

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: None. Also present were Pat O'Connor, Interim County Manager, and Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the Agenda of the September 23, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Minutes of the September 16, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Licensed Family Child Care Provider Recognition Day

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-292)

WHEREAS, Children are one of our greatest resources and strengths; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to the nurturing of children; and

WHEREAS, Licensed Family Child Care Providers provide a safe and healthy environment that fosters the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of children; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has over 900 licensed family child care providers caring for 9,000 children; and

WHEREAS, Licensed Family Child Care Providers will be honored at the 31st Annual Provider Recognition Event on October 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Forty-two providers will receive five year awards; thirty-two providers will receive ten year awards; twenty-three providers will receive fifteen year awards; eighteen providers will receive twenty year awards; eight providers will receive twenty-five year awards; five providers will receive thirty year awards; two providers will receive thirty-five year awards; and

WHEREAS, Rose Ksiazek will receive a forty-five year award; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby declares October 2, 2008, as Licensed Family Child Care Provider Recognition Day.

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BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to the Community Health Services Advisory Committee

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-293)

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County’s Open Appointment Policy, a press release was distributed May 13, 2008, seeking applicants for positions on the Ramsey County Community Health Services Advisory Committee (CHSAC); and

WHEREAS, Appointments to the CHSAC are made for one individual to represent each Commissioner district, and six other persons are appointed to at-large seats, including one as a labor representative; and

WHEREAS, Vacancies exist in Commissioner Districts 2, 4 and 7, and three at-large positions; and

WHEREAS, Seven applications have been received, three from incumbents; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the appointment of the following individuals, for terms beginning with the date of appointment and ending June 26, 2010:

<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
<u>District 2</u> Barbara Lehn 126 Canabury Court Little Canada, MN 55117	June 26, 2010
<u>District 4</u> Dorii Gbolo 291 N. Milton St. Paul, MN 55104	June 26, 2010
<u>District 7</u> Milo J. Thompson 1794 Onacrest Curve St. Paul, MN 55117-2344	June 26, 2010
<u>At-Large</u> Hanna Cooper 1285 Niles Avenue St. Paul, MN 55116	June 26, 2010
Bruce Larson 546 Lexington Parkway N. St. Paul, MN 55104	June 26, 2010

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Mark Garnett
876 Selby Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

June 26, 2010

BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Extension of Financial Consultant and Advisory Services Contract with Springsted, Inc.

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-294)

WHEREAS, Under the County's Policy and Procedures on Requests for Proposals (approved by Resolution 92-368 and revised by Resolution 2002-350), all contracts resulting from the issuance of an RFP shall have a term of no more than five years, including renewals and extensions, unless a specific longer period has previously been authorized by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution 2003-282, the County Board authorized the County Manager to negotiate and enter into a five-year contract for financial consultant and advisory services for Ramsey County, Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and Ramsey County Railroad Authority with Springsted, Inc. through September 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Budgeting and Accounting is requesting authorization to extend the term of the agreement with Springsted, Inc. through December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Extending the contract is in the best interest of Ramsey County because the existing contract provides important continuity at a time of significant change including the Board appointment of a new County Manager expected in late 2008; and

WHEREAS, The role of the County and the Regional Rail Authority in transit financing is changing and may be more complex because of the formation of the Counties Transit Improvement Board and collection of a new sales tax; and

WHEREAS, The County has been well served by Springsted, Inc. and the contract terms are favorable; and

WHEREAS, Springsted, Inc. is not proposing any change in its fee structure, during the twenty-eight month period of extension, which means that the rates have stayed the same since 1999; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Budgeting and Accounting recommends that the County Board extend the agreement with Springsted, Inc. for an additional twenty-eight month period, September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the end of the extension period, the Office of Budgeting and Accounting plans to request authority to issue a RFP for financial advisory and consultant services and will bring the results back to the County Board for a final decision; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a twenty-eight month extension of the contract with Springsted, Inc., 380 Jackson Street, Suite 300, St. Paul, MN 55101, for financial consultant and advisory services for the period from September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement with Springsted, Inc., in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, for financial consultant and advisory services for the period from September 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010, with all other terms and conditions remaining unchanged.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Approval of abatements by the County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-295)

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. sec. 375.192, Subdivision 2, gives the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners final approval for abatements not delegated to the Department of Property Records and Revenue; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution 2007-297, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has delegated to the Director of the Department of Property Records and Revenue the authority to grant final approval for routine abatements and not of significant amounts; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the reduction in taxes and any penalty and interest of abatements with reductions of significant amounts of \$10,000 or more as noted on the exhibit on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, With regard to the abatements on the exhibit previously mentioned, members of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby disclose that they do not have a financial interest in any abatement therein, nor any familial relationship with any abatement applicant therein.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Beaver Lake County Park Capital Improvements

