

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Carter (late), 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 McDonough moved approval of the Agenda of the April 25, 2006, Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Parker moved approval of the Minutes of the April 11, 2006 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0.

PUBLIC WORKS – Agreement for Concrete Grade Railroad Crossing Surface on Otter Lake Road

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-148)

WHEREAS, The Soo Line Railroad Company, in cooperation with Ramsey County, is proposing the installation of a concrete grade crossing surface on Otter Lake Road (CSAH 60), north of 9th Street, White Bear Lake; and

WHEREAS, An agreement, prepared by Soo Line Railroad Company, identifies cost participation and maintenance responsibilities of each agency for the project; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the agreement between Ramsey County Public Works and Soo Line Railroad Company for installation of a concrete grade crossing surface on Otter Lake Road (CSH 60), north of 9th Street, White Bear Lake; and Be It Further

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

RESOLVED, That the seven (7) page agreement is made part of this resolution by reference and is on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the following budget adjustment to accomplish this work:

TRANSFER FROM APPROPRIATION

2003	11101	550401	00000	442305	Road Construction	\$27,423.58
2005	11101	550401	00000	442305	Road Construction	\$ 1,506.42

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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

2003	11101	550401	00000	424625	Otter Lake Rd RR Xing	\$27,423.58
2005	11101	550401	00000	424625	Otter Lake Rd RR Xing	\$ 1,506.42

PUBLIC WORKS – Contract Award for 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 and Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement PW2005-12 between Ramsey County and Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc.

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-149)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Public Works, 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 I-35W -- S.A.P. 62-601-11, S.A.P. 02-632-14, and S.P. 6284-137; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received for this project on March 31, 2006, and five bids were received; and

WHEREAS, The lowest bid for the project was from Lunda Construction Company for \$13,677,862.50; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Project Engineer has reviewed the bids and recommends award of the contract to Lunda Construction Company; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved Professional Services Agreement PW2005-12 between Ramsey County and SEH, Inc. on June 28, 2005 via Resolution no. 2005-250; and

WHEREAS, During preliminary and final design, the scope of required design and analysis services expanded in several categories including the area of right of way and environmental services; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County prepared Supplemental Agreement 1 to Professional Agreement PW2005-12 to address the additional work up to initiation of construction, the ongoing right of way and relocation services, and the environmental testing and reporting; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves award of a contract to Lunda Construction Company, Box 669, Black River Falls, WI 54615, on file with the Chief Clerk, in the amount of \$13,677,862.50 for the reconstruction of County Road J from Airport Road to Naples Street, including a new Bridge at I-35W, S.A.P. 02-632-14, S.A.P. 62-601-11, S.P. 6284-137; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the contract between Ramsey County and Lunda Construction Company, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement PW2005-12 between Ramsey County and SEH, Inc; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement PW2005-12 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:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE

2005	17304	550880	00000	314405	Special Projects – State	P033225	\$16,653,832.59
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TRANSFER TO/INCREASE APPROPRIATION

2005	17304	550880	00000	442109	Professional Svcs-SEH Inc.	P033225	\$474,301.00
2005	17304	550880	00000	442109	Professional Svcs-Mn/DOT	P033225	\$722,989.76
2005	17304	550880	00000	442305	Road Construction-Contract	P033225	\$13,677,862.50
2005	17304	550880	00000	442305	Rd Constr. - Misc Expenses	P033225	\$1,778,679.33

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a temporary cash loan not to exceed \$16,653,832.59 from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of participating funds.

PUBLIC WORKS – Advance Construction Funding and Obligation Authority for the Reconstruction of County Road C (CSAH 23) from Snelling Avenue to Oxford Street, SAP 62-623-41, STPX 6202(207)

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-150)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, in cooperation with the City of Roseville, has developed plans for the reconstruction of County Road C from Snelling Avenue to Oxford Street, SAP 62-623-41, STPX 6202(207); and

WHEREAS, The project has been approved and determined to be eligible for Federal aid funds and is programmed in the federally approved STIP for the fiscal year 2004 with an estimated cost of the project being \$2,910,354. The anticipated Federal funding is \$2,099,840, with the remaining share to be paid by the County and other governmental sources; and

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WHEREAS, At this time, the Federal Government has not provided sufficient funding and obligation authority to Mn/DOT, the County's agent to receive and disburse transportation related funds as provided in Agency Agreement No. 84157; and

WHEREAS, The County desires to proceed with the letting of a construction contract in advance of the full availability of Federal funding; and

WHEREAS, Advance Construction Agreement 89513 between Ramsey County and Mn/DOT has been prepared to enable Ramsey County to advance fund the \$2,099,840 in Federal funding for this project pending the receipt of the same at which time Ramsey County will be reimbursed so that the project may proceed; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves Advance Construction Agreement 89513 between Mn/DOT and Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute Advance Construction Agreement 89513 on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The four (4) page Advance Construction Agreement 89513 is made part of this Resolution by reference and will be kept on file with the Chief Clerk.

