

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, and Chair Parker – 7. Absent: - 0. Also present were Dave Twa, County Manager, and Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Commissioner Rettman was out of the room during the next two votes.]

AGENDA

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Agenda of the June 3, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt, with the withdrawal of item 10.6, as requested by the Community Human Services Department. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Minutes of the May 20, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Agreements for four Youth Service Bureaus: Children's Home Society and Family Services; Northwest Youth and Family Services; St. Paul Youth Services; and White Bear Lake dba White Bear Lake Area Community Counseling Center

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-188)

WHEREAS, Four Youth Service Bureaus have provided youth diversion programming to Ramsey County's juvenile offenders since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, The County had provided continuous financial support to all four agencies for their diversion activities since 1979 through April 2003 when the contracts were cancelled due to the state budget crisis that year; and

WHEREAS, The four agencies have requested funding from the County to help address the burgeoning costs of operation, decreased staff levels and more complex family and social issues in the diversion population; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to approve the Agreement with Children's Home Society and Family Services, 1711 West County Road B., Suite 200S, Roseville, Minnesota 55113, in an amount not to exceed \$41,250 for 2008 and not to exceed \$41,250 for 2009 for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, to provide services relating to diversion counseling, restitution, referral and outreach; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to approve the Agreement with Northwest Youth and Family Services, 3490 Lexington Avenue North, Shoreview, Minnesota 55126, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for 2008 and not to exceed \$45,000 for

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2009, for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, to provide services relating to diversion counseling, restitution, referral and outreach; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to approve the Agreement with St. Paul Youth Services, 2100 Wilson Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55119, in an amount not to exceed \$97,500 for 2008 and not to exceed \$97,500 for 2009, for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, to provide services relating to diversion counseling, restitution, referral and outreach; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to approve the Agreement with White Bear Lake d/b/a White Bear Lake Area Community Counseling Center, 1280 North Birch Lake Boulevard, White Bear Lake, Minnesota 55110, in an amount not to exceed \$41,250 for 2008 and not to exceed \$41,250 for 2009, for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, to provide services relating to diversion counseling, restitution, referral and outreach; 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.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Contract with the W. Haywood Burns Institute

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-189)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Community Corrections is committed to exploring efforts to reduce racial disparities in the Ramsey County Juvenile Justice System and avoiding inappropriate detention, while maintaining public safety; and

WHEREAS, The W. Haywood Burns Institute works in several jurisdictions across the country to avoid unnecessary and inappropriate detention and reduce racial disparities in the juvenile justice system by leading a group of traditional and non-traditional stakeholders through a data-driven, consensus-based assessment process; and

WHEREAS, The W. Haywood Burns Institute conducted an on-site assessment in 2005 that included an assessment of stakeholder engagement and systems analysis as well as a written report of findings; and

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Justice System would like to contract with the W. Haywood Burns Institute to assist in developing a community engagement strategy; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to approve an agreement, in the amount of \$15,000, with the W. Haywood Burns Institute, 180 Howard Street, Suite 320, San Francisco, CA 94105, to assist County Community Corrections Juvenile Division's efforts to develop a community engagement strategy to reduce racial disparities in the Ramsey County Juvenile Justice System and avoid inappropriate detention, while maintaining public safety, for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute the Agreement 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.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointment to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-190)

WHEREAS, There is currently a County vacancy on the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) in the category of One-Stop Partner; and

WHEREAS, WIB staff have been recruiting applicants and have received an application from Dennis Johnson, MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development – Rehabilitation Services; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individual to the Workforce Investment Board:

- Dennis Johnson, MN Department of Employment and Economic Development – Rehabilitation Services, for a term beginning on the date of appointment and ending on July 31, 2010.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to Minnesota Landmarks Board of Directors

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-191)

WHEREAS, According to a provision in the Minnesota Landmarks By-laws, appointments to the Board of Directors of Minnesota Landmarks need to be approved by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, At the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Landmarks Board of Directors held May 8, 2008, appointments recommended by the Nominating Committee were made; and

WHEREAS, A letter dated May 13, 2008, was sent to Chair Parker requesting the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approve the appointments; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the appointment of individuals to the Minnesota Landmarks Board of Directors, for terms as indicated:

Reappointments - Three-year terms to expire in 2011:

Scott Knudson

Commissioner Rafael Ortega

Steve Proeschel

Honorable Esther Tomljanovich

Thomas F. Nelson

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Appointment – Term to expire in 2011:

Imani Jaafar-Mohammad

Appointment - Terms to expire with office

Evie Gibis, President of the Landmark Center Volunteer Association
Councilmember Melvin Carter

Appointment – Lifetime Member on the Board of Directors

Dr. David Lanegran

Appointment – Board Member Emeritus

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Officers of the Board of Directors of Minnesota Landmarks for 2008-2009:

Chair	Scott Knudson
Vice Chair	Tom Boyd
Vice Chair	Don Leier
Secretary	Kareen Ecklund
Treasurer	Steve Proeschel
Assistant Treasurer	James Affolter

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Cultural Bias Training

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-192)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Ending Racial Disparities Project has received funding through the Casey Center for the Study of Social Policy and local foundations for the provision of Cultural Bias Training; and

WHEREAS, This training will be provided to staff from the Family and Children’s Services Division of the Community Human Services Department, the County Attorney’s Child Abuse Unit, the Sheriff Department’s Investigative Unit, the Department of Public Health’s Healthy Families Unit, the St. Paul Police Department, and St. Paul Public Schools Staff Development Office; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Cultural Bias training will be provided to other staff within the Human Services Department as part of the overall Initiative to reduce disparities in service outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Cultural Bias training was identified as a primary need in the staff development and training plans for both projects; and

WHEREAS, Participants will be completing evaluations of the training in order to document the impact the training has had on their interactions with colleagues and individuals seeking service; and

WHEREAS, The funding has been provided to enable us to work with Robert O’Connor in designing and conducting the training; and

WHEREAS, Robert has a long history of engaging in this type of work within Minnesota; and

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WHEREAS, There are no local dollars involved in this agreement; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve an agreement with Robert O'Connor, 400 Mary Lane South, Maplewood, MN 55119, for Cultural Bias Training at \$125 per hour, for the period May 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to execute the agreement, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, to implement the training and to make the necessary budget adjustments.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Long-Term Homeless Group Residential Housing Contract with the Salvation Army

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-193)

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army Booth Brown House has requested a Long-Term Homeless Group Residential Housing agreement with Ramsey County for its Foyer permanent supportive housing program; and

WHEREAS, The Foyer permanent supportive housing program at Booth Brown House includes 25 efficiency apartments for homeless youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, The Booth Brown House, located at 1471 Como Avenue, St. Paul, is owned and operated by the Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, The facility, in addition to the permanent supportive housing program, includes a 15-bed crisis shelter and a 10-bed transitional housing program for homeless youth; and

WHEREAS, The building has been registered as housing with services with the State of Minnesota Department of Health and qualifies for a contract with Ramsey County under the Long-Term Homeless Group Residential Housing (GRH) program; and

WHEREAS, This funding from the state was recently expanded to a wider range of supportive housing services to provide these homeless prevention efforts more stable financial support; and

WHEREAS, The Booth Brown House was already providing services to individuals at this location; and

WHEREAS, The agreement will not change who is served or the number of individuals being supported; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve an agreement with The Salvation Army, 1471 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108, to provide permanent supportive housing for homeless youth and young adults, at the state Group Residential Housing Rate of \$757 per individual per month, for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to execute the agreement, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, and make the necessary budget adjustments.