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-296)

WHEREAS, Beaver Lake County Park is a 55-acre park located in the southeast portion of Ramsey County within the cities of Maplewood and St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, The park is heavily used but has been the target of late-night vandalism resulting in the destruction of facilities, extraordinary maintenance costs and neighborhood safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, To address these concerns, County Commissioner Jim McDonough and representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department hosted four community meetings since March 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Site improvement options were discussed and fundamental to all options is removal of the existing restroom facility which has been vandalized beyond use, installation of security lighting, gating of the entry road, play area drainage improvements and repair of the vandalized fishing pier; and

WHEREAS, At the last meeting on August 14, 2008, the neighborhood expressed their support for the set of improvements on redesign concept #3 at an estimated cost of \$56,000; and

WHEREAS, On September 2, 2008, the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the concept #3 improvement plan; and

WHEREAS, On September 18, 2008, the Capital Improvement Advisory Board recommended an appropriation of \$56,000 from the Capital Improvement Projects Contingent Account for improvements to Beaver Lake County Park; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the transfer of \$56,000 from the Capital Improvement Contingent Account to a project for improvements to Beaver Lake County Park.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Management Plan

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-297)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the management of over 6,500 acres of parks and open space representing the largest natural resource land base in the County; and

WHEREAS, The County Board, in its Strategic Plan, identified a critical success indicator as “natural resources are managed to sustain and enhance the environment”; and

WHEREAS, The Natural Resources Management Plan establishes goals and objectives, ranks natural resources in terms of quality, provides priorities guidance for establishing new and maintaining existing natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The primary focus of managing the plant, animal and water resources within the parks system is to provide quality habitat in sufficient amounts to sustain populations of native wildlife species; and

WHEREAS, The Natural Resources Management Plan has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department’s Natural Resources Management Plan.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – “Thank you” and Commendation Resolution to Representative Collin Peterson

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Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-298)

WHEREAS, The Farm Bill of 2008, Public Law 110-246, enacted by the United States Congress on June 18, 2008, includes a section dedicated to Food and Nutrition Services for low-income people; and

WHEREAS, Representative Collin Peterson of Minnesota's 7th Congressional District, Chair of the House Agricultural Committee, provided vision, leadership, and determination to enact this major piece of legislation; and

WHEREAS, The Food Stamp Program is a vital benefit to ensure that 291,000 Minnesota children and families have adequate and nutritional food in their household; and

WHEREAS, Representative Peterson advocated for an additional \$10 billion to be incorporated in the Bill for nutrition programs to address rising food prices and the needs of emergency food shelves throughout the United States. A section of this bill also ensures that senior citizens have ample access to food that is healthy and fresh, as well as increasing the minimum food benefit for all households. In addition to the food and nutrition benefits of this legislation, the bill also promotes home-grown, renewable energy, reforms farm programs, protects the environment, and strengthens the international food aid program; and

WHEREAS, Representative Collin Peterson demonstrated outstanding political leadership in negotiating and enacting this legislation. As Chairman of the House Agricultural Committee, he was able to advocate, negotiate, and persuade members of both the United States House of Representatives and Senate to pass this landmark Farm Bill; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Congressional Delegation strongly supported Representative Peterson's efforts to increase food benefits so that Minnesota families would have nutritional food for their tables; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes Representative Collin Peterson for his outstanding leadership, vision, and compassion for all the residents of Minnesota; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board thanks Representative Peterson for his insistence on expanding food and nutrition resources available to the poor and needy residents of Ramsey County and his Minnesota Delegation colleagues for their steadfast support of these efforts.

COUNTY MANAGER – Request for Proposals for a Staffing Study for the Emergency Communications Center

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-299)

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WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center (“ECC”) has been operating for almost a year as a consolidated public safety dispatch center; October 30, 2008, will be the first anniversary of full integration of staff from the former Ramsey County, Maplewood and Saint Paul communication centers; and

WHEREAS, In order to assist the Emergency Communications Department (“Department”) in determining the appropriateness of current staffing levels and future staffing projections for the ECC, the Department would like to obtain services from an experienced consultant to analyze the staffing at the ECC; the Department will use the results for planning the Department’s 2010-2011 Budget request; and

WHEREAS, The consultant must have experience conducting staffing analyses for large, complex public safety dispatch centers; and

WHEREAS, The ECC’s initial staffing and procedures were developed by an experienced consultant using a theoretical staffing model, reasonable assumptions and the experiences of the three dispatch centers; and

WHEREAS, At that time, the information on call volume and other operating statistics was limited; and information that was available reflected the significantly different operations and staffing levels of the consolidated centers; and

