

Board of Commissioners Minutes

March 10, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner McGuire.

Moment of silence for Nicole Amor, Master Sergeant, lead by Chair Ortega.

1. Agenda of March 10, 2026 is Presented for Approval

[2026-089](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of March 10, 2026.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

2. Minutes from February 17, 2026 are Presented for Approval

[2026-090](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the February 17, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Purchase of Services Agreement with Recycling & Energy for Employee Benefits Services

[2026-080](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Approve the service agreement with the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board for human resources benefits services for a term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 per year.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2026-035

4. Fiscal Agent Agreement with Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy [2026-079](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

1. Approve the fiscal agent agreement with Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board for a term of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 per year.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2026-036

5. Grant Agreement with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul for Familiar Families Pilot Program [2026-098](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul for the period of March 10, 2026 through February 28, 2027 in the amount of \$500,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the grant agreement in accordance with the county's policies and procedures, including changes to grant award amounts and grant extensions.
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.
5. Authorize the County Manager to submit future grant applications and acceptance of external funding, including Department of Human Services - Office of Economic Opportunity, State of Minnesota legislative appropriations, philanthropic contributions, and other eligible sources to support program operations and sustainability, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.
6. Rescind Resolution B2025-236 - Grant Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for Familiar Families Pilot Program.

Presented by Jaime Wilkins, Director, Housing Stability Department and Laurie Pierce, Co-Deputy Director, Housing Stability Department. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Resolution: B2026-037

INFORMATION

6. Updates on Ramsey County's Response to Operation Metro Surge [2026-105](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

None - for discussion only.

Presented by Ling Becker, County Manager. Discussion can be found on archived video.

PRESENTATION

7. Presentation: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recertifications

[2026-084](#)

Sponsors: Financial Assistance Services

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Karen Francois, Deputy County Manager, Community Supports and Services; Ali Ali, Director, Financial Assistance Services and Jason Hedin, Deputy Director, Financial Assistance Services. Discussion can be found on archived video.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. 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 Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.