

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 Bennett moved approval of the Agenda of the November 4, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes of the October 28, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

INFORMATION SERVICES – Award of Information Technology Consulting Master Contracts

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-333)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, by Board Resolution 2008-219, authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Information Technology ("IT") master contract consulting services; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-eight proposals were received; and

WHEREAS, The Proposal Evaluation Team, following the County's Guidelines for the Selection Process, rated the proposals against a predetermined set of criteria designed to measure each vendor's ability to meet the County's business requirements; and

WHEREAS, Proposals receiving the highest scores in each technical area were selected;
Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the award of IT Consulting Master Contracts to the following eighteen vendors recommended by the Proposal Evaluation Team:

- 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., 1701 East Cook Street, Springfield, IL 62703-1818;
- Corporate Contract Services Corporation, One Corporate Center, 7401 Metro Boulevard, Suite 165, Edina, MN 55439;
- Dagineer, Inc., 505 Highway 169 N, Suite 750, Plymouth, MN 55441;
- Element Consulting Group, 1600 Hopkins Crossroad, Minneapolis, MN 55305;
- EnPointe Technologies Sales, Inc., 18701 South Figuera Street, Gardena, CA 90248;
- Evolving Solutions, Inc. 3989 County Road 116, Hamel, MN 55337;

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- Inetium, LLC, 3500 American Blvd., Suite 350, Bloomington, MN 55431;
- Macro Group Inc., 100 Portland Avenue, Suite 250, Minneapolis, MN 55401;
- Matrix IT Partners, LLC, 12865 Bacardi Ave. West, Rosemount, MN 55068;
- McCaa, Webster & Associates, 1422 West Lake Street, Suite 212, Minneapolis, MN 55408-2616;
- Meritide, Inc., 2670 Patton Road, Saint Paul, MN 55113;
- Performix Business Services, 9100 W. Bloomington Freeway, Ste 159, Bloomington, MN 55431;
- Quintegra Solutions Limited, 888 Saratoga Ave., Suite 201, San Jose, CA 95129;
- SDK Software, Inc., 13911 Ridgedale Drive, Suite 300, Minnetonka, MN 55305;
- SEH Technology Solutions, Inc., Butler Square Building, Suite 710C, 100 North 6th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403-1515;
- Technisource, Inc., 100 S 5th Street, #1075, Minneapolis, MN, 55402;
- The Talus Group, Inc., 19765 Near Mountain Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55331; and
- TSG Server & Storage, One Main Street SE, Suite 204, Minneapolis, MN 55414;

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute master contracts with the selected vendors with a per project maximum of \$10,000 and for a period of one year, subject to prior approval by Budgeting and Accounting and the County Attorney's Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute up to two one-year master contract renewals with each of the selected vendors, subject to prior approval by Budgeting and Accounting and the County Attorney's Office.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Chemical Health Assessment and Treatment Services for Culturally Hmong and Hmong Speaking Persons in Ramsey County

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-334)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Human Services has provided culturally specific chemical health services to many communities within the County for 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Lao Family Community, Inc. has been the provider for assessment and outpatient services to Hmong clients of Ramsey County Human Services; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2008, Lao Family Community elected to discontinue providing these services; and

WHEREAS, In order to continue these needed services, Ramsey County Human Services issued two RFPs on June 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, One RFP was for Chemical Use Assessments (MN Rule 25) for Culturally Hmong and Hmong Speaking Persons in Ramsey County; and

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WHEREAS, Three agencies submitted proposals; and

WHEREAS, Two providers – Hmong American Partnership and Hennepin Faculty Associates - with greater experience working Hmong clients and more qualified Hmong staff members were selected and recommended for chemical use assessment services; and

WHEREAS, The second RFP was for Minnesota Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (CCDTF) Services for Culturally Hmong and Hmong Speaking Persons in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, Two agencies submitted proposals; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin Faculty Associates is being recommended based on greater experience with Hmong clients and more qualified Hmong staff members; and

