

Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 21, 2021 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt and Vice-Chair McGuire. Absent: Chair Carter. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Agenda of September 21, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-427](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of September 21, 2021.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

2. Minutes from September 7 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-432](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the September 7, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by McDonough, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation presented by Commissioner Reinhardt. Guests present to accept the proclamation were Nick Robinson - R&R Cultivation owner, Tammy McCulloch - University of Minnesota Extension regional director and Ben Kucera - University of Minnesota Extension board member. Discussion can be found on archived video.

3. Proclamation: 2021 Farm Family of Ramsey County [2021-509](#)

Sponsors: Communications & Public Relations

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

4. 2022 Regular Retiree Medical Insurance Renewal

[2021-484](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the renewal of HealthPartners Inc., 8170 33rd Avenue South, Bloomington, Minnesota 55425 and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, PO Box 64560, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55164 as the medical insurance carriers for Regular Retirees of Ramsey County and other participating public entities for plan year 2022, renewable annually through 2023.
2. Approve the following plans and monthly rates for Retirees for 2022:
 - HealthPartners Journey Medicare Advantage Plan for Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses/dependents who reside in the HealthPartners Journey service area, at \$290.40 for single coverage and \$580.80 for family coverage.
 - HealthPartners Retiree National Choice Supplemental Plan for Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses/dependents who reside in the United States outside of the Journey service area, at \$290.40 for single coverage and \$580.80 for family coverage.
 - HealthPartners Major Medical with enrollment restricted to non-Medicare-eligible retirees age 65 and over and their families, at \$903.55 for single coverage and \$1809.72 for family coverage.
 - Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Classic with Rx option 2 for Medicare-eligible retirees and spouses who reside anywhere in the United States (Blue Cross has formed a national provider network and is no longer restricted to certain counties in the State of Minnesota), at \$216.00 for single coverage and \$432.00 for family coverage.
 - Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicare Advantage Standard Preferred Provider Organization with Blue Rx for Medicare eligible retirees and spouses who reside anywhere in the United States at \$277.20 for single coverage and \$554.40 for family coverage.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute the 2022 contract renewals with HealthPartners and Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: [B2021-196](#)

5. Extension of Select Contracts for Aging and Disability Case Management Services

[2021-493](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

1. Approve contract extensions of 24 Social Services contracts for aging and disability case management services through March 31, 2022.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute the contract extensions, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: B2021-197

6. Single Source Agreement with EcoConsilium for Technical Assistance for the School Waste Reduction and Recycling Program [2021-491](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the single source agreement with EcoConsilium, Inc., 8457 Meadow Lake Road North, New Hope, Minnesota, 55428, for technical assistance services for the School Waste Reduction and Recycling Program for the period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023, with the option to renew for one additional two-year period, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: B2021-198

7. Grant Award from Minnesota Department of Human Services to Provide Opiate Treatment and Care Coordination for African American and American Indian Residents [2021-498](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services in the amount of \$446,995 to provide opiate treatment and care coordination for African American and American Indian residents.
2. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to provide opiate treatment and care coordination for African American and American Indian residents for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 29, 2022, in the amount of \$446,995.
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.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: B2021-199

8. School Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program for 2022-2023 [2021-500](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the Ramsey County School Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program for the years 2022-2023.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute grant agreements and amendments with eligible school districts and charter schools as required for the grant program, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Absent: Carter
Resolution: B2021-200

9. 2022-2023 Recycling & Energy Board Joint Activities Budget [2021-492](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Accept and approve the 2022-2023 Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board Joint Activities Budget as recommended by the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt
Absent: Carter
Resolution: B2021-201

10. Certification of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Charges for Energy Improvements [2021-490](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Ratify the removal of the special assessment on the following property:

Owner: Minnesota Cameroon Community
Property Address: 1020 Bandana Blvd. W, Saint Paul, MN 55108
PIN: 27.29.23.13.0040
Assessment Request: \$250,000
Interest Rate: 5.0%
Interest Starts Accruing: 01/01/2019
Term: 10 years

2. Request the County Auditor to extend the proposed special assessment plus interest on the following property:

Owner: Arden Hills RE, LLC
Property Address: 3565 Pine Tree Drive, Arden Hills
PIN: 34-30-23-12-0010
Project Type: Energy efficiency on new construction.
Assessment Request: \$9,661,690.00
Interest Rate: 5.95 %
Interest Starts Accruing: 01/01/2024
Finance Period: 20 years

Such assessments shall be payable in equal annual principal and interest installments extending over the term of the special assessment. The first of the installments shall be payable with general property taxes in 2024, and shall bear interest at the rates per annum and interest start date stated above, and to the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the interest start date until December 31 of the tax payable year to which the first installment will be extended, and to each subsequent installment, when due, shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments and to each installment shall also be added the special assessment administration fee required by Minnesota Statutes section 429.061, subd. 5.

3. Direct the Chief Clerk to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor to ratify the removal of the previously approved assessment for Minnesota Cameroon Community and to extend the assessment for Arden Hills RE, LLC on the property tax lists of the County.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: B2021-202

11. Pipeline Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council in Long Lake Regional Park [2021-478](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve a Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for access to Long Lake Regional Park for the completion of a sanitary improvement project.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to extend the term of the access agreement in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: B2021-203

12. Contract with T.A. Schifsky & Sons, Inc. for Parks & Recreation Bituminous Project [2021-488](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Approve the selection of and contract with T.A. Schifsky & Sons, Inc., 2370 Hwy 36 North, Saint Paul, MN 55109 for Parks & Recreation construction services for the period of September 22, 2021 through December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$914,854.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the contract.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments and change orders to the contract in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided sufficient funding is available for the project.
4. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute agreements and contracts for additional CIP Bituminous Projects, in the amount of \$761,271, in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: B2021-204

13. Sale of Surplus Property - Rice Street/I-694 Interchange Project [2021-489](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the sale of the surplus property known as Parcel 14 Surplus, to the city of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota, in the amount of \$530,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute purchase agreements, settlements, closing documents, and other related real estate documentation associated with the sale of Parcel 14 Surplus, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: B2021-205

POLICY ITEMS

14. Emergency Communications Budget Presentation

[2021-541](#)

Sponsors: Emergency Communications

None. For information and discussion only.

Introduced by Scott Williams - Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice Service Team.
Presented by Dan Palmer - Emergency Communications. Discussion can be found on archived video.

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

[2021-512](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve \$2.72 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to support Racial Equity and Community Engagement Response Team initiatives through 2022.
2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and contracts and 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.
3. Authorize the County Manager to establish a project account for Racial Equity and Community Engagement Response Team initiatives and transfer related expenses and revenue, including any previously incurred expenses and recognized revenue.
4. Approve extending the existing Trusted Cultural Community Messenger and Connector contracts ending December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.
5. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to the Trusted Cultural Community Messenger and Connector contracts ending December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: B2021-206

16. Certification of the Maximum Levy for the Proposed 2022 Property Tax Notices

[2021-497](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Approve the proposed maximum tax levy to finance the 2022 budget in the amount of \$338,743,612. The breakdown between General County and Library levy is as follows:

General County	\$323,876,112
Library	<u>\$14,867,500</u>
Total	\$338,743,612

Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Carter

Resolution: B2021-207

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 Vice-Chair McGuire. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair McGuire declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.