

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Agenda of the March 28, 2006, Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Minutes of the March 21, 2006 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Agreement between Ramsey County and Brad McDonnell, D.D.S., Kellie Johnson, Dental Assistant, and Allied Professionals, Inc., skilled nursing services

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its approval, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-120)

WHEREAS, Individuals incarcerated at the County's Community Correction and detention facilities may need dental services for trauma or to alleviate pain, or skilled nursing services; and

WHEREAS, A secure environment for providing these services is needed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brad McDonnell is an experienced provider of dental services for special populations and Kellie Johnson, is a certified dental assistant, who assists with dental procedures and has experience working with Dr. McDonnell and the special populations; and

WHEREAS, Allied Professionals, Inc. is an experienced provider of short-term supplemental medical personnel; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a rate-setting agreement with Brad McDonnell, D.D.S., 1020 Griffin Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN 55115, in an amount not to exceed \$47,000 annually, for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008, for dental services; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a rate-setting agreement with Kellie Johnson, 2044 Prosperity Road, Maplewood, MN 55109, in an amount not to exceed \$16,000 annually, for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008, for dental assistant services; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a rate-setting agreement with Allied Professionals, Inc., 3209 West 76th Street, Edina, MN 55345, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 annually, for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008, for skilled nursing services; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute the agreements in a form to be approved by the County Attorney.

PUBLIC WORKS – Reconstruction of County Road J from Airport Road to Naples Street, including Bridge No. 02571 over I-35W, S.A.P. 62-601-11, S.A.P. 02-632-14, S.P. 6284-137

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its approval, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-121)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, in cooperation with Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), the Cities of Blaine, Mounds View, and Shoreview, has developed plans and specifications for reconstructing County Road J from Airport Road to Naples Street, including a new Bridge at I35W -- S.A.P. 62-601-11, S.A.P. 02-632-14, and S.P. 6284-137; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is acting as the lead agency in project implementation; and

WHEREAS, The project includes the construction of Bridge No. 02571 over I-35W, a changeable message sign and other related improvements within I-35W right of way; and

WHEREAS, Mn/DOT Agreement No. 89303, between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Ramsey County, has been prepared to define cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for that work; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Public Works Department has requested Mn/DOT provide contract administration, construction engineering, surveying, and inspection for County Road J Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Mn/DOT Agreement No. 89223-P has been prepared to identify services to be provided and associated costs; and

WHEREAS, County Road J improvements include installation/reconstruction of traffic control signals at several intersections along County Road J (85th Ave in Anoka); and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Public Works Department has prepared Signal Agreements PW 2005-17, PW 2005-18, PW 2005-19, PW 2005-20 and PW 2006-01 to identify the cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for each of the intersections, respectively; Park View Drive, Rice Creek Parkway/Naples Street, Xylite Street, Coral Sea Street NE and 35W West Service Drive; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation has prepared Agreement No. 89278M which identifies maintenance and electric energy responsibilities for the traffic control signals on T.H. 10 South Ramp at Airport Road and T.H. 35W South East Ramp at County Road J (85th Ave in Anoka); Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Mn/DOT Agreement No. 89303; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Signal Agreements PW 2005-17, PW 2005-18, PW 2005-19, PW 2005-20, and PW2006-01; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Mn/DOT Agreement No. 89278M; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute Agreements 89303, 89223-P, PW2005-17, PW2005-18, PW2005-19, PW2005-20, PW2006-01, and 89278M on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve appropriate budget adjustments, increasing estimated revenue and appropriation, at the time of contract award and when final contract costs are known; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a temporary cash loan from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of reimbursement.

PUBLIC WORKS – DEED Grant Agreement for County Road J Improvements

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its approval, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-122)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, in cooperation with Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), and the Cities of Blaine, Mounds View, and Shoreview, has developed plans and specifications for reconstructing County Road J from Airport Road to Naples Street, including a new Bridge at I35W (the Project); and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is acting as the lead agency in project implementation; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Legislature has dedicated \$19M in General Obligation (GO) Bonds toward the proposed transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has prepared a Construction Grant Agreement between DEED and the Counties of Ramsey and Anoka; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the "Construction Grant Agreement for the County Road J Project" between the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Counties of Ramsey and Anoka, subject to the final review and approval of the Ramsey County Attorney and Ramsey County Manager; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute all documents affecting real estate interests acquired in connection with the Project; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Manager is authorized to approve and sign all additional documents as may be required to satisfy the terms of the Grant Agreement.

PUBLIC HEALTH – 2006 Ramsey County Residential Recycling Survey

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its approval, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-123)

WHEREAS, Since 1989, Ramsey County has conducted a telephone survey of residents about every other year to determine reported participation in recycling, yard waste, and household hazardous waste programs, to assess potential for solid waste management challenges, to measure results toward County outcomes, and to gain specific information for solid waste planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, These surveys have been an important form of public engagement on solid waste matters and are also of value in illustrating trends in waste management behavior; and

WHEREAS, Waste management survey information will be valuable information as the County implements its Solid Waste Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Funds have been budgeted in the 2006 Approved Budget to contract with an outside research firm to administer the survey; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute an agreement, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, with Information Specialists Group, Inc., 9905 Hamilton Road, Minneapolis, MN 55344, in an amount not to exceed \$16,995, to administer the 2006 Ramsey County Residential Recycling Survey.

