

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker (late), Rettman and Chair Bennett – 6. Absent – Reinhardt (testifying at State Capitol) – 1. Also present were David Twa, County Manager, and Gary Davis, Assistant County Attorney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Commissioner McDonough moved approval of the Agenda of the March 14, 2006, Board Meeting, with the movement of “Outside Board and Committee Reports” to the beginning of the meeting. Commissioner Carter seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 5. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Rettman moved approval of the Minutes of the February 28, 2006 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 5. Nays – 0.

[Commissioner Parker arrived during the following discussion.]

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner McDonough reported:

- A MESP Board Meeting was held last week. The merger of the Metropolitan Radio Board and 911 is beginning to solidify. It has taken some time to bring both entities together to operate as one Board.
- He attended NACo meetings, and sits on the Community and Economic Development Committee. CDBG funding was under attack and was mostly able to survive in the budget because the Association of Mayors, County Commissioners and Governors were united in opposing those cuts. They were planning to move it into the Department of Commerce and it appeared they were setting the stage to totally eliminate CDBG as a program. In the President’s 2007 budget, there has been a change in the approach to CDBG funding, which cuts back about one-third of the funding. One key item is that the recommendation is that it be target-strategic competitive grant funding; there were no guidelines on that. Now, all the funding is based on a formula. Pulling out that money will set the stage where some communities will be winners and others will be losers, which will make it more difficult to keep everyone united in the opposition. The other major change that will be difficult to overcome and keep everyone together is that they want to make a change in the formula funding. The proposed change would hurt Minnesota and most of the northeastern states. It would help the west and the southwestern states. Some states would receive increased funding, even with the cuts, while other states, of which Minnesota is one, will receive huge cuts. A position was taken at NACo that is very consistent with what would be taken at Ramsey County in opposition to the formula changes, opposition to the targeted competitive grants because that sets the stage for politics. The Committee took an additional position supporting no reduction in funding to CDBG funding.

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Commissioner Rettman said she believes there was a request for Ramsey County to send a support letter for \$3 million in formula funding for the CDBG funds in fiscal year 2007. She believes Congresswoman McCollum has already signed it.

Terry Speiker, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, said Commissioner Rettman is correct; there is some action within the Minnesota delegation to get more members to sign on. Congresswoman McCollum signed on to one letter; should the Board be willing, she will be asked to sign on to a second letter. It is consistent with things the Board has done in the past.

Commissioner Rettman suggested a letter to Congresswoman McCollum be prepared to be signed by herself as HRA Chair, Commissioner Bennett as Chair of the Board, and Commissioner McDonough, as a member of the NACo Committee.

Commissioner McDonough agreed that was a good idea. Another piece of information is that Senator Coleman's Office is aware of this issue and was a big help last year, and this year he is already circulating a sign-on letter among the Senators that he drafted and signed to generate support in the Senate.

Commissioner Rettman requested a thank you letter be prepared from herself, Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner McDonough on CDBG.

Commissioner Ortega reported:

- While in Washington D.C., he, along with several Commissioners, met with the Federal Transit Administration and got some good news regarding the Central Corridor, in terms of the EIS and its public release, which would allow movement to the next step. He also had a meeting with the Post Office and met with the Senior Vice President for Facilities. They had a cordial "get to know each other" meeting to reiterate the parameters by which they will be working over the next couple of months.
- He testified before the Transportation Finance Committee regarding the Central Corridor and Union Depot. His testimony was very well received.
- He had a meeting with Senator Keith Langseth regarding the Central Corridor. He believes Ramsey County has a strong ally and supporter in Senator Langseth, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee.
- He testified before the Transportation Committee regarding Robert Street Corridor.
- He sits on the NACo Transportation Committee and had an opportunity to hear the Secretary of Transportation speak at the Convention.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- She serves on the NACo Human Services and Education Committee and attended a meeting while in Washington D.C. last week. The Committee reviewed the results of the reconciliation bill which had been dramatic for Ramsey County, with a potential loss of \$8 million for targeted case management. She looks forward to the rule making which will clarify exactly how much of those funds will be lost and needed to be made up. County Manager Twa and staff members are looking forward to a better understanding of what that will be. They also discussed additional cuts coming forward in the President's new budget. The anticipation is that Ramsey County will have much to struggle with as that moves forward.

