

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: None. 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 September 26, 2006, Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes of the September 19, 2006 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Rettman suggested a minor amendment on page 5, to add Commissioner Bennett's name as attending the Child Care Awards Program, which was accepted as a friendly amendment. Roll Call on Minutes as amended: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Public Auction of nineteen tax forfeited parcels on October 26, 2006

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-313)

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 282.01, subd. 7, the county is authorized to offer for sale to the highest bidder tax forfeited lands within the county; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has prepared an Auction List captioned Exhibit "B", dated September 13, 2006, of lands forfeited pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 281, and classified as non-conservation lands pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 282, and has determined the appraised value thereof; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, By the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, that each parcel shown on said Exhibit "B", attached hereto by reference and on file with the Chief Clerk, have its appraised value approved for the amount set opposite the description thereof, and the Director of Property Records and Revenue is hereby directed to offer each parcel to the highest bidder, but for not less than the appraised value as determined at a public sale commencing at 9:30 a.m. on October 26, 2006. Thereafter, any remaining parcel that received no bid may be sold at a private sale for not less than the appraised value as determined herein. Price cannot be changed unless the parcel is reappraised, republished, and offered at a subsequent auction. All sales shall be for the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit "A" on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, This resolution and Auction List shall be filed with the Director of Property Records and Revenue and notice, as in Exhibit "A", shall be given in accordance with the statute therefore provided that a public sale will be held in the Ramsey County Government Center West

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Building, 50 Kellogg Blvd. West, St. Paul, MN, 55102, Satellite Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Building A on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006, beginning at 9:30 a.m.; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land have been viewed and none of the parcels physically pertain to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 85.012, 92.461, 282.01 subd. 8, 282.018; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Director of Property Records and Revenue has the authority to remove any parcel prior to auction one time only. Any additional requests to remove the same parcel from a subsequent auction must be approved by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS & RECREATION/SHERIFF – Request for Funding from Contingent Account for Fuel Costs

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-314)

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

WHEREAS, The 2006 Budgets for fuel were prepared in 2005 based on prices known at that time, which have risen dramatically during 2006; and

WHEREAS, The Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Sheriff’s Departments are projecting shortages in 2006 fuel budgets, in an amount up to \$213,750; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make a budget transfer from the 2006 Contingent Account to fuel accounts in the following departments, up to the following amounts:

Public Works	\$ 56,000
Sheriff	\$ 136,750
Parks & Recreation	\$ 21,000
Total	\$ 213,750

PUBLIC WORKS – Functional Consolidation of Roadways Program – Revocation of County Road Status on Two Roadways

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-315)

WHEREAS, The 1991 Minnesota Legislature established a Ramsey County Local Government Services Study Commission to “report on the advantages and disadvantages of sharing, cooperating, restructuring, or consolidating...” activities in areas of public service including public works; and

WHEREAS, The Functional Consolidation Plan provides for reclassification of roadways and corresponding changes in jurisdiction including the transfer of local and State Aid roadways between the County and municipalities; and

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WHEREAS, Scheuneman Road (County Road 147) from County Road E to Trunk Highway 61, and Hoffman Road (County Road 146) from Trunk Highway 61 to County Road E, located in the City of Gem Lake, are presently under the jurisdiction of Ramsey County as County Roads; and

WHEREAS, These roadways have been determined to serve a local function only; and

WHEREAS, Revocation of “County Road” status may be accomplished by resolution of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §163.11; and

WHEREAS, The Functional Consolidation Plan stipulates that Ramsey County shall improve the roadways to acceptable levels prior to transferring jurisdiction over roadway segments from Ramsey County to municipalities, and the Ramsey County Capital Improvement Program provides funding for these improvements; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §383A.16 requires that Ramsey County shall, before transferring jurisdiction over roadway segments, improve each highway to a condition consistent with a Ramsey County pavement management system score of ninety; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gem Lake desires to reconstruct both Scheuneman Road from County Road E to Trunk Highway 61 and Hoffman Road from Trunk Highway 61 to County Road E and fund the reconstruction projects with Municipal sources, and up to \$70,126 from Capital Improvement Funds for Ramsey County Roadway Consolidation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gem Lake has agreed that by accepting these jurisdictional transfers and receipt of up to \$70,126 for the reconstruction of these segments of Scheuneman Road and Hoffman Road from Capital Improvement Funds for Ramsey County Roadway Consolidation that Ramsey County has fully discharged its obligations to the City arising under Minnesota Statutes §§163.11 and 383A.16 and the Functional Consolidation Plan, and that it has no expectation of funding of the ongoing maintenance of these segments by Ramsey County; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby revokes the “County Road” status of Scheuneman Road (County Road 147) from County Road E to Trunk Highway 61, and Hoffman Road (County Road 146) from Trunk Highway 61 to County Road E and transfers jurisdiction over these roadways to the City of Gem Lake, effective after the Ramsey County Office of Budgeting and Accounting has encumbered the funds necessary to fund the reconstruction projects; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County shall transfer its interest in the public road right-of-way and road easements to the City for the delineated roadways it currently holds; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, This transfer is conditioned upon receipt by Ramsey County of a resolution adopted by the City of Gem Lake concurring with the County revoking the “County Road” status of Scheuneman Road from County Road E to Trunk Highway 61, and Hoffman Road from Trunk Highway 61 to County Road E, and further providing that receipt of up to \$70,126 for the reconstruction of these segments from Capital Improvement Funds for Ramsey County Roadway Consolidation that Ramsey County has fully discharged Ramsey County’s obligations to the City arising under Minnesota Statutes §§163.11 and 383A.16 and the Functional Consolidation Plan,

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and that the City of Gem Lake has no expectation of funding of the ongoing maintenance of these segments by Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That upon receipt of this resolution Ramsey County will pay to the City as just compensation for these jurisdiction transfers, up to \$70,126 upon presentation of billings from the construction contractor(s) for the reconstruction of these segments of Scheuneman Road and Hoffman Road, and that upon receipt of the billings, the County shall reimburse the City in accordance with Minnesota State Statute 471.425; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The County Board authorizes the Ramsey County Engineer, within the limits of this resolution, to take actions necessary to have the identified jurisdiction changes executed.

