

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker (late), 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 Reinhardt moved approval of the Agenda of the May 8, 2007 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes of the May 1, 2007 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – 2007 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization

Commissioner Parker introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-172)

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 274.13, Subd. 2, authorizes a County Board of Commissioners to appoint a Special Board of Appeal and Equalization and delegate to it the powers and duties in Minnesota Statutes, section 274.13, subd.1; and

WHEREAS, Section 274.13, Subd. 2, authorizes the County Board to determine the number of appointees to the special board, and the compensation to be paid, but specifies that at least one member of the special board must be an appraiser, realtor or other person familiar with property valuations; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners desires to appoint a special board to be known as the Ramsey County Board of Appeal and Equalization to be conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 274.13, subd.1; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners desires to establish standards to insure that Ramsey County property owners are provided easy access to the Special Board and simplified procedures for presenting appeals and receiving a fair, impartial hearing; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners desires to provide for required training for our Board Members on future Special Boards of Appeal and Equalization; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following Special Board members and designated chairs as stated below, to conduct the 2007 Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the procedural rules stated below. The procedures shall be adhered to by the Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization in conducting its business; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the code of ethics and conduct guidelines as stated below. The procedural rules shall be adhered to by the Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization in conducting its business; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby grants the County Manager the authority to coordinate and provide resources for designated 2008 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization Board Members to attend required state sponsored training.

2007 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization Members

DISTRICT 1 Tony Bennett <i>Board Chair</i>	Jerry Stradinger 1426 W. County Road E Arden Hills, MN 55112	651-633-9189
<i>2nd appointment</i>	**James R Olson 980 Arbogast St Shoreview MN 55126	651-484-8069
DISTRICT 2 Jan Parker	David Norrgard 2499 N. Albert Roseville, MN 55713	651-636-9218
DISTRICT 3 Janice Rettman	Nyals Kittel* (Chair) 1118 Churchill Street St. Paul, MN 55103	651-489-1918
DISTRICT 4 Toni Carter	Julie Green PO Box 28325 St. Paul MN 55128	651-484-6101
DISTRICT 5 Rafael Ortega	Pat Igo 819 Holly Ave St. Paul, MN 55104	651-298-0000
DISTRICT 6 Jim McDonough	Tienne M. Linden* (Chair) 2217 Highwood St. Paul, MN 55119	651-731-2562

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DISTRICT 7 Victoria Reinhardt	**Bob Cardinal, Broker 2497 Adele St Maplewood, MN 55109	952-831-3300
COUNTY MANAGER 2 appointments	**Marsha Goff, Appraiser 1532 Asbury St. St. Paul, MN. 55108	651-644-5251
	**Albin Kline, MAI, Appraiser 5896 Prairie Ridge Drive Shoreview, MN 55126	763-545-0690

*Designated Chair

**Required Real Estate Professional

2007 Special Board of Appeal and Equalization Procedural Rules

1. The Ramsey County Board of Appeal and Equalization shall consist of at least ten members, with one member being recommended by each Commissioner and two members by the Chair and two members by the County Manager. All members must be residents of Ramsey County. At least one member must be a real estate appraiser, realtor or other real estate professional, familiar with property valuation in the County.
2. Two designated chairpersons shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Commissioners. A chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Appeal and Equalization and shall have duties and responsibilities as are normally attended upon that office. The Board of Appeal and Equalization shall be convened as panels of five members, including a designated chair each day. If volume of appeals dictates two separate panels, the panels may consist of only three members if required. The Ramsey County Assessor's office shall schedule panel members.
3. Regular meetings of the board shall be held as specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 274.14.
 - The Assessor's Office will mail an application form 1679 to interested persons, including a request for basic information concerning the property.
 - Upon receipt of a completed form 1679 the Assessor's Office will arrange with the applicant, a time to perform an inspection of the property.
 - The Assessor's Office will complete a review appraisal of the property for valuation appeals. This appraisal will be written and will, if possible, be made available to the applicant at least two days prior to the hearing. But always prior to any scheduled Board hearing.
 - Upon receipt of the completed application and review of the property the Assessor's office will schedule a hearing at 40-60 minutes intervals beginning the first day scheduled for the board.
 - Each Residential applicant will be allowed 15 minutes to present any data or information relevant to the market value or tax classification of the subject property.

