

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in their Annual Organizational Board Meeting 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 Carter moved approval of the Agenda of the January 8, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Minutes of the December 18, 2007 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Commissioner Parker requested a revision on page 39 where her last name was spelled incorrectly. Roll Call on Minutes, as revised: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Election of Officers

Chair Bennett opened the nominations for the Board Chair.

Commissioner Reinhardt nominated Commissioner Jan Parker as Chair of the Board for 2008, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Chair Bennett called three times for additional nominations. Hearing none, he closed the nominations.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Parker, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-001)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby elects Commissioner Jan Parker to serve as Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for the year 2008.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Election of Officers

Commissioner Parker assumed the Chair. Her first act as Chair was to present a plaque of appreciation to Commissioner Bennett, thanking him for his leadership during 2006 and 2007. Commissioner Bennett thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to serve as their Chair.

Chair Parker opened the nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

Commissioner Reinhardt nominated Commissioner Janice Rettman as Vice-Chair of the Board for 2008, seconded by Commissioner Carter.

Chair Parker called three times for additional nominations. Hearing none, she closed the nominations.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-002)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby elects Commissioner Janice Rettman to serve as Vice-Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for the year 2008.

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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR

Chair Parker said she feels fortunate to lead the County Board. This is a very important year, and it is as challenging as it has ever been. The United States is at war, and it is important to remember that the large sums of money being spent in Iraq are taking a toll on local governments. Over the past few years, the County has had to cut back on human services and other services provided to citizens. The County will continue to provide excellent services. Ramsey County has a unique board, and is recognized among its peers as being a very diverse and functional board. That diversity is one of this Board's biggest strengths. Ramsey County will be in a good position to face the challenges in 2008, but some of those challenges are also some of the biggest opportunities to take Ramsey County to that next level in providing a community as a place where people want to live and thrive.

Ramsey County is a vibrant community that is energy and environmentally conscious and is respectful of employees, citizens, and of each other. Respect is still an underlying value of how Ramsey County operates.

There will be challenges with transportation. The Central Corridor this year will be one of the most important things to accomplish for moving the light rail transit project to the next stage. If that does not happen this year, it may not happen.

Another challenge is in Corrections. The Community Corrections Department is looking at how services are provided – how to provide correctional services to people in incarceration to be more effective and efficient, to keep people out of the system who do not need to be there, and to find a better way of serving people who are mentally ill.

Ramsey County's diversity is key to how to work with the public, with peers in other entities of local government, and collaboration is key in how to move forward. Ramsey County will need to work closely with the legislature, Congress, and all the cities in the County, especially with the City of St. Paul. The Ramsey County Board will need to work hard to carry its share of the workload. The committee assignments, to be approved later in this agenda, are extensive. Every Commissioner will serve on 26 to 30 committees. Together, the Board will be able to accomplish a lot this year.

Chair Parker said she is very optimistic and excited for the opportunity given to her as Board Chair, recognizing that the role of the Chair is to help the Board do its work better. She thanked the Board for this opportunity.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Rules of Procedure

Commissioner Carter introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-003)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following Rules of Procedure to govern the County Board; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions pertaining to procedures.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. Except as hereinafter provided, Robert's Rules of Order shall apply to the procedures of the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners.

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2. The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners, hereinafter called the Board, shall hold regular sessions upon the first four Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m., except legal holidays, unless specially ordered otherwise by majority vote of the Board. All meetings, including committee meetings, will be televised, to the extent possible.
3. The Chair of the Board shall preside at all meetings and in his/her absence, the Vice-Chair shall preside. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be selected by vote of the members of the Board at the first meeting in January of each year.
4. For the purpose of assisting the Board in carrying on its business, such committees shall be formed and shall be composed of such members as determined by resolution of the Board. Minutes of the committee meetings shall be kept, and shall become official upon approval by the committee. Minutes of a committee of the whole may be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the appropriate standing committee, if no subsequent committee of the whole meeting has been scheduled.
5. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for a Board meeting.
6. A majority of the appointed members of a standing committee shall constitute a quorum for committee meetings.
7. Should any standing committee meet and be one or two members short, the Board Chair and/or Vice-Chair may be asked to fill in for the missing member(s).
8. The Chair of a standing committee may move an item to the Board, without recommendation, if the committee does not have a quorum.
9. All Commissioners present at Committee meetings can participate in discussion and vote on all items.
10. It shall be the duty of the County Manager or designated agent to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of the Board, to cause committees and members of the Board and its officers to be informed of such duties as they may be charged with from time to time.
11. No issue shall be placed upon the agenda of business for any regularly held meeting of the Board unless the same has been distributed to the offices of the Board members and other interested parties by noon Friday preceding the meeting of the Board. The County Manager may promulgate such procedures as necessary to carry out this rule.
12. When a County Board member is aware of an emergency agenda item the County Manager shall be notified immediately. The County Manager shall immediately consult with the County Attorney's Office and the Clerk to the Board and place the emergency agenda item on the appropriate standing committee and/or County Board meeting agenda as soon as legally possible.
13. The agenda of Committee and Board meetings shall be in the format prescribed by a majority of Commissioners either by motion or resolution.
14. When a question is put by the Chair, every member shall vote, except the Board, for special reasons, may excuse any member from voting upon statement of the reason.
15. Matters placed on the "Administrative" or "Consent" portions of the agenda shall be moved by the Board member who is slated to vote first on roll call votes for that meeting which shall be rotated alphabetically at each succeeding meeting.
16. The County Board shall use roll call voting when action is taken at County Board meetings to approve, deny, amend or lay over items on the Board's "Administrative", "Consent" or "Policy" agendas. The County Board may use a voice vote for procedural motions at Board meetings, and for all actions at Committee meetings. The Board Chair shall vote last in all cases.

