 14.** Grant Award from Minnesota Dept of Commerce for Minnesota Auto Theft Prevention Program - Dedicated Personnel & Training [2021-299](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office

1. Accept a grant award of \$568,969.60 and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Commerce for Auto Theft Prevention - Dedicated Personnel & Training for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk execute the grant agreement.
3. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Sheriff's Office by 1.0 Full Time Equivalent Deputy Sheriff.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-138

- 15.** County Attorney Report on 2020 Civil Asset Forfeiture Funds [2021-293](#)

Sponsors: County Attorney's Office

Accept the County Attorney Report on Civil Asset Forfeitures - County Attorney 2020 Activity.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-139

- 16.** Fiscal Agent Agreement for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program Grant. [2021-302](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the Fiscal Agent Agreement with the cities of New Brighton, Roseville, Saint Paul, Maplewood, Mounds View and White Bear Lake for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program Grant for the term beginning July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Fiscal Agent Agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to the Fiscal Agent Agreement including amendments to renew the term of the agreements with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-140

- 17.** Grant Award from Minnesota Department of Commerce for Minnesota Auto Theft Prevention Program - Dedicated Investigator, Training and Equipment. [2021-303](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

1. Ratify the Auto Theft Prevention grant applications to the Minnesota Department of Commerce.
2. Accept a grant award of \$283,745 and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Commerce for Auto Theft Prevention - Dedicated Personnel and Training for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute future Auto Theft Prevention grants, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office, through December 31, 2026.
4. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Sheriff's Office by 1.0 Full Time Equivalent Deputy Sheriff.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-141

- 18.** Sheriff's Office Reports on 2020 Civil Asset Forfeiture Reports. [2021-304](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

Accept the Sheriff's Office Reports on Civil Asset Forfeitures - Sheriff's Office 2020 Activity.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-142

- 19.** Appointment to Committees of the Citizens Advisory Council [2021-279](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Appoint individuals to serve on the committee of the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) for the Social Services Department beginning with the date of appointment and terminating on June 30, 2022.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-143

POLICY ITEM

20. Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program

[2021-289](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

1. Approve continuation of Ramsey County's participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program, as well as public distribution of the performance measures report via the County's website.
2. Ratify the County Manager's submission of Ramsey County's annual report of its adopted performance measures to the Office of the State Auditor.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: B2021-144

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 9:56 a.m.