WHEREAS, With a year of operating experience and staffing statistics, the Department would like an external staffing study based on actual operating data to help determine the appropriate staffing methodology and levels for the ECC; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Dispatch Policy Committee (“Committee”) has been discussing operating issues in its role as advisor to the County Manager and County Board; one topic has been the appropriate staffing levels for the ECC; and

WHEREAS, At its August 4, 2008 meeting, the Committee recommended that the Board take two steps with respect to staffing:

- Increase the ECC staff complement by five (5) Telecommunicator FTEs in 2009; and
- Undertake a national study to measure the appropriateness of current staffing levels and future staffing projections; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with the Committee’s first recommendation, on August 19, 2008, the Ramsey County Board’s Budget Committee approved a 2009 budget addendum to increase staffing at the ECC by five (5) Telecommunicator FTEs; funding for these positions is included in the County Board’s 2009 certified maximum property tax levy; and the County Board will approve the 2009 Supplement Budget in December 2008; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager’s Office and the Department are seeking authorization to issue a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the services of a consultant experienced with staffing evaluations for large, complex dispatch center operations to conduct a national study on staffing at the ECC; the consultant will be required to provide the final written report by April 1, 2009; and this tight timeline is necessary in order to ensure that the results are available for the preparation of the Department’s 2010-2011 budget request; and

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WHEREAS, The County's standard RFP process will be used; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the issuance of a Request for Proposals for a Staffing Study for the Emergency Communication Center; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to return to the County Board with the Proposal Evaluation Committee's findings, recommendations for final County Board selection of the consultant and a financing plan.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Request of Funding from Contingent Account for Fuel and Mileage Reimbursement Costs

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-300)

WHEREAS, The Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Sheriff's Departments use vehicles extensively in the performance of their missions; and

WHEREAS, The 2008 Budgets for fuel were prepared in 2007 based on prices known at that time, which have risen dramatically in 2007 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Sheriff's Departments are projecting shortages in 2008 fuel budgets which total \$309,000; and

WHEREAS, Mileage reimbursement for employees who must use their personal vehicles on Ramsey County business are set at the mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, The Internal Revenue Service increased the mileage rate per mile by two cents on January 1, 2008 and an additional eight cents on July 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, County departments are projected to have shortages in mileage budgets due to the increased mileage reimbursement rate which total \$95,078; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make a budget transfer from the 2008 Contingent Account to fuel accounts in the following departments:

Public Works	\$140,000
Sheriff	130,000
Parks and Recreation	<u>39,000</u>
Total	\$309,000

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make a budget transfer from the 2008 Contingent Account to mileage accounts in the following departments:

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County Manager Admin	\$639
Property Records and Revenue	3,551
County Attorney	2,433
Property Management	437
Sheriff	87
Corrections	12,426
Public Works	1,425
Public Health	9,216
Parks and Recreation	712
CHS	63,369
Public Health JPA	<u>783</u>
Total	\$95,078

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Rettman reported:

- On the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee (JPTAC) meeting she and Commissioners Ortega and Reinhardt attended. The Joint Truth in Taxation Public Hearing will be held December 11, 2008, at Arlington High School.
- District Councils 10, 11 and 12 and Falcon Heights held clean-ups. The hauler in charge of all the dumpsters said nothing collected would go to a landfill.
- On the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties (CAPRW) Board meeting she attended with Commissioners Carter and Parker. The MAAA (Metropolitan Area Agenda on Aging), has decided not to renew CAPRW as the vendor for the senior nutrition program. They will provide for 2009 senior congregate dining meals and mobile meals. All individuals on the program and for future programs will receive that service. Current recipients will be notified that they may see different people toward the end of the year but that there would be a smooth transition, and that the meals will be served.

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- She has served as alternate on the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties (CAPRW) Board, and said the issues around the senior nutrition program have been a difficult process. The goal was to ensure that the meals were delivered, without any interruption in service. She appreciated Commissioner Rettman's lead in that work.
- The Rush Line Corridor Task Force met. Because Chisago County didn't have access to the transit funds, they took a vote to put in \$118,050 to have the bus run from Forest Lake to St. Paul with a stop in the White Bear Lake area. If they came in on the transit funds, the other counties would go forward to try to capture those funds as well. This will come before the Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority in the near future, with the other counties committed to going back to their boards as well to access those funds. It is hoped that there will be bus service running by January 1 from Forest Lake to St. Paul. Everyone had assumed that the money would go to the end of 2008 for the line from Minneapolis to Forest Lake, but it did not – it was cut off the day the I-35W Bridge opened. Metro Transit will continue to fund the bus line to October 1 but answers are needed on what would happen to get that to the end of 2008. The bridge wasn't supposed to open until the end of the year, and the assumption was made that that is when these funds would run out.

