

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Bennett – 7. Absent: - 0. Also present were David Twa, 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 Parker moved approval of the Agenda of the December 18, 2007 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes of the December 11, 2007 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

PRESENTATION OF AN AWARD

Greg Mack, Director, Parks and Recreation, introduced individuals who are volunteer cross-country ski trail groomers at Battle Creek Regional Park. Mark Peterson, Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, presented an award of excellence to the group.

EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Chair Bennett presented an Employee Achievement Award to Ann Schwartz, County Attorney's Office – nominated for Excellent Job Performance.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Chair Bennett presented a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, for the year 2006. This is the 33rd year that Ramsey County has achieved this prestigious award. Marlen Johnson and Jim Rongstad accepted the award on behalf of the entire Budgeting and Accounting Office.

DISTRICT COURT – Approval of 2008 Contract Addendum extending Hospital Participation Agreement between Ramsey County and Regions Hospital for Court Civil Commitments

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-381)

WHEREAS, Regions Hospital provides civil commitment facilities and patient care services to Ramsey County and the District Court; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County and Regions Hospital have entered into a contract since 1985 to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, The Contract was most recently negotiated and executed in 2001 followed by an Addendums in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007; and

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WHEREAS, A 2008 Contract Addendum has been prepared; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2008 Addendum to the 2001 Contract between Ramsey County and Regions Hospital, on file with the Chief Clerk, to provide civil commitment facilities and patient care services to Ramsey County and the District Court, for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$963,000 annually, to be payable at the rate of \$80,250 per month, subject to approval of the 2008 budget; and Be It Further

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

DISTRICT COURT – Approval of 2008 Addendum extending the Security Services Agreement between Ramsey County and Regions Hospital for Court Civil Commitments

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-382)

WHEREAS, Regions Hospital provides weapon screening and security services for the areas outside of courtrooms, including waiting rooms where people congregate, related to the civil commitment facilities and patient care services for Ramsey County and the District Court; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County and Regions Hospital have entered into a contract since 2005 to provide these weapons screening and security services; and

WHEREAS, The Contract was negotiated and executed in 2005, followed by Addendums in 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, A 2008 Contract Addendum has been prepared; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2008 Addendum to the 2005 Contract between Ramsey County and Regions Hospital, on file with the Chief Clerk, to provide weapons screening and security services related to the civil commitment facilities and patient care services to Ramsey County and the District Court, for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, at a cost not exceed \$37,000 annually, to be payable at the rate of \$3,083.33 per month, subject to approval of the 2008 budget; and Be It Further

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

DISTRICT COURT – Request for Funding from Contingent Account for increased costs

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-383)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Contingency Account was created as part of the budget process to protect against cost overruns that cannot be reasonably predicted; and

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WHEREAS, The District Court - County functions had expenses beyond their control that resulted in shortages in their 2007 budget; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the transfer of up to \$74,721 from the 2007 General Fund Contingency Account to District Court – County Functions, for the increased cost of employee medical benefits and commitment services work by the attorney's on the defense panel; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make the budget adjustments.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS – Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Joint Powers Agreement – Renewal

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-384)

WHEREAS, On May 10, 2005, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) creating the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (“MESB”) through a merger of the Metropolitan 911 Board and the Metropolitan Radio Board; and

WHEREAS, On May 10, 2005, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners appointed Ramsey County's then-current Metropolitan 911 Board representatives and alternates to serve on the MESB with the same voting strength as they then had (Resolution 2005-192); and

WHEREAS, The term of the JPA ends on December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The MESB is requesting that Ramsey County approve a renewal agreement that will extend the term of the JPA for the MESB for five years; Now, Therefore, Be it

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Joint Powers Agreement with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board for the period from January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2012; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Vehicle Lease Agreement

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-385)

WHEREAS, The Saint Paul – Ramsey County Department of Public Health Tuberculosis Control and HouseCalls Programs are in need of vehicles to transport clients and their children for various appointments and to deliver medications; and

WHEREAS, The City of St. Paul Public Works Department has three vehicles available in its vehicle lease inventory, and under the terms of a Vehicle Lease Agreement, will provide the vehicles at a below market rate and will include all fuel and maintenance costs for the leased vehicles; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute a vehicle lease agreement between the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County for an initial term of May 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, and amendments, renewals and extensions, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 per year.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Approval of Twin Cities Public Health and Environmental Health Entities Mutual Aid Agreement

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-386)

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59, political subdivisions of the State of Minnesota may jointly and cooperatively exercise powers common to each of the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, The Twin Cities metropolitan area Public Health Departments of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington Counties, and the Cities of Bloomington, Edina, Minneapolis, and Richfield, have previously entered into a Public Health Mutual Aid Agreement to assist each other in the event of public health emergencies, or pre-event trainings or drills; and

WHEREAS, Environmental Health related services are an important part of public health response, and environmental health services in the metropolitan area are provided by municipalities in some areas, which should be party to the mutual aid agreement; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this Agreement is to strengthen the preparedness of the region's public health and environmental system so that when public health events, special events, disease outbreaks and emergencies occur, participating public health and environmental health entities may aid each other by providing personnel, equipment, and other resources; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED; The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Twin Cities Public Health and Environmental Health Entities in Minnesota Mutual Aid Agreement for the period of July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2011; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Twin Cities Public Health and Environmental Health Entities in Minnesota Mutual Aid Agreement.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Agreement with University of Minnesota for Extension Programs

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-387)

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WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §38.34 authorizes a board of county commissioners to incur expenses and spend money for County Extension work; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §38.37 provides that Extension educators must be University employees and employed according to University personnel procedures; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County desires to augment the Master Gardener program at \$60,000 per year for the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, using solid waste management funds that originate from the Local Recycling Development Grant budgeted by the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County's funds will be used to support a Coordinator who will work exclusively in Ramsey County with the Master Gardener program, in support of educational opportunities related to waste management and coordinated by the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the University to provide Extension services on behalf of the County in exchange for considerations as detailed in the Memorandum of Agreement Between the University of Minnesota and Ramsey County; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement Between the University of Minnesota and Ramsey County for providing Extension programs locally and employing County Extension staff, in support of educational opportunities related to waste management and coordinated by the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health, for the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009; in the amount of \$60,000 per year to be funded with Local Recycling Development Grant funds; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Agreement.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Amendment to Soccer Partners Grant Contract with Mounds View Independent School District 621

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-388)

WHEREAS, In 2002, Ramsey County entered into a grant contract with the Mounds View Independent School District 621 to develop soccer fields at the Mounds View High School Upper Athletic Field Complex; and

WHEREAS, By this agreement, Ramsey County provided \$200,000 to the School District as partial funding for a \$1.2 million improvement; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the grant contract, the School District is obligated to use the soccer fields primarily as youth soccer facilities for a minimum of 20 years from the date of project completion; and

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WHEREAS, Subsequent to development of these soccer facilities, the School District constructed two artificial turf stadium fields and youth soccer groups prefer using these fields for practice and game activities; and

WHEREAS, The District has proposed dedicating the two artificial turf stadium fields to be used primarily for youth soccer in order to meet its obligation under the grant contract; and

WHEREAS, A grant contract amendment is necessary in order to transfer the obligation of providing youth soccer facilities from the natural turf areas to the artificial turf stadium facilities; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves an amendment to the Ramsey County Soccer Program Grant Contract between Ramsey County and the Mounds View Independent School District 621 for provision of youth soccer facilities on two artificial turf stadium fields; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the Grant Contract Amendment on behalf of Ramsey County.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Agreement with Twin Cities Public Television

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-389)

WHEREAS, The Saint Paul – Ramsey County Department of Public Health (Department), in carrying out its duties, needs to communicate with a variety of audiences with certain public health messages; and

WHEREAS, Twin Cities Public Television (TPT) has previously partnered with Ramsey County to produce and televise the “Emergency & Community Health Outreach” (ECHO) programming, and through a sponsorship agreement in 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, TPT has offered to the Department the opportunity to continue to sponsor selected programming and air public health messages associated with that programming, which provides significant public outreach opportunity to Ramsey County; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute an underwriting agreement between Ramsey County and Twin Cities Public Television, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, with a term of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

PUBLIC WORKS – Advance Encumbrance of State Aid Funds

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-390)

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WHEREAS, Ramsey County is planning to implement County State Aid Highway Projects in 2008, which will require State Aid funds in excess of those available in its State Aid Regular Construction Account; and

WHEREAS, The County is prepared to proceed with the construction of these projects through the use of advance encumbrances from the general State Aid Construction Account to supplement the available funds in their State Aid Construction Account; and

WHEREAS, Repayment on the funds so advanced will be made in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 162.08, Subd. 7 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8820; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners requests that the Commissioner of Transportation approve this advance for financing approved County State Aid Highway Projects of the County in an amount up to \$6,200,000 in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subparagraph 9, and to authorize repayments from subsequent accruals to the Regular Construction Account of the County State Aid Highway fund for the County.