PUBLIC WORKS – CSAH 88 Winter Maintenance Agreement PW-26-74-06 between Ramsey County and Hennepin County for Snow and Ice Control from East Hennepin County Line to Broadway Street NE

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-316)

WHEREAS, Hennepin County and Ramsey County desire that Ramsey County provide snow and ice control services on the portion of Hennepin County State Aid Highway 88 between the East Hennepin County Line and Broadway Street, N.E. as addressed in Agreement PW 26-74-06; and

WHEREAS, The geographical location of CSAH 88 is such that Ramsey County can provide snow and ice control services in a more timely and cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, The current agreement for these services, PW 27-74-01, which has been in effect since November 1, 2001, is due to expire on October 31, 2006, and a new agreement is needed for continuation of said services; and

WHEREAS, Payment for services will be based on Hennepin County's moving three-year average snow and ice control costs and will be made as soon as practicable after January 1 and April 1 of each year to Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, The terms of Agreement PW 26-74-06 are for five years from November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2011; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Agreement PW 26-74-06 between Hennepin County and Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute Agreement PW 26-74-06 on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The eight (8) page Agreement is made part of this resolution by reference and will be kept on file in the office of the Chief Clerk of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.

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PUBLIC WORKS – Amendment 1 to MN/DOT Agreement 88270

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-317)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved Mn/DOT Cooperative Construction Agreement 88270; on October 18, 2005, Resolution 2005-378; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement provided for a lump sum payment in the amount of \$112,000 by the State to the County as the State's full and complete share of the costs of the paving, curb and gutter, storm sewer and revised traffic control signal construction and associated construction engineering to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 35W/CSAH 25 (County Road B), S.P. 6284-133 S.A.P. 62-646-19; and

WHEREAS, After Mn/DOT Cooperative Construction Agreement 88270 was fully executed, the County requested and the State agreed to provide additional funding for the project and increase the State's lump sum payment to the County for the state's contract construction cost share by an amount of \$45,600.00; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 to Mn/DOT Cooperative Construction Agreement 88270 covers this additional compensation; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Amendment 1 to Mn/DOT Cooperative Construction Agreement 88270; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, This five (5) page Amendment 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 Amendment 1 to Mn/DOT Agreement 88270 on behalf of Ramsey County.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Renewal of Employee Benefit Plans for Medical, Dental, Life and Disability Insurance for Benefit Plan Year 2007

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-318)

WHEREAS, In 2003, Ramsey County issued a Request for Proposals for medical, dental, life, and long-term and short-term disability insurance that resulted in contracts renewable annually through 2008 with HealthPartners, Delta Dental, Minnesota Life and National Insurance Services of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Due to the rate cap for 2007 in the current contract, HealthPartners proposed a renewal rate increase of 11.01% for Plan Year 2007 for the current HealthPartners Distinctions plan design, even though utilization data and medical trend indicated a 22% increase; and

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WHEREAS, HealthPartners has reduced the 11.01% rate increase to 9.9% based on plan design changes that were recommended by the Ramsey County Joint Labor/Management Committee on Insurance (LMC); and

WHEREAS, Delta Dental proposed a 5.58% rate increase with no plan design changes for Plan Year 2007, and reduced the proposal to 0% increase based on a plan design change recommended by LMC; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Life, has proposed a 0% rate increase for Basic Life, Optional Employee and Spouse Life, Dependent Life and Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance for Plan Year 2007; and

WHEREAS, National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, has proposed a 0% rate increase for Basic and Optional Long-Term Disability for Plan Year 2007 due to the 0% rate cap in place for 2007; and

WHEREAS, National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, has proposed a 15% rate increase for Short-Term Disability for Plan Year 2007 that is still being evaluated by Deloitte Consulting, LLP; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Human Resources and Deloitte Consulting, LLP, the County's benefit consultant, have evaluated these rate renewal proposals and recommend renewal with the current vendors for medical, dental, life, long-term disability and short-term disability insurance, with further negotiation being required for the short-term disability proposal; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Joint Labor Management Committee on Insurance has reached consensus on these recommendations; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the renewal of the contract with HealthPartners, Inc., 8100 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, for medical insurance for active employees for Plan Year 2007 at an 9.9% premium increase with the monthly rates and plan design changes as follows:

	HealthPartners Rates		County Portion		Employee Portion	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Single	\$ 518.96	\$ 570.34	\$503.96	\$549.34	\$ 15.00	\$ 21.00
Family	\$1,235.11	\$1,357.39	\$905.03	\$996.74	\$330.08	\$360.65

Plan Design Changes

- Office Visit Co-pay: increases from \$10 Level One/\$22 Level Two per visit, to \$15 Level One/\$30 Level Two per visit. The increase will be waived for an employee with single coverage if the employee takes the HealthPartners Health Assessment; and for employee and family if the employee has family coverage and the employee and spouse take the HealthPartners Health Assessment.
- Out-of-Pocket Maximum: changes from \$600 single/\$1,200 family for medical, and \$600 single/\$1,200 family for prescriptions, to \$650 single/\$1,300 family for medical, and \$650 single/\$1,300 family for prescriptions.