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COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Recruitment of Families for Children in the Foster Care System

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-194)

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced a funding opportunity focused on the recruitment of families to adopt children in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, The Department plans to make up to nine cooperative awards to fund multi-faceted recruitment programs for a range of resource or permanent families for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, These permanent families would include relatives, as well as foster and adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, The recruitment programs will be federal demonstration projects and include a comprehensive evaluation of the recruitment strategies that will be developed and implemented; and

WHEREAS, In Ramsey County, African American youth make up 54% of the 233 children awaiting adoption; and

WHEREAS, The Human Services Department proposes to partner with the African American community to develop recruitment strategies for foster, relative and adoptive homes; and

WHEREAS, The Human Services Department will work with existing leadership, professional, faith-based and community organizations within the African American and Hispanic/Latino communities on this effort; and

WHEREAS, The project will focus on increasing the number of adoptions for children age 11 and older; and

WHEREAS, Among the objectives will be to recruit adoptive families from existing foster care providers and to engage the local business community in this effort; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services has up to \$400,000 per year available for five years, or a total of \$2 million per funded demonstration project. A 10% local match is required. RCCHSD will provide the match through in-kind contributions of staff time; and

WHEREAS, Due to the deadlines for submission, the proposal has been mailed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is being held pending Board approval; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the recruitment of families for children in the foster care system; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Director of Community Human Services to submit the grant application and its required assurances; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to accept funds, make budget adjustments and execute any contracts or agreements associated with the project.

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BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointment of NACo voting delegates

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-195)

WHEREAS, The National Association of Counties (NACo) By-laws pertaining to voting at the NACo Conferences state that each County shall direct which of its appointed or elected officials shall cast its votes, providing the delegates are registered for the convention; and

WHEREAS, The By-laws further provide that a member county may prescribe rules with regard to proxy voting of its delegates; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby determines that Ramsey County's votes at the National Association of Counties Conferences shall be evenly proportioned to those County Commissioners who are in attendance in any meetings where votes are cast; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the voting delegates are:

Commissioner Tony Bennett
Commissioner Toni Carter
Commissioner Jim McDonough
Commissioner Rafael Ortega
Commissioner Jan Parker
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt
Commissioner Janice Rettman
David Twa, County Manager
Terry Speiker, Director, Intergovernmental Relations

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes David Twa, County Manager, or Terry Speiker, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, to pick up Ramsey County's voting materials.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Citizens Advisory Council member appointments

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-196)

WHEREAS, The Low Income Committee of the Human Services Citizens Advisory Council currently has eight vacancies; and

WHEREAS, Eight community members have submitted applications and expressed an interest in filing currently vacant positions on the Low Income Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Citizens Advisory Council recommends appointment of the eight individuals for terms through June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Advisory Council of the Human Services Citizens Advisory Council currently has five vacancies; and

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WHEREAS, One community member has submitted an application to participate in the work of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Citizens Advisory Council recommends appointment of this individual for a term running through June 30, 2009; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the eight individuals to serve on the Low Income Committee of the Community Human Services Advisory Council, with terms beginning on the date of appointment and terminating on June 30, 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board appoints the one individual to serve on the Mental Health Advisory Council of the Community Human Services Advisory Council, with the term beginning on the date of appointment and terminating on June 30, 2009.

HUMAN SERVICES CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Membership Status Report

Low Income Committee

1. Victoria Hippler
2. Shellie Rowe
3. Mary Gallagher
4. Sina Black
5. Kristen Kinney
6. vacancy (would be filled by India D'Arico)
7. vacancy (would be filled by Sue Kovarik)
8. Ericka Minus
9. Joanne Arama
10. vacancy (would be filled by Marsha Cressy)
11. vacancy (would be filled by Arbadella Williams)
12. vacancy (would be filled by Erika Nicholson)
13. vacancy (would be filled by Lavonya Brown)
14. vacancy (would be filled by Shonagh Jones)
15. vacancy (would be filled by Margaret Lovejoy)

Mental Health Advisory Council

1. Renee Jenson
2. Carol Rynders
3. Kirsten Girard
4. Anna Mae Hogan
5. Will Susens
6. Jerry Winters
7. Cecilia Mills
8. Clair Grubich
9. Lisa Richardson
10. Scot Hunter
11. vacancy (would be filled by Ann Marie Meyer)
12. vacancy
13. vacancy
14. vacancy
15. vacancy

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BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-197)

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County’s Open Appointment Process, two press releases have been distributed seeking applicants for four positions on the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, This commission is comprised of nine members, one from each Commissioner district, and two at-large positions; and

WHEREAS, Eleven applications were received, including those of three incumbents; and

WHEREAS, Recruitment of applicants from District 5 will continue as no applications have been received to date from District 5; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the appointment of the following individuals to the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Commission, for terms beginning June 1, 2008 and ending June 1, 2011.

District 1

Debra Falkowski
588 Aileen Court
Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

District 7

Candace Peterson
2618 Belmont Lane
North St. Paul, MN 55109

At-Large

Richard Straumann
4380 Arden View Court
Arden Hills, MN 55112

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Sale of 2008 Capital Improvement Program Bonds

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

Kathy Aho, President, Springsted, Incorporated, was present to discuss the results of yesterday’s sale.

Ms. Aho said six bids were received yesterday. This was one of the most difficult markets that bonds have been pulled into. A confirmation of the AAA and Aaa ratings had been received, and continues to be a testament to the hard decisions that the Board makes and the good forward-looking plans that are made. One of the outcomes of the two-year budget was that staff was able to respond to questions about what would be done with levy limits, etc.; staff knew exactly what the impacts would be and exactly what was in the plan for 2009. The conferences went very well, and the County’s credit continues to be well received by the rating agencies and by the bidding public.

Commissioner Bennett said some counties are now beginning to slip; here are now 39 out of 3,000 in the United States that have AAA and Aaa ratings. He asked how many years in a row the County has had the double ratings.

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Ms. Aho said in May 2001, the Standard and Poors rating was upgraded from AA+ to a AAA rating; she shows a Aaa from Moody's going back to 1977. Since 2001, Ramsey County has had both.

Six bids were received; the low bid received was from RBC Capital at a 3.9167%. That is about 20 basis points, or .2% lower than what they had in the recommendations. The bids ranged up to a 4.04%; quite tight bidding, with a difference of about \$60,000 in total interest cost between the highest bid and the lowest bid. Their recommendation is for the Board to accept the bid of RBC Capital Markets, at a 3.9167 true interest cost.

Chair Parker said the Board is very proud of the County staff involved in preparing the documentation for this. She thanked Ms. Aho and her partners at Springsted for helping the County with this process. It means a great deal to the taxpayers of Ramsey County to be able to have the highest possible bond rating in terms of the money the County borrows. She thanked Dave Twa, County Manager, for helping the Board shepherd in the two-year budgeting process.

Ms. Aho thanked Chair Parker, but commented that the "heavy lifting" gets done at the Board level. The Board makes difficult decisions; this is one area where Commissioners receive some recognition for having made those tough decisions.

Commissioner Rettman said employees in Property Records and Revenue also should be thanked for the time they have spent on this. All staff who have worked on this should get a piece of the recognition.

Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 6. Nays – Rettman - 1. (2008-198)

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,100,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2008A, PROVIDING FOR THEIR ISSUANCE, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

A. WHEREAS, Ramsey County, Minnesota (the "County"), has adopted an amended Capital Improvement Plan for the year 2008 and Program for the years 2006 to 2011 (the "Plan") pursuant to authority of its Home Rule Charter, rather than Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40, Subdivision 3, and the Plan provides for the financing and construction of various capital improvements in the County, including an adult correctional facility, the Crescent Electric property, and regular capital improvement plan projects; and

B. WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County, by an ordinance adopted March 11, 2008, has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue not to exceed \$6,100,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2008A (the "Bonds"), pursuant to its Home Rule Charter and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, to provide funds to finance the costs of certain capital improvements set forth in the Plan; and

C. WHEREAS, the ordinance relating to the issuance of the Bonds has been published and has not been subjected to referendum by a petition within thirty (30) days after said publication and is now effective; and

D. WHEREAS, Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission prohibits "participating underwriters" from purchasing or selling the Bonds unless the County undertakes to provide certain continuing disclosure with respect to the Bonds; and

E. WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9), public sale requirements do not apply to the Bonds if the County retains an independent financial advisor and determines to sell the Bonds by private negotiation, and the County has instead authorized a competitive sale without publication of notice thereof as a form of private negotiation; and

F. WHEREAS, proposals for the Bonds have been received pursuant to a resolution providing for the competitive negotiated sale thereof adopted on May 6, 2008; and

G. WHEREAS, in the Terms of Proposal relating to the Bonds the County reserved the right to increase or decrease the issue size from the proposed \$6,100,000, in \$5,000 multiples in any of the maturities, and to increase or reduce any premium offered or any discount taken by a percentage equal to the percentage by which the principal amount of the Bonds is increased or reduced; and

H. WHEREAS, the ordinance adopted March 11, 2008, authorizes the issuance of not to exceed \$6,100,000, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.56(a), permits the issuance of not exceeding 2% over that amount (or \$6,222,000), and Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 1, further permits bonds to be sold at a premium of not to exceed 2% greater than that second amount (or \$6,346,440); and

I. WHEREAS, the party with the best proposal for the Bonds proposed a \$90,020.70 premium for their purchase, but there is no need for the County to adjust the principal amount from the proposed \$6,100,000:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Definitions.

