

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met with the following members present: Bennett, Carter (late), McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Parker – 7. Absent: None – 0. Also present were Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, and Gary Davis, Assistant County Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the Agenda of the August 11, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Minutes of the August 4, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Rettman, Reinhardt, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

PUBLIC WORKS – Amend an Agreement with SEH, Inc. regarding the reconstruction of the Highway 36/Rice Street interchange

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-261)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County entered into Professional Services Agreement PW2008-19 for the purpose of Concept Development and completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Engineering (PE) for reconstructing the Trunk Highway 36/Rice Street Interchange and related roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that other additional scope changes are warranted by requirements associated with the “preferred alternative”, and also to help expedite overall project delivery by minimizing transition time between preliminary design and final design; and

WHEREAS, The recommended work scope changes and associated costs are identified in Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, The additional work is eligible for funding provided by a grant from the Minnesota State Legislature in the 2008 session; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Amendment No. 6 to Agreement PW2008-19 in the amount of \$25,170, for additional field and laboratory work on the reconstruction of the Highway 36/Rice Street interchange; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the Amendment on behalf of the Board; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve any necessary budget adjustments; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a temporary cash loan in the amount of \$25,170 from the General fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of participating funds.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointment to the Workforce Investment Board Youth Council

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-262)

WHEREAS, The Workforce Investment Board has received one application for membership on the Youth Council; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Council has recommended appointment of this individual and the Executive Committee has appointed this person, pending ratification by the Ramsey County Board; and

WHEREAS, This appointment would add representation from secondary education; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Kathryn Kittel to represent secondary education and Saint Paul Public Schools on the Youth Council.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Commissioner Reinhardt – Buy American: Support Sound Labor Practices and Local Hiring and Create Opportunities for Small Businesses

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough.

Commissioner Reinhardt said this resolution is about raising awareness with the Recovery Act money, with Central Corridor, and the amount of investment going into the economy in Ramsey County and Minnesota, and that we should try to buy locally and use local products as much as possible. Local companies are competing globally as well, and trying to put money into our local economy makes sense. She thanked all the Commissioners for the work they have done in this area.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-263)

WHEREAS, The current economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment. In Ramsey County, the 2009 unemployment rates are the highest they have been in almost two decades; and

WHEREAS, Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services and must benefit directly from stimulus funding if an economic recovery is to be sustained; and

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WHEREAS, Congress has approved, and President Obama has signed into law a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically challenged cities, counties and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects and other projects that will require manufactured components; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board has gone on record in support of these efforts and is working to implement all aspects of the legislation; and

WHEREAS, Taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring the economic vitality of our communities. Any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy. Any economic recovery plan spending should, to the extent possible, include a commitment from local governments to buy materials, goods and services for projects from companies within the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board supports the principles outlined in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), and the President's Letter of Intent that stipulate ARRA funds shall be directed at: Buying American wherever possible; job creation and retention; local hiring; sound labor practices such as ensuring compliance with prevailing wage rate requirements and equal opportunity; and creating opportunities for small businesses (President Obama's Letter of Intent, March 20, 2009, and Section 1605 ARRA); Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will work to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring economic growth and opportunity by directing staff to spend economic recovery plan funds on products and services that create jobs and help keep Americans employed and create opportunities for local small businesses and job seekers; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners commits to purchasing products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided to Ramsey County by the American taxpayers; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners encourages the Metropolitan Council to use local suppliers, small businesses, and job seekers wherever possible in the construction of the Central Corridor Light Rail Line.