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17. Administrative or consent matters requiring Board approval, as determined by the Chair, will be placed directly on the Board's agenda under an "Administrative" or "Consent" section of the Board agenda without prior committee action and will be discussed and voted on separately.
18. Draft, unapproved minutes of the Board meeting shall be prepared, kept, recorded and distributed to all Board Members and other interested parties by the County Manager or his designated agent not less than three working days preceding the next regularly scheduled meeting. These minutes shall become official upon Board approval and shall constitute the official public record.
19. The official public record of County Board meetings shall be available in the Office of the County Manager and shall be distributed to all city halls and public libraries throughout the County within one week of approval.
20. It shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring committee, staff, official or citizen to have an agenda matter prepared in the form to be acted on by the County Board and to have secured legal, fiscal, and administrative review as determined by the County Manager or his designated agent.
21. Special meetings of the County Board may be called by the Chair of the Board or by a majority of its members.
22. All meetings of the Board, including special meetings, shall be held at the County Seat, either in the Offices of the Board of County Commissioners, or in the Council Chambers on the third floor of the City Hall and Court House, or such location as may be designated by the Board by resolution, motion, or by the Chair.
23. No rule of the Board shall be suspended or amended without the concurrence of a majority of the Board.
24. All matters requiring Board approval must receive the concurrence of a majority of the Board.
25. Citizens who wish to be heard on matters of interest to the good and welfare of the County shall be heard at an appropriate time on the agenda.
26. The County Board may waive the first and second reading of a proposed ordinance if a copy of the proposed ordinance is supplied to each member of the County Board prior to its introduction and if the County Board passes a resolution waiving the full reading of the ordinance.
27. The County Board of Commissioners hereby waives the reading of Board Resolutions, unless a reading of a specific resolution is requested by the Chair.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to Standing Committees

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution as revised and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes - Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-004)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following Standing Committees for 2008:

**BUDGET**

- Reinhardt, Chair
- Rettman, Vice-Chair
- Bennett
- Carter
- McDonough

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- Ortega
- Parker

COUNTY FACILITIES

- Ortega, Chair
- Bennett, Vice-Chair
- Carter
- McDonough
- Parker
- Reinhardt
- Rettman

FINANCE, PERSONNEL & MANAGEMENT

- Ortega, Chair
- Rettman, Vice-Chair
- Bennett
- McDonough

HEALTH SERVICES

- Rettman, Chair
- Parker, Vice-Chair
- Carter
- McDonough

HUMAN SERVICES/WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

- Carter, Chair
- McDonough, Vice-Chair
- Parker
- Reinhardt

LEGISLATIVE

- Carter, Chair
- Reinhardt, Vice-Chair
- Bennett
- McDonough
- Ortega
- Parker
- Rettman

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE

- Bennett, Chair
- Reinhardt, Vice-Chair
- Carter
- Parker

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PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS & SOLID WASTE

- Bennett, Chair
- Reinhardt, Vice-Chair
- Parker
- Rettman

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY

- McDonough, Chair
- Parker, Vice-Chair
- Bennett, Secretary
- Carter, Treasurer
- Ortega
- Reinhardt
- Rettman

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

- Rettman, Chair
- Carter, Vice-Chair
- Parker, Secretary
- Bennett
- McDonough
- Ortega
- Reinhardt

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to Outside Boards, Committees, etc.