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and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract renewal with Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota, 3560 Delta Dental Drive, Eagan, Minnesota 55122, for dental insurance for active employees for Plan Year 2007 at a 0% premium increase, with the monthly rates and one plan design change as follows:

	Delta Dental Rates		County Portion		Employee Portion	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Single	\$ 41.35	\$41.35	\$26.64	\$26.64	\$14.71	\$14.71
Family	\$ 92.05	\$92.05	\$51.94	\$51.94	\$40.11	\$40.11

Plan Design Change

1. Reduce benefit level in Major Restorative Services for Premier and Out-of-network coverage from 80% to 60% (Preferred network stays at 80%)

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract renewal with Minnesota Life, 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, at a 0% rate increase for Basic Life and employee-paid Optional Employee and Spouse Life, Dependent Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment for active employees for Plan Year 2007, with the rates as follows:

<u>Minnesota Life</u>	<u>Monthly Premium</u> <u>(same as 2004, 2005 &amp; 2006)</u>	
Basic Life/AD&D (County paid)	\$0.134/\$1000 annual salary	
Optional Life (Employee paid)	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
	29 or less	\$ 0.04/\$1000
	30-34	\$ 0.05
	35-39	\$ 0.06
	40-44	\$ 0.10
	45-59	\$ 0.15
	50-54	\$ 0.23
	55-59	\$ 0.40
	60-64	\$ 0.55
	65-69	\$ 0.85
	70 +	\$ 0.95
Optional AD&D (Employee paid)	\$ 0.025/\$1000	
Dependent Life (Employee paid)	<u>Coverage</u>	
	<u>Level</u>	<u>Rate</u>
	\$ 6,000	\$1.26 per month
	\$ 8,000	\$1.68 per month
	\$10,000	\$2.10 per month

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract renewal with National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, Inc., 7460 Market Place Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344, at a 0% rate increase for Basic Long-Term Disability, and employee-paid Optional Long-Term Disability insurance for active employees for Plan Year 2007 with the rates as follows:

<u>National Insurance Services of Wisconsin</u>	2007 Renewal Rates <u>(same as 2004, 2005 &amp; 2006)</u>	
Basic Long-Term Disability (40% income replacement-County paid)	\$0.083 per \$100 of monthly salary	
Optional Long-Term Disability (additional 20% income replacement)	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
	39 or less	\$.066 per \$100/mo salary
	40-49	\$.168 per \$100/mo salary
	50 and over	\$.187 per \$100/mo salary

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the renewal with National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, Inc., 7460 Market Place Drive, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344, for the provision of employee-paid Short-Term Disability insurance to County employees for Plan Year 2007, at still to be determined rates, not to exceed a 15% increase over 2006 rates; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute the 2007 insurance contract renewals and any addenda to the contracts for Plan Year 2007.

HUMAN RESOURCES – Renewal of Early and Regular Retiree Insurance Plans for Ramsey County Retirees for Benefit Plan Year 2007

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-319)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Human Resources and Deloitte Consulting, LLP, the County's benefits consultant, have reviewed the renewal proposals of the current retiree medical insurance providers, the proposed plan design changes, and Medicare D options currently available, and recommend continuing coverage with the same providers in 2007; and

WHEREAS, The current contracts with each of these carriers result from the 2003 Request for Proposals for retiree insurance, and subsequent Board action approving the new carriers with contracts renewable through December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Early Retirees must be included, by State law, in the same health plan as active employees, currently HealthPartners Distinctions, and HealthPartners has proposed a renewal increase of 9.9% for 2007, with two plan design changes; and

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WHEREAS, UCare Minnesota has submitted a renewal offer for its UCare for Seniors Medicare Advantage – Prescription Drug Plan for Regular Retirees at a 9.1% premium increase from 2006, which was subsequently reduced to a 7.6% increase by making one plan design change; and

WHEREAS, HealthPartners proposed a renewal offer for its Regular Retiree Freedom Plan with the 28% Medicare D subsidy option, at a 6.7% premium increase over 2006 rates, which was subsequently reduced to a 6.3% premium increase by making one plan design change; and

WHEREAS, HealthPartners proposed a renewal offer for its Regular Retiree Major Medical plan with the 28% Medicare D subsidy option, at a 15% premium increase, which was reduced to 13.4% by making one plan design change; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County permits its Early and Regular Retirees to participate in the same dental plan as its active employees, with the full premium paid by the retiree; and

WHEREAS, The County contribution for Early and Regular Retirees has been established by previous County Board action; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves renewal of the contract with HealthPartners, Inc., 8100 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440 for the HealthPartners Distinctions plan, at a 9.9% premium increase for the provision of medical insurance to Early Retirees for plan year 2007 with the following plan design changes:

- Out-of-Pocket Maximum: changes from \$600 single/\$1,200 family for medical, and \$600 single/\$1,200 family for prescriptions, to \$650 single/\$1,300 family for medical, and \$650 single/\$1,300 family for prescriptions.
- Office Visit Co-pay: increases from \$10 Level One/\$25 Level Two per visit, to \$15 Level One/\$30 Level Two per visit. The increase will be waived for an Early Retiree with single coverage if the Early Retiree takes the HealthPartners Health Assessment; and for the Early Retiree and family if the Early Retiree has family coverage and the Early Retiree and spouse take the HealthPartners Health Assessment.

This results in a premium of \$570.34 for single coverage (\$518.96 in 2006) and \$1,357.39 for family coverage (\$1,235.11 in 2006); and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves renewal of the contract with UCare Minnesota, P. O. Box 52, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, for the UCare for Seniors Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug Plan for Regular Retirees for Plan Year 2007 at a 7.6% premium increase with the following plan design change:

- Increase the current prescription drug co-pay of \$10 generic/\$25 brand to \$12 generic/\$25 brand.