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- The County Assessor, or his designee, will then be allowed up to 10 minutes to present any relevant information to support the market value or tax classification assigned by the Assessor. The board shall have 10 minutes to make a decision. The board Chair shall have the authority to cast a tie-breaking vote should any deliberations result in a tie.
- Each Commercial or Apartment applicant will be allowed 20 minutes to present any data or information relevant to the market value or tax classification of the subject property. The County Assessor, or his designee, will then be allowed up to 15 minutes to present any relevant information to support the market value or tax classification assigned by the Assessor. The board shall have 10 minutes to make a decision. The board Chair shall have the authority to cast a tie-breaking vote should any deliberations result in a tie.
 - All deliberations are to be made immediately following the individual hearings, and in full view and hearing of the public. The board will make its decisions based solely on information offered at the hearing and will conduct no independent fact-finding of its own relative to the value or classification of any parcel presented to the board for review.
 - The decisions of the Board should be made by motion, second, discussion and voice vote. The Recording Secretary will record the vote of each board member for each case heard by the Board. The Secretary shall review said record with the board each day to ensure accuracy.
4. All meetings and hearings conducted by the board shall be conducted pursuant to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes, section 471.705. All data presented relative to the valuation or classification of any parcel will be considered public data.
 5. Each member will be paid \$300 for the first day of service and an additional \$200 for each additional day of service. Each member will receive a minimum of \$300.
 6. All of the Board's legal questions, which arise from work performed, should be referred to the Ramsey County Attorney for appropriate response.
 7. The Director of the Department of Property Records and Revenue will be responsible for staffing and assembling documentation for the appointees. The Assessor shall provide a 1 1/2 - hour organizational orientation session for the appointees prior to beginning their work on June 12th. Examples of staffing responsibilities include, but are not limited to the ten-day staffing and scheduling, the administering of an oath to the members, completing forms for compensation for the members and the training program. The Director of Property Records & Revenue shall appoint a non-voting member to serve as the recording secretary for the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.
 8. Property Records & Revenue shall appoint a non-voting member to serve as the recording secretary for the Special Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization
Board Code of Ethics and Conduct Guidelines

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The Mission of the Ramsey County Special Board of Appeal and Equalization is the fair and equitable resolution of all valuation and classification appeals on real and taxable personal property located in Ramsey County. As part of this mission, the Board will attempt to foster an open and trusted professional relationship with concerned taxpayers and County staff.

1. Board Members shall strive to treat applicants, fellow Board members and staff respectfully at all times.
2. All deliberations shall be made on an impartial basis and publicly.
3. Board members should refrain from discussing Board proceedings with applicants outside of the presence of the other Board Members.
4. Concerns about the actions, behavior or motivations of any participant in the Board process should be directed to the County Manager.
5. Board members should attempt to understand all facts presented them in order to arrive at a fair decision. They should ask for clarification when necessary and seek additional information when required.
6. No Board member shall participate in any proceeding regarding his/her own property.
7. No member shall sit in judgment of an appeal where the member either has a personal interest in a property under appeal or personal bias toward the parties. Should this situation arise the Board member will inform the Chair and recuse themselves.
8. Board members should be extremely cautious of participating in deliberations of an appeal where the member has a prior personal relationship with the applicant. Such relationship should be disclosed prior to the beginning of the hearing of the appeal.

Fellow Board members should then decide whether the issue should be waived or the fellow Board member is excused for that preceding.

9. It is unethical to accept or to agree to accept compensation of any kind from an appellant appearing before the Board.
10. No board member shall participate or vote in any deliberation relating to issues or proposal in which he or she has a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest exists where the member:
 - 10.1. Has a material, current, or anticipated financial interest in the property, or is affected by the issues or proposed assessment to a greater degree than other members of his/her business classification, profession or occupation; or
 - 10.2. Is a director, trustee, officer, employee, or agent of a company or institution directly involved in the property; or
 - 10.3. Is related by blood or marriage to an individual having any current or contemplated ownership interest in the subject property; or
 - 10.4. Is a personal friend of the applicant.

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11. There will be no official audio or video recording of any of the meetings. There shall be no unofficial audio or video recordings made unless agreed to by all participants and then they will not be made part of the official record.

PUBLIC WORKS – County State Aid Highway Status Establishment and Revocation

Commissioner Parker introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-173)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, Establishment of "County State Aid Highway" status may be accomplished by resolution of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §162.02; and

WHEREAS, It has been determined by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that the roads hereinafter described should be added as County State Aid Highways under the provisions of Minnesota Law; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes, locates and dedicates the following road segments as County State Aid Highways, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota:

Route	Street/New CSAH (#)	Location	Length (mi.)
	Marshall Avenue (35)	Snelling Avenue to Lexington Avenue	1.000
	Selby Avenue (35)	Lexington Avenue to Dale Street	1.000
111	County Road B2 (78)	Victoria Street to Dale Street	.500
148	Otter Lake Road (60)	Highway 96 to Goose Lake Road	.862
98	Goose Lake Road (14)	Otter Lake Road to Centerville Road	1.556
108	Labore Road (14)	Goose Lake Road to Goose Lake Road	.030
	County Road D (19)	Trunk Highway 61 to White Bear Avenue	1.500
		Total	6.448 miles

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the route number for Beam Avenue from Trunk Highway 61 to White Bear Avenue be changed to CSAH Route 20; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Chief Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for consideration, and that upon approval of the designation of said roads or portions thereof, that same be constructed, improved and maintained as County State Aid Highways of the County of Ramsey.