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution as revised, and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes - Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-005)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the following appointments by the Chair, to serve on outside Boards, Committees and Commissions for the year 2008:

**RAMSEY COUNTY COMMITTEES**

ACTIVE LIVING RAMSEY COUNTY

- Parker, Chair

BOARD/BENCH COMMITTEE

- Bennett
- Carter
- Parker

CENTRAL CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Carter
- Ortega

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CENTRAL CORRIDOR PARTNERSHIP

- Ortega

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

- Carter
- Parker
- Reinhardt, Alternate
- Rettman

CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Bennett
- Carter
- Parker

COURT HOUSE/CITY HALL COMMITTEE

- McDonough
- Ortega
- Parker

I35W CORRIDOR COMMITTEE

- Bennett
- Parker, Alternate

JOINT PROPERTY TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Ortega
- Reinhardt
- Rettman

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE

- Carter, Chair
- Reinhardt

LAW LIBRARY TRUSTEE

- Rettman

LOCATE

- Bennett
- Ortega

MINNESOTA LANDMARKS

- Bennett
- Ortega

RAMSEY COUNTY CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

- Carter

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RAMSEY COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEE

- McDonough
- Reinhardt

RAMSEY COUNTY LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- Reinhardt
- Bennett, Alternate

RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON

- Parker
- Bennett, Alternate

RAMSEY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

- Rettman
- McDonough, Alternate

RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT BOARD

- Carter
- Ortega
- Parker
- Reinhardt
- Rettman

RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Reinhardt

RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Parker

RIVERFRONT CORPORATION

- Ortega
- Parker

ST. PAUL CHILDREN'S COLLABORATIVE

- Carter
- Reinhardt

ST. PAUL CHILDREN'S COLLABORATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Carter

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURT LIAISON

- Parker

SUBURBAN RAMSEY FAMILY COLLABORATIVE (SRFC) JOINT POWERS BOARD

- Rettman

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SRFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Rettman

STEPS TO A HEALTHIER ST. PAUL/RAMSEY COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Carter

TRANSIT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION OF ST. PAUL

- Ortega

WILLOW LAKE NATURE PRESERVE

- Bennett

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

- McDonough
- Parker, Alternate

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION

- Carter
- McDonough
- Parker

**METRO GOVERNANCE**

800 MHz SUBSYSTEM POLICY COMMITTEE

- Bennett
- McDonough
- Reinhardt, Alternate
- Ortega, Alternate

MetroGIS POLICY BOARD

- Reinhardt
- Rettman, Alternate

METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING PROGRAM

- Rettman

METROPOLITAN AREA AGENCY ON AGING

- Parker

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES ENERGY TASK FORCE

- Ortega
- Reinhardt

METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

- Bennett
- McDonough
- Rettman

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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

- Bennett
- Rettman, Alternate

MESB COST ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

- McDonough

MESB EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Bennett

METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

- Bennett
- McDonough
- Rettman

MMCD EXECUTIVE BOARD

- McDonough

METROPOLITAN WORKFORCE COUNCIL

- McDonough

PROPERTY TAX STUDY PROJECT

- Ortega
- Rettman

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATING BOARD

- Reinhardt
- Rettman

**OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

BUSINESS INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

- Rettman

EAST METRO HEALTH CAREERS INSTITUTE BOARD

- Rettman

FAMILY HOUSING FUND

- Carter

HEADING HOME MN

- Carter

INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON JUVENILE CORRECTIONS AND CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

- Carter

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MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD

- Reinhardt
- Ortega, Alternate

MINNESOTA WORKFORCE COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

- McDonough

REGIONS HOSPITAL BOARD

- Ortega

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE LIAISON

- Bennett

STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Rettman

STATE OF MINNESOTA STEPS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Carter

U OF M STADIUM COMMITTEE

- Carter

STATEWIDE RADIO BOARD

- Bennett

STATEWIDE RADIO BOARD STEERING COMMITTEE

- Bennett

**COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS**

ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES (AMC)

- Board of Directors: Bennett (Past President); Carter (Alternate); McDonough (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President); Ortega; Reinhardt (Com Chair, non-vote)
  - District X Executive Committee: Ortega; Reinhardt (Alternate)
  - District X Representative: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman
- Committees:
- Criminal Justice Policy: Bennett (Chair)
  - General Government: McDonough; Parker (Alternate)
  - Health and Human Services: Carter (Vice-Chair); Parker (Alternate); Rettman (Alternate)
  - Legislative Steering: Reinhardt (Vice-Chair, non-vote)
  - Natural Resources: Reinhardt (Vice-Chair)
  - Transportation and Agriculture: Ortega
  - AMC Officer: McDonough (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President)