PUBLIC WORKS – Minor Amendment to Rice Creek Watershed District Capital Improvement Program

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-391)

WHEREAS, The Rice Creek Watershed District proposes a minor amendment to its Water Resource Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed amendment adds an existing program, the Urban Stormwater Remediation Program, into the District's Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, This program is a cost-share program with local land use or public works authorities, including Ramsey County, for retrofit projects benefiting water quality; and

WHEREAS, The District requests written approval of the County for the minor amendment in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8410.0140, subpart 3.B; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the minor amendment to the Rice Creek Watershed District's Water Resource Management Plan to add the Urban Stormwater Remediation Program to the District's Capital Improvement Program.

PUBLIC WORKS – Traffic Signal Installation at TH51 and County Road B and Har-Mar Shopping Center Entrance – Mn/DOT Agreement 90216R

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-392)

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WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), in cooperation with Ramsey County and the City of Roseville, has developed plans for the reconstruction of a traffic signal system including street lights, emergency vehicle pre-emption and signing on TH 51 at County Road B and at the Har-Mar Shopping Center entrance; and

WHEREAS, Mn/DOT has also prepared Agreement No. 90216R between Mn/DOT, Ramsey County, and the City of Roseville, which addresses construction cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for the traffic signal; and

WHEREAS, The traffic signal system reconstruction is justified and it is in the public's best interest; Now, Therefore, Be it

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Mn/DOT Agreement 90216T, which sets forth the cost participation, construction responsibilities, and maintenance terms for the project to improve the traffic control signals at TH 51 & County Road B and at the Har-Mar Shopping Center entrance; 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; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The sixteen-page agreement is made part of this resolution by reference and is on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be it Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make appropriate budget adjustments at the time of contract award and when final contract costs are known; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a temporary cash loan, from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of CSAH funds.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Annual Human Services Report

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-393)

WHEREAS, County Board Resolution #93-457, adopted by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners on August 10, 1993, adopted a process for streamlining approval of purchase of service contracts, rate-setting agreements, grant renewals, and need determinations; and

WHEREAS, As part of this process the Board has requested an annual overview from the Community Human Services Department which provides a comprehensive picture of the system of services; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager, subject to review by the County Attorney, and Budgeting and Accounting Offices, and subject to approval of the 2008 budget, and at an amount not to exceed the Human Service Department's 2008 budget, to:

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- a) Approve purchase of service contract renewals listed in Attachment 3;
- b) Approve renewals of rate-setting agreements;
- c) Approve applications for renewals of grants;
- d) Accept grant awards and approve grant award agreements;
- e) Approve agreements in which the County receives money from health plans, Courts, and others for services already provided;
- f) Authorize necessary budget adjustments;
- g) Approve letters of need determination, including any new Rule 43 Outpatient Treatment Agreements, subject to any exclusions in Resolution #93-457;
- h) Approve any agreements necessary to decrease the length of time required to complete psychiatric evaluations and appropriate revenue generated by the clinic in excess of that estimated to provide these services;
- i) Approve conversion of existing Rule 31 Chemical Dependency and Rule 36 Mental Health Treatment beds to Group Residential Housing beds;
- j) Approve agreements to implement the Board approved Service Development Plan for Elderly Services;
- k) Approve any supplementary awards/rate adjustments, approve related budget adjustments and execute amendments;
- l) Approve agreements or amendments authorized by the Ramsey/Washington Adult Mental Health Initiative or other formal community collaborative or individual for which Ramsey County is the fiscal agent; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager, subject to review by the County Attorney, and Budgeting and Accounting Offices, to approve multi-year agreements, subject to the approval by the Board of the Annual Budget, under any of the following circumstances:

- a) Contracts and rate agreements where the maximum rate of payment for an individual service and/or the total cost for an individual receiving service are controlled by the Minnesota Department of Human Services;
- b) Contracts are funded through multi-year grant awards; or
- c) Contracts and rate agreements that establish the base of payment for individual providers, but where the account is managed based on total appropriations for that service; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board excludes from this delegation:

- a) New Contracts;
- b) Contracts involving increases that exceed the amount established in the annual budget;
- c) New grant applications or grant renewals that require a local share exceeding by 10% the amount approved in the annual budget; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board approves the list of services for which the Community Human Services Department will conduct an open bid process during the 2008 calendar year.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Child Protection – Ending Racial Disparities

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-394)

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WHEREAS, On February 17, 2004, the Board reviewed an outline of the Ramsey County Ending Racial Disparities Project led by the Community Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS, The goal of this Project is to end the disparate outcomes for families and children of color involved in the child protection and out of home placement systems; and

WHEREAS, As part of that action the Board accepted an initial grant of \$50,000 to support the effort of organizing Focus Groups/Talking Circles, and other ways of working with the various racial/ethnic on improving the educational and developmental outcomes for children; and

WHEREAS, Since that time the Department has raised \$390,000 from the foundation community to continue this work; and

WHEREAS, The current action is to accept \$210,000 from the Otto Bremer Foundation;

WHEREAS, The Ending Racial Disparities Project has been working with all aspects of the child protection and out of home placement systems to decrease and end racial disparities; and

WHEREAS, Key activities have included hiring Cultural Consultants from our African American, American Indian, Hispanic/Latino and Hmong communities to guide the project as well as serve as liaisons to their respective communities; providing training to human services, law enforcement, court, and school staff on issues related to dismantling racism and incorporating best practices to become more effective for children; and

WHEREAS, The Cultural Consultants have held Focus Groups/Talking Circles with leaders and parents from their respective communities to gain input into services; and

WHEREAS, Grant funds will be used to continue the work of the Cultural Consultants and training of professionals from all agencies involved in the child protection and out of home placement systems; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepts the grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation of \$210,000 for the Ending Racial Disparities Project for the period August 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the terms of grant agreement.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Child Care Services

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-395)

WHEREAS, Since 2003, Children's Home Society and Family Services have been providing drop-in child care services for families who come to Ramsey County Government Center East for appointments; and

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WHEREAS, Having their children in a safe environment significantly reduces the stress of trying to conduct business with children demanding attention and helps the family to concentrate on the paperwork they need to complete; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County benefits by being able to process applications in a more timely fashion, enabling staff to see more families and to complete the application process in as timely a fashion as possible; and

WHEREAS, The Human Services Department opened up the service for bids earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, Three proposals were submitted; and

WHEREAS, The review panel recommends continuation of the contract with Children's Home Society and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, Among the three proposals, this collaboration rated higher on experience in providing child care services, plus the credentials and certifications their direct services staff maintain; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the recommendation to enter into an agreement with Children's Home Society and Family Services for the provision of drop-in child care at Ramsey County Government Center East for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$223,459; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the agreement.

COUNTY MANAGER AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Sale of the former Patrol Station at 655 West County Road E

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-396)

WHEREAS, On August 26, 2003, per Resolution 2003-272, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the addition of a new Sheriff Patrol Station to the Public Works Project in Arden Hills and directed the County Manager and the Department of Property Management, working with the Sheriff and the County Attorney's Office, to take the following steps to sell the current Sheriff Patrol Station building and property:

- Conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment;
- Conduct an independent appraisal of the building and property;
- Advertise the sale of the property;
- Auction the property, if appropriate and if deemed in the County's best interest;
- Negotiate a Purchase Agreement; and
- Return to the Ramsey County Board with a negotiated Purchase Agreement for approval and execution.