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- She attended the Criminal Justice Committee. There is new legislation coming forward. Congress is struggling this year with re-entry legislation called “the Second Chance Act” of 2005 that they are looking to enact. It appears as though that legislation, if enacted, would provide opportunities for us in the area of providing for re-entry, for both juveniles and adults, into society after incarceration.

Commissioner Rettman reported:

- She attended Mayor Coleman’s State of the City address. The Mayor spoke about Central Corridor and making sure the City is dealing with some of the financial situations the City is going through. It is one of his top priorities. He laid out his vision of what he wants to accomplish over the next few years.
- She attended a showing at the Frogtown Art Cooperative, located on Como, Galtier and Elfelt Street. This is an unsung treasure within the Frogtown community.
- She attended the Sally Ordway Irvine Awards, where Seitu Jones received a beautiful award “for his work as an artist, which, due to its nature, makes itself felt by the community at large, as well as his innate ability to connect effectively across cultures, ages and geographics. Seitu is most deserving of the 2005 Sally Ordway Irvine Award for Vision.” Additionally, Mr. Jones serves on the Capitol Region Watershed District Board of Managers.

Commissioner Parker reported:

- She and Commissioner Rettman attended the Children’s Summit, at the Fairview Community Center. She thinks it is pertinent, with all the talk about the current and future budget cuts, that the focus of this Summit was “What Can You Do, In Your Neighborhood, With People You Know, Professionally and In Organizations That You Belong To, to Help Kids”. Earlier in the day the Board had been discussing juvenile crime prevention. There will be so much work to be done; she believes this was a good approach taken that day.

Commissioner Rettman said the Summit was full. The money is a challenge, but it is important to make a personal commitment. People in attendance completed cards regarding goals. There were many younger people in attendance. Young people need to make those types of commitments to their community.

Commissioner Parker said it was an interesting cross-section of the population in attendance – Legislators, members of the clergy, Mayors and City Council people, non-profit organizations, many school representatives and many citizens.

- The Ramsey County Library Board held a retreat to discuss the Task Force recommendations for northwest community Library services. No decisions were made at that meeting. They held a good discussion about priorities and sifted through the data. The Task Force spent a great deal of time going through data. Now that they have made their recommendations there still seems to be questions about additional information wanted.

Chair Bennett reported:

- There were many NACo meetings. The breakfast on Wednesday morning was the best attended legislative breakfast in his years of going out there. Both US Senators and five House Members attended this meeting that lasted 1½ hours. Topics discussed included CDBG funding and the reconciliation bill.

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- The Medtronic Bill passed the Minnesota House 125-6 and unanimously passed the Senate. It is on its way to the Governor's desk.
- The NACo Justice and Public Safety Committee passed a resolution regarding the issue raised by Commissioner Carter. He helped negotiate a satisfactory resolution on immigration.
- The Annual NACo Conference will be held in August in Chicago. Commissioner Landkamer from Blue Earth County, Minnesota, will be installed at that Conference as President of NACo. It would be nice if there was a big turnout from Minnesota for her.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Agreement with University of Minnesota for Extension Programs

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-095)

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

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

WHEREAS, Ramsey County desires to augment the Master Gardener program in the amount of \$30,000 for the period from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, using solid waste management funds that originate from the Local Recycling Development Grant budgeted by the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County's funds will be used to support a .5 FTE Coordinator who will work exclusively in Ramsey County with the Master Gardener program, in support of educational opportunities related to waste management and coordinated by the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, The University will bill the County for monthly payments based on twelve equal installments; and

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

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement Between the University of Minnesota and Ramsey County for providing Extension programs locally and employing County Extension staff, in support of educational opportunities related to waste management and coordinated by the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health, for the period from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, with a three-month termination clause only for early termination of the Agreement; in the amount of \$30,000, to be funded with Local Recycling Development Grant funds; and Be It Further

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

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PUBLIC WORKS – Project Labor Agreement

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-096)

WHEREAS, By Resolution 2002-351, the Ramsey County Board adopted a policy regarding the use of Project Labor Agreements (“PLA”), with the direction to staff to return in a workshop format at a future date to determine the final criteria for use of a Project Labor Agreement; and

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2005, the Ramsey County Board affirmed the policy regarding the use of Project Labor Agreements; and