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RESOLUTION REVOKING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, Revocation of "County State Aid Highway" status may be accomplished by resolution of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §162.02; and

WHEREAS, It appears to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that the roads hereinafter described should be revoked as County State Aid Highways under the provisions of Minnesota Law; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby revokes County State Aid Highway status of the following road segments, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota:

Route	Highway	Location	Length (mi.)
27	Parkway Drive	Trunk Highway 61 to Frost Avenue	0.600
62	East Shore Drive	Frost Avenue to Larpenteur Avenue	0.680
28	Frost Avenue	Parkway Drive to White Bear Avenue	1.600
		Total	2.880 miles

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Chief Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for consideration.

(2007-175)

RESOLUTION REVOKING COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY STATUS AND DESIGNATING COUNTY ROAD STATUS

WHEREAS, Revocation of "County State Aid Highway" (CSAH) status may be accomplished by resolution of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §162.02; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Engineer recommends revoking the County State Aid Highway status of Water Street (CSAH 40) from the West County Line to Plato Boulevard and designating the roadway as County Road (CR) 164; and

WHEREAS, The Dakota County Board of Commissioners has revoked the County State Aid Highway status of their portion of the roadway and designated the roadway as County Road 45; and WHEREAS, City of Saint Paul staff have indicated the City's intent to pass a resolution of concurrence to the County's proposed CSAH revocation and County Road designation; and

WHEREAS, It appears to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that the road hereinafter described should be revoked as a County State Aid Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Law; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby revokes the County State Aid Highway status of the following road segment, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of Minnesota:

Route	Highway	Location	Length (mi.)
40	Water Street	West County Line to Plato Boulevard	1.730

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the aforementioned segment of CSAH 40 as County Road 164; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Chief Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Transportation for consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS – 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program

Commissioner Parker introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-176)

WHEREAS, Federal, state, and local funds have been made available to the counties for the improvement of county roads and bridge facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is desirous of establishing a program which utilizes these funds to the best interest of its residents; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopts the 2007-2011 Ramsey County Public Works Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Engineer, with municipal approval, to prepare plans and agreements in accordance with County Board approved policy and this five year TIP, to prepare consultant contracts up to \$100,000.00, to advertise for bids, and to hire an independent appraiser to acquire temporary and permanent easements in order to accomplish the projects; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to award construction contracts and approve necessary budget adjustments utilizing County, State Aid, Federal and participating funds associated with the construction projects in the 2007 – 2011 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program upon County Attorney and Budgeting & Accounting approval; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make appropriate budget adjustments for consultant contracts up to \$100,000.00, force account maintenance projects and easements utilizing County State Aid Highway Construction funds and participating funds; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes temporary cash loans from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund for consultant contracts up to \$100,000.00, force account maintenance projects and easements utilizing County State Aid Highway Construction funds and participating funds; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes temporary cash loans from the County General Fund to the 2007 CIP Bond Fund for road maintenance project expenditures occurring before bond proceeds are received; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Engineer and County Attorney to acquire temporary and permanent easements by negotiation or condemnation; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve negotiated settlements for up to \$10,000.00 over the appraised value per parcel for temporary and permanent easements; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Chair and Chief Clerk are authorized to execute the acquisition documents for right of way acquisition; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve cooperative agreements with cities and counties for their participation in maintenance projects.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Agreement for Professional Engineering Services – Harding Ice Arena Refrigeration Retrofit

Commissioner Parker introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-177)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved funding for the Harding Ice Arena refrigeration system retrofit in the 2007 Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Department issued a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for professional engineering services for the Harding Ice Arena refrigeration retrofit (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, The firm of Stevens Engineers, Inc. was the only firm to respond to the RFP, was evaluated in accordance with the provisions of the RFP, and is recommended as the engineering firm for the Project; and

WHEREAS, A Professional Services Agreement between Ramsey County and Stevens Engineers, Inc. has been approved by the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a Professional Services Agreement between Ramsey County and Stevens Engineers, Inc., 1656 Livingstone Road, Hudson, WI 54016, for engineering and related professional services to retrofit the existing direct liquid refrigeration system at the Harding Ice Arena to an indirect refrigeration system, in an amount not to exceed \$15,975; and Be It Further