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WHEREAS, The County Manager and Property Management have the following to report on the steps taken to sell the former Patrol Station located at 655 West County Road E, Shoreview, Minnesota:

1. Conducted a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment which revealed no indications of recognized environmental conditions in connection with the site, except for the following:
 - Three unused fuel tanks are present at the site
 - One uncapped well;
2. Conducted an independent appraisal of the property, which values the property at \$2,340,000;
3. Contacted by the City of Shoreview with interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager and Property Management have negotiated a purchase agreement with the City of Shoreview for the purchase of the former Patrol Station located at 655 West County Road E, Shoreview, Minnesota for \$2,195,000; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes and approves the sale of the former Patrol Station located at 655 West County Road E, Shoreview, Minnesota (the Property) for \$2,195,000 to the City of Shoreview, Minnesota (Buyer); and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign and deliver the Purchase Agreement on behalf of the County, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney's Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute and deliver to Buyer, a Quit Claim Deed in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Agreement, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney's Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute and deliver on its behalf all other documents required by or deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the Purchase Agreement, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney's Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve any necessary contracts, agreements, and budget adjustments, in the Property Management's budget, not to exceed \$10,000, for costs related to the property survey of the former Patrol Station; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Board Resolution No. 2003-272, net proceeds from the sale of the building and property will be deposited into the Ramsey County Housing Endowment Fund.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Council 5, Local 8 (Assistant Public Defenders) for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-397)

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WHEREAS, Ramsey County and AFSCME Council 5 bargaining representatives have reached a tentative agreement on terms and conditions of employment for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009 for the AFSCME Local 8 (Assistant Public Defender Unit), representing County employees; and

WHEREAS, The AFSCME Local 8 (Assistant Public Defender Unit) has ratified the agreement reached in bargaining; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a two year agreement on terms and conditions of employment for the AFSCME Local 8 (Assistant Public Defender Unit), effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, as follows:

WAGES

3.25% general salary increase effective July 1, 2007

3.25% general salary increase effective July 1, 2008

All generally salary increases will be effective the first full pay period following the effective date.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Effective January 1, 2009, the employer match to the deferred compensation contribution will increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per month, per contributing employee.

ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOWANCE

Increase the \$375 per month administrative allowance for part-time employees, to \$385 per month effective July 1, 2007.

INSURANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE:

2008 – Family coverage - Employer will pay 70% of health insurance premium increase.

Employee will pay 30%

Single coverage - Employee pay \$21/month. (Single & Family effective 1/1/08)

2009 – For single and family coverage, this bargaining unit has agreed to a “me too” for health insurance contributions, based on what is negotiated with the AFSCME Local 8 (General Unit) for that year.

DENTAL INSURANCE

Employer and employee will each pay 50% of any increase in dental insurance premiums, effective January 1, 2008. For 2009, this bargaining unit has agreed to a “me too” for dental insurance contributions, based on what is negotiated with the AFSCME Local 8 (General Unit) for that year.

RETIREE INSURANCE & SEVERANCE PAY

The language below is incorporated from the Memorandum of Agreement approved during the term of the previous contract:

RETIREE INSURANCE

2008 and beyond - For employees hired between 7/1/1992 and 12/31/05, who elected the HCSP option as provided in Article 17.2 of the collective bargaining agreement:

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- The Employer will contribute \$500 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1st pay period following 1/1/08, or the 1st pay period following the employee's 5 year anniversary date, whichever is later.
- The Employer will contribute \$600 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1st pay period following 1/1/08, or the 1st pay period following the employee's 10 year anniversary date, whichever is later.
- The Employer will contribute \$700 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1st pay period following 1/1/08, or the 1st pay period following the employee's 15 year anniversary date, whichever is later.
- Contributions will be prorated based on the number of hours on paid status in a pay period for both full-time and part-time employees.
Employees who did not elect the HCSP option will be covered under the existing contract language.

SEVERANCE PAY

Effective 1/1/08 employees with at least 1,750 hours and less than 1,900 hours sick leave will be eligible for \$17,000; employees with 1,900 hours and less than 2,150 hours sick leave will be eligible for \$18,000; employees with 2,150 or more hours sick leave will be eligible for \$19,000.

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Council 5, Local 8 (Assistant Public Defender Unit) and authorizes the Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager, as representatives of the County, to approve and sign the agreement incorporating these terms.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Agreement for Vocational Mentorship for Juveniles at Boys Totem Town

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-398)

WHEREAS, One of the major factors in reducing recidivism is employment, and many of the Boys Totem Town residents come from economically disadvantaged and low income families, lacking in the skills and abilities to find and retain employment; and

WHEREAS, Boys Totem Town provides extensive preparation for the residents in the residential portion of the program regarding career oriented training and skill building. The missing component is the ability to provide coverage to accompany residents into the community to locate jobs and the mentorship needed to ensure the residents' success on the job; and

WHEREAS, Boys Totem Town funds from 2007 that were not expended for out of home placement, and would like to use those funds to provide these missing services; Now Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, Approve an agreement with HIRED, 1200 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411, a non-profit corporation, for nine months of forty (40) hours per week in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period December 15, 2007 through September 15, 2008 for vocational mentoring of juveniles referred by Corrections for vocational mentoring of juveniles referred by Corrections; and

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute an Agreement for vocational mentorship and any necessary amendments to the Agreement, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to make any necessary budget adjustments, provided the funds are within the Department's approved budget.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Authorization for County Manager to execute Agreements for three group homes: Carlbom Group Foster Home; Jesmer Group Foster Home; and Lawrence/Reed Group Foster Home

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-399)

WHEREAS, The Department has referred juveniles to the Carlbom, Jesmer and Lawrence/Reed group homes for a number of years based on the licensing of the Minnesota Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services has changed the recording keeping procedures, which has resulted in an increase in paper work for the group homes and now allows agencies to contract with the group homes directly; and

WHEREAS, The Department is extremely pleased with the quality of care these group homes have provided for the juveniles referred there and wishes to contract with each of these group homes to provide them a flat, daily rate of reimbursement for care; Now Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the agreements with Carlbom Group Foster Home, 6624 460th Street, Harris, Minnesota 55032; Jesmer Group Foster Home, 401 Wildwood Road, Willernie, Minnesota 55090; and Lawrence/Reed Group Foster Home, 107 Farrington Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102, in an amount not to exceed \$134,320 for 2008, and not to exceed \$137, 240 for 2009, for each of the homes for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, for providing group homes for juveniles referred by Corrections and Human Services; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute the Agreements and any necessary amendments to the Agreements, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to make any necessary budget adjustments, provided the funds are within the Department's approved budget.

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BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Transfer from Contingent Account for Internal Audit Services

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-400)

WHEREAS, Management is responsible for developing and maintaining a comprehensive framework of internal controls to reduce the possibility of loss due to theft or mistakes in financial transactions and to increase the reliability of financial reports; and

WHEREAS, The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends an internal audit function for all governments, to evaluate the effectiveness of government controls; and

WHEREAS, Sarbanes-Oxley Legislation, SAS 99 and OMB Circular 123 have all imposed strict requirements related to internal control over financial reporting, detection of fraud, waste, abuse, falsification of documents, kickbacks, theft of cash, goods or services, conflicts of interest, and employee ethics in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, The annual audit of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Statement (CAFR) considers internal control solely for the purpose of determining audit procedures, does not provide any assurance concerning internal control and does not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal controls; and

WHEREAS, The County's risk of loss and material financial statement errors has increased over time due to the size and complexity of the organization; and

WHEREAS, An independent appraisal is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of and recommend improvements in accounting and financial management policies and procedures; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve the necessary budget adjustments to transfer \$189,000 from the County's 2007 Contingent Account to an Office of Budgeting and Accounting 2007 project budget to finance internal audit services; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to issue Requests for Proposals for internal audit services, enter into contracts subject to prior approval of the County Attorney's Office, amend contracts and make budget adjustments as necessary to implement internal audit services not to exceed \$189,000.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Monthly report of contracts and final payments and grant submissions that were approved during the month of November 2007

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-401)

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

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

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 November 2007.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – 2008 Salary for the Ramsey County Attorney

Commissioner Parker introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-402)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is required by law to set the salary of the elected Ramsey County Attorney in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 383A.281; and

WHEREAS, The practice of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for setting the annual salary of the elected Ramsey County Attorney is to: (a) invite the elected official to make a written salary request to the Board; and (b) set the annual salary of the elected official in December of the year prior to which the salary rates are to take effect; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Attorney has submitted a written communication requesting a salary of \$142,230, in accordance with the County's practice; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners sets the annual salary for the elected Ramsey County Attorney at \$142,230, effective January 1, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the continuation of the matching contribution to deferred compensation in line with the Agreement between Ramsey County and the Local #8 – County Attorneys of Council 14 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Summary of conclusions regarding the 2007 performance evaluation of the County Manager

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-403)

WHEREAS, The Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes 471.705, Subd. 1D(d), permits a public body to close a meeting to evaluate the performance of an individual subject to its authority; and

WHEREAS, A closed meeting was held on December 18, 2007, to evaluate the performance of the County Manager; and

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WHEREAS, The Open Meeting Law requires a public body to summarize its conclusions regarding the evaluation at its next open meeting; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The evaluation of the County Manager resulted in a performance rating exceeding the “above expectations” rating; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a base annual salary rate of \$152,920 for the County Manager, effective October 1, 2007; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes the annual salary of the County Manager to be adjusted by the same cost of living adjustment that is approved by the County Board for the unclassified employees in 2008.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Ramsey Nursing Home

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

Commissioner Rettman said she doesn't see the need to change the name. Changing names can escalate budgets. She asked several questions regarding this name change. Will the current stationary, cards and other materials be used before ordering new paper products? Is the foundation that suggested this change going to pay for any of the signage changes? How much would those cost, and what budget would be used to pay for them? Was this cost included in the 2008 budget? If so, how much is that costing the taxpayers? She believes in the Nursing Home but she is fiscally responsible.