PUBLIC WORKS – Cooperative Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation for Reconstruction of County Road E at TH 61, S.P. 6222-149, S.A.P. 62-615-26

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its approval, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-124)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Public Works, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), has developed plans for the reconstruction of traffic signals and geometric improvements at the intersection of TH 61 and County Road E in the Cities of Gem Lake and Vadnais Heights, S.P. 6222-149, S.A.P. 62-615-26; and

WHEREAS, This project has also been approved for inclusion in the Mn/DOT Cooperative Agreement Program for the work on the TH 61; and

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WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation has prepared Agreement 88261 between Ramsey County and Mn/DOT addressing cost participation and maintenance responsibilities associated with the TH 61 portion of the project; and

WHEREAS, The thirteen (13) page Agreement 88261 between Ramsey County and Mn/DOT is made part of this resolution by reference and is kept on file with the Chief Clerk; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Cooperative Construction Agreement 88261 between Ramsey County and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), addressing cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for the TH 61 portion of the County Road E construction project; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

PUBLIC WORKS – Cooperative Agreement for Roundabout Construction on Frost Avenue and English Street

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its approval, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-125)

WHEREAS, A roundabout was considered and accepted as a possible remedy for the above average number of crashes that was being experienced at the intersection of Frost Avenue and English Street, in Maplewood; and

WHEREAS, At the time, Ramsey County did not have, but has since adopted, a Cost Participation Policy for roundabouts; and

WHEREAS, The City of Maplewood proceeded with the construction of the roundabout and conducted an evaluation that found that crashes at this intersection are now well below previous levels; and

WHEREAS, An agreement has been drafted addressing cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for the project, with Ramsey County's share of the construction cost being \$96,624.14; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Cooperative Agreement between Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood addressing the cost participation and maintenance responsibilities of the roundabout at Frost Avenue and English Street; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Cooperative Agreement on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve the following budget adjustment:

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INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE

2006 17304 550880 314606 CSAH Construction Regular P033246 \$96,624.14

TRANSFER TO/INCREASE APPROPRIATION

2006 17304 550880 442305 Frost Ave at English Street P033246 \$96,624.14
Roundabout Construction
CLASS CODE: P3246

RESOLVED, The Ramsey Board of Commissioners approves a temporary cash loan not to exceed \$96,624.14 from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of State Aid and participating funds.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The update would be provided during the Legislative Committee Meeting, immediately following the County Board meeting.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- On a meeting of the MetroGIS Work Group with a Metropolitan Council Subcommittee of the Community Development Committee. This is a seven-county cost sharing or data sharing group with agreements in place for local government access to GIS data on watershed districts across county lines, municipal school districts, etc. Citizens can also go on-line to the County's Web Page, bring up aerial photography of homes and neighborhoods. The Met Council had done an audit, looking at whether the governance structure is correct; they are funding the collaborative effort. Ramsey County is a data producer, which is its main contribution to that effort. It appears that this collaborative effort will continue and that it not be under one government entity control. The GIS Users Group has been a model for how this should work at the local and regional level, and is about the only GIS Group that has been successful in bringing all the local governments together to work for the betterment of the region.
- She attended an event of the Capital City Partnership, as well as other events that other Commissioners attended.

Commissioner Parker reported:

- She has been involved in the *Active Living – Ramsey County Project*, which is looking at the environment and how it affects peoples' physical activities. One real key is the GIS system. A lot of people are looking at being able to do a *Map Quest*-type search, i.e., people might enter their home and place of business to get a map for directions on how to bike or walk. A lot of the information is available and it is a matter of putting it all together. GIS people have been helpful with this.

Commissioner Ortega reported:

- He attended the Capital City Partnership functions.
- He testified several times in the House on various Corridors.

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Commissioner Carter reported:

- She attended several meetings on Capitol Hill with Ramsey County's lobbyists on various meetings. Students from Agape High School, young mothers, attended with her for the Senate hearing on the bill for adolescent child care. That went well, and the bill has been presented to both Senate and House, and is in preparation for the omnibus bill.
- She attended the Minnesota Social Services Association Conference held in Bloomington.
- She attended an initiative called, "Not in Momma's Kitchen", focused on getting young mothers to commit to not having smoke in their homes. Public Health is coordinating the effort, focusing particularly on communities of color.
- She attended the opening of a family and community resource center location, on the relationship between the Sheriff and "Save Our Sons", for collaborative programming to address youth and family needs.
- She attended the St. Paul Area Coalition for the Homeless, updating them on Ramsey County's efforts to end homelessness.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Bennett:

- Reminded the Commissioners of the luncheon and meeting with Washington County Commissioners today at noon.
- Said the Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Conference will take place the next two days, with the Governor speaking at noon, Wednesday.
- Reported that he attended the Central Corridor meeting, and the Capital City Partnership Luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board