All terms defined anywhere in this Resolution, including the preamble, shall have the meanings assigned to those terms wherever used in this Resolution. The following terms shall have the following meanings whenever used in this Resolution:

Bonds: The \$6,100,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2008A, issued by the County pursuant to this Resolution.

Business Day: Any day except a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday or day on which banking institutions in St. Paul, Minnesota, or New York, New York, are authorized by law or executive order to be closed.

Interest Payment Date: February 1 and August 1 of each year while the Bonds remain outstanding, commencing February 1, 2009.

Resolution: This Resolution as from time to time amended or supplemented in accordance with the terms hereof.

2. Acceptance of Proposal.

The proposal of RBC Capital Markets (the "Purchaser") to purchase \$6,100,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2008A, of the County (the "Bonds", or individually a "Bond") at the rates of interest hereinafter set forth, and to pay therefor the sum of \$6,190,020.70, plus accrued interest from July 1, 2008, to settlement, is hereby found, determined and declared to be the most favorable proposal received and is hereby accepted for Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,100,000 and purchase price of \$6,190,020.70, plus accrued interest to settlement, and the Bonds are hereby directed to be sold to the Purchaser. The Director of Budgeting and Accounting of the County, or her designee, is directed to retain the deposit of the

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Purchaser and forthwith return to the unsuccessful parties making proposals their good faith checks or drafts.

3. Title; Original Issue Date; Denominations; Maturities.

The Bonds shall be titled "General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2008A", shall be dated July 1, 2008, as the date of original issue and shall be issued forthwith on or after such date as fully registered bonds. The Bonds shall be numbered from R-1 upward. Upon their original issuance the Bonds shall be issued in the form of one Global Certificate representing the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year (each a "Global Certificate"), fully registered as to principal and interest in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, a Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") registered depository, a trust company organized under the laws of the United States or a state, a member of the Federal Reserve System and a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of New York, in which the principal office of such institution is located (the "Depository").

The Bonds shall mature, unless called for early redemption, on February 1 in the years and amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$455,000	2017	\$440,000
2010	340,000	2018	455,000
2011	350,000	2019	175,000
2012	360,000	2021	365,000
2013	375,000	2023	400,000
2014	395,000	2025	430,000
2015	405,000	2028	730,000
2016	425,000		

4. Purpose.

The Bonds shall provide funds for the construction of certain capital improvements set forth in the Plan (the "Improvements"), and any excess funds shall be devoted to any other purpose permitted by law. The total cost of the Improvements, which shall include all costs enumerated in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65, is estimated to be at least equal to the amount of the Bonds. Work on the Improvements is proceeding and shall proceed with due diligence to completion.

5. Interest.

The Bonds shall bear interest payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing February 1, 2009, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, at the respective rates per annum set forth opposite the maturity years as follows:

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<u>Maturity Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2009	4.000%	2017	4.000%
2010	4.000	2018	4.000
2011	4.000	2019	4.000
2012	4.000	2021	4.000
2013	4.000	2023	4.150
2014	4.000	2025	4.250
2015	4.000	2028	4.375
2016	4.000		

6. Interest Payment; Record Date.

Interest on any Global Certificate shall be paid as provided in the first paragraph thereof, and interest on any Replacement Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond is registered (the "Holder") on the registration books of the County maintained by the Bond Registrar, and in each case at the address appearing thereon at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date (the "Regular Record Date"). Any such interest not so timely paid shall cease to be payable to the person who is the Holder thereof as of the Regular Record Date, and shall be payable to the person who is the Holder thereof at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") fixed by the Bond Registrar whenever money becomes available for payment of the defaulted interest. Notice of the Special Record Date shall be given by the Bond Registrar to the Holders not less than ten (10) days prior to the Special Record Date.

Interest on Global Certificates registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee shall be paid by wire transfer to the Depository in accordance with this Resolution and transfer instructions provided by the Depository.

7. Forms of Bond.

The Bonds shall be in the form of Global Certificates unless and until Replacement Bonds are made available as provided in Section 17, and otherwise shall be in the form of Replacement Bonds. The forms of Bond shall be as set forth in Exhibit A for the Global Certificates or as set forth in Exhibit B for the Replacement Bonds, with paragraphs identical to those of the form of Global Certificate stated by heading or initial text only.

8. Redemption.

- (A) Optional Redemption. All Bonds maturing after February 1, 2018, shall be subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the County on such date and on any day thereafter at a price of par plus accrued interest. Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, those Bonds remaining unpaid may be prepaid in such order of maturity and in such amount per maturity as the County shall determine (treating amounts scheduled for mandatory redemption as maturities). If a maturity is prepaid only in part, prepayments will be in increments of \$5,000 of principal.

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- (B) Scheduled Mandatory Redemption. Term Bonds maturing in the year 2021 are subject to redemption and prepayment on February 1 of the year 2020 at a price of par plus accrued interest, without premium, in the amount set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2020	\$180,000	
2021	185,000	(Maturity)

Term Bonds maturing in the year 2023 are subject to redemption and prepayment on February 1 of the year 2022 at a price of par plus accrued interest, without premium, in the amount set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2022	\$195,000	
2023	205,000	(Maturity)

Term Bonds maturing in the year 2025 are subject to redemption and prepayment on February 1 of the year 2024 at a price of par plus accrued interest, without premium, in the amount set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2024	\$210,000	
2025	220,000	(Maturity)

Term Bonds maturing in the year 2028 are subject to redemption and prepayment on February 1 of the years 2026 and 2027, inclusive, at a price of par plus accrued interest, without premium, in the years and in the amounts set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
2026	\$230,000	
2027	245,000	
2028	255,000	(Maturity)

- (C) Request for Redemption; Due Date. The Bond Registrar shall call Bonds for redemption and payment as provided in this Resolution upon receipt by the Bond Registrar at least forty-five (45) days prior to the redemption date of a request of the County, in written form if the Bond Registrar is other than a County officer. Such request shall specify the principal amount of Bonds to be called for redemption, the redemption date and the redemption price. Bonds or

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portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the redemption date, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date.

- (D) Notice of Redemption. Mailed notice of redemption shall be given to the paying agent (if other than a County officer) and to each affected Holder of the Bonds. If and when the County shall call any of the Bonds for redemption and payment prior to the stated maturity thereof, the Bond Registrar shall give written notice on the name of the County of its intention to redeem and pay such Bonds at the office of the Bond Registrar. Except as otherwise provided herein, notice of redemption shall be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date, to each Holder of Bonds to be redeemed, at the address appearing in the Bond Register; provided that notice of redemption must be received not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date by the Depository and if a Letter of Representations (as hereinafter defined) contains other or different requirements for delivery of such notice to the Depository, then the provisions of the Letter of Representations shall be followed for that Holder. All notices of redemption shall state:
- (a) The redemption date;
 - (b) The redemption price;
 - (c) If less than all outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed;
 - (d) That on the redemption date, the redemption price will become due and payable upon each such Bond, and that interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said date; and
 - (e) The place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price (which shall be the office of the Bond Registrar).