PUBLIC WORKS – Contract Award for Reconstruction of White Bear Avenue between Beech Street and Reaney Avenue

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-151)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Public Works, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the City of St. Paul, has developed plans for the reconstruction of White Bear Avenue from Beech Street to Reaney Avenue, S.P. 62-665-41, S.P. 164-020-097, S.P. 164-010-057, M.P. HSIP 6206(109); and

WHEREAS, Bids were received for this project on March 22, 2006, and six bids were received; and

WHEREAS, The low bid for the project was received from Progressive Contractors, Inc. for \$829,896.63, which was higher than the engineer's estimate; and

WHEREAS, The bid received from Progressive Contractors, Inc. has been reviewed and Mn/DOT, the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County Public Works have concluded that the bid price, while greater than the engineer's estimate, is justified due to the size of this project and the variety of work; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Project Engineer and Public Works Director recommend award of the contract to Progressive Contractors, Inc.; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves award of a contract to Progressive Contractors, Inc., 14123 42nd Street N.E., St. Michael, MN 55376-0416, in the amount of \$829,896.63, for the reconstruction of White Bear Avenue from Beech Street to Reaney Avenue, SP 62-665-41, S.P. 164-020-097, S.P. 164-010-057057, M.P. HSIP 6206(109); and Be It Further

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

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

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE

2006	17304	550880	00000	314339	Federal Rd Construction Funds	P033230	\$742,969.46
2006	17304	550880	00000	314606	CSAH Construction Regular	P033230	\$66,465.84
2006	17304	550880	00000	314101	Participating Construction	P033230	\$20,461.33
2006	17304	550880	00000	311703	Engineering Revenue	P033230	\$8,298.96

TRANSFER TO/INCREASE APPROPRIATION

2006	17304	550880	00000	442305	White Bear Ave @ Minnehaha	P033230	\$829,896.63
2006	17304	550880	00000	442305	White Bear Ave @ Minnehaha	P033230	\$8,298.96

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a temporary cash loan not to exceed \$838,195.59 from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of State Aid and participating funds.

PUBLIC WORKS – Agreements for Cost Participation on White Bear Avenue at Minnehaha Avenue

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-152)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Public Works, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the City of Saint Paul, has developed plans for the reconstruction of White Bear Avenue from Beech Street to Reaney Avenue, SP 62-665-41, S.P. 164-020-097, S.P. 164-010-057, M.P. HSIP 6206(109); and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Public Works Department has prepared Cooperative Agreement PW2005-14 with the City of Saint Paul, addressing cost participation and maintenance responsibilities for the project; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation has prepared Mn/DOT Agency Agreement No. 89312 between Ramsey County and Mn/DOT addressing the federal participation in force account items for the project; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Cooperative Agreement PW2005-14 with the City of Saint Paul; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Mn/DOT Agency Agreement No. 89312 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The six-page Cooperative Agreement PW2005-14 is made part of this resolution by reference and is kept on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The eight-page Mn/DOT Agency Agreement No. 89312 is made part of this resolution by reference and is kept on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreements 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:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE

2006	17304	550880	00000	314339	Federal Rd Construction Funds	P033230	\$ 13,500.00
2006	17304	550880	00000	314606	CSAH Construction Regular	P033230	\$218,742.20
2006	17304	550880	00000	314617	Engineering Fee Reimbursement	P033230	\$ 8,127.60

TRANSFER TO/INCREASE APPROPRIATION

2006	17304	550880	00000	443202	WBA @ Minnehaha-ROW Cost	P033230	\$217,842.20
2006	17304	550880	00000	442305	WBA @ Minnehaha-Force Accts	P033230	\$ 14,400.00
2006	17304	550880	00000	442109	WBA @ Minnehaha-Engineering	P033230	\$ 8,127.60

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a temporary cash loan, not to exceed \$240,369.80, from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of State Aid and participating funds.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Elderly and Disability Services – Environmental Modifications and Adaptations

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-153)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey Community Human Services Department issued a Request for Proposals for the development of Environmental Modifications and Adaptations services; and

WHEREAS, Modifications include adaptations to the home or vehicle that are required to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the individual; and

WHEREAS, The review panel recommended contracting with the following four agencies to service elderly and individuals with disabilities in Ramsey County:

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- REM Minnesota, 1821 University Ave. W., Suite 1, St. Paul, MN 55104
- American Ramp Systems, 3789 Parkwood Lane, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127
- Mains'l Services Inc., 6900 Wedgwood Road N., Suite 250, Maple Grove, MN 55311
- Robinhood Corporation, 3042 S. 4th Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55406

WHEREAS, All proposals that received an average evaluation score of 70 or above out of 100 possible are being recommended for contract; and

WHEREAS, There are no County levy dollars financing these services; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the selection of:

- REM Minnesota, 1821 University Ave. W., Suite 1, St. Paul, MN 55104;
- American Ramp Systems, 3789 Parkwood Lane, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127;
- Mains'l Services Inc., 6900 Wedgwood Road N., Suite 250, Maple Grove, MN 55311; and
- Robinhood Corporation, 3042 S. 4th Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55406,

to provide Environmental Modifications and Adaptations for individuals receiving service through the Medical Assistance Waiver programs, for the period June 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010; and Be It Further

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

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Mental Health Clinic and Detox Data System

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-154)

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2005, by Resolution 2005-376, the Board of Commissioners approved an agreement with Creative Socio Medics (CSM) Avatar for an upgrade to the client treatment information and billing system in use at the Mental Health Clinic and for the Detox program; and

WHEREAS, Since that approval, the vendor has been purchased by another company and the work was not completed by the original contract end date; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the agreement with Netsmart New York, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Suite D-122, Great River, NY 11739, for installation of Avatar 2004 software, in an amount not to exceed \$32,500 in fees, and reimbursement of expenses not to exceed \$7,000, for the period October 18, 2005 through December 31, 2006; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the agreement.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Developmental Disabilities – Alternative Day Services

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-155)

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WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Human Services Department issued a Request for Proposals on June 21, 2005, seeking providers to develop employment and alternative day services for adults with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The services will be reimbursed on an hourly basis and are in response to a growing number of requests from families and consumers to develop additional options to the current day training and habilitation service model; and

WHEREAS, The review panel recommended contracting with the following vendors:

- Creative Options, Inc., 7840 Rimbly Road, Woodbury, MN 55125
- Kaposia, Inc., 380 East Lafayette Freeway So., St. Paul, MN 55107
- Northeast Residence, Inc., 410 East Little Canada Road, Little Canada, MN 55117
- Quality Plus Home Health Services, Inc., 383 University Ave. West, St. Paul, MN 55103
- Opportunity Partners, Inc., 5500 Opportunity Court, Minnetonka, MN 55343, and
- Progressive Individual Resources, Inc., 220 So. Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55107;

WHEREAS, Four vendors who submitted proposals are not being recommended; and

WHEREAS, The evaluation panel viewed their proposals as continuation of the current model of service while families are attempting to engage providers in more flexible arrangements; and

WHEREAS, Two of the vendors are contracting with Ramsey County for the first time; Now, Therefore, Be It

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

- Creative Options, Inc., 7840 Rimbly Road, Woodbury, MN 55125
- Kaposia, Inc., 380 East Lafayette Freeway So., St. Paul, MN 55107
- Northeast Residence, Inc., 410 East Little Canada Road, Little Canada, MN 55117
- Quality Plus Home Health Services, Inc., 383 University Ave. West, St. Paul, MN 55103
- Opportunity Partners, Inc., 5500 Opportunity Court, Minnetonka, MN 55343; and
- Progressive Individual Resources, Inc., 220 So. Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55107

for the provision of employment and alternative day services, for the period April 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006; and Be It Further

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

HUMAN RESOURCES – Terms of collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Council 5, Local 8 (Assistant County Attorney Unit) for years 2006, 2007 and 2008

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-156)

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WHEREAS, Ramsey County and AFSCME Council 5 bargaining representatives have reached a tentative agreement on terms and conditions of employment for 2006, 2007 and 2008 for the AFSCME Local 8 (Assistant County Attorney Unit), representing County employees; and

WHEREAS, The AFSCME Local 8 (Assistant County Attorney Unit) has ratified the agreement reached in bargaining; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a three year agreement on terms and conditions of employment for the AFSCME Local 8 (Assistant County Attorney Unit), effective January 1, 2006, for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, as follows:

WAGES

- 2% increase effective March 1, 2006
- 2% increase effective March 1, 2007
- 1.5% increase effective March 1, 2008
- 1.5% increase effective July 1, 2008
- All increases effective the 1st full pay period following effective date.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ALLOWANCE

Increase the \$825 per year administrative allowance to \$850 for 2006, to \$895 for 2007, and to \$940 for 2008.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE)

The CLE allowance for each Assistant County Attorney will increase from \$375 annually to \$400 annually, effective January 1, 2006 and 100% of the individual attorneys unspent allowance will be placed in the jointly administered CLE Fund at the end of the third year of the contract for the next calendar year.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The employer will increase its matching contribution to deferred compensation from \$15.00 per month to \$20.00 per month per contributing employee, effective January 1, 2007, and the matching contribution will be pro-rated for part-time employees.

SEPARATION PAY

Employees with five (5) years of full-time equivalent service will be paid one-half (1/2) of all unused accumulated sick leave hours based on their accumulated sick leave hours at the time of separation up to the following maximums:

	<u>Maximum</u>
Employees with at least 100 hours sick leave and less than 480 hours	\$5,000.
Employees with at least 480 hours sick leave and less than 850 hours	\$10,000.
Employees with at least 850 hours sick leave and less than 1,000 hours	\$11,000.
Employees with at least 1,000 hours sick leave and less than 1,150 hours	\$12,000.
Employees with at least 1,150 hours sick leave and less than 1,300 hours	\$13,000.
Employees with at least 1,300 hours sick leave and less than 1,450 hours	\$14,000.
Employees with at least 1,450 hours sick leave and less than 1,600 hours	\$15,000.
Employees with 1,600 hours or more	\$ 16,000.

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Effective 1/1/07 employees with at least 1,600 hours and less than 1,750 hours sick leave will be eligible for \$16,000; employees with 1,750 or more hours sick leave will be eligible for \$17,000. Effective 1/1/08 employees with at least 1,750 hours and less than 1,900 hours sick leave will be eligible for \$17,000; employees with 1,900 but less than 2,150 hours will be eligible for \$18,000; employees with 2,150 or more hours will be eligible for \$19,000.

During the term of this agreement, bargaining unit members will contribute 100% of any separation payment received under Article 10 to the Health Care Savings Plan.

INSURANCE:

MEDICAL INSURANCE

For the year 2006, employees shall contribute \$15.00 per month for single coverage. For the years 2007 and 2008, employees shall contribute \$21.00 per month for single coverage. The County and employees will share the increased cost in family coverage premiums on the following basis:

- 2006 - 90% County/10% employee
- 2007 - 75% County/25% employee
- 2008 - 70% County/30% employee

Changes will be effective on January 1, 2006 and 2007. For 2008, the County will pay the entire increase in premium for family medical coverage until the wage increase occurs, as follows:
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DENTAL INSURANCE

The County and the employee will each pay 50% of the increase in premium for single or family coverage for each year of the agreement, effective January 1 of each year.

RETIREE INSURANCE

Early Retiree Contributions for Employees Retiring in 2006, 2007, 2008 – The County will make the same contribution to medical insurance premiums for early retirees as for active employees. County contributions are subject to the years of service requirements previously established by the County Board.

Regular Retiree Minimum Payment For Employees Retiring During the Term of the Contract:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Single	\$20/mo	\$25/mo	\$25/mo
Family	\$50/mo	\$55/mo	\$60/mo

All changes effective January 1 each year of contract.

New Hires on or after 1/1/06

- Eliminate County contribution toward retiree insurance for new hires, effective 1/1/06. These employees may participate in the County's retiree insurance plan but will be responsible for the entire premium.
- Effective the 1st full pay period following 7/1/06, all new employees hired on or after 1/1/06 begin contributing 1% of salary on a per pay period basis to a Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP).
- The County will contribute \$500 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1st full pay period following the employee's 5 year anniversary date.

