

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Parker – 7. Absent: None – 0. Also present were Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, and Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney’s Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Commissioner Rettman moved approval of the Agenda of the July 21, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Minutes of the July 14, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

An Employee Achievement Award was presented to:

- Community Human Services (CHS) Critical Incident Response Team (Don Jones, CHS; Dan DeHamer, Human Resources; Kent Mueller, Sheriff; Mary Sokolik, Property Manager; and Joan Meyer, CHS, in the category of County Work Environment Contributions.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS – Grant from Minnesota Job Skills Partnership for Low-Income Worker Training Program

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-235)

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions has been awarded a grant from the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (“MJSP”) Low-Income Worker Training Program to support training Minnesota Family Investment Partnership (“MFIP”) and Diversionary Work Program (“DWP”) clients; and

WHEREAS, The MJSP Low-Income Worker Training Program is intended to cover the cost of short-term training for individuals with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Low-Income Worker Training Program is to help individuals acquire the skills necessary to move into higher paying jobs in Minnesota’s high-growth industries, and to increase the economic stability of their families; and

WHEREAS, The grant funds will be used to pay for tuition, books, supplies and certification test fees for 35 participants to work in the health care field, with the goal of placing 25 participants in employment; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance of \$64,796 from the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (“MJSP”) Low-Income Worker Training Program for the training of MFIP and DWP participants; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute appropriate contracts and amendments with the MJSP for the Low-Income Worker Training Grant Program; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make temporary cash loans as needed from the County General Revenue Fund to Workforce Solutions in order to cover Low-Income Worker Training program expenses until funds are received, with repayment to be made upon receipt of MJSP Low-Income Worker Training funds; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments.

PUBLIC WORKS – Agreement for Professional Engineering Services – Silver Lake Road from 37th Avenue NE to Palmer Drive

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-236)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Public Works issued a Request for Proposals for the preparation and delivery of traffic signal timing coordination plans for eleven (11) signalized intersections along Silver Lake Road from 37th Avenue NE to Palmer Drive (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, The Consultant has the experience and ability to provide the services required to prepare traffic signal timing coordination plans; and

WHEREAS, The agreement prepared by the Ramsey County Public Works identifies the scope of services, schedule, County roles and responsibilities, cost and general terms and conditions; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Agreement PW2009-07 between Ramsey County and Westwood Professional Services, Inc., 7699 Anagram Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, in the amount of \$22,500, for the preparation and delivery of traffic signal timing coordination plans for eleven signalized intersections along Silver Lake Road from 37th Avenue NE to Palmer Drive; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of Ramsey County.

PUBLIC WORKS – Project Labor Agreement

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-237)

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WHEREAS, By Resolution 2002-351, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopted a policy regarding the use of Project Labor Agreements (“PLA”), with the direction to staff to return in a workshop format at a future date to determine the final criteria for use of a Project Labor Agreement; and

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2005, by Resolution 2005-168, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners affirmed the policy regarding the use of Project Labor Agreements; and

WHEREAS, The policy requires a department to request input from parties likely to be interested in the project regarding use of a Project Labor Agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is planning the following projects:

- S.A.P. 62-631-04 - Lakewood Drive at Maryland
- S.A.P. 62-644-31 - County Road H at Silver Lake Road
- County Road B at Hamline Ave - Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS)
- S.A.P. 62-665-44 - County Road D at Southlawn
- S.A.P. 62-668-49 McKnight Road Burns to Minnehaha

and

WHEREAS, The Department solicited recommendations in accordance with the policy; and

WHEREAS, Either no response or negative response on the use of project labor agreements were received from interested parties; and

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department that a Project Labor Agreement not be used on the above projects due to no response or negative response from interested parties; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has taken all of the project factors and recommendations into account; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby determines that the Public Works Department shall not include a Project Labor Agreement requirement for the following projects:

- S.A.P. 62-631-04 - Lakewood Drive at Maryland
- S.A.P. 62-644-31 - County Road H at Silver Lake Road
- County Road B at Hamline Ave – Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS)
- S.A.P. 62-665-44 - County Road D at Southlawn
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BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointment to the Workforce Investment Board

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-238)

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WHEREAS, There are currently three County vacancies on the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) in the categories of One-Stop Partners, Labor and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, One individual has applied for appointment to the WIB to fill a one-stop partner opening; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individual to the Workforce Investment Board for a term commencing with the date of appointment and ending on July 31, 2010:

To Represent One-Stop Partners

Clarence Hightower, Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Memorandum of Understanding with Scott County for Minnesota County Data Collaborative

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-239)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Community Human Services (CHS) has been a member of the Data Collaborative since 2003; and

WHEREAS, This is a group of eight counties, which now includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Olmsted, Ramsey, Scott and St. Louis counties; and

WHEREAS, The Collaborative works together with the MN Department of Human Services to analyze data from the State Data Warehouse; and

WHEREAS, Most of the information is extracted from the MMIS system, which is a very large and complex medical eligibility and claims database; and

WHEREAS, The State Data Warehouse is the only base of information on the medical services received by our clients who are on Medical Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Recent reports from the database have included utilization data on mental health, chemical dependency, and long-term care services; and

WHEREAS, This information helps county-level program managers do a better job of maximizing state and federal revenues while controlling program costs; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative members co-fund a 1.0 FTE data analyst position, authorized by Minnesota Statute 15.51 – 15.59. Ramsey County's cost share for 2009 is \$5,952; and

WHEREAS, Scott County acts as the administrative agent for the Collaborative, providing annual MOU agreements and invoices, staff supervision, payroll and related functions; and

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WHEREAS, For the participating counties, the Collaborative is a cost-effective approach, with federal Medicaid reimbursement paying for 43% of the salary costs; and

WHEREAS, The Collaborative also facilitates the sharing of technical expertise and information across county lines within the HIPAA and Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) requirements; and

WHEREAS, Funding for Ramsey County's cost share for this position (\$5,952) comes from the Department's annual operating budgets; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Scott County for the 12-month period of January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, in the amount of \$5,952, for the employment and funding of the staff person to develop reports from the State Data Warehouse, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and annual renewals of this agreement within the parameters of budgets adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Repurchase of property located at 2220 Lambert Avenue in the City of Mounds View, by the prior owners

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-240)

WHEREAS, Tax Forfeited Lands has received one application to repurchase a tax-forfeited property by Harry T. and Rosemary A. Strus, the prior owners at the time of forfeiture; and

WHEREAS, The property is located in the City of Mounds View, County of Ramsey, and is legally described as follows:

The East 83 feet of Lot 4, Block 2, Lambert's Addition. Subject to restrictions contained in Doc #300895. Subject to a reservation of a 5 foot easement along the rear and side lot lines for public utilities use, such as setting of poles, stringing of wires, trimming or removing of trees as necessary for line clearance, or for laying of underground conduits.

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PIN: 08-30-23-13-0036; and

WHEREAS, The prior owners have filed an application with the Tax Forfeited Lands section to repurchase the property from the State of Minnesota, and has agreed to repay the outstanding back taxes, interest and penalties on the property and has further agreed to keep all future real estate taxes current; and

WHEREAS, Any and all payments received have been deposited into the Tax Forfeited Land Accounts; and

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WHEREAS, The repurchase application was referred to the City of Mounds View for recommendation after a review of the police, building code, illegal activity, and health violations within the past five years; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mounds View does not consider the property to be a municipal problem at the current time; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has determined that by allowing the repurchase, any financial difficulties or undue hardship caused by the forfeiture will be corrected; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the repurchase of a tax-forfeited property in the name of the prior owners, Harry T. and Rosemary A. Strus, PIN: 08-30-23-13-0036, in the amount of \$15,913.09, plus applicable fees and costs, over a ten-year repayment period.

COUNTY MANAGER – Health Care Reform Legislation

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-241)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board has been studying and debating the issues surrounding health care reform; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has gone on record in support of health care reform legislation being passed during the 111th Congress and signed by President Obama; and

WHEREAS, The County Board realizes the significant effects enactment of such historical legislation will have on all residents of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has long been recognized as a leader in the provision of high quality health care, with predictably excellent medical outcomes for most patients coupled with a focus on and realization of the importance of providing primary prevention care as an important mechanism in creating a healthy population; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has produced these positive outcomes while also substantially controlling the growth in the cost of health care; and

WHEREAS, In Ramsey County, currently 93% of all residents have health care coverage; and

WHEREAS, In spite of all these successes, Minnesota continues to grapple with issues of health care disparities for persons of color, persons living in areas that are under served or distant from health care resources, and the working poor or persons who fall through the cracks of public health care programs; and

WHEREAS, This situation is expected to become more serious as the reductions in General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) are implemented; and