9. Bond Registrar.

The Director of Budgeting and Accounting of the County is appointed to act as bond registrar and transfer agent with respect to the Bonds (the "Bond Registrar"), and shall so act for all Bonds unless and until a successor or different Bond Registrar is duly appointed. Different persons or entities may be appointed to act as Bond Registrar. A successor or different Bond Registrar shall be an officer of the County, or a bank or trust company eligible for designation as bond registrar pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, and may be appointed pursuant to any contract the County and such successor or different Bond Registrar shall execute which is consistent with the terms of this Resolution. The Bond Registrar shall also serve as paying agent unless and until a successor paying agent is duly appointed. Principal and interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the Holders (or record holders) of the Bonds in the manner set forth in the forms of Bond and in Section 6.

10. Execution and Delivery.

The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the County by the signatures of the Chair of its Board of Commissioners, its Chief Clerk and its County Manager, each with the effect noted on the forms of the Bonds, and be sealed with the seal of the County; provided, however, that the seal of the County may be a printed or photocopied facsimile; and provided further that any of such signatures

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may be printed or photocopied facsimiles and the corporate seal may be omitted as permitted by law. In the event of disability or resignation or other absence of any such officer, the Bonds may be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of that officer who may act on behalf of such absent or disabled officer. In case any such officer whose signature or facsimile of whose signature shall appear on the Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bonds, such signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if he or she had remained in office until delivery.

The Bonds, when so prepared and executed, shall be delivered by the Director of Budgeting and Accounting to the Purchaser upon receipt of the purchase price, and the Purchaser shall not be obliged to see to the proper application thereof.

11. Authentication; Date of Registration.

No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution unless a Certificate of Authentication on such Bond, substantially in the form set forth on the form of Bond, shall have been duly executed by an authorized representative of the Bond Registrar. Certificates of Authentication on different Bonds need not be signed by the same person. The Bond Registrar shall authenticate the signatures of officers of the County on each Bond by execution of the Certificate of Authentication on the Bond and by inserting as the date of registration in the space provided the date on which the Bond is authenticated. For purposes of delivering the original Bonds to the Purchaser, the Bond Registrar shall insert as the date of registration the date of original issue. The Certificate of Authentication so executed on each Bond shall be conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this Resolution.

12. Registration; Transfer; Exchange.

The County will cause to be kept at the principal office of the Bond Registrar a bond register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as the Bond Registrar may prescribe, the Bond Registrar shall provide for the registration of Bonds and the registration of transfers of Bonds entitled to be registered or transferred as provided in this Resolution.

All Bonds surrendered upon any exchange or transfer provided for in this Resolution shall be promptly cancelled by the Bond Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the County.

All Bonds delivered in exchange for or upon transfer of Bonds shall be valid general obligations of the County evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Resolution, as the Bonds surrendered for such exchange or transfer.

Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, duly executed by the holder thereof or his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing.

The Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the transfer or exchange of any Bond and any legal or unusual costs regarding transfers and lost Bonds.

Transfers shall also be subject to reasonable regulations of the County contained in any agreement with, or notice to, the Bond Registrar, including regulations which permit the Bond Registrar to close its transfer books between record dates and payment dates.

13. Rights Upon Transfer or Exchange.

Each Bond delivered upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond.

14. Holder; Treatment of Registered Owner; Consent of Holders.

- (A) For the purposes of all actions, consents and other matters affecting Holders of Bonds issued under this Resolution, as from time to time supplemented, other than payments, redemptions, and purchases, the County may (but shall not be obligated to) treat as the Holder of a Bond the beneficial owner of the Bond instead of the person in whose name the Bond is registered. For that purpose, the County may ascertain the identity of the beneficial owner of the Bond by such means as the Bond Registrar in its sole discretion deems appropriate, including but not limited to a certificate from the Depository or other person in whose name the Bond is registered identifying such beneficial owner.
- (B) The County and Bond Registrar may treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the owner of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest (subject to the payment provisions in Section 6 above) on, such Bond and for all other purposes whatsoever whether or not such Bond shall be overdue, and neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
- (C) Any consent, request, direction, approval, objection or other instrument required by this Resolution, as supplemented, to be signed and executed by the Holders may be in any number of concurrent writings of similar tenor and must be signed or executed by such Holders in person or by agent appointed in writing. Proof of the execution of any such consent, request, direction, approval, objection or other instrument or of the writing appointing any such agent and of the ownership of Bonds, if made in the following manner, shall be sufficient for any of the purposes of this Resolution, as supplemented, and shall be conclusive in favor of the County with regard to any action taken by it under such request or other instrument, namely:
- (1) The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such writing may be proved by the certificate of any officer in any jurisdiction who by law has power to take acknowledgments within such jurisdiction that the person signing such writing acknowledged before him or her the execution thereof, or by an affidavit of any witness to such execution.
 - (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (A), above, the fact of the ownership by any person of Bonds and the amounts and numbers of such Bonds, and the date of the holding of the same, may be proved by reference to the Bond Register.

15. Description of the Global Certificates and Global Book-Entry System.

The Bonds will be offered in the form of a single Global Certificate for each maturity, deposited with the Depository by the Purchaser and immobilized as provided in Section 17. No beneficial owners of interests in the Bonds will receive certificates representing their respective interests in

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the Bonds except as provided in Section 17. Except as so provided, during the term of the Bonds, beneficial ownership (and subsequent transfers of beneficial ownership) of interests in the Global Certificates will be reflected by book entries made on the records of the Depository and its Participants and other banks, brokers, and dealers participating in the computerized national securities clearance and settlement system (the "National System"). The Depository's book entries of beneficial ownership interests are authorized to be in increments of \$5,000 of principal of the Bonds, but not smaller increments, despite the larger authorized denominations of the Global Certificates.

Payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Global Certificates will be made to the Bond Registrar as paying agent, and in turn by the Bond Registrar to the Depository or its nominee as registered owner of the Global Certificates, and the Depository according to the laws and rules governing it will receive and forward payments on behalf of the beneficial owners of the Global Certificates.

Payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on a Global Certificate may, in the County's discretion, be made by such other method of transferring funds as may be requested by the Depository for a Global Certificate.

16. Letter of Representations.

The Letter of Representations (the "Letter of Representations") for the Bonds is hereby confirmed to be the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations dated June 13, 1996, by the County and received and accepted by The Depository Trust Company.

17. Immobilization of Global Certificates by the Depository; Successor Depository; Replacement Bonds.

The Purchaser will deposit the Global Certificates representing all of the Bonds with the Depository or its agent. The Global Certificates shall be in typewritten form or otherwise as acceptable to the Depository, shall be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee and shall be held immobilized from circulation at the offices of the Depository or its agent on behalf of the Purchaser and subsequent bondowners. The Depository or its nominee will be the sole holder of record of the Global Certificates and no investor or other party purchasing, selling or otherwise transferring ownership of interests in any Bond is to receive, hold or deliver any bond certificates so long as the Depository holds the Global Certificates immobilized from circulation, except as provided below in this Section.

Global Certificates evidencing the Bonds may not, after their original delivery, be transferred or exchanged except:

- (i) Upon registration of transfer of ownership of a Global Certificate, as provided in Section 19,
- (ii) To any successor of the Depository (or its nominee) or any substitute depository (a "Substitute Depository") designated pursuant to clause (iii) of this subsection, provided that any successor of the Depository or any Substitute Depository must be both a "clearing corporation" as defined in the Minnesota Uniform Commercial Code at Minnesota Statutes, Section 336.8-102, and a qualified and registered "clearing agency" as provided in Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended,

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- (iii) To a Substitute Depository designated by and acceptable to the County upon (a) the determination by the Depository that the Bonds shall no longer be eligible for its depository services or (b) a determination by the County that the Depository is no longer able to carry out its functions, provided that any Substitute Depository must be qualified to act as such, as provided in clause (ii) of this subsection, or
- (iv) To those persons to whom transfer is requested in written transfer instructions in the event that:
 - (a) the Depository shall resign or discontinue its services for the Bonds and the County is unable to locate a Substitute Depository within two (2) months following the resignation or determination of non-eligibility, or
 - (b) the County determines in its sole discretion that (1) the continuation of the book-entry system described herein, which precludes the issuance of certificates (other than Global Certificates) to any Holder other than the Depository (or its nominee), might adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, or (2) that it is in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain certificated bonds,in either of which events the County shall notify Holders of its determination and of the availability of certificates (the "Replacement Bonds") to Holders requesting the same, and the registration, transfer and exchange of such Bonds will be conducted as provided in Section 22.