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- The County will contribute \$600 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1st full pay period following the employee's 10 year anniversary date.
- The County will contribute \$700 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1st full pay period following the employee's 15 year anniversary date.
- Contributions will be prorated based on the number of hours on paid status in a pay period for both full-time and part-time employees (same exception for counting unpaid union leave as described in proposed change for accruing floating holidays).
- Only insurance-eligible employees are eligible to participate in this HCSP option.

Current Insurance-eligible Employees hired between 7/1/92 and 12/31/05

- Employees must elect in writing prior to 11/1/06 whether they will maintain their current retiree insurance benefit, **or** opt out of the current retiree benefit and participate in the Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) option described below. This is a one time, irrevocable decision.
- Effective the 1st full pay period following 1/1/07, employees opting out of the current retiree insurance benefit will begin contributing 1% of salary on a per pay period basis to the HCSP.
- The County will contribute \$500 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis on the 1st full pay period following 1/1/08, or the 1st full pay period following the employee's 5 year anniversary date, whichever is later.
- The County will contribute \$600 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis on the 1st full pay period following 1/1/08, or the 1st full pay period following the employee's 10 year anniversary date, whichever is later.
- The County will contribute \$700 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis on the first full pay period following 1/1/08, or the 1st full pay period following the employee's 15 year anniversary date, whichever is later.
- Contributions will be prorated based on the number of hours on paid status in a pay period for both fulltime and part time employees (same exception for counting unpaid union leave as described in proposed change for accruing floating holidays).

FLOATING HOLIDAYS

The following language will replace numbers 1-3 above provided all Ramsey County bargaining units agree to the same contract language.

Maintain current floating holiday accrual method in 2006. Change current method to an accrual method as described below, effective 1/1/07,

- 1) Effective 1/1/07, update existing employee floating holiday bank with eligible hours under current contract language.
- 2) Beginning with the first pay period that includes January 1, 2007, accrue floating holidays based on employment status.
- 3) Effective 1/1/07, any floating holiday in excess of the maximum accumulation allowed shall be lost to the employee on May 1 and November 1 of each year (same dates as used for vacation max). Maximum accrual will remain at 16 hours.
- 4) Full-time and part-time employees shall earn pro-rated accrual based on actual hours on paid status in a pay period. Accruals for Locals that currently receive 16 hours of floating holiday would be .61536 per pay period.
- 5) Employees who have worked less than 6 months will not be paid for accrued floating holidays if terminating employment.

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- 6) Floating holidays shall be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the department.
- 7) No loss in accrual for full-time employees for up to 40 hours per pay period for no more than 2 consecutive pay periods for unpaid union leave.

OTHER PROVISIONS

The agreement reached includes revisions of the sick leave, vacation and layoff language.

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Council 5, Local 8 (Assistant County Attorney Unit) and authorizes the Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and the County Managers, as representatives of the County, to approve and sign the agreement incorporating these terms.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Agreement between Ramsey County and Saint Paul Urban Tennis Program

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-157)

WHEREAS, The St. Paul Urban Tennis Program operates an urban tennis program for at-risk youth, which includes tennis skills and living skills education for Ramsey County youth; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has appropriated funds for a \$15,000 grant to the St. Paul Urban Tennis Program for 2006; and

WHEREAS, The proposed 2007 budget includes a \$15,000 grant to the Saint Paul Urban Tennis Program; and

WHEREAS, A standard agreement has been prepared to implement the 2006 program; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the agreement between Ramsey County and the St. Paul Urban Tennis Program, 970 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, for a contribution of \$15,000 toward operation of the 2006 summer program; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to approve and sign grant agreements between Ramsey County and Saint Paul Urban Tennis Program in 2007 and subsequent years, based on the corresponding level of budget appropriations for this program.

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PARKS AND RECREATION – Project Labor Agreement – Construction of Restroom Buildings at Keller Regional Park

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-158)

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 Parks and Recreation Department is planning a project for construction of restroom buildings at Keller Regional Park; and

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

WHEREAS, The responses were as follows: The Saint Paul Building and Construction Trades Council recommended that a Project Labor Agreement was needed on this project and Associated Builders and Contractors recommended that a Project Labor Agreement was not needed on this project; and

WHEREAS, Based on the past County Board direction, the Parks and Recreation Department recommends the use of a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of restroom buildings at Keller Regional Park; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has determined that the Parks and Recreation Department shall include a requirement for a Project Labor Agreement for the project to construct restroom buildings at Keller Regional Park.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – 2006 Capital Improvement Program Bonds

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-159)

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED SALE OF \$6,750,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2006A

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

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1. Finding; Amount and Purpose. It is hereby found, determined and declared that Ramsey County, Minnesota (the "County"), should issue its \$6,750,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2006A, to defray the expense of acquiring and constructing various capital improvements authorized in the County's Capital Improvement Plan under the County's home rule charter.
2. Meeting. This Board of Commissioners shall meet on the date and at the time and place specified in the form of Terms of Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A for the purpose of awarding the sale of the Bonds.
3. Competitive Negotiated Sale. The County has retained Springsted Incorporated as an independent financial advisor, and the Board of Commissioners hereby determines to sell the Bonds by private negotiation, by way of a competitive sale in response to Terms of Proposal for the Bonds, which are not published in any newspaper or journal.
4. Terms of Proposal. The terms and conditions of the Bonds and the sale thereof are fully set forth in the "Terms of Proposal" attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.
5. Official Statement. The County Manager and other officers or employees of the County are hereby authorized to participate with Springsted Incorporated in the preparation of an official statement for the Bonds.