WHEREAS, The policy requires a department to request input from parties likely to be interested in the project regarding use of a PLA; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works Department is planning several reconstruction projects in the 2006 construction season including:

- SAP 62-615-25, MSAP 209-020-008 (County Road E, Centerville Road and Koehler Road)
- SAP 62-646-019, SP 6284-133 (I-35W at Cleveland Avenue/County Road B)
- SAP 62-615-26, SP 6222-149 (County Road E at TH 61)
- SAP 62-623-41 (County Road C between Snelling Avenue and Oxford Street)
- SAP 62-665-41, SP 164-020-097, SP 164-010-057 (White Bear Avenue between Beech Street and Reaney Avenue)
- SAP 62-601-11, SAP 02-632-14, SP 6284-137 (County Road J from Airport Road to I-35W); and

WHEREAS, The department solicited recommendations in accordance with the policy; and

WHEREAS, The responses were as follows:

- Ten of the twelve interested parties did not respond to the letters.
- The St. Paul Buildings Trade Council responded with a negative recommendation on the use of Project Labor Agreement.
- The Associated Builders and Contractors was similar for all the projects with the gist being the President and Governor both outlawed PLAs through executive orders; and

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department that a PLA not be used on these projects; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has taken all of the project factors and recommendations into account; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That Public Works Department shall not include a requirement for a Project Labor Agreement for the projects mentioned above.

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PUBLIC WORKS – Final Payment and Contract Amount for Reconstruction of County Road F and Supplemental Agreements 28 and 30, S.A.P. 62-612-14

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-097)

WHEREAS, County Board Resolution 2003-188 approved a contract with Arnt Construction, Inc for reconstruction of County Road F from Highway 61 to McKnight Road, CC001135; and

WHEREAS, After commencement of construction, the Engineer determined that due to the age of the existing water main a break occurred. The contractor was directed to repair the water main; and

WHEREAS, Additional bituminous patching was required at different locations due to insufficient pavement depth and a water main break; and

WHEREAS, Appropriate additions or corrections are defined in Supplemental Agreements 28 & 30 respectively; and

WHEREAS, Costs for the work identified within these contract revisions (\$13,109.85) will be paid for with 100% White Bear Lake funds and (\$8,944.25) will be paid for with 100% Ramsey County State Aid Funds, S.A.P. 62-612-14;

WHEREAS, The final contract cost amount is \$2,341,624.93; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Project Engineer has inspected the work and certified that it has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications of the contract; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Supplemental Agreements 28 & 30; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes the County Manager to execute the agreements; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes the following budget adjustment:

INCREASED ESTIMATED REVENUE

2001	11101	550880	314606	CSAH Construction Regular	P033149	\$8,944.25
2001	11101	550880	314101	Participation Construction	P033149	\$13,109.85
				City of White Bear Lake		

TRANSFER TO/INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

2001	11101	550880	442305	County Road F Reconstruction	P033149	\$22,054.10
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RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes temporary cash loan of \$22,054.10 from County General Fund to the 2006 Capitol Improvement Program (CIP) until receipt of local and State Aid reimbursement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the final contract amount of \$2,341,624.93 and authorizes a final payment of \$31,288.39 Arnt Construction Company, Inc., P.O. Box 549, Hugo, MN 55038, CC001135.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Local Equipment Plan and Assistive Voting System Grant Application and Agreement

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-098)

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) in 2002 to ensure that the voting method utilized in every polling place includes a voting device that is accessible for individuals with disabilities and provides them the ability to vote privately and independently; and

WHEREAS, Congress appropriated \$41,000,000 to the State of Minnesota to be distributed to counties to acquire voter assistive machines for disabled voters; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of State is administering the grant program to distribute funds to counties; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has worked with its cities and school districts to develop a local equipment plan to deploy and operate the voter assistive machines; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was conducted on December 13, 2005, to solicit public comments on the plan; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Local Equipment Plan for a new accessible voting system in accordance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute and submit the Grant Application and Agreement to the Minnesota Secretary of State for federal HAVA funds to reimburse the County for the cost of acquiring and operating an accessible voting system that has either been certified for use by the Minnesota Secretary of State or a system whose use has been enabled by a waiver granted by the Minnesota State Auditor; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to establish a project account and budget to receive the grant funds and enable the immediate requisition of accessible voting equipment prior to the actual receipt of the grant funds; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board hereby approves a project budget in the amount of \$1,242,609, for the purchase and operation of the assistive voting system.