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- She attended the Century College dedication of the new science and library center. Century College has the highest enrollment of any two-year community college in Minnesota with 12,000 full-time students, and 15,000 non-credit students a year.
- She attended the dedication of the Peace Pole at Emma's Place in Maplewood, where she read a letter from Congresswoman McCollum. The Peace Pole was placed there in honor of Nelda Rhodes who recently retired.
- Franklin Park Apartments in North St. Paul celebrated 30 years of service, with a party celebrating their neighbors.
- She is a member of the Minnesota Green Star Committee, representing AMC (Association of Minnesota Counties).
- On the AMC Policy Committee meeting.
- On the Ramsey County Extension Committee meeting held at the American Family Indian Center, with discussion on community gardening.
- On a reception for Sarah Erickson, recently hired as one of two lobbyists for the City of St. Paul.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- She attended the Homeless Advisory Committee meeting. The committee, which is comprised of individuals and organizations who address housing needs in our community, sends thanks and acknowledgement to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for the process we are in, recognizing our work to address housing related needs with the one-time dollars from the sale of property.
- She attended the Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative Executive Committee meeting. This is the first year of the process of redesign with the Collaborative. The organizations working to meet the mental health needs of children have come into close partnerships with Ramsey County, whereby all the youth they address and are able to provide services for, first come through the door of Ramsey County's case management in the Human Services Department. That relationship is working out where there are concerns; in particular, making certain that Ramsey County's case management is able to address the needs of all the community, particularly where there are language barriers.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Parker reported:

- She and Commissioner Reinhardt attended a public meeting held by the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department for input on the Keller Golf Course and Clubhouse plan and changes. Many people attended, including individuals from the men's and women's golf clubs at Keller. The plan will come before the County Board and the CIPAC (Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee) in the future.

Greg Mack, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, said the County Board had approved an appropriation and contracts for pre-design of the Keller Golf Course and Clubhouse, which is 90% complete with that project. About 75 people attended the meeting, with good support from the community for what had been done, but with requests for some very specific areas to look at such as alignment of tees. He plans to bring the plan and a report to the County Board in December, and then onto the capital improvement process for review and comment.

- On a town forum sponsored by several churches in the Roseville school district area, held in a Maplewood church, with over 100 people in attendance. The churches have gotten together with concerns about what people in the community can do to help new refugees from the Karen community, with a new language for this area, different cultural issues and challenges.

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- On a meeting of the CTIB (County Transit Improvement Board), with some discussion on whether grants would be permitted to services or projects that have already taken place prior to the creation of this board. It had been decided it would not be appropriate to go backward with funding of projects.
- On behalf of the County Board, she and Pat O'Connor, Interim County Manager, attended and provided "welcome" and "thank you" to the individuals attending the Administrative Professionals Conference at Landmark Center. The topic was on team building and working as part of a team. Both morning and afternoon sessions were well attended.
- On a meeting sponsored by the Citizens League, which is doing a study on poverty policies, attended by Legislators, business people, churches, non-profits, etc., to talk about where we are and what has and hasn't worked. This fits in well with what Ramsey County is doing, and all Commissioners were encouraged to attend one of these meetings.
- She attended the kick-off meeting for the Ramsey County Charitable Campaign. A training session had been held for each department representative to talk about roles and how to make the campaign a success. Every year, Ramsey County employees contribute in excess of \$100,000 to the various charitable organizations.
- The County Board Agenda today included an item recognizing the Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Providers. There will be a recognition event on October 2, and the Board has recognized that date as the Family Child Care Providers Recognition Day in Ramsey County.

COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE

Pat O'Connor, Interim County Manager, said he is meeting one-on-one with department directors to talk about issues relevant to them. He will report back to the Board things he thinks might be of interest as a result of those meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION I

The Executive Session was called to order at 11:05 a.m. Re: Maplewood Mall Tax Litigation Matters, with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, and Parker – 7. Also present were: Pat O'Connor, Interim County Manager; Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office; Julie Kleinschmidt, Director, Budgeting and Accounting; and Steve Nelson, Property Records and Revenue Department.

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes - Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-301)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the budget proposed in this Executive Session in accordance with the policy set out in Resolution 2005-238.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION II

The Executive Session was called to order at 11:15 a.m. Re: Meritex Tax Litigation Matters, with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, and Parker – 7. Also present were: Pat O'Connor, Interim County Manager; Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office; Julie Kleinschmidt, Director, Budgeting and Accounting; and Steve Nelson, Property Records and Revenue Department.

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes - Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-302)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the retention of outside valuation experts, outside counsel and the budget proposed in this Executive Session in accordance with the policy set out in Resolution 2005-238.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk-County Board