Pat Reller, Ramsey Nursing Home Administrator, said all of the current stationary and other materials would be used. This name change is before the County Board at this time because of the Moratorium Exception Project. A new sign will be put outside the building, and the architects need to know what the name will be. The cost for the signage is coming from the approved Moratorium Exception Budget, which Property Management has been monitoring for the Nursing Home. The sign outside on White Bear Avenue would require a minor change, and will be funded through the outdoor restructuring project; a grant (pass-through money) from the Department of Human Services. Other costs would be paid through the Moratorium Exception Project budget.

Chair Bennett asked if the red Ramsey “R” logo would continue to be used.

Ms. Reller responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Parker said she was surprised to read that Ramsey County's nursing home is one of only ten homes in the State of Minnesota still called a “nursing home”. This may be a token change, but it is important to reflect the changes in the services provided. This is more than just a nursing home as we are getting more into transitional care.

Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7.
Nays – 0. (2007-404)

WHEREAS, Ramsey Nursing Home operates in an increasingly competitive environment, and

WHEREAS, Long-term care facilities are evolving to meet the new service demands of consumers; and

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WHEREAS, These changes include functioning within a continuum of services, providing more short-term and transitional care, and providing support services to future residents in community settings prior to their entering a nursing home; and

WHEREAS, As a reflection of that trend and to properly communicate the increasingly diverse roles operators of senior residential facilities are engaged in, almost all operators have changed their names; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey Nursing Home is one of fewer than ten programs left in Minnesota with nursing home in the name; and

WHEREAS, This issue was discussed by the Nursing Home Foundation Board in August; and

WHEREAS, They voted to recommend a name change to either Ramsey County Care Center or Ramsey Care Center; and

WHEREAS, The Resident Council then considered the issue in September; and

WHEREAS, The Council voted to recommend the new name Ramsey County Care Center or Ramsey County Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, The Labor Management Committee considered the issue later in September and also voted to recommend a name change; and

WHEREAS, In light of the advantages, the interest of various groups connected with and supportive of the home, and the consistent support for this change, the Community Human Services Department recommends that the name be changed from Ramsey Nursing Home to Ramsey County Care Center; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves changing the name of the residential service at 2000 White Bear Avenue from Ramsey Nursing Home to Ramsey County Care Center.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – RNH Nursing Facility Performance Based Incentive Payments Proposals

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

Commissioner Rettman said the documentation states that if the State funds this proposal, an additional 1.4 FTE Registered Nurse would be hired. She asked staff if they believe this project will be funded.

Pat Reller, Ramsey County Care Center Administrator, responded affirmatively. This project is being proposed through CareChoice, which is the cooperative consisting of 35 other care facilities going on-board. The State is very interested in collaboratives with this funding. State staff have said there is a very good chance this project would be funded.

Commissioner Rettman asked if this would be on-going funding?

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Ms. Reller said the funding would be for at least three years because the request is for a three-year project. However, it is believed that there would not only be increased quality, but the scores would increase and there would be increased reimbursements by maximizing how pain is managed for the clients. That would have to be looked at to see if the budget would sustain that beyond the three years.

Commissioner Rettman asked if these are starred positions.

Ms. Reller said there is nothing in the budget at this time. If the grant is received, a contract would have to be negotiated with the Department of Human Services, then come before the Board with a budget amendment or addendum at that time.

Commissioner Rettman said in the event this becomes very successful, she would like to see that internalized in the Care Center so that even if the money went away, that systemic change is made outcome based; the document says performance based. She would like the Board kept apprised if it turns out as good as hoped, and that the quality is achieved.

Ms. Reller said they are communicating with other medical directors, and the State is very excited because they believe it could be sustained throughout the continuum of care, and not just in facilities, but a part of CareChoice.

Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7.
Nays – 0. (2007-405)

WHEREAS, During the 2006 legislative session, the State of Minnesota adopted a nursing facility performance-based incentive payment program; and

WHEREAS, Effective July 1, 2006, nursing facilities are allowed to submit a proposal for contract amendments where the facility can earn a performance incentive of up to five percent of their total rate; and

WHEREAS, In October 2006, the Board approved the submission of a project to create an outdoor green space and walking paths for residents; and

WHEREAS, That project was approved and \$344,731 was provided by the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, For the 2007 performance-based incentive payment program, Ramsey Nursing Home (RNH) is proposing the submission of a project to improve pain management; and

WHEREAS, This project will involve developing an interdisciplinary team to identify pain that residents may have earlier, to respond to the need to treat for pain reduction earlier, and to improve communication with residents and families on the management of pain; and

WHEREAS, This proposal is part of a cooperative effort by approximately 30 residential facilities in the Care Choice network of providers; and

WHEREAS, If successful, reimbursement would be on a per-resident per-day amount and added to the rate; and

RESOLVED, To implement the additional service to residents, the Ramsey Nursing Home is requesting an increase in their complement of 1.4 FTE Registered Nurse; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of the pain management project to the performance-based incentive payment program of the Minnesota Department of Human Services; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the agreement with the State of Minnesota for approved projects; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board approves an increase in the complement of the Ramsey Nursing Home of 1.4 FTE Registered Nurse, if the State of Minnesota approves and provides funding for the pain management project.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Salary schedule and grade allocation for a new classification: Nurse Clinician Supervisor

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-406)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department conducted a classification/compensation review of a Nurse Clinician position in the Community Human Services Department; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department determined that its current classification, “Nurse Clinician” does not adequately describe the duties of the incumbent’s position, or the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to perform the work; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department determined no other existing classification adequately describes the duties of this individual position; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department developed a new classification, “Nurse Clinician Supervisor”; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department conducted a job evaluation and analyzed salary information; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department determined that the appropriate salary grade for “Nurse Clinician Supervisor” is Grade 35 on Salary Schedule 02A of the County’s compensation plan; and

WHEREAS, The recommended salary grade is in accordance with the guidelines established by the Ramsey County compensation policy (Resolution 95-356); Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following Salary Schedule and Grade allocation for the new classification:

	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>
Nurse Clinician Supervisor	02A	35	\$62,230-\$92,438

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HUMAN RESOURCES – Salary schedule and grade allocation for a new classification: Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator (unclassified)

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

Commissioner McDonough said the salary range for this position is very large. He asked if there is a consistency when these ranges are set because this is almost a \$40,000 variance from \$72,882 to \$108,217.

Gail Blackstone, Director, Human Resources, said there are set salary grades for the Department Head/Division Director Pay Plan and there are 15 steps included; this is a consistent range from a general standpoint across all those positions within that pay plan.

Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-407)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department has conducted a classification/compensation review of a new job classification: Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department has determined that no existing classification adequately describes the duties of this position, or the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to perform the work; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department has developed a new job specification for the classification, Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Resources Department has determined the appropriate salary grade for Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator is Salary Schedule 98B, Grade 39; and

WHEREAS, The recommended salary grade is in accordance with the guidelines established by the Ramsey County compensation policy (Resolution 95-356) and practices; and

WHEREAS, The classification of Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator will be one of the eight unclassified positions authorized in Minnesota Statutes 383A.286, Subd. 2 (j) (the Personnel Act); Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following Salary Grade Allocation for the job classification, Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator:

	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ANNUAL SALARY RANGE</u>
Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator (Unclassified)	98B	39	\$72,882-\$108,217

COUNTY MANAGER – Third Amendment to Agreement with Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P. for Federal Legislative Representation and Consulting Services for 2008

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-408)

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WHEREAS, On April 5, 2005, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved an Agreement with the firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P., 100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 2200, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401, for federal legislative representation and consulting services for the period from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2007, with the right to extend the term for two additional one-year periods, for a total of five years; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement has been amended twice to continue the scope of services and cost as set forth in the Agreement, for 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, Lockridge Grindal Nauen has provided excellent services to Ramsey County, and the County wishes to extend the Agreement for ongoing services during 2008, at a cost of \$40,519, a three percent increase over the cost of the Agreement for each of the first three years; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P., 100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 2200, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401, for federal legislative representation and consulting services for the period from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, at a cost of \$40,519; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to sign the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Lockridge Grindal Nauen.