COUNTY ATTORNEY/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS/SHERIFF – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) – Justice Assistant Grant Funds

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-264)

WHEREAS, The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA"); and

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WHEREAS, On March 6, 2009, BJA announced the availability of JAG Program grant funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the “Recovery Act”); and

WHEREAS, JAG grantees are encouraged to use the funds to preserve and create jobs in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, In March 2009, a local solicitation was issued seeking applications for funding under the Recovery Act JAG, available for solicitation to counties and the municipalities within the counties was based on a formula including population and crime statistics, and the grant award available for Ramsey County and municipalities was \$2,130,402; and

WHEREAS, As the City of St. Paul has been the administering agency for all previous JAG awards, the City agreed to be the administering agency for the Recovery Act JAG award also; and

WHEREAS, The Recovery Act JAG application was due by May 18, 2009, following the establishment of Interlocal Agreements for the agreed upon sharing of the grant funding by St. Paul, Ramsey County and all the other participating municipalities, and a 30-day public notice; and

WHEREAS. Due to the short application time, the County Manager approved the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of Ramsey County, for an agreed upon grant share of \$370,598.00; and

WHEREAS, The grant application was approved and the full amount of the award has been granted to the City of St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County’s share of the JAG grant award will be split equally between the County Attorney’s Office, the Community Corrections Department, and the Sheriff’s Office and used in 2010 and 2011 to continue funding of positions that would have otherwise been lost due to budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, An Agreement between the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County outlining the responsibilities for grant distribution needs to be approved prior to Ramsey County being eligible to receive the JAG funding; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve an Agreement between the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County for distribution of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Justice Assistance Grant funds, in the amount of \$370,598, for the period from July 1, 2009 through February 28, 2013, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to execute the Agreement, subject to approval by the County Attorney’s Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments, including increasing estimated revenues and appropriations.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Formalize the County Manager’s authority to sign State Fair wine and tobacco licenses in the Administrative Code

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Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-265)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is the only entity authorized to issue wine and tobacco licenses to vendors at the Minnesota State Fair each year; and

WHEREAS, Past practice has been that the Department of Property Records and Revenue and the County Manager's Office have had the responsibility for signing these licenses following review by the County Sheriff's Office and County Attorney's Office to determine whether an applicant is eligible to be licensed; and

WHEREAS, Final approval of these licenses rests with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division; and

WHEREAS, The Property Records and Revenue Department is requesting County Board approval to formalize this action by codifying it in the Ramsey County Administrative Code; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the Ramsey County Administrative Code, Section 3.40.00 to codify authority of the County Manager to sign wine and tobacco licenses for the Minnesota State Fair.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Project Labor Agreement – Ramsey County Care Center Parking Lot Enhancements

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-266)

WHEREAS, By Resolution 2002-351, the Ramsey County Board 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, the Ramsey County Board 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 construction project regarding use of a PLA; and

WHEREAS, The Property Management and Community Human Services Departments are planning a construction project for the replacement of some curb and gutter, bituminous surface and the correction of gradation and drainage problems on portions of the Ramsey Care Center Parking Lot; and

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

WHEREAS, A response was received from the St. Paul Building and Trades Council with a negative recommendation regarding use of a PLA for this project; and

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WHEREAS, Based upon this single response received, it is the recommendation of the Property Management and Community Human Services Departments that a PLA not be used on this construction project; 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 Property Management and Community Human Services Departments shall not include a requirement for a Project Labor Agreement for the Ramsey County Care Center Parking Lot Enhancements construction project.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Contract to Re-roof Ken Yackel-West Side Arena

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-267)

WHEREAS, The existing roof on the Ken Yackel-West Side Arena was installed during the original construction of the building in 1973; and

WHEREAS, The 2007 Comprehensive Capital Asset Management Preservation Plan includes an appropriation to re-roof the Ken Yackel-West Side Arena; and

WHEREAS, Bids for the project were received on June 17, 2009 and the low bidder was Lake Area Roofing & Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$123,632; and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Department has recommended award of the contract to Lake Area Roofing & Construction, Inc.; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve a contract, in the amount of \$123,632, with Lake Area Roofing & Construction, Inc., 2141 – 107th Lane N.E., Blaine, MN 55449, to re-roof the Ken Yackel-West Side Arena; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Ramsey County in a form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Group Residential Housing Services at the Volunteers of America, Women's Recovery Center