This results in a premium of \$212.00 for single coverage (\$197.00 in 2006), and \$424.00 for family coverage (\$394.00 in 2006); and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves renewal of the contract with HealthPartners, Inc., 8100 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, for the HealthPartners Freedom plan with the 28% Medicare D subsidy option, for Regular Retirees for Plan Year 2007 with a 6.3% premium increase with the following plan design change:

- Increase combined medical/prescription out-of-pocket maximum from \$1,200 to \$1,500 annually.

This results in a premium of \$277.70 for single coverage (\$261.28 in 2006), and a premium of \$555.40 for family coverage (\$522.56 in 2006); and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves renewal of the contract with Midwest Assurance Company, an affiliated company of HealthPartners, Inc., 8100 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, for the HealthPartners Major Medical plan with the 28% Medicare D subsidy option, for an indemnity plan for Regular Retirees for Plan Year 2007 at a 13.4% premium increase, with the following plan design change:

- Increase the annual out-of-pocket maximum from \$2,000 per person/\$6,000 per family, to \$2,500 per person/\$7,500 per family.

This results in a premium of \$500.12 for single coverage (\$440.95 in 2006), and \$1,000.24 for family coverage (\$881.90 in 2006); and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves Early and Regular Retiree participation in the same Delta Dental Plan that is available to County employees, with the full premium paid by the retiree and subject to the County's current participation requirements. Rates for 2007 will remain at \$41.35 for single coverage, and \$92.05 for family coverage; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute the 2007 retiree insurance contracts and any addenda to the contracts during the Plan Year.

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

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-320)

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County's Open Appointment Policy, several press releases were distributed seeking applicants for positions on the Ramsey County Community Health Services Advisory Committee (CHSAC); and

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

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the appointment of the following individuals to the Ramsey County Community Health Services Citizens Advisory Committee (CHSAC) for terms as follows:

APPOINTEE	TERM EXPIRATION
<u>District 2</u> Barbara Lehn 126 Canabury Court Little Canada, MN 55117	6/26/08
<u>District 4</u> Soyini Guyton 629 Kent Street St. Paul, MN 55104	6/26/08
<u>District 7</u> Milo Thompson 1794 Onacrest Curve Maplewood, MN 55117	6/26/08
<u>At-Large</u> Hanna Cooper 1285 Niles Avenue St. Paul, MN 55116	6/26/08
Bruce A. Larson 546 Lexington Parkway North St. Paul, MN 55104	6/26/08
Sue Dion 1725 Palace Avenue St. Paul, MN 55105	6/26/08

COUNTY MANAGER – Applications for AMC County Achievement Award for Healthcare Worker Literacy Project and Public Safety Communication System/800 MHz Project

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-321)

WHEREAS, The healthcare sector in Ramsey County, like most other local and regional areas of the country, suffers from a dearth of workers to fill needed positions in acute care facilities and, as a result, most hospitals and hospital systems have been hiring immigrant workers to fill needed positions; and

WHEREAS, There is a very high need for these immigrant workers to learn occupational English as a way to satisfy the working conditions of all workers and to eventually move up a career ladder; and

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WHEREAS, As a result of this underlying need, Workforce Solutions partnered with a private sector vendor, Language Solutions LLC, to create a novel curriculum using software and language mentors to train Limited English Proficient (LEP) employees in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, four area hospitals came together around a U.S. Department of Labor grant to Workforce Solutions to create an eight-week demonstration project that would test the curriculum with LEP housekeeping and maintenance employees; and

WHEREAS, The objectives of this demonstration program were to improve the English communication skills of LEP workers in the four participating hospitals and show how this model of occupational English can be integrated and used in the workplace in a cost effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, Assessment results show increased English language usage and improved confidence levels of the LEP workers, and decreased time spent by supervisors in explaining work procedures; and

WHEREAS, A second round of training was recently begun with 25 LEP housekeeping and maintenance workers; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County believes this project is a significant county achievement, because it is an innovative new program involving public sector/private sector collaboration; it addresses a current employer need in the marketplace; and it has great potential for application in many other types of work settings; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of the application for the Association of Minnesota Counties 2006 County Achievement Award for the Healthcare Worker Literacy Project.

(2006-322)

WHEREAS, In 2003, Ramsey County was faced with the need to replace its public safety radio system and to relocate its dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, Saint Paul and suburban police, fire and emergency services were using several different radio systems that did not allow easy communication across agencies or with public safety agencies in other counties; and

WHEREAS, The City of Saint Paul was also faced with the need to replace its radio system and to relocate its dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Manager to begin a process to bring municipalities together to discuss options for the organization, governance and financing of a new public safety communication system and to discuss the feasibility of dispatch center consolidation; and

WHEREAS, The primary goals of the Public Safety Communication System/800MHz Project (“Project”) were to replace Ramsey County’s radio system and consolidate all municipal public

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safety radio systems into a Countywide interoperable radio system, and to replace Ramsey County's dispatch center and have a discussion with the Cities of Saint Paul, Maplewood and White Bear Lake regarding the possibility of dispatch center consolidation; and

WHEREAS, The County and all municipalities in Ramsey County have successfully collaborated in the planning and development of a Countywide interoperable radio communication system; and

WHEREAS, In October 2005, the City of Saint Paul and the City of Maplewood each entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with Ramsey County for a consolidated dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, In September 2006, the first public safety agencies began using the new Ramsey County Public Safety Communication/800 MHz System; and

WHEREAS, In early 2007, a new Ramsey County Dispatch Center will open and begin providing consolidated services to Ramsey County suburbs, Maplewood and Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County believes this project is a significant county achievement because other counties can utilize lessons learned; it was highly innovative in nature and required multi-jurisdictional partnerships; it provided tangible benefits to the community through reduced costs, higher efficiency, and improved systems or services; and it involved substantial initiative, leadership and commitment; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of the application for the Association of Minnesota Counties 2006 County Achievement Award for the Public Safety Communication System/800MHz Project.