COUNTY MANAGER – Agreement for Consulting Services to the Property Tax Study Project for 2008

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-409)

WHEREAS, Since 1998, Ramsey County has entered into agreements with Jeffrey Van Wychen (“Contractor”) to provide consulting services to the Property Tax Study Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, The Contractor has provided consistently reliable and valuable services to the Project; and

WHEREAS, The current member agencies of the Project (Hennepin, Ramsey, and St. Louis Counties; the Cities of Duluth, Minneapolis, and Saint Paul; and the Duluth, Minneapolis, and Saint Paul School Districts) have recommended that an Agreement be executed with the Contractor for consulting services for the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, As Project Manager/Fiscal Agent, Ramsey County is authorized to execute the agreement with the Contractor; and

WHEREAS, For 2008, the cost of services under the proposed agreement is \$96,000, which represents no increase over the cost under the 2007 agreement; and

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WHEREAS, Each entity will pay \$10,750 to Ramsey County toward the cost of the contract, and Ramsey County, as Project Manager/Fiscal Agent, will pay \$10,000; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes Ramsey County's participation in the Property Tax Study Project for the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves an Agreement with Jeffrey Van Wychen, 140 Melbourne Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, for consulting services for the Property Tax Study Project for the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, at a cost of \$96,000, of which Ramsey County's share is \$10,000; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute the Agreement with Jeffrey Van Wychen on behalf of the Project and the participating units of government; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes Ramsey County to act as Project Manager/Fiscal Agent for the Project and to bill the other eight member units of government, in the amount of \$10,750 each, for the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES/PUBLIC HEALTH/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS) 2008 Spending Plan for Countywide Projects

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-410)

WHEREAS, The Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS) enables local public agencies to earn federal reimbursement through the Title XIX Medical Assistance and Title IV-E Foster Care Out-of-Home Placement programs; and

WHEREAS, Federal law requires LCTS revenue to be used to expand prevention and early intervention services for at-risk children and families; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County LCTS Partnership Board was established by the partner collaboratives to coordinate distribution of funds; and

WHEREAS, The total amount dedicated to countywide programs, according to the 2008 allocation formula, is \$144,959; and

WHEREAS, The County's LCTS Leadership Team – composed of the directors of Community Corrections, Community Human Services, and Public Health – recommends that the 2007 LCTS funds be allocated entirely to the Ramsey County All Children Excel (ACE) program; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Local Collaborative Time Study funding allocated for 2008 to support the All Children Excel program in the amount of \$144,959; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make the necessary budget adjustments and to enter into contracts necessary to implement the Countywide Plan for Local Collaborative Time Study dollars.

BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Per Diem Rate Report – 2006

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

Commissioner Rettman said she is concerned about the underpayment with many of the facilities; the Detox Center probably brings in most of the dollars. She is worried that the County is not getting all that it takes to run the facilities per day with the contract dollars.

Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-411)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board authorized the County Manager to approve per diem rates charged at County facilities for out-of-county and federal prisoners in accordance with Administrative Code 3.40.57a; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager is required to furnish a report annually to the County Board regarding the per diem rates in accordance with Administrative Code 3.60.00f; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Report for 2006 on the following County facilities:

- Law Enforcement Center
- Boys' Totem Town
- Juvenile Service Center/Detention
- Ramsey County Correctional Facility (Workhouse)
- Detox Center

COUNTY MANAGER – Approval of the 2008-2009 Operating Budget, the 2008 Tax Levy, the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program Plan, and the 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Program Budget

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the draft resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the Truth in Taxation Hearing was held Tuesday, December 11, 2007, where input was received from citizens on the 2008-2009 budget. There was a unified effort on the part of the County Board, staff in the Offices of the County Manager and Budgeting and Accounting, as well as all the departments, to bring everything forward. She thanked everyone for their hard work and said we can be proud of what has been done and what is proposed for the next two years, with the spending increase at 2.8%, and the levy increase at 4.8%.

Commissioner Ortega said he did not want to amend the budget going into 2008, because of all the calculations and hard work done by staff, however, Commissioner Rettman had presented a budget addendum proposal of approximately \$56,700 for the Lake Owasso Residence that had not been approved. He recommended that for 2008, the County Manager be directed to work with LOR in terms of their ability to provide for the extra salaries necessary and make an adjustment; there is a fund balance at LOR that could be used; and for 2009, he would like to have a budget addendum to reflect the \$56,700 budget change.

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Chair Bennett asked if this is different from the motion previously made by Commissioner Rettman at a Budget Committee of the Whole meeting.

Commissioner Ortega said in the interest of consideration for the Budgeting and Accounting staff, it could go either way, but he asked for consideration on what is before the County Board.

Chair Bennett said this would have to have the same motion from the prevailing side to move to consider that.

Commissioner Ortega said when he had consulted with Julie Kleinschmidt, Director, Budgeting and Accounting, she had not wanted to recalculate so much of the budget.

Ms. Kleinschmidt said her staff has calculated the budget to include this.

Commissioner Ortega said he would change his motion for reconsideration.

Chair Bennett said the motion is to reconsider the vote whereby this failed on a 4-3 vote at the Budget Committee of the Whole; Commissioner Ortega voted on the prevailing side and has the right to do so.

Roll Call on reconsideration of the motion on the \$56,700.22: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

Commissioner Ortega moved to renew the main motion, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt:

Roll Call on renewal of the main motion: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

Dave Twa, County Manager, said that several Commissioners had asked about this; the actual dollar amount is \$57,834. The resolution needs to authorize the increase in the levy by that amount. It doesn't change the 4.8%. This would allow Lake Owasso Residence's personnel complement to increase by .8, or roughly 1600 hours. Recalling the previous discussion, no one would lose their position as a result, but a number of employees would have their hours cut. The intention of the resolution was to amend the resolution accordingly.

Commissioner Rettman said she is delighted by the turn of events calling it a restoration of what was being done. She asked if the resolution before the Board has the correct amount listed.

Ms. Kleinschmidt said the resolution in front of the Board is essentially the same resolution approved by the Budget Committee of the Whole so it does not include the \$57,834. However, she and the County Manager both have the line numbers that would need to be changed, and read the numbers into the record: line 34 would be \$411,191, line 34 would also show \$242,063,050 and remain at 4.8%; line 90 for the total budget would be \$570,945,720; the change between the years increase would be \$19,649,322, budget increase 3.6%; line 94 would be \$586,641,154; the change between 2008 and 2009 would be \$15,695,434; and line 95 would be \$570,945,720. A new Resolved clause would be needed authorizing an increase to the Lake Owasso complement of .8 FTE to allow for 1,676.80 additional hours for part-time staff.

Commissioner Ortega moved to amend the draft resolution to include the line changes as cited for the 2008-2009 Budget and 2008 Tax Levy Statement, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Roll Call to amend the resolution: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

Roll Call on main motion as amended: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-412)

WHEREAS, The Home Rule Charter for Ramsey County, Chapter 3, Section 3.02.F states that the County Manager shall prepare and submit the annual budget proposal and capital improvements plan proposal to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners; and

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WHEREAS, County Board Resolution 2005-068, dated February 15, 2005, authorized the County Manager to develop and implement two year budgets beginning with 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager reviewed each department's 2008 and 2009 budget in order to determine the priorities and needs on a countywide basis; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager, on July 24, 2007, submitted the 2008-2009 Proposed Operating Budget of \$566,957,337 and \$582,573,831 respectively, the 2008 tax levy of \$242,474,241, and the 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Program Budget of \$76,951,986 to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Budget Committee of the Whole held budget hearings on August 13, August 14, August 20, August 21, August 23, August 28, August 29, August 30, and September 4, 2007 to review the Proposed Budget and receive public input on each of the County agencies' and departments' budgets; and

WHEREAS, The Truth in Taxation Law requires the County to certify a proposed tax levy each year to the County Auditor on or before September 15; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners certified a Maximum tax levy for 2008 of \$242,474,241, an increase of 5.0% over the 2007 tax levy of \$230,921,903 on September 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Budget Committee of the Whole also held a budget hearing on November 27, 2007 and reduced the original proposed tax levy by \$411,191, which reduced the tax levy for 2008 to \$242,063,050 for an increase of 4.8% over 2007; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 - 2009 budget continues the 1.5% vacancy factor that was implemented effective January 1, 1999 to preserve the savings from vacant positions and use these savings to help finance the 2008 - 2009 budget; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 budget includes \$1,865,750 for debt service on a Public Safety Radio System; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.27, Subd. 2, authorizes counties to report the tax attributable to any levy to pay principal and interest on bonds or notes issued to finance public safety radio communications system infrastructure and equipment as a separate line on the property tax statement; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 134.07 and 134.34 authorize the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners to levy a tax to establish and maintain a public library, which levy is to be made upon taxable property in Ramsey County, outside of any city or village wherein a free public library is located, or which is not already taxed for the support of any free public library; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager proposed to continue the allowance for uncollectible taxes at 2.0% for non-debt service funds; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners participated in a Joint Property Tax Hearing with the City of Saint Paul and Independent School District #625 on December 11, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. at the Arlington High School Great Room, to discuss and receive public comment on its proposed final budget and property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 45 requires governments to account for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for Other Post Employment Benefits (OBEP); and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has discussed the obligation at several board workshops and budget hearings since 2004 and;

