

Board of Commissioners Minutes

July 12, 2022 - 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: Carter, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Chair MatasCastillo. Absent: Frethem. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference.

We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota People. We want to acknowledge the Ojibwe, the Ho Chunk and the other nations of people who also called this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring.

1. Agenda of July 12, 2022 is Presented for Approval

[2022-311](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of July 12, 2022.

Motion by McDonough, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

2. Minutes from June 28, 2022 are Presented for Approval

[2022-312](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 28, 2022 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Ortega. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Designation of a Position to Unclassified, Unrepresented Service in the Financial Assistance Services Department in Accordance with the Personnel Act, Minnesota Statute 383A.286, Subdivision 3 [2022-207](#)

Approve the change in designation of a current classified supervisor position to that of an unclassified, unrepresented position for use as a role of Deputy Director of Financial Assistance Services in accordance with the Personnel Act, Minnesota Statute 383A.286, Subdivision 3.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-157

4. Designation of two Unclassified, Unrepresented positions in the Public Health Department in Accordance with the Personnel Act, Minnesota Statute 383A.286, Subdivision 3. [2022-061](#)

Approve the change in designation of two Planning Specialist positions to that of two unclassified, unrepresented positions, such as Deputy Director positions in the Public Health Department in accordance with the Personnel Act, Minnesota Statute 383A.286, Subdivision 3.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-158

5. Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters 320 Chief Correctional Officer's in the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office for the Year 2021. [2022-355](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters 320 Chief Correctional Officer's for the year 2021.
2. Authorize the Chair and the County Manager, to execute the agreement incorporating the terms and conditions.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-159

6. Agreement with Nearmap US, Inc. for Aerial Imagery and Web Services [2022-364](#)

Sponsors: Information Services

1. Approve the selection of and the agreement with Nearmap US, Inc., 10897 South River Front Parkway, Suite 150, South Jordan, UT, 80495 for aerial imagery and web

services for the period of July 31, 2022 through July 31, 2027 in the amount of \$51,500 per year and \$257,500 for the term of the agreement.

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 Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-160

7. Agreement with Duininc Inc., for Part 1 Design-Build Services for Golf Course Capital Investments Project [2022-342](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Accept and approve the Golf System Capital Investments Project estimated budget and financing plan in the amount of \$7,259,046.
2. Authorize the County Manager to account for the Golf Course Capital Investments Project as a project budget in the Parks and Recreation department.
3. Approve the selection of and the agreement with Duininc Inc., PO Box 208, Prinsburg, MN 56281, for Part 1 design-build services for the Golf Course Capital Investments Project, for the period of July 13, 2022 through July 12, 2026, in the amount of \$287,000.
4. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
5. Authorize the County Manager to execute the Part 2 agreement and amendments to the agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.
6. Accept the recommendation of Ramsey County's project labor agreement associations against the use of a Project Labor Agreement for the project.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-161

8. Joint Powers Agreement with City of Saint Paul for the Transfer of Housing Trust Funds for the Purpose of Supporting Interfaith Action [2022-374](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with city of Saint Paul for the transfer of Housing Redevelopment Authority Housing Trust Fund dollars for the period July 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, in the amount of \$827,244.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute the sole source agreement with Interfaith Action of St. Paul as selected by the city of Saint Paul, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-162

9. Joint Powers Agreement with Washington County to provide Medical [2022-373](#)

Examiner Services

Sponsors: Safety and Justice, Medical Examiner

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Washington County to provide medical examiner services.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-163**10. Public Health Water Gremlin Settlement Fund Special Project** [2022-360](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Accept and approve the Water Gremlin Settlement Funds Special Project budget and financing plan in the amount of \$75,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to account for the Public Health Water Gremlin Settlement Funds special project as a project budget in the Public Health Environmental Health Lead Hazard budget.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-164**11. Ramsey County 2022 Counties Transit Improvement Board Funding Obligation** [2022-378](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve Ramsey County's share of 2022 Counties Transit Improvement Board funding obligations in the amount of \$186,254 to Minnesota Department of Revenue.
2. Authorize the use of Ramsey County Transit Sales Tax fund balance in the amount of \$186,254 for this funding obligation.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-165**12. Absentee Ballot Board for 2022** [2022-366](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Establish a Ramsey County Absentee Ballot Board.
2. Authorize the County Auditor to appoint members to serve on the Ramsey County Absentee Ballot Board.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-166**13. Appointments to the Corrections Advisory Board** [2022-362](#)

Sponsors: Community Corrections

Appoint Marika Reese, Cyle A. Cramer and Christiaan A Van Lierop to the Ramsey County Corrections Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning July 12, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-167

14. Appointments to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee [2022-363](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Appoint the following individuals to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee: Rajaram Swaminathan for a term starting July 12, 2022 and ending June 26, 2023; Christiaan A. Van Lierop, Hongyi Lan and John W. Larkin for a term starting July 12, 2022 and ending June 26, 2024.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-168

15. Appointment to the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp Board [2022-377](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Appoint Donn A. Lindstrom to the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp Board for a term beginning July 12, 2022 and ending August 1, 2024.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-169

16. Appointment to the Extension Committee [2022-365](#)

Sponsors: Communications & Public Relations

Appoint Heidi Miller to the Extension Committee for a three-year term beginning July 12, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-170

17. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission [2022-319](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Appoint Jordan Nelson (incumbent) and Tamara Mattison to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term beginning July 12, 2022 and ending June 1, 2025.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-171

18. Appointments to the Personnel Review Board

[2022-380](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Appoint Heidi Miller and Arlene Hubbard to the Personnel Review Board for a four-year term beginning July 12, 2022 and ending August 1, 2026.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-172

19. Appointment to the Ramsey County Library Board

[2022-376](#)

Sponsors: Library

Appoint Andrea West to the Ramsey County Library Board for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year ending December 31, 2022.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-173

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

20. Ramsey County Smoking and Commercial Tobacco Use Ordinance - Adopt the Ordinance

[2022-358](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

Adopt the Ramsey County Smoking and Commercial Tobacco Use Ordinance.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McDonough. Motion passed.

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

Absent: Frethem

Resolution: B2022-174

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 9:37 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05 subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss legal strategies for the litigated case of Sullivan v. Ramsey County, the Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re Sullivan v. Ramsey County

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. with the following member present: Commissioners Carter, McDonough, Ortega and Chair MatasCastillo. Also present: Ryan O'Connor, County Manager; Sam Clark, Director of Civil Division, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Rebecca Krystosek, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Scott Williams, Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice Service Team; Susan Earle, Deputy Financial Manager, Finance; Kyle Mestad, Director of Administration Division, Office of the Ramsey County Sheriff; and Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board, County Manager's Office. Also present was the following outside counsel: Donald Lewis, Nilan Johnson Lewis PA.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Office of the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.