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

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-323)

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 August 2006.

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PARKS AND RECREATION/PUBLIC HEALTH – Appropriation of Solid Waste Funds to finance the Active Living Ramsey County 1,000 Benches Program

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

Commissioner Rettman said she has a concern with setting aside \$588,000 without the plan being before the County Board, even though the funds would come from the Solid Waste Fund Balance. Prior to the meeting she suggested to Commissioner Parker that she would be willing to support the pilot Active Living Ramsey County Program, which would expend up to \$25,000. It is not known yet where the pilot would take place. One of the criteria would be to see how it is being used, and none of that is here. She is not predetermining what her outcome would be if the plan were before the County Board, but she does not want to give a blank check to say the County would match 1,000 benches without seeing the plan. She would like to do the pilot and have the plan come back when it is ready. When the plan comes forward she might be for it, but she is not there yet. The concept is good.

Commissioner Rettman moved an amendment to do just the pilot at this time and have the item come back for an enlarged plan once the criteria are in place.

Commissioner Parker said it is correct that they do not have all the details about how this is going to work. One of the reasons for that is to have the pilot work with the communities to see how this should work. They will not pick the locations, but will choose the community and work with them to identify a good location to place the benches, which will have messages on them. This is an unusual idea. The Decision Resources survey identified that a large number of people in the County are not physically active.

These benches are not meant for people to just sit on, but would be visible from one to the next, so an individual who is elderly, frail, or disabled can go a short distance, rest, and then keep going. During the process of the pilot, they hope to come up with a Request For Proposals (RFP). An analogy would be the soccer program where the County put up matching money. It is hoped to have a RFP and have communities come forward with requests so that they would be identifying the matching funds and locating the benches.

The County would do the installation, and the community would be asked to take care of maintaining the benches. From all indications, people like the idea, and there is a great interest in the pilot. The reason they would like to do this all at one time is that it lets them continue to work on the real program. If only doing the pilot, then we are not going to start working on the RFP, identifying match money, etc. She would prefer to at least say that the County Board is planning to do the whole program. If only allocating this money right now, an indication should be made that we would go forward with the program.

Chair Bennett said it looks like the program would go forward, so why is the pilot needed?

Commissioner Reinhardt said one reason she is comfortable with this is that the pilot program will go quickly. It is just to try to hone in on the things that everybody wants. These are benches, they know what they want, what the messages are, and to fine-tune it during that pilot project time is fine, but ultimately, this isn't like other things where you have to figure out what is being purchased. She tended to go the other way – say the whole thing would be done and not even call it a pilot project. In anything, you start small and then expand it. This is a worthwhile project, and she is supportive of going forward on this because it is so straightforward.

Commissioner Ortega said he assumed there are no issues with utilizing the money from the Solid Waste Funds.

Commissioner Parker said Rob Fulton, Director, Public Health, suggested the use of these funds. Benches would be made from recycled materials.

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Commissioner Ortega said he does not have a problem using the Solid Waste Funds, and it seems like a good use. While discussing a pilot versus a full-blown program, it would be clearer that before moving ahead, a program is outlined for how it is going to be used, how the distribution is done so that it is Countywide.

Commissioner McDonough said it is important to commit the dollars out front so the community knows, that we can get the RFP, and find matching dollars. It is important that the community craft how this develops and where the best places are for the benches. It is also important that the final product come back to the County Board so we know what the community developed and give final approval, sort of like the soccer dollars. The County committed the dollars up front, everybody knew the County Board was committed to that, and let the community figure out how best to utilize the dollars, but they still came back to the County Board for final approval -- maybe keep the dollar amount in there, but add that it come back to the County Board for final approval.

Chair Bennett clarified that the suggestion is that the money be set aside, go ahead with the pilot program and come back to adopt the final plan.

Commissioner Rettman requested that information on the amount of money in the Fund balance be provided to the Commissioners at some point in time.

Commissioner Rettman said she is aware that the Friends of the Park already provide benches as part of fundraising, for example, in Como Park. She asked if that would be considered part of the match. Those are some of the questions that might be asked on what is considered a match. That is a much different program – if you have a loved one you want recognized with placement of a bench. It is the criteria that Commissioner Ortega is talking about, so that everybody is on a level playing field and that all the benches are Countywide, and that they are going to be used. If you just put them in a park, they are going to be used. Part of the Active Living Ramsey County concept is creating some other venues for people to be active, which is a different concept because they are not going to have that type of match that you might have from Friends of the Parks. There are going to be lots of demands on the Solid Waste Funds, and the County Board should be cognizant of that.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved an amendment on line 33 of the Draft Resolution: “used as a 50% match for another 980 benches contingent upon final approval by the County Board”.

Commissioner Parker said she would accept that amendment.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the plan would come back, it is not just about the money for final approval.

Commissioner Reinhardt said this is about the 980 benches.

Commissioner Rettman asked if this is to fund the pilot program and establish a project budget.

Commissioner Reinhardt said no. The reason she made the motion on that line is that the \$25,000 is for the pilot project to go forward. She is saying that the 980 benches for \$588,000 are what have to come back for final County Board approval; the \$25,000 doesn't.