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 6. Nays – 0. (2009-268)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Human Services posted a Solicitation for Agreements on the Ramsey County website on April 1, 2007, to accept proposals for Base-Rate Group Residential Housing (GRH) for Adults with Chemical Dependency, Mental Illness, or Co-occurring Chemical Dependency and Mental Illness using state GRH program funds; and

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WHEREAS, The Volunteers of America (VOA) of Minnesota, 7625 Metro Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55439, operates the Women’s Recovery Center (WRC), a residential chemical dependency treatment program located on the campus of the Home of the Good Shepard at 5100 Hodgson Road, North Oaks, MN 55126; and

WHEREAS, In response to the above mentioned solicitation, the VOA has submitted a proposal to begin offering base-rate GRH services for women in a building adjacent to the WRC; and

WHEREAS, This will provide a valuable link in the continuum of services as women move through effective stages of recovery; and

WHEREAS, Currently, many women no longer need the intensive supervision of the Women’s Recovery Center treatment program, but still require stable housing; and

WHEREAS, This transitional housing program will provide a less expensive housing environment along with continuing support for recovery for several months after intensive treatment is no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, The VOA plans to open 12 beds initially and to eventually utilize up to 24 beds; and

WHEREAS, The Community Human Services Department recommends approval of these beds to be used as a step-down program for women; and

WHEREAS, The group residential housing program is entirely state-funded; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves of Volunteers of America of Minnesota, 7625 Metro Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55439, for a group residential housing service at 5100 Hodgson Road, North Oaks, MN 55126, at the base rate established by the State of Minnesota, for the period September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to approve and sign the agreement in a form to be approved by the County Attorney’s Office.

[Commissioner Carter arrived at this point of the meeting.]

COUNTY MANAGER – 2009 Combined Charitable Giving Campaign

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Chair Parker said Kathleen Henderson, Human Resources, and Bruce Thompson, Property Management, are co-chairs for the 2009 Combined Charitable Giving Campaign. She thanked both for their leadership.

Ms. Henderson thanked the County Board for their support. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for the organizations and to increase the unifying spirit among Ramsey County employees.

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Chair Parker said with the financial challenges all the non-profit organizations are having, they rely on these funds. This is a flexible and easy way for people to choose whichever organization they want their contributions to go to.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-269)

WHEREAS, Our community continually faces growing needs in the areas of health, human services and the fine arts; and

WHEREAS, The 2009 Combined Charitable Campaign, which includes the American's Charities, Community Health Charities – Minnesota, Community Shares – Minnesota; Greater Twin Cities United Way, Minnesota Environmental Fund, Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless, Peace Maker Foundation, Ramsey County Service Fund, United Arts and the United Negro College Fund, provides funding for services that are crucial in meeting these needs; and

WHEREAS, **America's Charities** member charities are highly respected national human health and welfare service organizations, and through their network of local community-based organizations, and their volunteers, they provide invaluable services to Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, **Community Health Charities - Minnesota** is an alliance of leading nonprofit health research and service organizations that partners with employers to address issues of chronic illness through workplace giving campaigns, year-round education, and volunteer initiatives. Currently, 125 million Americans, or 1 in 4 employees, face a chronic health condition either as a patient or as a caregiver. Whether you donate to a specific member health charity or distribute your donation to all 26 charities, you can be sure that your gift will make a difference in the lives of people affected by chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, **Community Shares - Minnesota** was founded in 1978 as Cooperating Fund Drive, and since then, has been a leader in creating long-term change. Through Community Shares, you exclusively fund change organizations who are lighting a fire under the status quo, like making food shelves less necessary, or creating a healthcare system that doesn't rely on emergency rooms, or reducing violence so crisis nurseries are not always at capacity; and

WHEREAS, **Greater Twin Cities United Way** builds unique partnerships to innovatively solve our community's most critical issues and invests the resources of thousands of people in the best solutions. They actively identify emerging issues affecting people's lives, and ensure strong results by holding themselves and others to the highest standards; and

WHEREAS, The **Minnesota Environmental Fund** is a balanced group of twenty organizations with one common goal: maintaining our high-quality environment through protection, conservation and restoration. As Minnesotans, we are fortunate to be surrounded by some of the purest elements on the planet, and the organizations of the Minnesota Environmental Fund are working to keep things that way for future generations; and