COUNTY MANAGER/PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Sale of the Ramsey County Maplewood Library at 1670 Beam Avenue

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-160)

WHEREAS, On August 23, 2005, per Resolution 2005-316, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners directed the County Manager and the Department of Property Management, working with the Ramsey County Library and the County Attorney's Office, to take the necessary steps to sell the current Maplewood Library at 1670 Beam Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Property Management has taken the following steps to sale the current Maplewood Library at 1670 Beam Avenue:

- On September 12, 2005, a Maplewood Library property "for sale" fact sheet was posted on the Ramsey County website.
- On September 20, 2005, a four-foot by eight-foot Maplewood Library property "for sale" sign was placed on the Maplewood Library site.
- Advertised to 134 real estate agencies and developers; and

WHEREAS, Property Management's efforts have resulted in the following:

- Received 32 inquiries regarding the Maplewood Library property.
- Conducted two follow up tours of the Maplewood Library property.
- Received three "Letters of Intent" to purchase the Maplewood Library property. (One withdrew.); and

WHEREAS, On January 23, 2006, LA Fitness International, LLC submitted a Letter of Intent to purchase the Maplewood Library property for \$4,700,000; and

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WHEREAS, The closing of the Maplewood Library property should take place no later than February 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The old Maplewood Library is scheduled to close November 22, 2006 and the new Maplewood Library, on Southlawn Boulevard in Maplewood, is scheduled to be operational in February, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The closing for the sale of the old Maplewood Library will not present an issue to Library operations; however, it may be necessary to have a temporary cash loan of up to \$2,048,300, purchase price of the new Maplewood Library property, from the General Fund to cash flow the new Maplewood Library Project until the proceeds of the sale have been received; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Library Board was informed of the LA Fitness International, LLC and they agreed to recommend acceptance of the offer; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has negotiated the terms of the Purchase Agreement between Ramsey County and LA Fitness International, LLC; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and approves the sale of the Maplewood Library property located at 1670 Beam Avenue in the City of Maplewood (the Property) for \$4,700,000 to LA Fitness International, LLC (Buyer); and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign and deliver the Purchase Agreement on behalf of the County, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney's Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute and deliver to Buyer a Quit Claim Deed in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Agreement, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney's Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute and deliver on its behalf all other documents required by or deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the Purchase Agreement, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney's Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of County Commissioners authorizes and approves that all costs, taxes, charges or fees that Ramsey County is required to pay at closing may be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the Property at closing; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of County Commissioners authorizes a temporary cash loan of up to \$2,048,300 from the General Fund to cash flow the new Maplewood Library Project, to be repaid upon receipt of proceeds from the sale of the Maplewood Library at 1670 Beam Avenue; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of County Commissioners directs that the net proceeds from the sale of the Maplewood Library at 1670 Beam Avenue be deposited into the Ramsey County Library's Capital Improvement Fund. Any appropriations of the net proceeds will require approval by the Ramsey County Board.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Withdrawal of the Local Government Cooperation Waiver Application filed with the State Auditor on February 10, 2005

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-161)

WHEREAS, On February 7, 2006, through County Board Resolution 2006-061, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorized submission of an application for a Local Government Cooperation Waiver to the State Auditor; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has already ordered, and is about to receive, its HACA-compliant voting equipment, and the waiver application is no longer pertinent; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the submission of a letter, dated April 19, 2006, to the State Auditor, sent by the Director of Property Records and Revenue, indicating the County's intent to withdraw its Waiver Application from consideration.

SHERIFF/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS/PUBLIC HEALTH – Agreement between Ramsey County and Advanced Practice Solutions, P.A.

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-162)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has the legal obligation to meet the reasonable and necessary medical needs of detainees at the Adult Detention Center, and to corrections clients at the Correctional Facility, Boys Totem Town, and the Juvenile Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, These services were provided in 2005 by Advanced Practice Solutions, P.A., under a one-year Agreement approved by County Board Resolution 2004-469; and

WHEREAS, The County Board authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals in 2005 for medical services for detainees at the Adult Detention Center and correctional clients at the Correctional Facility, Boys Totem Town and the Juvenile Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, A Request for Proposals for medical services at the detention and correctional facilities was issued in December 2005, and Advanced Practice Solutions, P.A. was the only respondent to the Request for Proposals; and

WHEREAS, The Public Health Department has been very satisfied with the services provided by Advanced Practice Solutions, P.A., and together with the Sheriff's Department and the Corrections Department recommends the approval of a new three-year Agreement with Advanced Practice Solutions, P.A.; and

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WHEREAS, Under the proposed new agreement, overall services will include designating a licensed physician acceptable to the County as Medical Director to provide overall medical direction of the services; providing on-call medical consultation services to staff at the facilities 24 hours a day/7 days a week by the Medical Director or their designee; coordinating inpatient admissions; conducting continuing education opportunities for nursing staff at the facilities; and reviewing and approving all health care policies and procedures annually and recommending modifications; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Agreement with Advanced Practice Solutions, P.A., 14790 119th St. N., Stillwater, MN 55082, for the period of January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008, for on-site physician and nurse practitioner services; 24/7 on-call medical consultation services; overall medical direction to staff at the Adult Detention Center, the Ramsey County Correctional Facility, Boys Totem Town and the Juvenile Detention Center; and other related services at the annual not to exceed amounts for all facilities of \$167,900.00 for 2006, \$183,200.00 for 2007, and \$207,200.00 for 2008, plus any annual increase in the contractor's medical malpractice insurance costs in excess of 15 percent; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Agreement with Advanced Practice Solutions for medical services at the Adult Detention Center, Ramsey County Correctional Facility, Boys Totem Town, and the Juvenile Detention Center for an initial three-year period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to approve any amendments to the Agreement, including amendments for up to two one-year renewals, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney's Office and Budgeting and Accounting.