WHEREAS, Chemical use assessments are paid for with local levy dollars; and

WHEREAS, Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund services are paid for with 85% state funds and 15% local match funds; and

WHEREAS, Funds for both services are in the current CHS budget; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the recommendations of Hmong American Partnership, 1075 Arcade Street, St. Paul, MN 55106, and Hennepin Faculty Associates, 807 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404, to provide chemical health assessments at the rate of \$102 per initial assessment and \$40 per assessment update, for the period October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2013; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board approves the recommendation of Hennepin Faculty Associates, 807 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404, to provide outpatient chemical health treatment at the rate of \$23 per hour, for the period October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2013; and Be It Further

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

COUNTY MANAGER/PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – City of New Brighton

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-335)

WHEREAS, Laws of Minnesota 2008, Chapter 366, Article 5, Section 24, is special legislation which provides special rules for tax increment financing for an area of the City of New Brighton northwest of the intersection of I-35W and I-694 commonly known as the Northwest Quadrant Project (“Project”); and

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WHEREAS, This special legislation, in part, extends the duration of tax increment districts and hazardous substance subdistricts in the Project beyond the limits contained in general law and Minnesota Statutes 469.1782 provides that the county must approve the special law before it can take effect; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has previously recognized that the Project will require extensive efforts over a long time period to redevelop; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Brighton has incurred significant expenses for demolition, site preparation and pollution cleanup financed by tax increment general obligation bonds in order to prepare this site for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Major changes in the housing market, litigation and remediation efforts have delayed development and additional time is needed to recoup the public costs of the Project; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Laws of Minnesota 2008, Chapter 366, Article 5, Section 24, which gives the City of New Brighton special rules for tax increment financing districts and hazardous substance subdistricts in the area commonly known as the Northwest Quadrant, located northwest of the intersection of I- 35W and I-694; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chief Clerk to submit the "Certificate of Approval of Special Law by Governing Body" to the Secretary of State.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS – Selection of Professional Psychological and Vocational Assessment Providers for Minnesota Family Investment Program

Commissioner Bennett 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. (2008-336)

WHEREAS, A Request for Proposals (“RFP”) was issued on September 11, 2008, soliciting proposals from licensed psychologists credentialed with the Prepaid Medical Assistance Plans (“PMAPs”) to provide psychological and vocational assessments for clients enrolled in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (“MFIP”) beginning November 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, On October 3, 2008, Ramsey County received five proposals; and

WHEREAS, Each of the nine members of the Proposal Evaluation Team individually evaluated the proposals in accordance with the County’s General Rules and Guidelines on Selection, using the criteria included in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, After consideration of all information, and in accordance with the County’s General Rules and Guidelines on Selection, the Proposal Evaluation Team is recommending award of contracts for psychological and vocational assessments of MFIP clients to:

- AKV Psychological and Consulting Services, LLC
- Brakins Consulting & Psychological Services, LLC

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- Metro Social Services, Inc.
- North Psychology Clinic, P.A.

and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions concurs with the recommendation of the Proposal Evaluation Team and requests approval of the requested actions; Now, Therefore, Be it

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the recommendation of the Proposal Evaluation Team regarding psychological and vocational assessment providers; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute agreements with the following for the provision of services outlined in the Request For Proposals #JTPA-106-11, subject to prior approval by Budgeting and Accounting and the County Attorney's Office:

- AKV Psychological and Consulting Services, LLC, P.O. Box 251093/1976 Wooddale Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125;
- Brakins Consulting & Psychological Services, LLC, 4050 Olson Memorial Highway #290, Golden Valley, MN 55422;
- Metro Social Service, Inc., 345 University Avenue, #A, St. Paul, MN 55103; and
- North Psychology Clinic, P.A., 5615 Brooklyn Blvd, Ste 105, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

for a period of one year, subject to renewal for up to three additional one-year periods, up to a total contract term of four years, in amounts consistent with the Workforce Solutions funding; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute amendments and modifications to the agreements, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney; and Be It Further

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

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Adult Protection Team

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

Commissioner Rettman said that several years ago, while working in Housing and Relocation, she served on an Adult Protection Team with representatives from Human Services, Code Enforcement, and the Police Department. She is delighted that the team is being re-established. People involved with adult protection may be shut-ins or in need of any number of services. With such a team, people often are able to return to their homes or get into a better living situation. This is a good thing to re-establish. This doesn't necessarily mean more staff, but assistance will get to the people who need help.