In the event of a replacement of the Depository as may be authorized by this Section, the Bond Registrar upon presentation of Global Certificates shall register their transfer to the substitute or successor depository, and the substitute or successor depository shall be treated as the Depository for all purposes and functions under this Resolution. The Letter of Representations shall not apply to a Substitute Depository unless the County and the Substitute Depository so agree, and a similar agreement may be entered into.

18. Redemption - Global Certificates.

Upon a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of a Global Certificate, the Holder may make a notation of such redemption on the panel provided on the Global Certificate stating the amount so redeemed, or may return the Global Certificate to the Bond Registrar in exchange for a new Global Certificate authenticated by the Bond Registrar, in proper principal amount. Such notation, if made by the Holder, shall be for reference only, and may not be relied upon by any other person as being in any way determinative of the principal amount of such Global Certificate outstanding, unless the Bond Registrar has signed the appropriate column of the panel.

For the purposes of giving notice in accordance with Section 8, the "Holder" of Global Certificates shall be the Depository or its nominee if the Global Certificates are then registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee. Notices to the Holder shall contain the CUSIP numbers of the Bonds. If there are any Holders of the Bonds other than the Depository or its nominee, the Bond Registrar shall use its best efforts to deliver any such notice to the Depository on the business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice to all other Holders.

19. Registration; Transfer; Exchange - Global Certificates.

A Global Certificate shall be registered in the name of the payee on the books of the Bond Registrar by presenting the Global Certificate for registration to the Bond Registrar, who will endorse his or her name and note the date of registration opposite the name of the payee in the certificate of registration on the Global Certificate; provided, however, that a Global Certificate may not be registered in blank or in the name of "bearer" or similar designation. Thereafter a Global Certificate may be transferred by delivery with an assignment duly executed by the Holder or his, her or its legal representative, and the County and Bond Registrar may treat the Holder as the person exclusively entitled to exercise all the rights and powers of an owner until a Global Certificate is presented with such assignment for registration of transfer, accompanied by assurance of the nature provided by law that the assignment is genuine and effective, and until such transfer is registered on said books and noted thereon by the Bond Registrar, all subject to the terms and conditions provided in this Resolution and to reasonable regulations of the County contained in any agreement with, or notice to, the Bond Registrar. Section 12 shall also apply to the registration, transfer and exchange of Global Certificates.

Global Certificates may not be exchanged for Global Certificates of smaller denominations except as provided in Section 18 upon a partial redemption.

Transfer of a Global Certificate may, at the direction and expense of the County, be subject to other restrictions if required to qualify the Global Certificates as being "in registered form" within the meaning of Section 149(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

20. Redemption - Replacement Bonds.

To effect a partial redemption of Replacement Bonds having a common maturity date, the Bond Registrar prior to giving notice of redemption shall assign to each Replacement Bond having a common maturity date a distinctive number for each \$5,000 of the principal amount of such Replacement Bond. The Bond Registrar shall then select by lot, using such method of selection as it shall deem proper in its discretion, from the numbers so assigned to such Replacement Bonds, as many numbers as, at \$5,000 for each number, shall equal the principal amount of such Replacement Bonds to be redeemed. The Replacement Bonds to be redeemed shall be the Replacement Bonds to which were assigned numbers so selected; provided, however, that only so much of the principal amount of each such Replacement Bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be redeemed as shall equal \$5,000 of principal amount for each number assigned to it and so selected.

If a Replacement Bond is to be redeemed only in part, it shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar (with, if the County or Bond Registrar so requires, a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the County and Bond Registrar duly executed by the Holder thereof or his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing) and the County shall execute (if necessary) and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Replacement Bond, without service charge, a new Replacement Bond or Replacement Bonds of the same series having the same stated maturity and interest rate and of any authorized denomination or denominations, as requested by such Holder, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Replacement Bond so surrendered.

21. Form of Bond - Replacement Bonds.

If the County has notified the Holders of Global Certificates that Replacement Bonds have been made available as provided in Section 17, then for every Bond thereafter transferred or exchanged the Bond Registrar shall deliver a certificate in the form of the Replacement Bond rather than the Global

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Certificate, but the Holder of a Global Certificate shall not otherwise be required to exchange the Global Certificate for one or more Replacement Bonds since the County recognizes that some bondholders may prefer the convenience of the Depository's registered ownership of the Bonds even though the entire issue is no longer required to be in global book-entry form.

22. Registration; Transfer; Exchange - Replacement Bonds.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Replacement Bond at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, the County shall execute (if necessary), and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, insert the date of registration (as provided in Section 11) of, and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Replacement Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount, having the same stated maturity and interest rate, as requested by the transferor; provided, however, that no Bond may be registered in blank or in the name of "bearer" or similar designation.

At the option of the Holder of a Replacement Bond, such Bonds may be exchanged for Replacement Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount and stated maturity, upon surrender of the Replacement Bonds to be exchanged at the principal office of the Bond Registrar. Whenever any Replacement Bonds are so surrendered for exchange, the County shall execute (if necessary), and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, insert the date of registration of, and deliver the Replacement Bonds which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive. Section 12 shall also apply to the registration, transfer and exchange of Replacement Bonds.

23. Fund and Accounts.

There is hereby created a special fund to be designated the "General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2008A, Fund" (the "Fund") to be administered and maintained by the Director of Budgeting and Accounting as a bookkeeping account separate and apart from all other funds maintained in the official financial records of the County. The Fund shall be maintained in the manner herein specified until all of the Bonds and the interest thereon have been fully paid. There shall be maintained in the Fund two (2) separate accounts, to be designated the "Construction Account" and "Debt Service Account", respectively.

- (A) Construction Account. To the Construction Account there shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds including the premium except for accrued interest received upon delivery of the Bonds. From the Construction Account there shall be paid the costs and expenses of the Improvements described in Section 4, including the cost of any contracts heretofore let or entered into and all other costs incurred and to be incurred of the kind authorized in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65, and the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and the moneys in said account shall be used for no other purpose except as otherwise provided by law; provided that the proceeds of the Bonds may also be used to the extent necessary to pay interest on the Bonds due prior to the anticipated date of commencement of the collection of taxes herein levied or covenanted to be levied; and provided further that if upon completion of the Improvements described in Section 4 there shall remain any unexpended balance in the Construction Account, the balance may be transferred by the Board of Commissioners to the fund of any other capital improvement undertaken pursuant to the Plan, or used to pay the costs

of any other purpose permitted by law. Earnings on the Construction Account may be retained in the Construction Account, transferred to the Debt Service Account, or transferred to the County's general revenue fund.

- (B) Debt Service Account. There are hereby irrevocably appropriated and pledged to, and there shall be credited to, the Debt Service Account: (i) all accrued interest received upon delivery of the Bonds; (ii) any collections of all taxes herein or hereafter levied for the payment of the Bonds and interest thereon; (iii) all funds remaining in the Construction Account after completion of the Improvements and payment of the costs thereof (unless transferred to another fund or otherwise used as permitted by Section 23(A)); and (iv) any and all other moneys which are properly available and are appropriated by the Board of Commissioners to the Debt Service Account. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 385.07, interest on the Debt Service Account shall be credited to the general revenue fund of the County. The Debt Service Account shall be used solely to pay the principal and interest and any premiums for redemption of the Bonds and any other general obligation bonds of the County hereafter issued by the County and made payable from said account as provided by law, and to pay any rebate due to the United States.