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WHEREAS, The County Board also realizes that in spite of providing both high quality and low cost medical care, Minnesota is one of the States that currently receives a per-beneficiary fee-for-service federal reimbursement that is substantially lower than the national average; and

WHEREAS, Representative McCollum and a bipartisan representation of the Minnesota Delegation and their colleagues in other States around the country have gone on record asking that Minnesota health care innovations and reform initiatives be recognized and included in a final health care reform bill; and

WHEREAS, Representative McCollum and colleagues have also gone on record asking leadership to reform the reimbursement formulas so that Minnesota residents and other States with similar situations are not penalized in the final legislation; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its support for enactment of health care form legislation during the 111th Congress; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board goes on record supporting the position of the members of the Minnesota Federal Legislative Delegation requesting that States such as Minnesota, in which the quality of care exceeds the national average per-beneficiary fee-for-service reimbursement is substantially lower than the national average, not be penalized in the final bill language; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes its representatives to share their positions on health care reform with the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Health Steering Committees and other members of the Association; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board thanks Representative McCollum and her colleagues for their diligence in pursuing both health care reform legislation and working to preserve Minnesota's standards of care while requesting fair financial treatment in a final bill; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, Ramsey County staff are authorized to share this resolution and the Board's positions with members of the Minnesota Federal Legislative Delegation and other units of government and the private and non-profit sectors.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Monthly Report of contracts and final payments and grant submissions that were approved during the month of May 2009

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-242)

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 3.40.37 authorizes the County Manager to approve contracts, within certain limits; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 4.30.50a requires a monthly report on all contracts and final payments approved by the County Manager; and

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WHEREAS, Administrative Code 4.30.39d requires the County Manager to report grant submissions, amendments, renewals, and acceptances along with the monthly contract report; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Report of Contracts and Final Payments and Grants for the month of April 2009.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Rettman reported:

- That the Rice Street parade and festival begin Thursday at 6:30 pm at Atwater and Rice Street.
- She walked with The Mothers First group in the Rondo Days parade. There was a phenomenal outpouring of people.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- On Rondo Days festivities and parade the past weekend. Law enforcement and the community have been working diligently to help provide safe and peaceful festivals.

Commissioner Bennett reported:

- The Slice of Shoreview event begins this Friday at Island Lake Park.

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- MarketFest in White Bear Lake continues on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- The Governor's Council on Geographic Information was replaced in the last legislative session with the Minnesota State Geographic Information Office. They are trying to have GIS that crosses State department lines and to have a statewide stakeholders' group of which counties are a major partner. She has been appointed to the transition team. The stakeholders group should be in place by October. Ramsey County has served as a model with the GIS Users Group working within its own department as well as bringing in all the communities and stakeholders within the jurisdiction.
- The Rush Line Corridor met and received an update on what is happening with the Alternatives Analysis. They are working on issues with the commuter bus service because a change in the language of the federal authorization for Rush Line will not allow the use of federal funds for leasing of busses. An RFP will go out at which time the dollar amounts will be known.
- On the Lake Owasso Residence Volunteer (LOR) picnic. Over many years, LOR has received tremendous community and volunteer support.
- On a meeting of the JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative). The Initiative is focusing in on the alternatives side of JDAI and the use of the risk assessment instrument. A lot of good news came out of this.

Commissioner Carter said the reports received on a regular basis have indicated that since the initiation of the JDAI, our juvenile detention population has been reduced by 57%. In past reports, although we were reducing the number of young people spending time in detention, the disproportionate minority confinement numbers were going up. That is a phenomena that happens across the United States as the JDAI works for everyone, and for some reasons, for young people of color, the affect seems more delayed. Some community based alternatives were

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recently passed. Found in the most recent report, the numbers of juveniles in detention continue to go down, and there is a slight down-tick in the disproportionate minority confinement numbers. Based on our community model, we have been invited at the National Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Conference to be held this August.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Parker reported:

- The I-35W South Corridor previously received UPA funding; the I-35W North Corridor, from downtown Minneapolis to Forest Lake, is having discussions regarding a traffic mitigation effort. Some federal funds have been received for planning/design work.
- Congresswoman Betty McCollum held a hearing on the national health reform efforts. She represented Ramsey County and with the help of staff, put together testimony based on County support of the NACo position and action taken today.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Parker declared the meeting adjourned.

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk-County Board