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

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes and approves a temporary cash loan, in the amount of \$15,975, from the General Fund to the Capital Projects fund to be repaid from 2007 bond proceeds.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Contract Award – City Hall/Court House Exterior Tuck Pointing and Window/Stone Sealant Replacement Project

Commissioner Parker introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2007-178)

WHEREAS, In 2005, the Department of Property Management prepared a multi-year CIP request of \$694,764 to address the water tightness of the exterior façade of the City Hall/Courthouse, including caulking of stone joints and windows and a limited amount of tuck pointing; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, the firm of Wold Architects and Engineers was contracted to provide an in-depth analysis of the exterior conditions of the City Hall/Courthouse façade; and

WHEREAS, The results of this analysis are documented in the November 10, 2006, *Encompass Engineering Consultants Building Condition Report* and revealed deterioration that caulking alone could not remedy; and

WHEREAS, The deterioration includes: a large number of limestone panel spalls, stone fractures, total mortar deterioration, and a number of limestone panels that need to be removed and reinstalled, which has resulted in an increased scope of work and the need for additional funding to complete the work; and

WHEREAS, On April 4, 2007, a Request for Bids was issued for this project to be done in four phases over multiple years; and

WHEREAS, The lowest responsible bidder for the all four phases plus Alternates 1 and 2 is Macpherson-Towne Company in the amount of \$1,412,434; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a contract for exterior tuck pointing and window/stone sealant replacement at the City Hall/Courthouse to Macpherson-Towne Company, 4900 Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,412,434 for all four phases and Alternates 1 and 2; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute the contract with Macpherson-Towne Company and any necessary contract amendments for the multi-phase project as funding becomes available, subject to final approval by Budgeting and Accounting, Property Management and the County Attorney's Office; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary payments, budget adjustments, and execute change orders and amendments to the agreement, provided the cost is within the project budget of \$1,809,680.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – 2007 Capital Improvement Program Bonds

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

Commissioner Rettman said she did not vote in support of the Plato building, which is included with this action so she would not support this because the bonds cannot be divided.

Roll Call: Ayes – Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman - 1. (2007-179)

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED SALE OF \$20,860,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2007A

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

Finding; Amount and Purpose. It is hereby found, determined and declared that Ramsey County, Minnesota (the "County"), should issue its \$20,860,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2007A, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Commissioner McDonough – Presentation by St. Paul Youth Services Bureau

Commissioner McDonough said there have been recent conversations on various aspects of County government and what is done in the community. A lot of good work is done on a daily basis throughout all the departments. This presentation will highlight how the County works with a private non-profit community based organization in how services are provided. There are County employees on-site, supervising community based organization employees. This is a win-win for everybody, which is not always noticed or recognized.

Nancy LeTourneau, St. Paul Youth Services, said this year is their 35th anniversary of working in this community working with kids who are starting to get into trouble, whether that be at work, school, or with law enforcement.

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There is a continuum of services needed for kids in every community. She explained where youth services fits within that continuum. There are basic community services provided by church, family and neighborhood. There are prevention services offered to all kids in the community such as the Second Shift Initiative in St. Paul and the Boys' and Girls' Club. St. Paul Youth Services is positioned as an early intervention program. They don't serve all kids; rather, they look at kids who are starting to get into trouble and heading in the wrong direction. They attempt to prevent kids going to the top level, where so many resources have to go for treatment programs. Going up the pyramid, there are fewer kids, but the costs rise astronomically.

One of the partnership programs St. Paul Youth Services works with is All Children Excel (ACE), which has been an exciting partnership over the last eight years. Ramsey County provides the oversight, screening and trouble-shooting through the Interdisciplinary Service Delivery Team. St. Paul Youth Services provides five family workers who work with approximately 70 families. They hire the clinical supervisor who sits as a member of the Interdisciplinary Service Delivery Team. This has been an important and effective partnership for St. Paul Youth Services and Ramsey County. They are seeing some dramatic outcomes for the families that are involved.

Cited in the materials was the overrepresentation of kids of color, especially in the juvenile justice system -- if we are trying to prevent that, we have to take seriously that issue. The latest research on ACE is that of the kids they are working with, about 69% will not have a chargeable offense by their 13th birthday. In comparison, they looked at a control group, where only 17% would not have a chargeable offense by their 13th birthday.

Chair Bennett asked for the number of youth in each of those groups.

Ms. LeTourneau said 70 are in the ACE Program and somewhere between 50-100 in the control group. More information would be provided to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Reinhardt pointed out that the average ACE family is 4.3 members. The statistics shown here are just for the ACE child, when in fact the entire family is being served so the recidivism rate is much higher than the 69.5%. That applies to other programs as well, not just ACE. There is a positive impact when the families are treated in a holistic manner.