Chair Parker noted that the Corrections Department is not included in this team, and said there would be some merit in having that perspective on the team.

Commissioner Rettman pointed out that code enforcement is not included either, but that the team can be adjusted.

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Commissioner McDonough said that is the way the team was presented -- sexual assault services might eventually be part of the team as well.

Chair Parker said we often deal with the same people/families and Corrections would be an asset on the team.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-337)

WHEREAS, On October 21, 2008, the Citizens Advisory Adult Services Committee presented the efforts that have gone into re-establishing the Adult Protection Team in Ramsey County to the Board's Human Services/Workforce Solutions Committee; and

WHEREAS, The purpose is to work across agencies and departments in Ramsey County to meet the needs of vulnerable adults in the most efficient, effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Questions were raised during the Committee presentation on whether the Team would add costs or lead to higher program costs based on finding more situations of abuse of vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, The Team is not requesting funds for the functioning of the Team or for additional services to provide support for vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, Representatives of agencies that work on circumstances involving vulnerable adults are just intending to meet on a regular basis to coordinate efforts; and

WHEREAS, The expectation is that the most likely effect on costs is to catch situations earlier, which would involve less costly interventions, leaving some of the current expenditures to reach and support the needs of additional vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 626.5571 provides that counties may establish multidisciplinary adult protection teams to provide:

- professional and public education, and
- develop resources for the prevention, intervention and treatment of cases of abuse of vulnerable adults;

Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the establishment of the Ramsey County Adult Protection Team with membership from the St. Paul Police Department, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, the City Attorney's Office, the County Attorney's Office, the St. Paul/Ramsey County Department of Public Health, and the Ramsey County Community Human Services Department.

PUBLIC WORKS – Professional Engineering Services Cost Share Agreement PW2008-16 with the City of Maplewood for White Bear Avenue (from County Road D to Radatz Avenue)

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

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Commissioner Rettman asked if this project was included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ken Haider, Director, Public Works, responded affirmatively. It is programmed for 2010 construction, which is what they are trying to get to through this design contract.

Commissioner Rettman said competition for dollars is ongoing. When people see what appears to be a lot of money going into a project, they want to know whether it is any part of a plan. She can then respond that this project is part of an adopted plan the Department created, and which the County Board approved.

Mr. Haider said there is federal funding on this project; it is a leverage project, and why it remained in the TIP.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-338)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the City of Maplewood have prepared a preliminary layout plan for the reconstruction of White Bear Avenue (County Road D to Radatz Avenue) including I-694; and

WHEREAS, This project will be funded with a combination of funding sources including Ramsey County State Aid Highway (CSAH), Federal Aid, Maplewood Municipal State Aid (MSA) and Maplewood local funds; and

WHEREAS, Agreement PW2008-16 between Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood for the cost share of final design services is necessary for the Project; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Agreement PW2008-16 related to the final design of White Bear Avenue (from County Road D to Radatz Avenue) between Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement, in a form approved by the County Attorney, on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve the necessary budget adjustments, estimated at \$767,440, increasing estimated revenues and appropriations; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes a temporary cash loan in an estimated amount of \$767,440 from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of State Aid and participating funds.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS – State of Minnesota Department of Human Services/Resettlement Program

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

Commissioner Rettman asked if this is already included in the 2009 budget.

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Patricia Brady, Director, Workforce Solutions, said she would need to verify whether this is included in the budget; it would not be in the budget for \$57,500, but rather \$42,000, which is the amount the Department has received for the last eight years.