PUBLIC WORKS – Construction Status Report for the period January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-163)

WHEREAS, County Board Resolution 91-061 requires the Public Works Department to submit periodic reports on the financial status of each project and any modifications that have been authorized within the limits set by County Board Resolution 2001-93; and

WHEREAS, The contract modifications include items such as cost quantity changes, change orders, and supplemental agreements; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepts the Construction Status Report for the January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Monthly report of contracts and final payments and grant submissions that were approved during the month of March 2006

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2006-164)

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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 March 2006.

[Commissioner Carter arrived at this time.]

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Children’s Services – Emergency Family Shelter Providers

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

Commissioner McDonough asked if the advance would be collected if the services were discontinued. How does the County get its money back if services are discontinued, or if the dollars end up going away?

Monty Martin, Director, Community Human Services, said there is a new State payment system coming into play. Currently, for services that are provided in January, these family homes would bill in February, but not get paid until March. This new system would allow the County to pay the family homes in January for services provided in January, so there is very little time difference between when the service is provided, and when they are paid.

Commissioner McDonough said if they are paid in January and then quit providing services, is it the assumption that they would reimburse the County. Is it written somewhere that those dollars would be returned to the County?

Jenny Gordon, Manager, Community Human Services, said the contracts would be amended at the time the new payment system is implemented. There will be contract language indicating that the provider is responsible for repayment at the time they no longer provide County service. Because they will be getting, in a sense, an extra check at the very end of their service, that would come back to the County as a repayment of the loan.

Commissioner Reinhardt said it works much like a pay check would work – because you are getting paid after you’ve actually done the work; if in fact you don’t work, you don’t get that last paycheck – that is the repayment – the County would withhold it.

Ms. Gordon responded affirmatively.

Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 7.
Nays – 0. (2006-165)

WHEREAS, Emergency Family Shelter providers care for children who are taken from their homes due to immediate physical danger; and

WHEREAS, As individual families and one agency that exclusively provides this service, they work with tight budgets; and

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WHEREAS, Historically, the Community Human Services Department has been able to promptly reimburse expenditures so that families could immediately take care of children; and

WHEREAS, Due to a new state reimbursement system, the reimbursement process could now take up to six weeks; and

WHEREAS, To maintain the viability of these family shelters, the Community Human Services Department proposes to advance nine shelter providers two months of their monthly payments to stabilize their cash flow so that they are able to immediately take care of children; and

WHEREAS, At the point at which a provider discontinues shelter services, the advance will be collected; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a temporary loan from the general fund to provide a two-month advance for Virginia Baltus, Thelma Buckner, Jeanne Holmes, Guadalupe Madsen, Bruce and Lois Peterson, Kamee Xiong, Gary and Barb Venne, Sharon Sherman, Arlington House and any new Family Shelter providers licensed to provide service.

SHERIFF – Request for Contingent Funds to Purchase a Screening System for Searching Arrestees

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

Commissioner Rettman asked if there is a warranty on this \$120,000 screening system. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) dollars can't be used because this system has a life of less than 10 years. Is there a warranty, and would there be ongoing servicing needs?

Sheriff Bob Fletcher said the life expectancy provided by the manufacturer is seven to nine years. The reality is, as with most County equipment, the useful life extends beyond that. There is a one-year warranty, and there would probably be some type of maintenance agreement available after that; with a cost somewhere in the \$10,000 range.

Commissioner Rettman asked if that is included in the \$120,000.

Sheriff Fletcher responded, no, it would come out of the Sheriff's general operating budget.

Commissioner Rettman asked why that isn't included in the cost of the system.

Sheriff Fletcher said there is no cost for the first year. This is a capital improvement item.

Commissioner Rettman said it is not a capital improvement item, it is coming out of contingency. It was a request for CIP.

Sheriff Fletcher said it is up to the County Board for where this is funded. The Department's request went to the CIP Advisory Committee, which heard the request and recommended the project. The operating costs/ongoing maintenance fee would not be in this year's budget; it would occur in a future budget.

Commissioner Rettman asked where this would show up in the County Manager's two-year budgeting process.

David Twa, Ramsey County Manager, said assuming there is a one-year warranty, it would not show up until the next two-year budget, for 2008-2009.

Commissioner Rettman asked if a WHEREAS could be included addressing an ongoing maintenance agreement. Would this be \$10,000 annually?

Sheriff Fletcher responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Rettman said that is a new ongoing expenditure.

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Mr. Twa said that could be added. There are a lot of things that won't show up until getting into the two-year budgeting process next year for 2008-2009.

Commissioner Rettman said she would like to see this type of thing documented that this would be an ongoing expenditure in the future; that resolutions identify the ongoing fiscal impact of this system. Would Community Corrections and the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) need this system?

Sheriff Fletcher said he is not certain what the procedures are at the JDC, which is run by Community Corrections. Regarding the Workhouse, probably not, in that most of their admittees have already been in custody at another facility; or, because they are there for long-term, and have already been convicted, the Department may have some additional rights in terms of searching that the Sheriff's Department does not have at a pre-trial facility. All the Sheriff's customers are presumed innocent, garnering them some additional rights.

Commissioner Rettman said in terms of contraband, some people leave the Workhouse for work and come back.

Sheriff Fletcher said those are procedures that the Workhouse would have to adopt.

Commissioner Rettman restated her request for the additional WHEREAS clause that addresses the ongoing maintenance costs. She would like to see that included in future resolutions.

Mr. Twa said he does not have a problem with that.

The amendment was accepted as friendly.