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COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES - Medical Assistance Data – Memorandum of Understanding

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-099)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Human Services is one of five metro counties that receives Medical Assistance claims data from the State Data Warehouse at the Minnesota Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, The Data Warehouse is the only base of information on the medical services received by our clients who are on medical assistance; and

WHEREAS, Recent reports from the database have included utilization of mental health, chemical dependency, and long-term care services; and

WHEREAS, These reports are developed by a staff person who is funded by the five metro counties; and

WHEREAS, The information helps county program managers do a better job of maximizing state and federal service funds while controlling program costs; and

WHEREAS, In order to keep administrative costs low, Ramsey, Hennepin, Scott, Dakota, and Anoka counties are sharing the cost for the staff person assigned to the Data Warehouse; and

WHEREAS, Scott County acts as the administrative agent and employs the staff person; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has participated in this county consortium since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Funding for this request is included in the Community Human Services annual budget; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Scott County for the 15-month period of October 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006, in the amount of \$12,095, for the employment and funding of the staff person to develop reports from the Data Warehouse; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Joint Powers Agreement between Community Corrections and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for one Identification Based Information System Remote Data Terminal, a 2-Finger Identification Unit

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-100)

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WHEREAS, Ramsey County Community Corrections is interested in testing new fingerprinting technology to be used to identify offenders under adult probation; and

WHEREAS Through a Joint Powers Agreement, the State of Minnesota (acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, CrimNet and Criminal Justice Information Systems) will provide the Identification Based Information System Remote Data Terminal (IBIS RDT) at no cost to Ramsey County Community Corrections; and

WHEREAS The Rapid Identification System is capable of searching submitted index fingerprints and returning identification and/or criminal history data; and

WHEREAS The Rapid Identification System will help Community Corrections positively identify offenders under adult probation; and

WHEREAS, The term of the Joint Powers Agreement is April 3, 2006 through March 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS The State of Minnesota will pay the costs of the first year maintenance (estimated at \$650 annually) as well as the cellular airtime cost of \$60 per month, for the term of the Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Community Corrections is under no obligation to continue using the RDT technology after March 30, 2007. However, if Community Corrections chooses to continue using the technology after March 30, 2007, Community Corrections will assume the costs for both the maintenance and cellular airtime and absorb these costs in the Department's budget; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota (acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, CrimNet and Criminal Justice Information Systems) and Ramsey County Community Corrections allowing Community Corrections to test the Identification Based Information System Remote Data Terminal (IBIS RDT) fingerprinting technology for the term April 3, 2006 through March 30, 2007; and Be It Further

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Employee Interchange Agreement with the National Institute of Corrections

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-101)

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Corrections has requested that Ramsey County Corrections assign a Ramsey County Community Corrections employee to the National Institute of Corrections as a Correctional Program Specialist for two years; and

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WHEREAS, The employee will be responsible for approving, supervising, coordinating and delivering technical assistance of a highly complex nature to state and local correctional agencies responsible for administering community corrections; and

WHEREAS, The employee will gain valuable experience in policy development, planning, financing, and administration of operations of Community Corrections programming and in the delivery of evidence-based practices technical assistance. As Ramsey County moves toward implementation of evidenced-based correctional practice, the employee's expertise will be invaluable when he returns to Ramsey County Community Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Community Corrections plans to use the reimbursed salary and benefit revenue to hire a contractor to perform the employee's duties during the term of the Interchange agreement or to hire an FTE Planning Specialist 2 to perform the employee's duties, in the event the Department decides to backfill this position with a temporary FTE. This backfill position will be starred and terminated when the agreement expires and the employee returns to the Department; and

WHEREAS, In the event the IPA Agreement is cancelled prior to the end of the two-year term, Corrections can absorb the employee back into the complement because all contracts with vendors have a 30-day cancellation of service provision, and a temporary employee can be let go at any time without cause; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Corrections will reimburse Ramsey County on a monthly basis such that Ramsey County can recoup the full costs of the employee's assignment including annual salary (\$68,613), benefits and travel expenses; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Employee Interchange Agreement with the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) for the estimated annual salary of \$68,613 plus all employee benefits and travel expenses for the period April 16, 2006 through approximately April 15, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Employee Interchange Agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make the necessary budget adjustments; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes Community Corrections to use the reimbursed salary and benefit revenue to hire a contractor to perform the employee's duties during the term of the Interchange agreement or authorize the Complement increase of one FTE Planning Specialist 2 to perform the employee's duties, in the event the Department decides to backfill this position with a temporary FTE. This backfill position will be starred and terminated when the agreement expires and the employee returns to the Department.