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners desires to fund this liability over time and began to fund the liability in 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners had designated \$18,976,650 as of 12/31/2006 and appropriated \$4,313,604 in 2007 for the liability; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners desires to increase the funded ratio of the liability by allocating interest earnings; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners desires to establish a separate fund to account for the OPEB obligation; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes do not currently allow counties to establish revocable or irrevocable trusts for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners desires to establish a separate fund to account for the finances of the Emergency Communication Department; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2008 budget of \$570,945,720, an increase of \$19,649,322, or 3.6%, from the adjusted 2007 budget of \$551,296,398; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2009 budget of \$586,641,154, an increase of \$15,695,434 or 2.7%, from the approved 2008 budget of \$570,945,720; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2008 total tax levy of \$242,005,216, an increase of \$10,859,888 or 4.8% over the 2007 tax levy of \$230,921,903; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, By the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that there be and hereby is levied in the year 2007 to be collected in the year 2008, a countywide levy on all taxable properties of \$233,639,592 and a suburban only levy for Libraries of \$8,365,624 on all taxable property in Ramsey County outside of the City of Saint Paul, as set forth in the following statement:

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	Countywide Levy							
	County	Community		Public Safety			Lake	
		Revenue	Human Services	Debt Service	Radio System Debt Service	Workforce Solutions	Nursing Home	Owasso Residence
2006 Approved Budget	240,172,981	189,215,354	18,064,660	1,865,750	22,050,349	14,356,256	8,267,787	323,555
Financing								
Estimated Revenue	92,140,966	109,575,463	1,328,307	0	21,633,896	13,989,402	8,063,638	292,497
Other Taxes	2,457,556	415,000	103,000	0	0	0	0	
Fund Balance	681,226	0	2,220,000	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal	95,279,748	109,990,463	3,651,307	0	21,633,896	13,989,402	8,063,638	292,497
Property Tax Levy	144,893,233	79,224,891	14,413,353	1,865,750	416,453	366,854	204,149	31,058
Plus: Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	2,689,441	1,472,594	720,668	93,288	8,329	7,337	4,083	621
Total Property Tax Levy	147,582,674	80,697,485	15,134,021	1,959,038	424,782	374,191	208,232	31,679
Less: County Program Aid	10,421,169	5,595,215	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tax Levy After County Program Aid	137,161,505	75,102,270	15,134,021	1,959,038	424,782	374,191	208,232	31,679

	Countywide Levy			Suburban Only Levy			Total	
	Public Health		Total Countywide	Library Operations	Library Debt Service	Library Technology	Library Funds	Countywide & Suburban Only
	Special Revenues	Non Tax Funds						
2006 Approved Budget	9,310,438	57,080,016	560,707,146	8,812,234	1,269,640	100,000	10,181,874	570,889,020
Financing								
Estimated Revenue	6,130,169	53,364,523	306,518,861	984,652	0	0	984,652	307,503,513
Other Taxes	0	0	2,975,556	0	0	0	0	2,975,556
Fund Balance	0	3,715,493	6,616,719	0	410,000	0	410,000	7,026,719
Subtotal	6,130,169	57,080,016	316,111,136	984,652	410,000	0	1,394,652	317,505,788
Property Tax Levy	3,180,269	0	244,596,010	7,827,582	859,640	100,000	8,787,222	253,383,232
Plus: Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	63,605	0	5,059,966	145,574	39,968	2,000	187,542	5,247,508
Total Property Tax Levy	3,243,874	0	249,655,976	7,973,156	899,608	102,000	8,974,764	258,630,740
Less: County Program Aid	0	0	16,016,384	548,863	60,277	0	609,140	16,625,524
Total Tax Levy After County Program Aid	3,243,874	0	233,639,592	7,424,293	839,331	102,000	8,365,624	242,005,216

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the continuation of a 1.5% vacancy factor reduction in department budgets for the years 2008 and 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to monitor the savings that accrue due to the vacancy factor and to transfer vacancy factor savings, if needed, from departments that have excess savings to departments that need additional funds and to increase estimated revenues if needed to finance salary related costs; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the 2008 tax levy of \$1,959,038 for the Public Safety Radio System Debt Service to be shown as a separate line on the property tax statement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the 2008 tax levy of \$8,365,624 on suburban properties for Libraries as a separate line on the property tax statement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to establish an separate fund effective 1/1/2007 to account for retiree health insurance; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to transfer the General Fund Balance Designated for Other Post Employment Benefits as of December 31, 2006 in the amount of \$18,976,650, and the 2007 appropriation of \$4,313,604 from the General Fund to the new retiree health insurance fund; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to allocate interest to the retiree health insurance fund beginning January 1, 2007; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to establish a separate fund effective 1/1/2008 to account for the finances of the Emergency Communications Department; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes an increase to the Lake Owasso Residence complement of .80 FTE to allow for 1,676.80 additional hours for part time staff.

COUNTY MANAGER – Approval of the 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Program Budget

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the draft resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Dave Twa, County Manager, referred to the revised resolution that had been distributed to Commissioners. The only change was that the Water Patrol Storage had erroneously been included; it has now been moved into the undesignated area.

Roll Call on amended resolution: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-413)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter, Chapter 10, Section 10.01 (a) (2), and Section 10.05, requires Ramsey County to prepare a five-year capital improvement program plan and capital improvement program budget for the ensuing fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, County Board Resolution 2005-068, dated February 15, 2005, authorized the County Manager to develop and implement two year budgets beginning with 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager, on July 24, 2007, submitted the 2008-2009 Budget, which included the Capital Improvement Program Plan and Budget to the Board of County Commissioners; and

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WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met as the Budget Committee of Whole on August 30, 2007, to review the Capital Improvement Program Plan and Budget as proposed by the County Manager and the Capital Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee; and

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program Plan, the 2008–2009 Capital Improvement Program Budget, and 2008 Capital Improvement Program Financing, as follows:

2008 - 2009 Capital Improvement Program Budget

<u>Projects</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Community Corrections</u>		
Boys Totem Town Pre-Design Study	\$100,000	-
Boys Totem Town Facility Replacement Correctional Facility	-	\$880,000
	2,933,460	-
<u>Community Human Services</u>		
Electronic Benefits Relocation	253,400	-
Detox Cameras/Workstations & Aides Desk	58,252	-
<u>Landmark Center</u>		
Transfer of Cooling System	-	310,000
<u>Libraries</u>		
Roseville Library Expansion & Remodeling	7,780,627	9,417,136
<u>Medical Examiner</u>		
Mechanical Equipment & Floor Replacement	35,133	-
Mechanical & Plumbing Equipment Replacement	-	33,480
<u>Parks & Recreation</u>		
Admin/Maint Building Rehabilitation	45,900	-
Public Arenas Building Rehabilitation	309,000	309,000
County Parks Buildings & Furnishings Rehabilitation	-	84,020
Bituminous Rehabilitation	203,726	105,727
Aldrich Arena Building Rehabilitation	76,000	50,600
Regional Park & Trail Development	3,115,000	-
<u>Property Management - Building Improvements</u>		
Courthouse/City Hall	438,382	438,382
Emergency Communication 911 Dispatch Center	7,035	7,035
Juvenile Family Justice Center	78,606	78,606
Law Enforcement Center	126,870	126,870
Libraries	60,886	60,886
Property Records-90 West Plato	23,184	23,184
Public Works/Patrol Station	98,632	98,632
RCGC - East Building	187,407	187,407
RCGC - West Building	205,972	205,972
Suburban Courts	7,594	7,594
<u>Public Health</u>		
X-ray Processor-Developer Replacement	64,000	-

Yard Waste Site Structural Maintenance	26,000	25,500
<u>Public Works</u>		
Major Road Maintenance	1,600,000	1,650,000
Mill & Overlay Roads with Bituminous Paving	509,214	637,173
Extraordinary Bridge Repairs	30,000	30,000
County State Aid Highway Road Construction	21,824,000	13,210,000
GPS Survey Equipment	40,000	-
New Equipment	80,000	80,000
<u>Ramsey Conservation District</u>		
Abandoned Well-Sealing Cost Share Program	50,000	50,000
<u>Ramsey Nursing Home</u>		
Replace Siding on Cold Storage Building	35,000	-
Replace Existing Auto Temperature Control	121,275	-
Resurfacing of Parking Lot & Roadways	150,000	-
<u>Other</u>		
Bond Issuance Costs	200,913	187,864
<u>Comprehensive Capital Assets Management & Preservation Program (CCAMPP)</u>		
Undesignated	850,000	850,000
<u>Equipment Replacement Program</u>		
Corrections	143,659	175,650
Parks & Recreation	345,025	358,650
Public Works	567,609	662,250
Sheriff	295,157	303,450
<u>Potential Projects</u>		
Undesignated	575,000	2,655,000
Total Capital Improvement Program Budget	<u>\$43,651,918</u>	<u>\$33,300,068</u>