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

- Board of Directors: Bennett
- Human Services & Education Steering Committee: Carter
- Justice & Public Safety Steering Committee: Bennett (Vice-Chair); Parker
- Employment and Workforce Development Committee: Carter
- Energy, Environment and Land Use Steering Committee: Reinhardt
- Health Steering Committee: Rettman
- Membership Committee: Bennett
- Transportation Committee: Ortega
- Community and Economic Development Committee: McDonough
- NACo IT Committee: Reinhardt

COUNTY MANAGER – Contract for publication of the Proceedings of the County Board

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker - 7. Nays – 0. (2008-006)

WHEREAS, Publication of the official proceedings of the Board is required by M.S. 375.12; and

WHEREAS, A Request for Bids was distributed to receive bids from vendors for a newspaper to be designated the “official newspaper” of Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received from Latino Midwest News, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press, and Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press was the low bidder with a cost of \$3.10 per column inch. The “known office of issue” of Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press is 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110; and

WHEREAS, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press would be designated the “official newspaper” of Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, In addition to publishing the official proceedings of the County Board, other County Departments will use this contract for publication of various notices throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press bid according to specifications contained in the Request for Bids document, and will pay prevailing wages when doing the County’s work; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby awards Contract CC001775, in the amount of \$3.10 per column inch to Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press, with its “known office of issue” located at 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, to be designated the “official newspaper” of Ramsey County, for publication of the official proceedings of the Board; and Be It Further

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

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COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING – Award Contract for 2007 Financial Statement in a legal newspaper designated as the “Official Newspaper” for publication of the Financial Statement

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker - 7. Nays – 0. (2008-007)

WHEREAS, Publication of Ramsey County’s 2007 Financial Statement, in a qualified legal newspaper to be designated as the “Official Newspaper”, is required by M.S. 375.17; and

WHEREAS, A Request for Bids was distributed to receive bids from vendors; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received from Latino Midwest News, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press, and Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press and Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper both bid a per column inch of \$3.90 on this Request for Bid. However, the bid from Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press was received one day ahead of Lillie Newspaper’s bid. In the instance where two identical bids have been received, the policy is to accept the bid that arrived first; and

WHEREAS, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press bid according to specifications contained within the Request for Bids document; and

WHEREAS, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press, located at 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, will pay prevailing wages when doing the County’s work. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has a policy regarding the payment of prevailing wages (Resolution 77-093); Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby awards Contract CC001777, in the amount of \$3.90 per column inch, to Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press, 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, for publication of the 2007 Financial Statement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, THE Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the contract; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, THE Board designates Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press as the “official newspaper” for publication of the 2007 Financial Statement.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTING – Award Contract for Financial Statement in other than the “Official Newspaper” for such publication

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker - 7. Nays – 0. (2008-008)

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WHEREAS, M.S. 375.17 requires publication of the financial statement of Ramsey County in a qualified newspaper of the County, located in a municipality of the County different from the newspaper designated as the “official newspaper” for such publication; and

WHEREAS, A Request for Bids was distributed to receive bids from vendors; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received from Latino Midwest News, Lillie Newspaper/ New Brighton Bulletin, and Press Publications/White Bear Press; and

WHEREAS, New Brighton Bulletin was the low bidder on this Request for Bids. Minnesota Statutes 375.17 requires that publication of the Financial Statement be published in a different municipality of the county than the newspaper designated as the “official newspaper” for such publication; and

WHEREAS, New Brighton Bulletin has been recommended to be the “official newspaper” and that this contract be awarded to New Brighton Bulletin for its bid of \$3.90 per column inch; and

WHEREAS, New Brighton Bulletin, located at 909 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, will pay prevailing wages when doing the County’s work. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has a policy regarding the payment of prevailing wages (Resolution 77-093); Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby awards Contract CC001778, in the amount of \$3.90 per column inch, to publish the Financial Statement of Ramsey County for the year 2007, in a newspaper other than the “official newspaper” in a different municipality, to New Brighton Bulletin, 909 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112; and Be It Further

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

**PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Award Contract for Publication of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes**

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker -7. Nays – 0. (2008-009)

WHEREAS, Publication of the List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent on the First Day of January is required by M.S. 279.09. This list must be published once in each of two consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS, A Request for Bids was distributed to receive bids from vendors; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received from Latino Midwest News, Minnesota Spokesman Recorder, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press, and Lillie Newspapers/Ramsey County Review; and

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WHEREAS, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press was the low bidder with a cost of \$3.10 per column inch for the first insertion and \$3.00 for subsequent insertions; and

WHEREAS, Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press is located at 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110; and