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WHEREAS, **Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless** helps Minnesotans with food and shelter - life's most basic needs – through funding food shelves, food banks, on-site feeding programs, shelters, and transitional and supportive housing programs. This provides for much needed supplies and equipment, or for support services or work on the facilities. Open Your Heart's Education grants help homeless children and youth living in shelters or in transitional housing. This support each school year provides for school supplies, athletic shoes, fees for school activities and other essential school related items. With this aid, the children are more likely to become involved in and succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, Donations to the **Peace Maker Foundation** are used to support violence prevention and conflict resolution programs in Minnesota K-12 schools, public and private. The mission of the Peace Maker Foundation is to prevent violence by helping students learn to be peacemakers; and

WHEREAS, 2009 is the 15th year of the **Ramsey County Service Fund**. The Ramsey County Service Fund currently consists of 21 different County programs. These programs range from "Mighty Kids Skating Scholarships" to "Lake Owasso Residence Recreation Programs" to assisting "Families in Crisis" and beyond. The Ramsey County Service Fund provides an opportunity for employees to conveniently contribute to these worthwhile programs, established and administered by your fellow employees; and

WHEREAS, **United Arts Fund** benefits approximately 30 arts organizations each year. These grants help ensure quality arts education in schools and sustain important community-building arts programs. Each year, over 440,000 Minnesotans take part in programs funded by United Arts Fund. United Arts Fund helps the arts thrive in Minnesota by providing vital funding for programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, The **United Negro College Fund** is the nation's largest, oldest and most comprehensive minority higher education assistance organization. UNCF provides operating funds and technology enhancement services for 30 member historically black colleges and universities scholarships and internships for students at about 900 institutions and faculty and administrative professional training. Over 63 years, the United Negro College Fund has raised more than \$2 billion to help a total of more than 350,000 students attend college and has distributed more funds to help minorities attend school than any entity outside of the government; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the 2009 Combined Charitable Campaign to be held September 14-25, 2009, and encourages all County employees to carefully consider their choices and to give generously to these very worthy causes.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Parker reported:

- On New Brighton Stockyard Days events. There is so much volunteer effort that goes into planning and carrying out everything for these events.
- She and Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, met with representatives from the State Auditor's Office and the Budgeting & Accounting Office for the exit interview for the County's audit. The exit interview was very positive, and the State Auditor's Office is very complimentary toward Ramsey County staff. Commissioners will all receive a copy of the final audit.

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- On a groundbreaking ceremony in Roseville last week – Aeon is an organization that specializes in affordable housing, redoing five Har Mar apartment buildings in Roseville, just north of Highway 36 on Snelling Avenue. Ramsey County was involved in the financing through CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds.

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- She represented Ramsey County at a reception honoring Mr. Singh, who was the ambassador from India to Israel, and is now in Washington DC and traveling the country. The reception was hosted by the India Association of Minnesota, the Indus Entrepreneurs, and the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Council).
- Her son Erich was married to Erika by Judge Awsumb.

Commissioner Carter:

- Reported she had attended the Annie E. Casey Foundation Conference on Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives (JDAI). Ramsey County participated in three panels with a separate breakout session to present the work going on in Ramsey County. Staff did a phenomenal job, and we should be very proud that we were highlighted at the conference. It became clear from the report presented at the conference that where juvenile detention rates have gone up in non-JDAI sites, they have come down in JDAI sites – JDAI sites have been responsible for any decrease in detention rates throughout the United States. It was also very clear that the link between the detention rates and the overall crime rate is being drawn. There was a jelling at the conference to move forward and advocate at the federal level for models across the states that correspond to JDAs through the reauthorization of the OJJDP (Office of Justice and Juvenile Delinquency Programs). There will be advocacy for the JDAI models to be included as a part of that. Ramsey, Hennepin and Dakota County sites were applauded for the work we've done and will be looked to as models in the future for this work.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board