



Regional Railroad Authority

Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

January 4, 2022 - 9:45 a.m.

**Virtual meeting / Council Chambers - Courthouse
Room 300**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the prevalence of the Delta variant. Commissioners will participate by telephone or other electronic means. In addition, it may not be feasible for commissioners, staff, or members of the public to be present at the regular meeting location due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the prevalence of the Delta variant. The meeting broadcast will be available online and linked via ramseycounty.us/boardmeetings. Members of the public and the media will be able to watch the public meeting live online.

ROLL CALL

1. **Agenda of January 4, 2022 is Presented for Approval** [2021-743](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the agenda of January 4, 2022.
2. **Minutes from December 21, 2021 are Presented for Approval** [2021-742](#)
Sponsors: County Manager's Office
Approve the December 21, 2021 Minutes.

POLICY ITEM

3. **Election of Chair for 2022** [2021-737](#)
Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority
Election of the chair for 2022.
4. **Election of Vice-Chair for 2022** [2021-739](#)
Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority
Election of vice-chair for 2022.
5. **Election of Secretary/Treasurer for 2022** [2021-740](#)
Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority
Election of secretary/treasurer for 2022.
6. **Appointments to Outside Committees for 2022** [2021-749](#)

Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority

Approve appointments to various Outside Committees for the year 2022.

CORRIDOR UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT



Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2021-743

Meeting Date: 1/4/2022

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of January 4, 2022 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of January 4, 2022.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2021-742

Meeting Date: 1/4/2022

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minutes from December 21, 2021 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the December 21, 2021 Minutes.

Attachments

1. December 21, 2021 Minutes

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Minutes

December 21, 2021 - 10:15 a.m.

Virtual meeting / Council Chambers - Courthouse
Room 300

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 10:18 a.m. with the following members present: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Reinhardt, and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Amy Schmidt, Assistant County Attorney.

ROLL CALL

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

1. Agenda of December 21, 2021 is Presented for Approval. [2021-746](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of December 21, 2021.

Motion by Carter, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from October 26, 2021 are Presented for Approval [2021-745](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the October 26, 2021 Minutes.

Motion by MatasCastillo, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Amendment 1 to Agreement with Railworks Signals & Communications, Inc. for Signal Operations and Maintenance Services for Union Depot Railroad [2021-691](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve Amendment 1 to the Agreement with Railworks Signals & Communications, Inc., 9250 Baymeadows Road, Suite 200, Jacksonville, FL 32256, to provide signal operations and maintenance services for the Union Depot Railroad, for the period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, increasing the amount by \$300,000, from \$600,000 to the not-to-exceed amount of \$900,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to renew the term of the agreement in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's office.
3. Authorize the Chair to execute the Amendment 1 to the Agreement.

Motion by McDonough, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: R2021-025

POLICY ITEM

4. Approval of the 2022-23 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Budget and the 2022 Tax Levy [2021-662](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the 2022 budget of \$51,029,974 and the 2023 budget of \$41,059,274.
2. Approve the 2022 tax levy of \$29,598,065.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by MatasCastillo. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: R2021-026

CORRIDOR UPDATES

Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2021-737

Meeting Date: 1/4/2022

Sponsor: Regional Railroad Authority

Title

Election of Chair for 2022

Recommendation

Election of the chair for 2022.

Background and Rationale

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time set by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for election of the chair.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☐ Well-being

☐ Prosperity

☐ Opportunity

☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Officers each have organizational functions they provide in carrying out the administrative business of the Regional Railroad Authority. This action has minimal impact on racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

☒ Inform

☐ Consult

☐ Involve

☐ Collaborate

☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

None.

County Manager Comments

No additional comments.

Last Previous Action

The Regional Railroad Authority votes on the election of officers at the first meeting every year.

Attachments

None.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2021-739

Meeting Date: 1/4/2022

Sponsor: Regional Railroad Authority

Title

Election of Vice-Chair for 2022

Recommendation

Election of vice-chair for 2022.

Background and Rationale

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time set by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for election of the vice-chair.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☐ Well-being

☐ Prosperity

☐ Opportunity

☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Officers each have organizational functions they provide in carrying out the administrative business of the Regional Railroad Authority. This item has minimal impact on racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

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Fiscal Impact

None.

County Manager Comments

None.

Last Previous Action

The Regional Railroad Authority votes of the election of officers at the first meeting every year.

Attachments

None.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2021-740

Meeting Date: 1/4/2022

Sponsor: Regional Railroad Authority

Title

Election of Secretary/Treasurer for 2022

Recommendation

Election of secretary/treasurer for 2022.

Background and Rationale

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time set by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for election of the secretary/treasurer.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☐ Well-being ☐ Prosperity ☐ Opportunity ☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Officers each have organizational functions they provide in carrying out the administrative business of the Regional Railroad Authority. This action has minimal impact on racial equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

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Fiscal Impact

None.

County Manager Comments

No additional comments.

Last Previous Action

The Regional Railroad Authority votes on the election of officers at the first meeting every year.

Attachments

None.

Regional Railroad Authority

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2021-749

Meeting Date: 1/4/2022

Sponsor: Regional Railroad Authority

Title

Appointments to Outside Committees for 2022

Recommendation

Approve appointments to various Outside Committees for the year 2022.

Background and Rationale

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time established to approve appointments of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners to outside committees. The appointments to outside committees for 2022 are as follows:

GOLD LINE JOINT POWERS BOARD

- Ortega
- Reinhardt, alternate

GREAT RIVER RAIL COMMISSION

- MatasCastillo
- Ortega, alternate

RED ROCK CORRIDOR

- Ortega
- Frethem, alternate

RIVERVIEW CORRIDOR

- Ortega
- McDonough, alternate - 1
- Reinhardt, alternate - 2

ROBERT ST. CORRIDOR

- Ortega
- MatasCastillo, alternate

RUSH LINE TASK FORCE

- Reinhardt
- Frethem, alternate

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being

☒ Prosperity

☒ Opportunity

☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Appointments to outside committees is an annual administrative organizational action. These committees represent formal entities and partnerships that respond to modes of transportation. Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners will seek opportunities to advance racial equity through the work of these committees.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Informing the community of this action provides transparency about committees in which the Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners participate. The appointments will provide opportunities for the Commissioners to build relationships, consults and collaborate with community in supporting and responding to issues important to the community through the works of these committees.

☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

None.

County Manager Comments

No additional comments.

Last Previous Action

These appointments are made every year.

Attachments

None.