Commissioner Ortega said it seems like more work is being created. He is saying to wrap it all around, authorize all the money. The criteria would come back for the whole thing taking into consideration today's discussion. Two steps are being created, one for \$25,000, and one for the \$588,000. That is fine with him, he would vote for it, but, put the whole program together and come back with the criteria.

Chair Bennett said he interpreted that the program would go forward, the money is set aside, and everything would be in place, unless there is some disagreement when it comes back if the plan is not solid.

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Commissioner Parker said she was thinking this was similar to the soccer fields – do the RFP, then the County Board would take action.

Commissioner Ortega said he would support this.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the RFP would go out before the County Board would see the plan.

Commissioner Parker responded affirmatively, before the grants are given.

Commissioner Ortega said it would be easier for everybody involved to just come back with the criteria for the entire dollars, how it would be utilized, and then have the communities apply for it.

Commissioner Parker said that would be acceptable to come back with a RFP before it gets sent out, and would be a good way of communicating it.

Chair Bennett said this would come back with the RFP.

Commissioner Reinhardt said basically, the first and second ‘resolved’ clauses, putting 1,000 benches, and \$588,000 plus \$25,000 all together, so it is still contingent upon final approval by the County Board.

Commissioner Parker said the intent of the pilot is that we are not requiring the 50% match for the pilot, but to just work with the community in doing that.

Chair Bennett said the pilot would go forward, unless Commissioner Reinhardt’s proposed amendment scratched something that should not have been removed. He believes Commissioner Rettman is willing to let the pilot proceed, using the pilot to get information.

Commissioner Ortega said there are then two different criteria – one for the people who apply on the front-end get 100%, and those at the back end get 50%. Why have a pilot? If 1,000 benches can be put up in a year, let’s do it.

Commissioner Parker said it could work either way.

Commissioner Ortega said he would vote it either way.

Greg Mack, Director, Parks and Recreation, said the term “pilot” might be the wrong term. It was a proto-type that would become the standard that would be used. At this point we wanted to research what was available in the market place in terms of the recycled bench materials, actually do a layout that was specifically identified: here is the bench in the center, to the left or right side a message, making sure it includes the messages of solid waste, recycling, in the right location. That way, in going out to the community to solicit proposals for the matches, they would see precisely what the expectation was. And, maybe through that process, master contracts would be established with providers of the materials and installation. Basically, they would be buying into a program that would have this replicated throughout the County. The motion as written, and amended by Commissioner Reinhardt would be the acceptable approach, but he suggested that in line 33, rather than be contingent upon final approval by the County Board, that it be contingent upon final approval of the RFP by the County Board. Then, all the details, all the plans would come before the County Board for how it would move forward into the next stages.

Commissioner McDonough commented on the pilot versus the whole project. That is different from the soccer fields. People were waiting for this and knew what soccer fields are. This is a new thing to get people out in the community to envision and incorporate into their plans, and something is needed to show them what works, as well as something for an understanding of what it is. This is a new initiative that is not in place anywhere in the community, and so it is a little different than soccer fields where everybody knew what they wanted; the difficulty was in finding a location. He is comfortable with the pilot project being separate in the wording and no match for the pilot project if that is the best way to get that out quickly to help generate excitement about the rest of the dollars.

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Commissioner Reinhardt said that makes sense, and what we are talking about is final approval of the RFP.

Commissioner Rettman asked if a decision has been made about where the pilot is going to be.

Commissioner Parker said no firm decision has been made, but a suggestion has been made that it connect the Rondo Library with nearby senior housing. Another suggestion was for two projects, one in the suburban area, and one in the City of St. Paul.

Commissioner Ortega reiterated Commissioner Rettman's comment that it is critical that the opportunity to create new urban/suburban trails outside of parks where people could walk is how he saw this, rather than just creation of new walkways.

Chair Bennett said it would be nice if there were benches along the trails.

Commissioner Ortega said he doesn't just want to see them along trails, to create new venues, and that is what makes this valuable.

Roll Call on the revised resolution: Ayes – McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-324)

WHEREAS, Active Living Ramsey County (ALRC) is a partnership dedicated to creating and promoting environments that make it safe and convenient for people to integrate physical activity into their daily routine; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County staff and elected officials have participated in ALRC from its inception; and

WHEREAS, The St. Paul and Ramsey County Public Health Department has taken a lead role in the ALRC initiative; and

WHEREAS, One of the programs identified by ALRC is the 1,000 Benches program that includes a series of bench corridors designed to create physical environments geared toward people who are not particularly active; and

WHEREAS, Use of benches made of recycled materials provides an opportunity for the St. Paul and Ramsey County Public Health Department to promote healthy living, showcase the practical use of recycled products, stimulate the recycled plastic materials market and promote recycling programs throughout Ramsey County; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to expend up to \$25,000 to purchase and install 20 benches for a pilot Active Living Ramsey County program; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to transfer \$25,000 from the Solid Waste Fund Balance to fund this pilot program and establish a project budget; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to transfer up to \$588,000 from the Solid Waste Fund Balance to be used as a 50% match for another 980 benches, contingent upon final approval of the Request for Proposals (RFP) by the County Board; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make necessary budget adjustments (including increasing appropriations due to the County receiving matching funds from program participants).

COUNTY MANAGER – Implementation of the Property Records and Revenue Blue Ribbon Panel report recommendations

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

Commissioner Rettman said the County Manager has included a request to “authorize the County Manager to make any necessary budget adjustments (including increasing appropriations due to excess Recording Fees revenue) to implement these recommendations”. She asked if the project budget amount would not exceed the \$300,000 or does this give a caveat to over that amount.