24. Tax Exempt Bond Covenants.

- (A) Investment of Fund and Accounts. No portion of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments or to replace funds which were used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments, except (i) for a reasonable temporary period until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the Bonds were issued and (ii) in addition to the above in an amount not greater than the lesser of five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the Bonds or \$100,000. To this effect, any proceeds of the Bonds and any sums from time to time held in the Construction Account or Debt Service Account (or any other County account which will be used to pay principal or interest to become due on the bonds payable therefrom) in excess of amounts which under then-applicable federal arbitrage regulations may be invested without regard to yield shall not be invested at a yield in excess of the applicable yield restrictions imposed by said arbitrage regulations on such investments after taking into account any applicable "temporary periods" or "minor portion" made available under the federal arbitrage regulations.
- (B) No Federal Guarantee. Money in the Fund shall not be invested in obligations or deposits issued by, guaranteed by or insured by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof if and to the extent that such investment would cause the Bonds to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.
- (C) Negative Covenant as to Use of Proceeds and Improvements. The County hereby covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds or the Improvements, or to cause or permit them to be used, or to enter into any deferred payment arrangements for the cost of the Improvements, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code. The County reasonably expects that no actions will be taken over the term of the Bonds that would cause them to be private activity bonds, and the average term of the Bonds is not longer than reasonably necessary for the governmental purpose of the issue.

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- (D) Hedge Bonds. The County hereby covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "hedge bonds" within the meaning of Section 149(g) of the Code.
- (E) Investment Limitations; Rebate. The County shall comply with requirements necessary under the Code to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103 of the Code of the interest on the Bonds, including without limitation (1) requirements relating to temporary periods for investments, (2) limitations on amounts invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds, and (3) the rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States.

If any elections are available now or hereafter with respect to arbitrage matters relating to the Bonds, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Chief Clerk and Director of Budgeting and Accounting, or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to make such elections as they deem necessary, appropriate or desirable in connection with the Bonds, and all such elections shall be, and shall be deemed and treated as, elections of the County.

- 25. No Designation of Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The Bonds exceed in amount those which may be qualified as "qualified tax exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, and hence are not designated for such purpose.
- 26. Tax Levy; Coverage Test.

To provide moneys for payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the County a direct annual ad valorem tax which shall be spread upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of other general property taxes in the County for the years and in the amounts as follows:

<u>Year of Tax Levy</u>	<u>Year of Tax Collection</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2007*	2008*	\$629,902.66*
2008	2009	598,723.13
2009	2010	594,943.13
2010	2011	590,743.13
2011	2012	591,373.13
2012	2013	596,623.13
2013	2014	590,533.13
2014	2015	594,523.13
2015	2016	592,423.13
2016	2017	589,693.13
2017	2018	276,583.13
2018	2019	274,483.13
2019	2020	272,173.13
2020	2021	274,903.13
2021	2022	276,906.00
2022	2023	273,223.13
2023	2024	274,351.88
2024	2025	275,034.38
2025	2026	280,218.75
2026	2027	279,464.06

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*Heretofore levied.

The tax levies are such that if collected in full they, together with any other revenues herein pledged for the payment of the Bonds, will produce at least five percent (5%) in excess of the amount needed to meet when due the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. The tax levies shall be irrevocable so long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, provided that the County reserves the right and power to reduce the levies in the manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 3.

27. General Obligation Pledge.

For the prompt and full payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, as the same respectively become due, the full faith, credit and taxing powers of the County shall be and are hereby irrevocably pledged. If the balance in the Debt Service Account is ever insufficient to pay all principal and interest then due on the Bonds and any other bonds payable therefrom, the deficiency shall be promptly paid out of any other funds of the County which are available for such purpose, and such other funds may be reimbursed with or without interest from the Debt Service Account when a sufficient balance is available therein.

28. Certificate of Registration.

The County Manager is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Auditor of the County, together with such other information as he shall require, and to obtain the County Auditor's certificate that the Bonds have been entered in the County Auditor's Bond Register, and that the tax levy required by law has been made.

29. Records and Certificates.

The officers of the County are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser, and to the attorneys approving the legality of the issuance of the Bonds ("bond counsel"), certified copies of all proceedings and records of the County relating to the Bonds and to the financial condition and affairs of the County, and such other affidavits, certificates and information as are required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the Bonds as the same appear from the books and records under their custody and control or as otherwise known to them, and all such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, shall be deemed representations of the County as to the facts recited therein. The obligation of the County expressed in this Section 29 shall extend to the initial issuance of the Bonds.

30. Defeasance.

When all Bonds have been discharged as provided in this Section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this Resolution to the registered holders of the Bonds shall, to the extent permitted by law, cease. The County may discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds which are due on any date by irrevocably depositing with the Bond Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or if any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Bond Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit. The County may also discharge its obligations with respect to any prepayable Bonds called for redemption on any date when they are prepayable according to their terms, by depositing with the Bond Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment

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thereof in full, provided that notice of redemption thereof has been duly given. The County may also at any time discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a suitable banking institution qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or securities described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67, Subdivision 8, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates and maturing on such dates as shall be required, subject to sale and/or reinvestment, to pay all amounts to become due thereon to maturity or, if notice of redemption as herein required has been duly provided for, to such earlier redemption date.

31. Severability.

If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

32. Business Day.

Whenever any act or event is specified herein to occur on a specific date or day, and such date or day is not a Business Day, such act or event shall occur on the next succeeding Business Day with the same effect as though it occurred on the specified date or day.

33. Delegation to Director of Budgeting and Accounting.

The Director of Budgeting and Accounting is hereby authorized and directed to perform the following acts under this Resolution:

- (a) invest and reinvest the proceeds of the Bonds and earnings thereon and other moneys held in an Account created hereby;
- (b) give notices required to be given by the County hereunder to any person; and
- (c) perform all the duties of Bond Registrar and paying agent provided for herein.

34. Negotiated Sale.

The County has retained Springsted Incorporated as an independent financial advisor, and the County has heretofore determined, and hereby determines, to sell the Bonds by private negotiation, all as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9).

35. Continuing Disclosure.

The County is an obligated person with respect to the Bonds. The County hereby agrees, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the "Undertaking") hereinafter described, to:

- A. Provide or cause to be provided to each nationally recognized municipal securities information repository ("NRMSIR") and to the appropriate state information depository ("SID"), if any, for the State of Minnesota, in each case as designated by the Commission in accordance with the Rule, certain annual financial information and operating data in accordance with the

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Undertaking. The County reserves the right to modify from time to time the terms of the Undertaking as provided therein.

- B. Provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, to (i) each NRMSIR or to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") and (ii) the SID, notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Bonds in accordance with the Undertaking.
- C. Provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, to (i) each NRMSIR or to the MSRB and (ii) the SID, notice of a failure by the County to provide the annual financial information with respect to the County described in the Undertaking.

The County agrees that its covenants pursuant to the Rule set forth in this Section 35 and in the Undertaking are intended to be for the benefit of the Holders of the Bonds and shall be enforceable on behalf of such Holders; provided that the right to enforce the provisions of these covenants shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the County's obligations under the covenants.

The Chair of the Board of Commissioners and County Manager, or any other officers of the County authorized to act in their stead (the "Officers"), are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the County the Undertaking in substantially the form presented to the Board of Commissioners, subject to such modifications thereof or additions thereto as are (i) consistent with the requirements under the Rule, (ii) required by the Purchaser, and (iii) acceptable to the Officers.

36. Official Statement.

Proposals for the Bonds were solicited by Springsted Incorporated, acting on behalf of the County. The use by Springsted Incorporated of the Official Statement, and the terms and conditions of the Bonds and the sale set forth therein, are hereby approved and ratified.

37. Headings.

Headings in this Resolution are included for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Access to Services

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

Commissioner Rettman appreciated the fact that staff was trying to be very clear on where this appropriation was budgeted; levy dollars will still be used for this.

Commissioner Rettman suggested an amendment to the last resolved clause to remove the last sentence regarding the positions remaining starred, and adding ‘authorize the extension of the two starred FTEs through December 31, 2008.’ This is more consistent with how things are normally written.

The amendment was accepted as friendly.

Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-199)

WHEREAS, In June 2005, the Board accepted a report from the Ramsey County East African Task Force; and

WHEREAS, One of the recommendations from that report was to improve access to services for people with limited English proficiency; and

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WHEREAS, To implement that recommendation, in August 2006, the Board accepted funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement to support two county financial workers to be located in the community – one Somali and one Hmong – to provide an access point for individuals from those two communities; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 20 months those two workers have served over 200 families per month; and

WHEREAS This has been done in partnership with Neighborhood House, Common Bond, Hmong American Partnership and the Hub Center of the St. Paul Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, This has increased access to services for families; and

WHEREAS, The funding from the Office of Refugee Resettlement will end on June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Due to the positive results of this effort, our partners are willing to lead an effort to seek on-going funding from the local foundation community; and

WHEREAS, The Community Human Services Department is seeking approval to be listed as a co-applicant on those grant requests; and

WHEREAS, The funding would be sought for the period beginning January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, For the remaining six months of 2008, the Community Human Services Department proposes to utilize \$47,000 of the appropriations budgeted to pay MinnesotaCare premiums for individuals moving over from GAMC to fund the outreach workers and provide continuity of the outreach service until the success of the grant applications is known. Actual costs for this account have been less than projected; and

WHEREAS, The positions would remain starred; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves being listed as a co-applicant on proposals prepared by local partners to seek funding to continue the two county financial workers for the Somali and Hmong communities to be located in the community; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board approves the use of appropriations budgeted to pay MinnesotaCare premiums to continue the county financial workers in the community for the remaining six months of 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the extension of two starred FTEs through December 31, 2008.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Second Reading of the Proposed Ramsey County Commissioners’ Salary Ordinance for 2009

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-200)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter states that every proposed Ordinance shall receive two readings: first, at the time it is presented, and second, at the time of the public hearing; and

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WHEREAS, The full reading of the proposed Ordinance may be waived if a copy of the proposed ordinance is supplied to each member of the County Board prior to its introduction; and

WHEREAS, A copy of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioners' Salary Ordinance for 2009 was provided to each member of the County Board; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby waives the second reading of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioners' Salary Ordinance for 2009.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Public Hearing on the Proposed Ramsey County Commissioners' Salary Ordinance for 2009

Chair Parker opened the public hearing to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Ramsey County Commissioners' Salary Ordinance for 2009, and called three times for testimony. Hearing no requests to address the Commissioners, the public hearing was closed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nick Riley, Intergovernmental Relations, spoke of a provision placed into the final tax bill on the last day of the session that said that the County could suspend our maintenance of effort when levy limits were put into place. That raised the ire of many people, including the Governor, and he required leadership to sign a letter stating that that provision would be repealed retroactive to the first of this year. In effect, any counties that put that provision into effect when they are doing budgets for this year could be subject to penalty or have to pay the money back. The final copy of the tracking sheet will be placed into each Commissioner's mailbox.

Commissioner Rettman asked that maintenance of effort be explained.

Claudia Brewington, Intergovernmental Relations, said maintenance of effort (MOE) is a snapshot of expenditures by the County at any given time. Usually, when a new program or funding is passed for ongoing funding, the state will impose a MOE on counties that says they have to continue spending at the level they are spending at that particular time. From that point forward, in order to draw down the state funds for a given program, the county would have to expend their set MOE. Two areas where the county has a MOE are childcare and mental health. It can be a considerable amount of money; the MOE for mental health can be quite large; for 2009 it is about \$10 million for Ramsey County. It can be a considerable expense, especially when there are levy limits. In 2003, when there was a large state deficit, we ended up with a temporary suspension of several of the MOEs; so it has been done in the past. What was not included in the past was the forgiveness of the matching funds.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the Governor talked about levy limits, and holding the line on property taxes, and then had a problem with the MOE and matching funds. It is explained that it causes a hole in the state budget. What is difficult for people to understand is that the reason there is a hole in the state budget is because the bill is being sent to the counties to pay. If the county could pass along its bills to another level of government it would be very easy to hold down spending. That is exactly what the Governor has done. This is an opportunity for people to understand more about which bills are being forced onto the county's property taxes. This is just an example of that. She believes the county needs to be careful; because of what has often happened in the past, sometimes successfully and sometimes not successful, is that we will be pitted against the people that we are in support of. In other words, when it comes to the MOE for libraries, mental health or chemical dependency, the advocacy groups are going to have a tendency to come after the counties because we are the ones who supposedly did not want to do the MOE. That is not the case. We are with them because of the fact that there is not enough money. This is an issue that should fall squarely on the Governor and on the state because that is who is passing this bill along to us. She is hopeful that the advocacy groups will understand that we are trying to provide the highest quality service to our constituents. When it is the state's

bill we will unfortunately still be stuck with it under this. She hopes that people begin to understand that that is what this is about. The public deserves to know that the levy limits really don't do anything unless the Governor actually takes some responsibility for the fact that we are paying the state's bills on property taxes, and we are being mandated to do that.

Ms. Brewington said that with the MOE some are very uneven from one county to another. When there is MOE and the county is paying the state's bills for any particular program, there is not the flexibility to be able to shift funding around at the county level within a budget. We do get pitted against the people we are working for, and the advocacy groups who feel that the county is not stepping up to the plate, when in fact we are paying more and more of the share of costs for these programs.

Commissioner Ortega agreed with Commissioner Reinhardt, and added that the caveat for Ramsey County is that with our budgeting over the last decade we are in good shape regarding the levy limits. For us it is a matter of principle and the fact that it impacts the state unevenly. Ramsey County is going to be able to manage under these levy limits. To what extent will that make us a magnet for the rest of the state for some of these services?

Mr. Twa said it is difficult to say at this point. He said that primarily because of the two-year budget, as we look forward we are in good shape for 2009; however, it is very clear that the state will have a much bigger hole in its budget for 2010 and 2011. He cautioned the Board that we still have a lot of heavy lifting to do as we look at our next biennial budget because of what is happening at the state level and with levy limits.

Commissioner McDonough said this is not a simple topic. Groups that we service like MOEs because it guarantees funding for a program that is critical to them, and they don't have to compete in the budget or prove outcomes because that money is required to be spent. On the other side, there is a benefit to the MOE on the philosophy that people can get these services throughout the state and it is not locked up to an individual county board to decide if they will fund a certain program or not. If this were taken at its simplest, and said there would be no MOEs, there could be many counties deciding to spend no money in certain areas, which would make people make a decision – if they needed mental health or chemical dependency services that were no longer being provided in their county – and actually migrate to find services. It is not just a simple issue of saying 'yes' or 'no', but the conversation needs to be elevated to working with the state as partners, that we as counties provide the services and there is some limited funding provided by the state. There is a requirement that we must provide a lot of the funding; we need to work together on those decisions and not necessarily rely on deals that happen early in the morning when no one fully understands the impact of those deals.

Commissioner Bennett asked if there is anyway for the County's departments to ascertain who we are serving now so we make sure we continue serving those people on a first priority basis, and those who might move or migrate here are put on a second list, so we at least take care of what we feel we can take care of, based on the shortages we will have. It is almost like the prisoners that we are housing from the state. They are not even paying our costs. Discussions at AMC were that we probably would not accept them unless they bring the full amount of money it costs to house them. It would be a drastic move but perhaps would make the public aware.