Roll Call on the resolution, as amended: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-166)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office has identified a critical need for capital funding which is being requested at this time due to a high public safety concern; and

WHEREAS, When arrestees are brought into the Law Enforcement Center for booking, they are initially screened for contraband or weapons using a "pat" search or frisk; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, prior to being moved to a housing unit, they are fingerprinted, photographed, changed out of their civilian clothing into a jail uniform, and in some instances, an unclothed body search is conducted; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, detention facilities have been limiting unclothed body searches due to an increasing number of lawsuits challenging such searches; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Attorney's Office has requested that unclothed body searches be discontinued immediately unless there is specific "reasonable suspicion" to conduct such a search; and

WHEREAS, If this standard were implemented and the number of unclothed body searches reduced, there is the possibility that contraband, weapons, or drugs could be introduced into the facility, thereby putting the safety and security of the staff and inmates at risk; and

WHEREAS, Detection screening systems are available that could detect concealed threat items, without the invasion of an unclothed body search, similar to a walk-through metal detector system; and

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WHEREAS, Such a system would enable the Sheriff's Office to continue to protect against the introduction of contraband into the Law Enforcement Center while ensuring the rights of those arrested; and

WHEREAS, On April 6, 2006, the Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee reviewed this request and recommended funding in the amount not to exceed \$120,000 from an appropriate source to be determined by the County Manager and Budgeting and Accounting; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office requests that Contingent Funds be made available to purchase such a screening system in order to ensure the safety and security of staff and inmates and to eliminate the potential for lawsuits against the County; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that there will be ongoing expenses for a maintenance agreement on this system in an estimated amount of \$10,000 annually, that will be paid from the Sheriff's operating budget; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to transfer \$120,000 from the Contingent Account into a project for the Sheriff to purchase a screening system; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed the available funding.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Terry Speiker, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, said the status on the Ramsey County Legislative Proposals, were distributed to the Commissioners yesterday. The joint powers municipal stacking bill is alive and well in both the House and Senate. Trial attorneys are opposed to that legislation, so there is a lot of lobbying going on.

Ms. Speiker said they spoke with Representative Meslow. It was his prediction that the end of session would be May 19. Legislative staff are looking at things that would be similar in both bills, pulling out policy items.

Chair Bennett asked what controversial big bills are still not on the floors of the House or Senate.

Ms. Speiker said she believes one of the biggest controversial bills is the question of what would happen with the tax bill. The stadium is moving ahead. On the House side it came out of Ways and Means last night, with the expectation that it would be acted on this week. For eminent domain, conferees started meeting on Friday, and may not meet again until mid-week. Testimony is supposed to be taken in that conference committee on inverse condemnation. The Senate doesn't like the provision. A controversial issue is how the big bills would be married up – the finance.

Chair Bennett said it appears that the Senate is starting to look into its tax bill for a lot of the major issues – the football stadiums and baseball stadiums both in that committee. Could that be a vehicle to be sent back to the House?

Ms. Speiker said staff have been polling people on that question. Yesterday their poll found that Senator Pogemiller's plan for how to handle this, to figure out some way to have State financing, a big package that would be financing of the debt, stadiums and the outstanding convention center. There isn't a lot of thought that the appetite is there within his caucus to go ahead with that way of handling things.

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Mr. Riley said he doesn't see any way that there would be a tax bill unless the Senate wraps some things in that the House wants. The House is still not clear on what the vote would be for stadiums. The only tax bill the House has is being heard this morning, which is the property tax giveback that Representative Krinkie wants, and there is no such bill in the Senate. There is no match-up from either side on that.

Ms. Speiker said they spent the money so totally different.

Mr. Riley said the end game is still tied up with the cigarette tax, and staff have heard that the decision may happen after session is over. The House is in a better position as far as spending the money, anticipating they would get a bad verdict on that issue, where the Senate is spending the money as if it were there. Any of the big omnibus bills are going to have very little policy and no money if they ever do match up. It probably won't be a tax bill. The bonding committee on either side hasn't met yet. They've announced their conferees and have still not met. It is anticipated they would begin meeting tomorrow. There are about \$700 million agreed on and both sides have it in their bills, but there's a gap of about \$900 million not agreed on in both bills.

Chair Bennett said the bill is only \$975 million.

Mr. Riley concurred, and said that if the total spending in each bill is added up, it comes to about \$1.6 billion. A lot of cutting will need to be done.

Ms. Speiker said because of how some of the projects are financed in the bonding bill, they might be able to move money around and be able to finance more. But, they still have to keep under \$1 billion in a final bill if they are going to stay true to what it is they believe they need to do for their expenditures. Some movement should occur this week on the bonding bill.

Mr. Riley said another big hang-up bill is the constitutional amendment for \$.00375 (3/8^{ths}) for the environment, parks and arts. The House has only \$.00125 (1/8th) and they have cut out the arts, clean water and other things, and take it from existing dollars. They don't create a new sales tax, where the Senate has 3/8^{ths}, are all-inclusive, and they create a new sales tax. There is a lot to be worked out if the County were to get anything at all.

Ms. Speiker said that bill has one version supported by the Democrats, and one supported by the Republicans. What comes out as a final bill might be something that brings voters to the polls on one side or another, making it more difficult to get any resolution.

Commissioner Reinhardt said they took out the arts and environment, as far as clean water – what was left?

Mr. Riley said they still have the DNR things, which was the original intent of the bill. The Republican's strategy is to keep it that way because they feel the hunters are more pro-Republican, where the Democrats think the parks and arts people would be more pro-Democrat, when they come to the polls. That is where this goes down party lines on this issue.

Chair Bennett cited an article on the costs of lobbying State government. He commented that 85% of the County's budget is controlled by Federal and State spending. That means if the County had to pay that all by property taxes, there would be one heck of a property tax increase. That is why there are staff such as Ms. Speiker and Mr. Riley up at the Capitol making sure property taxpayers in Ramsey County don't get the bill for the entire package that the Legislature mandates to us.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- Saturday was Earth Day, which was established in 1970. It is the only event celebrated worldwide on the same day.