David Twa, County Manager, responded no, the intent of the language is to not exceed \$300,000. In the event that it would, he would need to come back to the County Board for further authorization.

Commissioner Rettman said “necessary budget adjustments” is normal when receiving other dollars. Because of the new changes that may happen, there may be some additional revenue the County Manager could take into account.

Mr. Twa said it is not so much additional revenues as the fact that it may be needed to adjust the budget to show the expenditure.

Commissioner McDonough said that a lot of work was put into this, and for the right reasons we are trying to sort out what is going on there. But, he is discouraged when something like this comes forward – this is a management issue. Why are we paying \$300,000 for outside consultants? We have administrators and Department Heads to solve problems in the County. To him, this is not being tackled face-on and doing it as we should be in running the County. The thought and the process was right to have outside people look at this, but more times than not, the result that comes back is to spend more money on consultants – that is why we hire the best people, that is what our role is, to hire the best people to do the best job in solving these problems. To him, it is like we are saying we’re going to spend \$300,000 to bring in a consultant; we don’t have the best people doing the jobs. We need to deal with that head-on rather than working around the edges.

Commissioner Reinhardt said she doesn’t disagree with Commissioner McDonough, but the problems in this particular area go back so far and it has been very difficult to make up for 20-30 years ago when the problems were born. She suggested amending line 75 to address Commissioner Rettman’s issue to say: “and to make any necessary budget adjustments up to \$300,000”. That way it is made clear that it is not increasing.

The amendment was accepted as friendly.

Commissioner Rettman echoed Commissioner Reinhardt’s comment that the systems were created long ago. She is confident that the group that is envisioned, which includes Property Records and Revenue, several other departments and the County Manager’s Office, could implement some of these changes. Some of this is technical, which is management, but some of that is about systemic changes. With the commitment of Property Records and Revenue, this will put the County up to date and in a processing mode where we can handle things expeditiously and in a manner that the public demands. She will support this as long as it does not go over \$300,000.

Commissioner Ortega thanked the individuals who participated on the Blue Ribbon Panel for all the work they put in. He agreed with Commissioner McDonough. The problems began 20-30

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years ago, and a lot of that is true. A lot of what this Board has done has been rebuilding the infrastructure. On the other hand, for 2½ years, we have identified a problem. Many of the Commissioners have been meeting with folks in the community and in the industry. He has had 80-year old constituents with issues with selling their homes. The County is supposed to provide a service, and to not have been on the path of solving those for the past 2½ years, is ridiculous. He pointed out that now, the County Manager is responsible for getting this done, he is the person to make sure this happens.

Mr. Twa said that is correct, and why he is asking for the authority in order to implement all of the recommendations.

Commissioner Ortega said this has to be fixed. If the County Board comes back a year from now and it is not completely fixed, it is really about “shame on us”. If not, Commissioner McDonough is right; some real and different changes are needed.

Chair Bennett thanked the panel members for their work. He said the County Manager would be in charge, and this goes from the top to the bottom, and the bottom to the top. He would expect that all the employees in the Property Records and Revenue Department would work to see that there is an improvement. It is on the County Manager’s shoulders.

Mr. Twa said that is very clear.

Chair Bennett said the Department needs to know that the County Manager has the authority to do whatever he has to do, and that includes everybody in that Department.

Roll Call: Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – McDonough - 1. (2006-325)

WHEREAS, In February 2006, the Ramsey County Manager convened a Blue Ribbon Panel to review the work process and backlog of the Recorder’s Office in the Property Records and Revenue Department and to make recommendations for improvement, if appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel consisted of representatives from the title industry and other counties, including Bob Anderson, Commonwealth-LandAmerica; Joel Beckman, Dakota County Recorder; Tom Bray, member of the Ramsey County Bar Association and a lawyer with Briggs and Morgan; Richard S. Little, Commercial Partners Title; Mark Monacelli, St. Louis County Recorder; Cathy Racek, St. Louis County Deputy Recorder; Kay Wrucke, Martin County Recorder; and Dennis Unger, Land Title, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel was charged with:

- 1) Identifying issues concerning document recording in Ramsey County,
- 2) Determining if the current work flow process is sufficient, creates delays or should be improved,
- 3) Determining whether Ramsey County is in compliance with statutory requirements for recording documents, and
- 4) Providing recommendations to Ramsey County to ensure that the County meets current standards as well as providing recommendations for the incorporation of the latest technology inclusive of electronic recording.

WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel conducted two on-site visits at the Abstract, Title, and Ownership Division of the Ramsey County Property Records and Revenue Department on March 8 and 29, 2006; two meetings with Property Records and Revenue Department staff; and meetings with representatives from two title companies on May 10, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel has finalized its review into a written report, which identifies issues and concerns with the workflow business model, communication, technology, customer service, legal requirements, and includes recommendations for improvement; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel has recommended that Ramsey County hire one or more consultants who have expertise in understanding the document recording process and can develop a business case model that will address the issues raised by the Blue Ribbon Panel, as well as the process to move to electronic recording, Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to work with Property Records and Revenue, County Attorney, Human Resources, Information Services and Budgeting & Accounting Departments to implement specific recommendations contained within the Blue Ribbon Panel Report; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to establish an "Oversight Committee" consisting of representatives of the Title Industry, Ramsey County Bar Association, Minnesota County Recorders, and Ramsey County Departments, to work with the consultants and the Property Records and Revenue Department to oversee the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to issue Requests for Proposal for the consultant(s) to implement the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel, including, such activities as developing a business model, moving to electronic recording, and auditing the current system; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to enter into any contracts necessary to implement these recommendations; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to establish a project budget in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, to implement these recommendations and transfer surplus appropriations from the Property Records & Revenue budget into the project budget and to expend funds from the Recorders Technology Fund; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make any necessary budget adjustments, up to \$300,000, (including increasing appropriations due to excess Recording Fees revenue) to implement these recommendations.