Financing	2008
<u>Bonds</u>	
10 Year Bonds (Regular Projects & Issuance Costs)	\$2,500,000
20 Year Bonds (Major Projects & Issuance Costs)	<u>10,050,000</u>
Total Bond Financing	12,550,000
<u>Capital Improvement & Equipment Replacement (CIER) Levy</u>	
CCAMPP	850,000
Equipment Replacement Schedule	<u>1,351,450</u>
Total CIER Levy	2,201,450
<u>Other Funding Sources</u>	
Federal Funds	8,200,000
State Funds	17,054,360
Municipal Funds	873,000
CIP Contingent	62,540
Solid Waste Fund	26,000
Environmental Response Fund	50,000
Maplewood Library sale proceeds & remaining Phase I funds	1,400,000
Other County Funds:	
Courthouse/City Hall	438,382

Emergency Communication 911 Dispatch Center	7,035
Juvenile Family Justice Center	78,606
Law Enforcement Center	126,870
Libraries	60,886
Property Records-90 West Plato	23,184
Public Works/Patrol Station	98,632
RCGC - East Building	187,407
RCGC - West Building	205,972
Suburban Courts	7,594
Total Other Funding Sources	28,900,468

Total 2008 Capital Improvement Program Financing	<u>\$43,651,918</u>
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COUNTY MANAGER – 2008-2009 Budget – Fee Increases

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-414)

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners is interested in both increasing current revenues and in finding new sources of revenue to help reduce the burden on the property taxpayers in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, Departments included various fee increases in their 2008 – 2009 requested budget; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager included various fee increases in the 2008 - 2009 Proposed Budget that was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners on July 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners directed the County Manager to present the various fee increases at the 2008 - 2009 budget hearings held August 13 through November 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Budget Committee of the Whole, reviewed and approved departmental budgets and revenue estimates, including the proposed fee increases during budget deliberations; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves increases to the fees and charges identified in the 2008 - 2009 budget.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Care Coordination for People with Disabilities – Possibility of Contracting with Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Monty Martin, Director, Community Human Services, said this was discussed at the October 16 Board Workshop about a new opportunity/option for the County. The State has issued a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for health care organizations to serve people on a voluntary basis with managed care for persons with disabilities. Two health care organizations responded – Medica and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Medica is doing this work through its own network; Blue Cross/Blue Shield approached Ramsey County, asking the County to do care coordination for them. Direction to staff at the Workshop was to negotiate with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which was done successfully. The most important part of that success was to negotiate rates that would ensure the

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County does not need to subsidize the health plan. The cost of the rates to be received would cover not only the cost of direct care to the staff who would provide the care coordination, but also to cover the operating costs to ensure all the revenue is collected, and to meet the audit requirements that Blue Cross/Blue Shield has.

Staff believes it is worthwhile at this point to go forward for two reasons; one, that County staff brings valuable expertise, in particular for those clients we are already serving. If staff provide care coordination for them as well as case management services, the County would provide a better service for those particular clients. Staff also believes that the health care industry, certainly the State's health care public programs, are changing rapidly, and it is in the County's best interest to be involved in that change.

If the Board so chooses, the Department would return in January 2008, with a resolution that Ramsey County would enter into a contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the County to provide care coordination services.

Commissioner McDonough asked if the contract covers start-up costs and on-going staff training, and other costs associated.

Mr. Martin responded, yes, with a caveat. The caveat is that anytime anything like this is done, assumptions have to be made – how many cases are going to come into the door, how many of those cases would be served each month, how many hours of service that would be –that is what is going to generate the revenue. Using the best information available on those assumptions, the costs would be covered. In fact, there would be an ability through the rate to hire a full-time coordinator and a revenue person as well, beyond the direct service staff. The coordinator would do all the training required of staff.

Commissioner McDonough asked what the length of the contract would be, and what kind of options there would be to terminate the contract.

Mr. Martin said there would be a one-year contract. They would meet with Blue Cross/Blue Shield after six months to determine how it is going for both sides. Either side could end the contract after one year if it was found unsatisfactory to them; there is no long-term commitment.

Commissioner McDonough said he appreciates all the work that has gone into this. This is not a typical County responsibility and he doesn't know where he would vote on it, but it certainly has to pay for itself. We can't get into a position to subsidize it in any manner.

Mr. Martin said that would be watched over the course of the year to ensure that doesn't happen.

Commissioner Rettman asked if there are current staff that would move into this area to keep them employed, or if additional staff would be hired.

Mr. Martin said the plan is that as more cases come in, once a certain threshold is reached, a position would be added. Current employees could bid into that position.

Commissioner Rettman said she is talking about the bottom line – does this add additional FTEs, and, is this for one year?

Mr. Martin said it would add additional FTEs in classifications staff believe they could manage at the end of the year if they had to end the contract.

Commissioner Rettman asked what that would do for the citizen who may choose this venue, and then after one year the service is no longer available.

Mr. Martin said the expectation and plan is that it would go beyond one year. Blue Cross/Blue Shield is not interested in only a one-year contract. There was similar discussion when working on the elderly waiver, which is now beginning the third year of that program. If the County is not breaking even on care coordination, there is the option to get out of it. It would be destructive for a client after one year.

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Commissioner Rettman said if the County does not enter into this care coordination, there would be no layoffs in that particular arena.

Mr. Martin responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Rettman asked who would provide this service if the County does not.

Mr. Martin said Blue Cross/Blue Shield would have to find somebody else to do this if the County does not do it. During the discussion around elderly waiver, other counties were asked if they would do it in Ramsey, and other counties declined. In the end, they returned and said they wanted us to do it, upping the ante from what they originally offered, and the County agreed at that point. They have made no other private arrangements and would have to find a private non-profit who would hire their own staff to provide this kind of care coordination service.

Commissioner Rettman said as more of these changes occur, whether on State or local levels, this fundamental policy takes us away from the County's essential services, and if not, why should we do this type of service rather than a private entity.

Mr. Martin said he didn't believe we are moving from our core services; if we were, this would not be brought before the Board. This involves care coordination for people with disabilities, and the Department believes it is good at that; staff knows a lot about people with developmental and mental disabilities. Staff has embedded expertise for the clients being served, that brings something to the table that otherwise wouldn't be there for them. It would not have been predicted five years ago what the health care picture would look like today, and it is difficult to predict what it would look like five years from now. The County has certainly been in a privatization mode over the last several years, but it is not known if that would continue. If it reverses and we are not involved, which is one of the reasons this is before the Board, and it is found it is not working so well – a whole layer of bureaucracy in health plans has been added that are increasing the costs – State government over the next several years could make a change in direction with a new administration, different leaders. It is difficult to predict the future, and that was part of the discussion in the Department about whether to bring this forward. By participating in this where we keep our options open, we would be better prepared for whatever direction it goes in.

Commissioner Rettman said staff would still be involved with these citizens.

Mr. Martin said they would be involved with some of the clients.

Commissioner Rettman said even though not providing the coordinated care, no differently from the elderly waiver, the County may still be involved with the clients in another venue.

Mr. Martin said for the clients currently being served that volunteer for this program, the County would still be involved; we would still be involved providing case management without this contract, and someone else would be providing care coordination for the same person. For clients the County is not currently involved with, they wouldn't continue not to be involved if this contract doesn't move forward.

Chair Bennett said the Department seems to be heading down a different track; studying where this track goes – how hard is it going to be to stop this "train"?

Mr. Martin said this is a one-year contract and if the County were not breaking even, the Department would come to the Board to say the County is losing money and should not continue.

Chair Bennett asked if we would have to go back to what we had been doing; for those people who were doing it go out of business or not able to continue to do it because of this. How do we endorse that?

Mr. Martin said those being served would then be served by a different care coordinator rather than by the County. In some ways, it is no different than if someone left our employment and someone else is put else into the position – care coordinators turn over. If we did go in the other direction, it would be easy for the current clients being served because the County would still be

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involved with them and the other organization would be involved with them. The number of staff/positions that would be put on under this, at least for the first year, is going to be very small. The Department does not believe they would be building an infrastructure they can't dismantle after two or three years, if needed. When the numbers first came out from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, they were estimating 750 people statewide in all the counties they served that would be involved in this program. The Department is estimating a higher number than that – possibly 750 people in Ramsey County. If that becomes thousands, it would be harder to dismantle.