Ms. LeTourneau agreed. St. Paul Youth Services only tracks the "identified client", but when working with kids, they always work with the families.

The Children's Response Crisis Program is another partner for the St. Paul Youth Services. This Program has a long history in this community, dating back to the mid-80s. Most recently, there was an interesting evolution of the program where St. Paul Youth Services Crisis Program and Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Crisis Program merged to become one program. The insurance companies were interested in reducing the number of children that go to emergency room in-hospital treatment programs; this program was seen as a way to prevent that. In 2004, the two programs merged. They don't make the requirement for third party payment – they go to the family, do the work, and bill third party payers if they can do so. It is a merged staff under the partnership. Currently, the supervisor and two staff in that program are Ramsey County employees, with the remainder as St. Paul Youth Services employees; staff are housed at the St. Paul Youth Services office.

In billing third party payers, Ramsey County is the contracting agency. The paperwork is processed at the St. Paul Youth Services site, and they do the billing. The receivables go to Ramsey County, and then St. Paul Youth Services draws on a fund created to cover expenses. This involved incredible partnership and trust. She gave a lot of credit to Joel Hetler, Ramsey County Community Human Services, with whom they work very closely, in establishing and supervising this program. It has been an exciting partnership for all involved.

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Beyond these programs, both Ramsey County and St. Paul Youth Services are involved in the Metro Children's Crisis Partnership, which is a group that includes representatives from all seven metro counties, the health insurance companies, the Department of Human Services, and several non-profit organizations. The insurance companies would like to see this program replicated around the State as a way to have early intervention with kids who are having mental health crises. Ramsey County is the model that the other counties and the State are looking at replicating.

Each year about 400 families are served with about 500 in-home responses. Parents and law enforcement provide 25% of the referrals into this program. Responses are made in the home within about 20-30 minutes with two staff people to work with the child and family to resolve the crisis, with follow-up services provided. There are also outcomes collected on that program – about 90% of the crises are resolved without removing the child from the home.

St. Paul Youth Services is committed to the work done with four middle schools in the City of St. Paul – Battle Creek, Cleveland, Hazel Park, and Washington. Staff work full time in the school building and take referrals of kids involved in violent or other inappropriate behavior in school. These are the kids who are suspended over and over again. Teaching the kids is the easy part, managing the behavior problems is often the biggest challenge faced in the middle school environment. They are working with just under 200 kids a year out of those four schools. Ninety-five percent of those kids served are kids of color; 81% are African American. That was expected when they got into this program. It probably indicates the beginning point of when they start to see kids of color drifting toward eventual involvement in the juvenile justice system – behaving badly, getting into fights at school, and chronic suspension from school. There are kids with 40, 50, 60 referrals to the assistant principal in a year.

Commissioner Carter asked for information on how this program is connected to the services that the St. Paul Public Schools provides for their middle school day suspension program.

Ms. LeTourneau said originally, the two programs were conceived at the same time with a federal grant, which started the alternative school. For that school, if a kid were suspended, the student would go to that school instead of being sent home. The role of St. Paul Youth Services is to work with the kids once they get back into the school to help them manage their behavior. Historically, they partner quite strongly with that program. Gathering this kind of data is difficult. St. Paul Youth Services helps prevent a lot kids from getting suspended in the first place, and probably reduces the number of kids that wind up going to the alternative school.

Ms. LeTourneau said she is involved on the subcommittee for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). She was shocked to hear at one of the first meetings that one-third of the kids referred to the Juvenile Detention Center are referred by the schools. At the time they had just been involved in Cleveland, Battle Creek and Washington Middle Schools, they asked each school how many kids were referred to juvenile detention for that particular school year, and were told that a third of the referrals at those schools than there were from the school they had not yet begun involvement with – two times as many in the long run from the schools where they were not involved. In learning that, St. Paul Youth Services is thinking that this might be one of those programs that would have a huge impact – referrals to juvenile detention tend to peak during the middle school years. This is a critical time period when kids make important decisions about where they are heading, and it is important to get involved with them on a personal basis.

Commissioner Carter asked how the parents and community are engaged in this work.

Ms. LeTourneau said one of the frustrations is that because these staff people are so in demand in the building, they don't have as much time after the school day to do as much connecting with parents as they would like, but they do a lot of connecting. All the St. Paul Youth

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Services staff working in the schools are African American, particularly because of the population they work with. They all come from families who had experienced this kind of thing, they've all overcome it, and they know where it comes from. Because of that, they have a way of understanding and engaging parents. One thing they hear from parents is that staff go out of their way not just to call the parents when the kids are in trouble, but they call the parents weekly to say, "your child had a very good week". For those parents, it is like Christmas every day that it happens because they never hear that about their child. Parents are often under-involved from the schools perspective, but they have to go that extra mile to understand why and try to reach across some of those barriers.