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COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Children’s Mental Health – Contracts for Therapeutic Support Services

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-102)

WHEREAS, In 2004 the State of Minnesota established a process of certifying community vendors for the provision of children’s mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-five vendors have been certified; and

WHEREAS, Most of the individuals they will serve qualify for medical assistance reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, Around 5% of the individuals are uninsured and not eligible for medical assistance reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, The services for those individuals are paid from county dollars; and

WHEREAS, The 2006 budget for the Community Human Services Department includes funding for these services; and

WHEREAS, The Community Human Services Department recommends agreements with all state certified vendors; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves agreements with:

- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, 919 Lafond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
- Associated Clinic of Psychology, 3100 West Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55416
- Behavioral Dimensions, 415 Blake Road North, Suite 240, Hopkins, MN 55343
- Central Center for Family Resources, 1485 81st Ave. NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
- Chicanos Latino Unidos En Servicio (CLUES), 797 East 7th St., St. Paul, MN 55106
- Community Drug and Alcohol Services/Options, 3964 Sibley Memorial Highway, Eagan, MN 55122
- David Hoy and Associates, Ltd., 8401 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 370, Minneapolis, MN 55426
- Face to Face, Inc., 1165 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106
- Families for Effective Autism Treatment, 3001 Broadway Street NE, Suite 185, Minneapolis, MN 55413
- Family Alternatives, 416 E. Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55414
- Family Focus, Inc., 2800 University Ave. SE, Suite 204, Minneapolis, MN 55414
- Family Innovations, Inc., 2006 First Ave. North, Suite 207, Anoka, MN 54016
- Fraser Child and Family Center, 3333 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414
- Generations: Community Support Services, 2649 Park Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55414
- Guadalupe Alternative Programs, 381 East Robie St., St. Paul, MN 55107
- Helena Family Support, Inc., 13537 Windyhill Road, Minnetonka, MN 55305
- Human Services, Inc., 7006 Stillwater Blvd. North, Oakdale, MN 55128

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- LaFamilia Guidance Center, Inc., 155 South Wabasha, Suite 120, St. Paul, MN 55107
- LIFE Midwest, 2925 Dean Parkway, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55416
- Life Span of Minnesota, 3920 Sibley Memorial Highway, Eagan, MN 55122
- Metro Social Services, 2147 University Ave., St. Paul, MN 55114
- Northwest Youth and Family Services, 3490 Lexington Ave No, Shoreview, MN 55126
- Nystrom and Associates, Ltd., 1900 Silver Lake Road, New Brighton, MN 55112
- PATH, Inc., 2324 University Ave., Suite 101, St. Paul, MN 55114
- Power of Relationships, 14329 Alan Drive, Savage, MN 55378
- Progressive Individual Resources, 152 Wildwood Ave., Birchwood, MN 55110
- REM of Minnesota, 6921 York Ave., South, Edina, MN 55435
- Thad Wilderson and Associates, 475 University Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103
- The Common Link/Owahiki, Inc., 211 North Concord Exchange, St. Paul, MN 55075
- Therapeutic Services Agency, 220 Railroad St./P.O. Box 90, Pine City, MN 55063
- Totems, Inc., 228 East Chestnut St., Stillwater, MN 55082
- University Day Community, 2700 Summer Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413
- Volunteers of American Mental Health Clinics, 22426 St. Francis Blvd., Anoka, MN 55303
- Washburn Child Guidance Center, 2430 Nicollet South, Minneapolis, MN 55404
- White Bear Lake Community Counseling Center, 1280 North Birch Lake Blvd., White Bear Lake, MN 55110

for children's mental health services at the rate of \$12 per 15-minute unit, for the period March 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to execute the agreements.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Approval of local option tax reductions by the County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-103)

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §273.123, subd, 7, authorizes the County Board of Commissioners to approve a local option disaster tax reductions; and

WHEREAS, The County Board of Commissioners retains sole authority to approve said reductions; and