Commissioner Reinhardt said approval would include making any necessary budget adjustments. Things are put into the two-year budget at the amounts received in the past. The necessary budget adjustment would be from the \$42,000 to the \$57,500, but that is part the action being taken today.

Commissioner Rettman said there would be an addendum. Commissioner Reinhardt concurred.

Commissioner Rettman asked what “supplemental funds” references.

Joan Truhler, Manager for Employment Services, Workforce Solutions, said “supplemental funds” represents some additional money received from the resettlement area at the Department of Human Services for training; \$42,000 of the amount is for administration to coordinate services, and \$15,000 is for training of the refugee employment services providers.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-339)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has received \$57,500 from the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services/Resettlement Program for State Fiscal Year 2009 (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009) for the planning and coordination of refugee services for participants engaged in the Minnesota Family Investment Project, Family Stabilization Services, and Diversionary Work Program for State Fiscal Year 2009 (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009); and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions is requesting acceptance of the funding and authorization to expend the services and for the County Manager to execute all appropriate documents and budget adjustments necessary to receive and expend the funds; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the receipt of \$57,500 in State Fiscal Year 2009 funding for the planning and coordination of refugee services and supplemental funds; make necessary budget adjustments; and execute appropriate contracts and contract amendments for the receipt and expenditures of funds; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the receipt of \$57,500 in funding from the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services/Resettlement Program for the planning and coordination of refugee services for State Fiscal Year 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to accept the State Fiscal Year 2009 funding of \$57,500 for planning and coordination of refugee services; accept supplemental funds; make necessary budget adjustments; and execute appropriate contracts and contract amendments for the receipt and expenditure of the funds; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make temporary cash loans as needed from the County General Revenue fund to Workforce Solutions to cover program expenses until funds are received, with repayment to be made upon receipt of funds from the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services/Resettlement Program.

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COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Monthly report of contracts and final payments and grant submissions that were approved during the month of September 2008

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

Commissioner Rettman requested additional information on the expenditure on the JPTA 1929 contract. Also, why are we paying Metropolitan Council in advance for the year when it is not known how many people use a Metropass? Is the County reimbursed if not all the people use the Metropass; is this a basic amount paid regardless of how many people use the Metropass? Since the contracts have already been executed, she requested responses to her questions in writing.

Julie Kleinschmidt, Director, Office of Budgeting and Accounting, said she would provide written responses to Commissioner Rettman's questions.

Chair Parker asked if the \$184,000 grant for CDBG cited in the report is for the summer youth program.

Ms. Kleinschmidt said this is a revenue grant the County receives from the City of St. Paul.

Commissioner Rettman said that is part of the CDBG commitment for the community clinic.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-340)

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

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

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 4.30.39d requires the County Manager to report grant submissions, amendments, renewals, and acceptances along with the monthly contract report; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Report of Contracts and Final Payments and Grants for the month of September 2008.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett:

- Participated in a “teach the teachers” event with city officials, an individual from the public sector and Mounds View teachers.

Commissioner Carter:

- Reported on Rail-Volution in San Francisco, where she toured many areas to see transit oriented development along transportation lines. While there, she spoke with former Ramsey County Manager David Twa, who is working for Contra Costa County, with a light rail extension coming into his community. This was an opportunity to get a lot of information on transportation and the issues communities are dealing with and ways they are managing.
- She participated in a “Get Out the Vote” event with a non-profit, non-partisan organization called Urban Embassy, also attended by Chair Parker.

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COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Pat O'Connor, Interim County Manager, reminded the viewing audience that results of the election will be available tonight through the County's website www.co.ramsey.mn.us/elections. The Elections Office this year looks like "mission control" in Houston, with technicians at computers keying in the results as they are sent electronically from the polling sites. Individuals were encouraged to phone for results only if no other access to the information is available to them.

Chair Parker said there are 20 precincts in her district, one of which is in Hennepin County. On the night of the primary, she got results through the website on all 19 Ramsey County precincts right away, followed by the Hennepin County results one hour later.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board