The staff have four goals: improve the kids behavior; improve their attendance; improve their grades; and make sure they have positive connections in the school and community. That is a goal they work on with every child, and what their progress is measured on. When referred to the St. Paul Youth Services, kids are often not engaged in the school or in the community with positive things they can be involved in. That is why their pyramid is so important – community activities are so critical for these kids.

The longest standing partnership (30 years) with Ramsey County and the City of St. Paul is the pre-court diversion program with kids who are arrested for the first time. The parents are always involved. Seventy-four percent of those kids are kids of color, and they complete over 6,000 hours of community service. Ninety-two percent are not arrested in the subsequent six months.

The staff are an amazing group of people who care – for them, this is not a job, this is a life. She is very proud of every one of them. A budget was shown indicating where the funding comes from.

Commissioner Carter asked if fees are collected for this program.

Ms. LeTourneau said \$50 is charged for the diversion program, but there is a sliding fee scale, and no one would be turned away. Part of restitution is in paying for the program.

Ramsey County provides 38% of the funding for these programs, mostly in the ACE and Children's Crisis Response Programs. A portion of that is from grants; not all is from property tax dollars.

Commissioner Reinhardt asked if the 7% the City of St. Paul puts in is mostly for diversion.

Ms. LeTourneau responded affirmatively. New is the third party payer's part, which just started in 2004, and what has helped maintain what is being done in light of some of the budget challenges. They are also doing everything possible to raise private dollars for the work. The Behavior and Intervention Program is heavily reliant on private dollars.

One of the most exciting things that has happened after 30 years of renting space and moving on an average of every three years, St. Paul Youth Services bought a building in 2005, across the street from Sun Ray Library and Conway Recreation Center, which allows for wonderful opportunities for partnering in the neighborhood. They are very grateful to a group of board members, including Commissioner McDonough, for the work that has been done on their capital campaign, which had a goal of raising \$1.8 million. They are at \$1.1 million now. Other than a grant from the City of St. Paul, that is all private dollars. When the \$1.8 million is raised, they will be able to reduce operating expenses by \$10,000-20,000 a year.

Ms. LeTourneau reminded everyone of whom it is they are dealing with – these precious children.

Commissioner McDonough said the St. Paul Youth Services originally started as a department in the City of St. Paul. It could no longer be funded and sprung out as a non-profit. When doing things right with results, somehow these things find a way to survive. This has survived for over 30 years. The partnership developed with Ramsey County is that evolution from

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government thinking it could do it all, with recognizing the need for community based and private organizations, especially in the area of prevention and intervention. Most of the time the County is responding to crisis situations on the other end. His passion is kids and in getting them off to a good start; helping them make choices that position them well for the future and helping to steer them in another direction. The foundations are amazed when we talk about the partnerships we have. Community based organizations are the next big step for government – there are things the County does well that they can't do, and there are things they can do that the County cannot do.

Commissioner Parker thanked Commissioner McDonough for bringing this forward, and Ms. LeTourneau for providing the presentation. She is familiar with the services in the suburban area, but had never had this kind of information about what is happening with the St. Paul Youth Services.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the 2007 budget is for operations, not the capital.

Ms. LeTourneau responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Rettman asked if it includes the Ramsey County full time employees (FTEs) or any of the other staffing done by the school or the courts.

Ms. LeTourneau said those costs are not included.

Commissioner Rettman said Ms. LeTourneau is very detailed on the outcome-based performances and she appreciates that. She is not always popular in asking about the details of the results. Even if adding up what Ramsey County is putting in with the FTEs, and the numbers being covered in the programs, it is substantial, and it is annual and non-duplicative. This detail is exactly what the County Board should be getting on any presentation on spending County dollars.

Commissioner Rettman asked if details are kept on some of the services that might be involved, minimizing any duplication of service.

Ms. LeTourneau said the easiest place to go with that is ACE, because it is tracked very closely. These families are drawing on just about everything this community has to offer. The St. Paul Youth Services goal is to make sure that the services come when the families are ready for them and accomplish the things they hope to accomplish. They talk about that and the timing of services, and the potency of services, especially with these families; they need to be very judicious. In the diversion program, not so much, other than knowing that six months later, 92% haven't re-offended since they are not in the system.

Commissioner Reinhardt said ACE had previously been called Outcome Based Program Area Budgeting Model in the Area of Secondary Juvenile Crime Prevention. It was going to be outcome based. The program area part of that budgeting model is that it is not just one entity. It is the community-based agency – the mental health services, chemical dependency – whatever they needed – it is all tracked. St. Paul Youth Services not only didn't balk at that idea, they embraced it. They have taken that model to the extent they can into some of the other areas because it works very well. It wasn't the way things had been done and a lot of agencies didn't know what to do in tracking across departments and agencies. St. Paul Youth Services has done a great job.