WHEREAS, Fifty percent or more of the homestead dwelling or other structure of the attached list of properties has been unintentionally or accidentally destroyed and the property affected was thereby made uninhabitable or not usable; and

WHEREAS, The owner of the property has made written application to the County Assessor; and

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WHEREAS, The owner of the property hereby makes written application to the County Board, Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the reduction in taxes and any penalty and interest as noted on the exhibit on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to the exhibit previously mentioned, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby discloses that they do not have a financial interest in a local option reduction, nor any familial relationship with a local option tax reduction applicant.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES/PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Renewal of Lease for Financial Assistance Services Hub at Lifetrack Resources

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution, as amended to include a clause stating that execution of the Lease would be subject to final approval by the County Attorney, due to the addition of some indemnification language. Commissioner McDonough seconded the motion.

Assistant County Attorney Gary Davis said language would be added to the indemnification provision that makes certain that the County is preserving its limits and exceptions for liability under State Statute and case law.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-104)

WHEREAS, Since May 1, 1999, the Financial Assistance Services Division of Community Human Services has leased 882 square feet of office space at 709 University Avenue West; and

WHEREAS, The current rental rate is \$16.30 per square foot; and

WHEREAS, Community Human Services and Property Management have negotiated a reduced rate of \$13.61 per square foot for the first year of the renewed lease, with an increase of 3% each subsequent year; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the lease renewal between Ramsey County and Lifetrack Resources for 882 square feet of office space at 709 University Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55104, for the term April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2011, at the rate of \$13.61 per square foot for the first year, with 3% annual increases thereafter; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to execute the lease in a form to be approved by the County Attorney.

PARKS & RECREATION – Management Agreement for Clubhouse and Concession Stand Operations at Keller Clubhouse

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution, as amended to include a clause stating that execution of the Agreement would be subject to final approval by the County Attorney, due to the addition of indemnification language. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion.

Commissioner Rettman said it appears that JRP Concessions had worked in several different places. She asked if Keller would now be their only venue.

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Greg Mack, Director, Parks and Recreation, said Keller would be their primary venue. They will continue to operate some concession stands, which are small, seasonal operations. The golf course referenced as a current location will no longer be part of their operation.

Commissioner Rettman said it appeared that JRP was planning to heavily focus on operations at Keller and making it successful. The documentation also referenced that there would be a liquor license. She asked if that is why the revenues are expected to increase.

Mr. Mack said the liquor license is a requirement under the Agreement. The reflection of increased revenue is based on their marketing plan that details how they plan to expand the service, including brunch activity.

Commissioner Rettman asked if Mr. Mack feels the revenue projections are accurate.

Mr. Mack believes the projections are good; however, the key point will be whether or not the golf activity continues. That is the major driver for the revenue. He believes JRP put together a good proposal on how they would provide improved services. The proposed increase is relatively conservative.

Commissioner Rettman asked if Prom is okay with this.

Mr. Mack said Prom cancelled the contract mid-term.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0.
(2006-105)

WHEREAS, A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for clubhouse and concession stand operation at Keller Golf Course on December 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The RFP was advertised in the St. Paul Legal Ledger and a notice was mailed to 25 catering vendors; and

WHEREAS, Eighteen companies responded to the notice and were sent the RFP packet; and

WHEREAS, On January 13, 2006, eleven companies participated in a formal walk-through of the Clubhouse and three companies were interviewed on February 3, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Based on written proposals and interview presentations, the evaluation team applied the criteria that was included in the RFP and unanimously recommended the selection of JRP Concessions, Inc. for the contract; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County and JRP Concessions, Inc. have negotiated a Management Agreement effective for the period March 14, 2006 through December 31, 2010, for operation of the clubhouse and concession stand at Keller Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County will receive 12% of the first \$170,000 of gross revenue and 16% of gross revenue over \$170,000; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Management Agreement between Ramsey County and JRP Concessions, Inc., 11137 Nassau Circle, N.E., Blaine, MN 55449, for operation of the clubhouse and concession stand at Keller Golf Course, effective March 14, 2006 through December 31, 2010; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Management Agreement on behalf of Ramsey County, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Nominee to Association of Minnesota Counties

Chair Bennett relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Parker.

Vice-Chair Parker assumed the Chair.