Commissioner McDonough re-emphasized that MOE is a snapshot in time; there are counties that are perhaps providing the service at a level because they are seeing outcomes and they are getting results. The state then comes in and says they want those services provided statewide by all counties – and are locked in paying what they had been paying. He believes the variance could be anywhere from 4%-65% of the county's share of what they are paying, based on that snapshot in time. What that means is that there are counties that had provided very few services when that MOE was put into place, so the state is funding almost all the costs for them, and there are counties that were providing a lot of service in that area before the state put in the MOE, and they have to continue paying at that level. There are many inequities from county to county and how much they have to pay. It is not an across-the-board figure.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that at the AMC District X meeting, there were discussions about this. We need to take advantage of this opportunity to open this discussion because it is one that the legislators and the Governor have not wanted to have. This really points out the inequities, how much the counties are actually paying of the state's bills that we are mandated to pay; there are many examples. The AMC Executive Committee is trying to grapple with that as well. The important part for us is that, whatever the determination is, and however we get the message out, we have always been about trying to make certain that we provide the best service, to have the best outcomes, whether it be libraries, nursing home, roads, or any other service. We don't have a AAA bond rating for no reason – we are quite fiscally conservative and try to get the most from every dollar. We need to keep coming back to that because so often the Governor puts it in terms of the cap and holding down spending, when in fact what we are really trying to do is make the best possible use of those dollars. People expect us to do that; she believes we have done a good job of that. We have done that with our partners and with the advocacy groups. Another important part of this is that we are walking side by side; we are not adversaries, but trying to figure out how to get the best possible outcomes at the most reasonable price.

Commissioner Ortega said the more he hears of this, the more he becomes concerned. There is a clear difference in philosophy between the Executive Branch and most counties in the state as far as how to deliver health and human services and how they are paid for. What concerns him is that he wants to make certain that we should be on the same page with the House and Senate leadership to solve this in terms of the big picture.

Terry Speiker, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, said Commissioner Ortega hit upon something that AMC will be talking about. The question is not just what happens this year, but there will be levy limits for three years. There needs to be some thought about how you find funding for those programs that the state believes are so important that they should not be paid for using local property taxes. That is the debate we try to push the envelope on. The County's legislative package includes the overarching policy statement about a financial partnership with the state. This gives the Board an opportunity to have some of those discussions. She is hopeful that as the AMC and MICA's exploration of this goes on over the next few months, we could start talking about where there ought to be some type of policy stance on the part of those legislative leaders about what property taxes pay for and what should be paid for at the state level. One example would be the Court takeover.

Mr. Riley said that looking forward to the next legislative session, we need to brace ourselves for the inevitable fact that there will be a deficit at the state level, and also how that could be coped with either by proposing new revenue sources or what areas would have to be cut, while protecting the county's interest in those cuts. When they had the \$4.5 billion shortfall, it was shifted onto the County. He sees that same road they are going down again, so we will have to be very vigilant in that area.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the Regional Rail Authority (RRA) levies and Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) levies are included or not included in the levy limits.

Mr. Riley said he believes they are included, but said that our RRA levy is toward the top of what we can do, so it wouldn't be affected in general. He will double-check this point.

Commissioner Rettman asked about the debt service on bonds and if it was new, old or both.

Ms. Speiker said it would be any bond sales that are done.

Commissioner Rettman sought clarification that it would not limit bonding in the future, but it also doesn't go backwards.

Ms. Speiker responded affirmatively.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Parker had the privilege of accepting an award on behalf of Ramsey County, presented by the Children's Defense Fund, for the Wakanheza Project. This was one of two awards that the Children's Defense Fund chose to highlight. She encouraged everyone to read the reports, especially how Ramsey

County fares compared to other counties in the state. Minnesota compares fairly well to the nation; Ramsey County does not fare so well compared to either the state or the nation, particularly in the area of African-American youth. We have heard about this gap; we need to focus on what role the Board will play. The JDAI is one way, but we need to look at all the health indicators and what is happening in Ramsey County.

Commissioner Reinhardt spoke of the program Dismantling the Cradle to Prison pipeline, and believes there is a connection to the Children's Defense Fund. Looking through this and talking about poverty, there is a very strong connection between what we are trying to do as far as moving children and families out of poverty and disproportionate minority confinement, and in general, the increase in serious and violent crime for juveniles. The timing of this award and the information provided is something that more policy makers are trying to grab hold of. One of the presenters at the Dismantling the Cradle to Prison pipeline, was on the ACE (All Children Excel) program, and talked about so much going on that we need to pay attention to because it will be very costly, not only in terms of money, but society in general.

Chair Parker said Ramsey County has been playing a very active role in the Community Action Partnership. She and Commissioner Carter have both served on the search committee for an Executive Director. Their mission is to eradicate poverty, and there is a close linkage with Ramsey County and the work that we do. It is reinforcement that these are worthwhile services and efforts. We need to keep that mission in mind as we are looking at where the money is being spent.

Chair Parker said this coming Saturday is the Ramsey County public library summer reading program kick-off. It will take place at the Maplewood Library between 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Thousands of kids from the County are encouraged to continue reading during the summer.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- The 3rd annual crime watch took place at Water Tower Park in North Saint Paul.
- Rush Line Corridor is trying to pull together plans and funding sources and how we can bring something back to all the partners regarding a bus service that would go from the Wyoming area to Forest Lake, the White Bear Lake area, and then on to Union Depot. It is hoped to have this in place this fall.
- The Ramsey County League of Local Governments lobbying staff provided an overview of what happened and what it means and doesn't mean.
- Communities are going through their comprehensive planning process; she attended the Maplewood comp plan meeting.

Commissioner Bennett reported:

- He went to St. George, Utah for NACo meetings. There is no longer a contest for Second Vice President at NACo. The new president-elect will be taking over in Kansas City, in July. He is planning to put together a committee to look at the By-Laws. A review was done on the Executive Director; he got an outstanding review.
- There will be a grand opening of the last segment of the Rice Creek Park trail on June 16th. There are 113 acres in the former arsenal property. The dedication ceremony will be at 7:00 p.m. and held at County Road I and 35W.

Chair Parker said the Long Lake Pavilion is the busiest of the pavilions in the County system.

Commissioner Rettman reported:

- Como Park is going to be opening a butterfly exhibit. Como continues to be free, open and accessible to all. Donations are gratefully accepted.
- She joined with an American Legion Post on Memorial Day. She encouraged them to help us find several applicants for the position open in the Veterans Service Office.

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- The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board met; much of the discussion was on paint and organics issues.
- She and Commissioners Carter and McDonough attended the Regional Railroad Authority Central Corridor Municipal Consent public hearing.
- She attended National Night Out kick-off.
- Members of the Community Action Program of Ramsey and Washington Counties (CAPRW) Board are spending many hours dealing with CAPRW issues. They are complex, difficult and quite compelling. She has worked on the Senior Nutrition issue. It is important to figure out what the deficit really is. A systems change can be viewed as something to do or something to just talk about doing. It is a combination of knowing the exact amount of dollars; there are three complex issues. There are people under 60 who have been receiving meals; people over 60 who have been receiving meals and must continue to receive the meals; otherwise their quality of life is non-existent. There are different complexities of the funding sources for each program. There is everything from Wilder to public housing to MAAA, to Ramsey County staff and the CAPRW staff. Solutions are being worked on for all the various programs. There may be a systems change and system changes that must happen. The bottom line is not having someone go to bed hungry.

Commissioner Ortega reported:

- Ramsey County Emergency Services received an award during Emergency Management Services week.
- The Central Corridor Management Committee voted to move forward with the Washington Avenue alignment. There are other issues that need to be addressed.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- The Jimmy Lee Rec Center opening took place. This is a wonderful location for this center. Over 500 people were in attendance; as soon as the doors opened and the ribbon cut, there were children immediately on the water slide.
- She attended a celebration of 36 African-American boys graduating from a program that provides them with assistance, mentoring and social supports. There was also a program for which their families and parents were recognized for having participated.
- She attended the Dismantling Cradle to Prison pipeline. This focused on AIDS and other programs that are helping our children.
- She attended Grand Old Day.

Chair Parker reported:

- She was contacted by the Mayor's Office about having a display of the Declaration of Independence during the Republican National Convention. Discussions are continuing.

ADJOURNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was called to order at 10:55 a.m. with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, and Chair Parker – 7. Also present were David Twa, County Manager; Susan Gaertner, County Attorney; Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office; Karen Kugler; Assistant County Attorney; Julie Kleinschmidt; Director, Budgeting and Accounting; David Metusalem, Deputy Ramsey County Sheriff; and John St. Germain, Deputy Ramsey County Sheriff.

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Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-201)

Re: Melissa Hoyt v. Ramsey County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorizes the Ramsey County Attorney to proceed with a settlement as discussed in this Executive Session.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board