Commissioner Rettman said she would send an email to Community Human Services and Budgeting and Accounting regarding some of her questions. Her point is that tracking needs to be incorporated in all the programs.

Commissioner Carter thanked Ms. LeTourneau for what has been accomplished across Ramsey County, and specifically with St. Paul Youth Services. She appreciated the comparisons and outcomes shown. For ACE, in particular, because there is a control group, the information was so specific about the youth served and the youth not served in this program. She asked if St. Paul Youth Services has been able to note for those who are not served in other areas crisis response would be a little difficult, but in behavior intervention and pre-court diversion the outcomes and the differences between those children served. If not, is there is a plan to engage the JDAI with the work being done.

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Ms. LeTourneau said the current activity is doing surveys of those that refer kids to detention and getting their input. They have not gotten to the point where they are looking at any specifics.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Terry Speiker, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, provided an update on what has been acted on so far at the Legislature, along with a tracking sheet about what the Governor has done with the bills. Three of the bills have been signed, and three have been vetoed. Dave Haley, Community Human Services, has been looking at the human services bill, trying to track what might be the most logical outcome, but it appears that bill is also too large, especially in the health care expansion area. There were a number of items in that bill important to the County Board that ended up in that bill. Mr. Haley's assessment is that they may not make it into a second bill because they are costly items, especially the money for the children's safety act and the child support.

Commissioner Reinhardt asked if they would be gone all together – that would be pretty dramatic.

Ms. Speiker agreed it would be dramatic. Mr. Haley is trying to figure that out. There are a lot of pieces in the bill with quite a lot of money attached to them. We have to wait to see what the veto letter looks like.

A great bill from the County Board's financial perspective and program perspective that has been signed is the Public Safety/Judiciary/Corrections Omnibus Bill. Numbers are not available for what it means for Ramsey County – those will come out using the Community Corrections Act formula.

Commissioner McDonough said a piece not identified here that will have a positive financial effect on Ramsey County is that the State will pay for the 911 system. Right now, Ramsey County pays a charge per radio in the County, which is hefty. The State has agreed to take on some of those costs directly. The 911 committee fought hard to make sure that as the system was built out, the metropolitan area would be treated equally with the rest of the State. Ramsey County will no longer have to pay a per-radio charge, which will be a huge benefit to everybody who has radios and provides services in Ramsey County. It was as high as \$30-40 per radio.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the State would assume all of it.

Commissioner McDonough said that is his understanding.

Ms. Speiker said there is a great deal of funding in that bill. In talking with David Twa, County Manager, we know we need to assess the whole public safety bill for what it might mean to the Board in its budget in a number of areas. Some of the funds, such as the Community Corrections Act money and the caseload workload reduction money, are general-purpose funds for running the Community Corrections Department. Part of Mr. Twa's request of staff in working with Budgeting and Accounting is to figure out exactly what this bill might mean in the County's budget.

Commissioner McDonough said while there are costs here, this is a good bill for Ramsey County.

Commissioner Parker asked if the \$500,000 for ACE is over two years.

Ms. Speiker responded no, it is \$500,000 for each of the two years.

Commissioner Parker asked if the \$1.5 million for Youth Intervention Programs is the flexible money that might be used for the Youth Diversion Program.

Ms. Speiker said she is not sure how this money comes through. In the past, there has been a formula distribution for youth intervention programs. This is a group of statewide programs, but it is higher than what was expected.

Commissioner Ortega asked what the entire fiscal note is for this bill.

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Ms. Speiker said the fiscal note is \$2 billion. This is the bill for all the Courts, Public Defender, the State Department of Corrections (prison), all the community based corrections programs including the ones operated through the Court System in some counties as well as out of the State Department of Corrections – it is a big bill. A spreadsheet is available.

Commissioner Rettman, referring to the short-term offenders, asked if it is to about \$32 a day, not on top of.

Ms. Speiker said this would depend on how many bed days there are, based on history. A report is to go to the Legislature this time next year on the issue of placement of short-term offenders.

Commissioner Parker said keeping this in perspective, this is a service that is really a State function, which was passed along to the counties. Ramsey County's cost is about \$90 a day.

Ms. Speiker said the environment bill is also a big bill but she does not have a good indication what might be line item vetoed. Staff believes that the parks, Rock-Tenn, and the additional items for SCORE may all be safe.

Commissioner Rettman asked about the targeted home visiting provisions – the \$9 million over the next four years, statewide.