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

Commissioner Bennett said this resolution recommends and supports Commissioner McDonough for the position of Second Vice-Chair of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC). He had the honor of serving in that position a few years ago. Many people in AMC are strongly supporting Commissioner McDonough in that role. He would like the County Board to go on record unanimously in support of his candidacy for Second Vice-President of AMC.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-106)

WHEREAS, The Association of Minnesota Counties will be electing officers to serve in statewide capacities in December 2006; and

WHEREAS, Nominations for officers of the Association of Minnesota Counties are to be solicited from elected officials of member counties; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the candidacy of Commissioner Jim McDonough for Second Vice-President of the Association of Minnesota Counties, and requests that his name be presented on the slate of nominees for this position for the following reasons:

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES:

Commissioner McDonough:

Serves as Chair of the

- Ramsey County Criminal Justice Committee
- Ramsey County Emergency Communications Committee
- Ramsey County Business Information and Technology Initiative
- Ramsey County 800 MHz Committee

Serves on the following Ramsey County Committees

- Budget Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Finance, Personnel & Management Committee
- Human Services/Workforce Solutions Committee
- Legislative Committee

Serves on the following Outside Boards, Committees and Commissions:

- Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors

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- Association of Minnesota Counties District X Executive Committee
- Association of Minnesota Counties General Government Committee
- Ramsey County Court House/St. Paul City Hall Committee
- Great North Alliance
- Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
- Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Board
- Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Executive Board
- Metropolitan Workforce
- Minnesota Workforce Council Association
- National Association of Counties Community and Economic Development Committee
- Phalen Corridor Initiative Steering Committee
- Ramsey Soil and Water Conservation Board (alternate)
- Regions Hospital Board
- Workforce Investment Board
- Workforce Investment Board Agreement Negotiation

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, Due to his extensive experience in and commitment to government service, Commissioner Jim McDonough is an excellent candidate for the Second Vice-President of the Association of Minnesota Counties.

Commissioner McDonough thanked the Commissioners for their support. Since being elected a Commissioner in 2000, he has participated at AMC and has grown to respect what the Association of Minnesota Counties does and has accomplished. Sometimes, these groups can be more of a formality, but he has seen this Association accomplish things and worked hard to bring people together to use its power and influence to better all 87 Counties. He is pleased for the support.

Vice-Chair Parker relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Bennett.
Chair Bennett assumed the Chair.

PARKS & RECREATION – Approval of Low Interest Loans for Ice Arena Lighting Retrofits Ordinance

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following Ordinance and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-107)

LOW INTEREST LOAN FOR ICE ARENA LIGHTING RETROFITS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, In 2005, Ramsey County utilized an Xcel Energy Company program to retrofit the lighting systems in ten ice arenas to more energy efficient lighting systems; and

WHEREAS, The work was completed in 2005 at a total cost of \$76,939.93; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County intends to finance these energy saving lighting retrofits with low interest loans; and

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WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter, Section 2.02(C)(2) authorizes the County to borrow money under the ordinance procedures of Section 5.01(A)(3); Now, Therefore,

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY DOES ORDAIN, that Ramsey County is authorized to borrow \$76,939.93 for energy-saving lighting retrofits in ten ice arenas; and Does Further

ORDAIN, That the Chair and Chief Clerk are authorized to execute the promissory notes to finance the energy-saving lighting retrofits; and Does Further

ORDAIN, That this Ordinance shall not be effective until thirty (30) days after publication of the Ordinance and the minutes in order to permit filing of any initiative and referendum in accord with the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Terry Speiker, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, distributed a copy of the most recent meeting list for all the legislative meetings. The first copy of the tracking list will be out later this week. As Chair Bennett mentioned, the Medtronic Bill has moved quickly.

Nick Riley, Intergovernmental Relations, said there were six bills up last Thursday and one on Friday. He thanked Commissioner Ortega and Commissioner Reinhardt for testifying on the bills.

Ms. Speiker said Commissioner Reinhardt is currently testifying on the DHS proposal to deal with the federal reconciliation matters. The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) put together a panel presentation for Legislators. Commissioner Reinhardt is speaking on behalf of AMC.

Ms. Speiker serves as a member of the NACo Board. She believes Chair Bennett was modest in detailing his work around the immigration resolution, and that without him that resolution probably would not have gone forward. It was a very contentious issue and was resolved well.

Ms. Speiker distributed copies of the Legislative package to date. There will be things added as the session goes forward.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board