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- She participated in KARE-11 TV and WCCO Radio interviews regarding www.GreenGuardian.com. This is part of the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, to help people understand the one-stop-shop of Green Guardian. Information is available on this web site regarding the disposal of TVs, PCs, and other recycling questions, as well as the location of the most convenient place to dispose of the items.
- She chaired the MetroGIS Policy Board, looking at the draft report going back to the Metropolitan Council about the investment they had made in the coordination efforts and facilitating the seven-counties, the watershed districts, the school districts, and municipalities, in sharing GIS data. This is the only GIS in the nation that has encompassed so many different partners and is sharing the data in the manner used. MetroGIS has been written up in national and international journals about their collaborative efforts. The up-shot of the report going back to the Community Development Committee for the Metropolitan Council, is that this is a very good investment, and that they will continue to provide that facilitation and coordination role. The recommendation is that it continue and be expanded, because in sharing data across those boundaries, it is good for all constituents and ends up costing less in the long run.
- She made a presentation at the St. Paul Area Coalition for the Homeless regarding Ramsey County's efforts, the partnerships formed with six counties in the metropolitan area, the work being done with the St. Paul Police Department, and other efforts regarding homelessness and affordable housing and supportive services.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- On a meeting of the Minnesota County Futures Project. She is participating on the team to build the AMC Leadership Cohort Pilot Project, which will bring together staff from throughout counties around the State to prepare future leadership to manage the trends in changing communities. That project is in formation and is a continuation of the AMC Futures Project, which began in 2003. This particular area focuses on staff. She will continue to meet with the team to develop this AMC Cohort Pilot Project over the coming weeks. This would be available to advertise to county managers and coordinators over the next couple months to enroll people from counties in this leadership project.
- She attended a couple meetings of the Homeless Connect Project, coming out of the Ramsey County Homeless Advisory Council, in conjunction with people from Hennepin County, who have held a Homeless Connect 'festival', bringing together the various resources for homeless people in a format so that those who may not be connected are able to connect to the resources needed to help them find housing, health care, jobs and other needs for children. A Homeless Connect event will be held in Ramsey County, hopefully by the end of June. Paul Paulos, of the St. Paul Police Department, has been confirmed as coordinator for the Homeless Connect Project.
- She attended the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee (JPTAC) meeting where a presentation was provided about a project involving the St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health Department and the St. Paul Public Schools. This project has helped reduce the waste stream in the St. Paul Public Schools to decrease the size of dumpsters and bins where trash has been removed from schools, to recycle food waste for farmers to feed livestock. Savings have been realized, and there is a plan to replicate this to additional schools this year. There was also an update on the "Mind the Gap" report. She left the meeting before the end of the presentation.

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Commissioner Rettman said others had to leave the meeting, and the presentation would continue at a future meeting.

Commissioner Carter said the Port Authority made an enlightening presentation on Employer Solutions Inc., to see the manner in which they connect to the Human Services and Workforce Solutions Departments to create opportunities for people to come in and engage in workforce.

Commissioner Rettman reported:

- Development, where brownfields were previously located, was discussed at the JPTAC meeting as something to try to attract workers to make sure we are reaching out. It was felt that 70% are reached in the zip codes where the most needs have been identified.
- On an Earth Day dinner held at Como Park, attended by some women farmers. There was a great deal of information about what can be done about the environment, and getting children involved in writing grants on the environment. There was a tremendous amount of philanthropy involved in this event.
- Gibbs Farm has a purchase agreement for the adjacent property, which had been a bed and breakfast in the past. The property, which includes Sacred Grounds, will stay on the tax rolls, and will be marketed in a variety of ways.
- On the Kroc Center, with money that was potentially to have gone into the West Minnehaha Rec. The new property identified is the Wilder Foundation property on Lafond. The Foundation moved to Lexington and University. This kept West Minnehaha Rec Center, which was extremely vital, and would complement the current activities by adding a swimming pool to the Frogtown community. This does not return the property to the tax rolls, but it has not been on the tax rolls, and it would still get the potential \$50,000 coming into the neighborhood.
- The discussion on the \$50 million continues at the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). TAB voted in favor of the gas tax language adopted by the Ramsey County Board.

Commissioner Parker reported:

- Last week the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (MAAA) Board of Directors held a meeting at their new building, located in North St. Paul by the Target Store off Highway 36. The MAAA Board is very appreciative of this new building and the assistance provided by Ramsey County Property Management staff in terms of purchasing the building.
- The second week in May, there will be Active Living, Walkable Community Workshops. The Active Living Coalition received a grant from a national organization that goes around the country putting these workshops together with walks through the community to see what kind of barriers there might be, and what is stopping people from becoming more active in their own community. There will be eight workshops, half in St. Paul and half in the suburban area. Information on the workshops is on the Ramsey County Website at www.co.ramsey.mn.us. Ramsey County may be qualified to apply for grants. The maximum grant is \$75,000. If successful, \$35,000 would go toward helping to fill some gaps in the GIS system. There are some cities in Ramsey County that have not had the wherewithal to put their data on GIS. This would be a useful tool for the public to see where trails are and how to get around.

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Chair Bennett reported:

- The 800 MHz Board, chaired by Commissioner McDonough, met last Thursday. Most of the towers are completed.
- He spoke to a group of about 200 volunteers in Vadnais Heights. He went to the Landmark Center where Sheriff Fletcher pinned badges on 15 new deputies and 3 new jailers. A former deputy of 28 years pinned his own badge on his son.
- He helped with the ribbon cutting at the new Scouting Museum. There is a lot of memorabilia from scouting there.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board