Commissioner McDonough said we are talking about the financial impact, but the other piece of this is the clients and the care and service they receive. Staff have indicated they will pay attention to that. Medica has chosen to provide this for their own people, and we need to pay attention to those clients as well because there are some assumptions that we can do it better or that because we are servicing this contract that it would be better for the clients. He did not know that those assumptions are true. When talking about government bureaucracies, it has been his experience that those are tough to turn around and they don't move quickly. The private sector tends to move more quickly and can respond to changes more quickly. That needs to be monitored for a fair comparison when evaluating whether we are doing the right things for the clients and the people in the community to make certain they get the best service possible.

Mr. Martin said Commissioner McDonough consistently asked those same questions in the Workshop where he also identified that it is very difficult to monitor people that are not being monitored by the County. There is no way to know how well those clients are being served by Medica because of those the County is serving. The County is already serving some number of those clients and will continue to with case management. If the County doesn't go in the direction of care coordination, someone else will also be serving that same person. The Department feels that those persons the County currently serves will be better served by combining those services for that number of clients. So far, the Department has not had access to data about outcomes for people outside the County's service system.

Commissioner Reinhardt said on the pro side, she sees this as better quality service for the County's clients, especially when looking at the most vulnerable populations in Ramsey County, which is better for the clients, their families and friends. There should be some economies of scale when there is one person for the client to deal with rather than two, and probably is the reason Blue Cross/Blue Shield has come to the County with this proposal because it would be cheaper for them to do it that way, and they may also recognize there would be better outcomes. On the con side, the revenue may not cover the cost and we need to be very careful of that. She liked the idea of having constant monitoring because we do need to cover the costs. This would be a private entity contracting with the County for these services and they have shown a willingness to talk about the fact that they need to cover those costs. Some of the staff training and start-up costs would be handled by the County for the current clients, but if Blue Cross/Blue Shield would be doing this on their own, they would be covering those costs, and it is not unreasonable for the County to say they should cover the portion of the costs associated with taking on this contract.

Commissioner Reinhardt said as to dismantling, this is not a grant; it is a contract for services, which is handled in a different way when we know somebody is being hired that is full-time/permanent – when the money goes away, the positions are no longer there because the funding is no longer there to support the positions. In going forward with this, there are ways to address those things associated with the contract. She would like to see the County go forward with this. The County's experience with the elderly waiver shows a commitment to making sure the best quality service is provided to the clients. When this comes back, assuming the costs are

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covered, and it is monitored in order to make adjustments at the end of the year, that can be done, and it makes a lot of sense. There should be at least quarterly updates provided to the Board in writing.

Mr. Martin said based on the Commissioners' comments, something would be brought back to the Board in January 2008.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Carter reported:

- She and Commissioner Reinhardt attended the Children's Collaborative meeting. The St. Paul Children's Collaborative members voted to move forward on three concept proposals that had been presented for partnerships to support youth in St. Paul/Ramsey County. The proposals totaled about \$849,000; the Collaborative had \$750,000 to award. The next step is for proposals to come back with detailed budget information and answers to questions from the Collaborative. A common thread in the proposals is a focus on African American boys for at least 75% of the funds, and up to 25% committed to other populations, for mentoring services and parent education for those children and families. Responses will be brought back in January.
- A joint meeting was conducted between the Children's Collaborative and the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative to continue advancing the discussion about partnering in 2008. That partnership would evolve around the potential for joint space and looking to the hiring of part-time coordinators for both collaboratives, and whether candidates would consider working with another collaborative operating in that same realm. Also discussed were the responses brought back from the boards on whether to renew the consultant contract to continue to facilitate that discussion and maintain that through March.
- On a meeting of the Family Housing Fund where the annual budget was approved. In recognition of the balance in Ramsey County's Housing Endowment Fund and in discussion of *Heading Home Ramsey County*, and the potential to add funds from the sale of the patrol station dollars to that fund, the Family Housing Fund Board has preserved in its 2008 budget \$200,000 for Ramsey County to add to its Housing Endowment Fund.

Commissioner McDonough said there is a considerable loan owed back to the general fund, and there is the expectation that it is paid. There's a lot of conversation going on about the Housing Endowment Fund, the proceeds of the sale. He'd raised the question when the original proposal came forward about the homeless proposal to take a look at utilizing the Housing Endowment Fund for funding. That conversation hasn't occurred at the County Board about how far we are straying from the mission if we choose to continue with the Housing Endowment Fund. He cautioned about raising expectations in the community with what is going to happen with the Housing Endowment Fund and the sale of the Patrol Station.

Commissioner Rettman concurred with Commissioner McDonough.

- The Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties (CAPRWC) Executive Search Committee met. The position for an executive search firm will be posted in the near future.

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Commissioner Rettman said it had been made clear at the CAPRWC board meeting that the posting was not to be made until everyone had reviewed it, and at this point, she has not seen anything to review.

Commissioner Carter clarified that what is to be posted is the announcement that the Request for Proposals will be posted after review by the CAPRWC Board.

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board met where a presentation was made on the paint demonstration project in Minnesota, with representatives present from the Retailers National Paint and Coatings Association, people from Washington DC, and folks from British Columbia because of a program they have there. A meeting was held the following day with the stakeholders. Bringing forward legislative to try to deal with a lot of issues is sometimes difficult, but she believes this can be done. The spirit of partnership is alive and well in this project. The project is to have a financing mechanism, a third party organization dealing with leftover paint established in Minnesota by July 2008. It would then be rolled out nationally over the next two years.

Commissioner Carter thanked Commissioner Reinhardt for her leadership regarding paint stewardship.

Commissioner Reinhardt said she hopes to provide testimony to the New York City Council in January on electronic waste legislation being considered there.

- She and Commissioner Ortega provided testimony at the Senate Capital Bonding Committee meeting at the Union Depot.
- She and Commissioners Bennett and McDonough attended the Strategic Planning meeting with the Association of Minnesota Counties, where they are grappling with major issues. Transit and transportation are Statewide issues, along with the environmental and health care issues.
- On the Dispatch Policy Committee meeting, where it was pointed out that an alternate Commissioner from the City of St. Paul should be appointed. She serves as alternate to the suburban Commissioner position, with Commissioner McDonough as the representative from the City. This was a good meeting and it is great to see things working so well.

Commissioner Parker reported:

- On a petition she had received from residents in New Brighton who live around one of the lakes wishing to create a new taxing district called the Long Lake Improvement District. Two others had been established, one in White Bear Lake, and other in Shoreview, both done by those cities. Research is being conducted on the real purpose for this, and it is her feeling that if it can be done by the existing taxing jurisdictions, it would be better than creating a new layer of taxing. Discussions have taken place with the Rice Creek Watershed District about water quality improvements.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the Rice Creek Watershed District already has taxing jurisdiction.

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Commissioner Parker responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Reinhardt said basically, if the entire lake is within the city then it falls under the city's purview to decide, which had been true for what occurred in White Bear Lake. It is the owners around the lake that are determining if they are going to tax themselves for certain improvements. It is very different than the general watershed district; this is specifically for lake improvements.

Commissioner Parker said a statute exists that says a county can do it even if it is all in one city.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR

Chair Bennett said this is the last County Board meeting he would preside over as Board Chair. He thanked the employees of Ramsey County, who he feels are outstanding, and wished them Happy Holidays. He has enjoyed working with the Department Heads who have been fantastic to work with. David Twa, County Manager, with whom he has enjoyed working with as Chair, was recently recognized by his peers at the Association of Minnesota Counties with the award of County Administrator of the Year, and about which he concurred wholeheartedly. His biggest thanks went to the six Commissioners at the table. He has had the honor of serving in several different governmental units, including the legislature, and even though there are differences in opinions, that, for the most part, gets left at the table. That is what makes good government. He has enjoyed being Board Chair the past two years and looks forward to sitting at the other side of the table.

Commissioner Carter thanked Chair Bennett in his efforts to coordinate for harmonious working relationship for the County Board.

ADJOURNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session with the following members present: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Bennett - 7. Also present were David Twa, County Manager; Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office; David MacMillan, County Attorney's office, Julie Kleinschmidt, Director, Budgeting & Accounting; Jolly Mangine, Director, Property Management; Bruce Thompson and Daniel Winek, Property Management Department.

RE: Ramsey County v. Soo Line Railroad and Union Pacific Railroad

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-415)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Attorney to proceed with litigation in the above referenced matter.

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There being no further business, the Executive Session was adjourned.

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board