COUNTY MANAGER/PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Contract for Sale of Real Property Between Ramsey County and The Rottlund Company, Inc.

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman - 1. (2006-326)

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2006, Ramsey County and The Rottlund Company, Inc. ("Rottlund") executed a Contract for Sale of Real Property ("Contract") for the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center and the F Building portion of the Ramsey County Government Center West Building, which includes a closing date of August 31, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, On August 22, 2006, the County Board approved the First Amendment to the Contract extending the closing date to September 15, 2006; and

WHEREAS, On September 12, 2006, the County Board approved the Second Amendment to the Contract extending the closing date to September 29, 2006, and authorized staff to negotiate a Third Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Real Estate in accordance with the discussions at the Executive Session on September 12, 2006, and to return to the County Board at its September 26, 2006, meeting with the results of the negotiations for final decision by the County Board regarding any modifications to the Contract; and

WHEREAS, Rottlund has verbally agreed to the contract modification terms discussed at the executive session but is requesting an extension of the closing to October 27, 2006, to complete the negotiations; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Third Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Real Estate between Ramsey County and The Rottlund Company, Inc., 3065 Center Pointe Drive, Roseville, MN, for the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center and the F Building portion of the Ramsey County Government Center West Building extending the closing date to October 27, 2006; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the Third Amendment to the Contract for Purchase of Real Estate, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney's Office, Budgeting and Accounting, and Property Management; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes staff to continue to negotiate with The Rottlund Company, Inc. on modifications to the Contract for Purchase of Real Estate in accordance with the discussions at the Executive Session on September 12, 2006, and to return to the County Board at its October 24, 2006, meeting with the results of the negotiations for final decision by the County Board regarding any modifications to the Contract.

#### OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Carter reported:

- She visited a Police Homeless Outreach Project home. It was a fantastic opportunity to observe the work done by the Police Homeless Outreach program, which cooperates with the Ramsey County/City of Saint Paul Homeless Advisory Board. They also have a partnership with South Metro Human Services and the St. Paul Police Department. There was a demonstration of new work being done. Many individuals testified that supportive housing actually works to keep people out of the circumstances that cause large costs and to move them into better outcomes for themselves.
- She attended an inaugural Disproportionate Minority Confinement Training Institute, conducted by the Burns Institute. She attended with other members of the detention alternatives project. The program identified ways in which many jurisdictions throughout the United States have reduced their cost and also achieved better outcomes in juvenile detention.

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Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- She attended a conference regarding paint product stewardship. One issue is what to do with leftover paint. Everyone agreed that a solution is needed for leftover oil-based paints. There is not as much agreement regarding latex paint because it is not really a hazardous waste, but is collected during hazardous waste collections. From an environmental perspective, it should be recycled or reused. One of the biggest issues is who will pay for this. Right now, government is taking the largest role in that. The most reasonable thing is that there would be a partnership of some kind. Government can't walk away from it and neither should the manufacturers and the paint industry, including retailers, manufacturers and recyclers. The group agreed to come together again in April 2007, hopefully with an agreement on what a system would look like and what the roles would be.
- She attended the AMC Board Meeting, along with Commissioners Bennett and McDonough. Commissioner McDonough's campaign for Second Vice President of AMC is going very well.
- She attended the Ramsey County Extension Committee.

Commissioner Parker reported:

- She and her assistant, Sara Merz, have been invited to do a presentation on Active Living Ramsey County with the State Association of Planners. Both Dakota and Hennepin Counties have contacted them to hopefully replicate what has been done in Ramsey County.

Commissioner Rettman reported:

- The "Heat's On" project has been done for 21 years by Local 455 – Pipefitters and Contractors donate their time to work with community action organizations to assist the low income, elderly, or disabled, by checking their furnaces and installing smoke detectors.
- Districts 10 and 12 and Falcon Heights had their cleanup last Saturday. Ramsey County wood waste folks were at the sites and people could sort wood into construction waste, clean wood and other.
- Great Northern Corridor had a celebration. The Maxim Steel site is now completely occupied; the roadway is completed.
- The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) met. Tim Mayasich, Public Works Department, will serve on a technical advisory committee looking at some new traffic concepts.

Commissioner Ortega reported:

- He met with the Downtown Building Owners and talked about the transit projects, including the Central Corridor and Union Depot. They were interested in learning about the riverfront development.
- He attended the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee (JPTAC) with Commissioners Carter and Rettman. They talked about the joint Truth in Taxation hearing, which will be held December 12, 2006. This could be a complex year.

## BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Bennett reported:

- On the Support Staff Conference. He spoke at the afternoon session and Commissioner Rettman filled in for him at the morning session.
- The Council Chambers are now handicapped accessible.

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- There were major traffic delays over this past weekend because the bridge at County Road J and 35W was removed. It will be rebuilt over the winter.
- He and Commissioner McDonough attended the American Indian Forum. They have put together a candidate's forum and an issues forum.
- He spoke to the North Suburban Chamber of Commerce regarding the TCAAP property and what has been done there with the Public Works Facility and Patrol Station. Arden Hills is getting close to having negotiations completed on the purchase of about 700 acres, which would ultimately go back on the tax rolls.
- An 800 MHz meeting was held. Contracts have been signed with all municipalities except White Bear Lake. The governance provisions will be brought to the Board in a month or so.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board