

Request for Board Action Details

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Title
Appointment of County Engineer

Recommendation

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.

Background and Rationale

The classification of County Engineer was approved effective March 7, 2023, via Resolution B2023-039. After a competitive posting and interview process, Bradley Estochen was selected to fill the position of County Engineer. Mr. Estochen is well-qualified to serve as the Ramsey County Engineer.

The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter and Administrative Code authorize the County Manager to serve as the appointing authority for the unclassified department and division directors. Minnesota Statutes 163.07, Subdivisions 1 and 2, require the County Board of each county to appoint a county highway engineer. The term of the appointment is four years, starting in May of a calendar year. However, the statute provides the option to appoint a new engineer for a one-year term. Given the County's experience and knowledge of the candidate's background, it is recommended that the Ramsey County Board appoint for the full four-year term. This would also keep the appointment on the traditional cycle of appointments. The law further requires the county highway engineer to be a registered highway or civil engineer under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being ☒ Prosperity ☒ Opportunity ☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

The racial equity impact of this action is not known.

Community Participation Level and Impact

This information is meant to inform the public.

☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

Funding is included in the 2022-23 Public Works department budget.

Last Previous Action

On March 7, 2023, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the salary schedule and grade for a new, unrepresented job classification: County Engineer - Unclassified (Resolution B2023-039).

Attachments

None.