WHEREAS, Lillie Newspapers/Ramsey County Review bid according to specifications contained within the Request for Bids document, and will pay prevailing wages when doing the County's work; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby awards Contract CC001776, in the amount of \$3.10 per column inch for the first insertion and \$3.00 per column inch for subsequent insertions, to Press Publications, Inc./Shoreview Press, 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, for publication of the List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent on the first day of January, 2008; and Be It Further

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

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to the Ramsey County Extension Committee

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-010)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Extension Committee is made up of nine members, including two Commissioners and the Chief Clerk-County Board; and

WHEREAS, Two vacancies exist on the Ramsey County Extension Committee due to term expirations; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County's Open Appointment Process, a press release seeking interested individuals was distributed; and

WHEREAS, Three applications were received; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to the Ramsey County Extension Committee for terms beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2010:

NAME

Apolonia Fay  
1158 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, MN 55106

Colleen Sanders  
1521 Burns Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55106

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BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Acceptance of a Gift from the Natural Resources Defense Council to be used toward Commissioner and Aide travel to New York City

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-011)

WHEREAS, Commissioner Reinhardt has been invited to testify at the January 14, 2008, New York City Council meeting about Minnesota's recent electronic waste legislation; and

WHEREAS, Electronic waste consists of broken or unwanted electrical or electronic appliances such as computers, entertainment devices, and mobile phones that have been discarded and are destined for reuse, recycling or disposal, and many components of these appliances are considered toxic and are not biodegradable; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, the Minnesota state legislature passed an innovative "producer responsibility" bill which requires electronics manufacturers to pay for collection and recycling of electronic waste from households; and

WHEREAS, This is the first bill in the country to set actual targets for how much equipment the manufacturers must take back and recycle, measured as a percent of the products they are selling in the state; and

WHEREAS, The New York City Council will be holding a hearing on January 14, 2008, on a proposed electronics collection, recycling and reuse bill, and Commissioner Reinhardt has been invited to testify about Minnesota's recent electronic waste legislation; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Reinhardt was invited to testify because she led the county effort to pass the Minnesota legislation and is nationally recognized for this leadership; and

WHEREAS, The Natural Resources Defense Council will issue a check to Ramsey County to cover Commissioner Reinhardt's expenses, including airfare, hotel, cab and meal costs, while in New York City and, in addition, the NRDC will also pay up to a total \$150 to cover hotel expenses for Commissioner Reinhardt's Aide, Darren Tobolt; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County's Administrative Code addresses the acceptance of gifts. Section 5.40.03A details the types of gifts that can be accepted by the County Manager. Section 5.40.03B outlines those gifts that may only be accepted by the County Board. Subsection 3 of this section states "Only the County Board may accept gifts which will be used to support the operations of the Board. Examples include donations toward Commissioner travel, office expenses and other County business related activities"; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepts a monetary gift from the Natural Resources Defense Council that will be used to cover travel expenses incurred by Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt and her Aide, Darren Tobolt, on a trip to New York City, January 12-14, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make the necessary budget adjustments to the County Board's 2008 budget.

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BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to the Ramsey County Library Board

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

Commissioner Rettman asked if ratification of David Norrgard to the MELSA (Metropolitan Library Service Agency) Board of Trustees, is a continuing reappointment.

Chair Parker said she made that recommendation. A number of years ago, there had always been a representative from the Ramsey County Board of Trustees to MELSA. Other members on the MELSA Board come from their boards of trustees. Several years ago, the Ramsey County Library Board was not able to get a representative because the meetings are always at noon. Now there is a member who is available at noon, and he has offered to serve on MELSA. This is more consistent with how other counties operate. Chair Parker is currently President of MELSA, and will attend the first meeting in January, after which time, she will no longer continue on this Board; David Norrgard will be the representative.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7.  
Nays – 0. (2008-012)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Library Board is made up of seven members; and

WHEREAS, Two vacancies exist on the Ramsey County Library Board due to term expirations; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County's Open Appointment Process, a press release seeking interested individuals was distributed; and

WHEREAS, Fifteen applications were received, including one from an incumbent; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners representing the suburban areas of the County and current members of the Library Board interviewed six of the applicants, and have made recommendations for appointment of two of the individuals; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the appointment of Roberta G. Weltzin, 4800 Division Avenue, Apt. 121, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, and Beverly Aplikowski, 1443 Bussard Court, Arden Hills, MN 55112, to the Ramsey County Library Board, for terms beginning January 1, 2008 and expiring December 31, 2010; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board hereby ratifies the appointment of David Norrgard to the Metropolitan Library Services Agency (MELSA) Metronet Board of Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board