Ms. Speiker said she would provide more information to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Rettman said she would like to see that in a spreadsheet.

Ms. Speiker said Dave Haley has been tracking the human services items, and she would see that the spreadsheets are updated to include that. The targeted home visiting item is interesting because it received "tails" into the next biennium. If it goes forward, it would end up coming out with that amount continuing for four years, which would be a good thing. It is \$4.2 million the first year, \$4.6 million the second year of the biennium, then \$4.6 million each of the next two years – 2010, 2011.

Chair Bennett asked for information about the human services bill.

Nick Riley, Intergovernmental Relations, said there are a lot of changes in the way the welfare system is run that the Governor's people don't like. They think they are undoing the system by taking away some of the volunteer requirements for people on welfare.

Ms. Speiker said this is for the work participation amounts, and they are changing the five-year time limit for families in which there is a certified disability. That has been one of the policy pieces but it is also a financial piece because it draws down more out of the TANF funds.

Mr. Riley said the total bill was \$9 billion. It is about \$225 million over what the Governor's target was so he is arguing that it is too expensive. He is using the number of up to \$275 million more than what his targets were.

Ms. Speiker said another big-ticket item is the health care expansion. In the bill there is a provision to expand health care over the next four years to move 40,000 more kids into receiving some type of basic health care. There are also about 30,000 adults over that same period of time – about 70,000-75,000 people who would get health care benefits not currently receiving them, which would use the health care access fund. That is not something the Governor is in support of tapping. He had some expansion but using different money. The Governor's complaint about this bill is that it gives 3% COLA increases for nursing homes for each year. It was done that way because it mirrors the State's dollars because they were told they were to put 3% for all State agencies in all the bills.

Commissioner Rettman asked if there would be work requirement and welfare reform changes because they had the financial tails for a line item, or would this be a total veto.

Ms. Speiker heard the Governor on the radio this morning, indicating he would veto it so both bodies could go back to work on it.

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Mr. Riley said there are many complicated pots of money drawn from. One is that the Governor takes money out of the TANF funds to do the Child Safety Act backfill that the County needed, and they don't do that. They use TANF funds in another way. It would be hard for the Governor to line item anything because of the way things are set up. Staff feel the Governor would veto the whole bill. The committee is saying that they are going to give him a real stripped down bill that would be a bad bill for everybody, but below his target.

Ms. Speiker said as a piece of the Senate's original action on getting ready for the omnibus bills was to pass two versions, one was a slimmed-down version.

Mr. Riley said another factor is that the Governor is getting a bill that is \$225 million more than he would have spent without knowing what the other bills are going to spend. None of the other bills have their targets yet. There are only two weeks left in session.

Commissioner Reinhardt referred to the foreign corporations tax and asked if the Governor changed his mind.

Ms. Speiker said Senate chairs were not sure about that. That is one question, and the other is not having total targets in other areas.

Mr. Riley felt the FOC would be part of the final. Right now the Governor is saying he would not give in on it but might have to trade that for the upper income tax level that the House and Senate are seeking. That would raise about \$297 million for the biennium. It is not a lot of money but it helps.

Commissioner Reinhardt said in many ways that has been a loop-hole that has been there for foreign operating corporations (FOC), which is costing everyone money because they are not paying their share.

Mr. Riley said that is for those corporations that claim their headquarters are off the shores of the United States and should not have to pay those taxes.

Transportation is supposed to meet today, which may end up being a stripped-down bill just to get enough votes to override the Governor because he will not accept any tax increase on gasoline, nor would he accept a sales tax increase in the metro area. It is likely a wheelage tax would come out. The sales tax is not out but would be reduced. The request was at ½%; the proposal may be at 3/8%. The gas tax will likely be 5-7 cents.

Ms. Speiker said there has a random survey statewide about raising the gas tax, the results of which have been overwhelmingly negative. There is a lot of talk about that up at the Capitol.

Mr. Riley said it was a call-in poll. The Transportation Alliance did its own poll, which showed about a 60% approval rating.

Ms. Speiker said the conferees for the non-smoking bill started this morning at 8:00 a.m.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Bennett reported:

- On a productive meeting he attended for the Charter Commission on May 7, 2007. Since the Charter was approved in the early 1990s, there has been talk of making the Sheriff and County Attorney appointed positions. A motion was made and passed to indefinitely suspend further discussion for appointment of the County Attorney. Another motion on an 11-3 vote was made to proceed with the appointment for the position of Sheriff. Language will be drafted for the County Manager to make the appointment of a Sheriff following the term expiration of the current Sheriff. This would be for a four-year term, to be ratified by the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners. He was asked if the County Board would comment on this proposed amendment. Chair Bennett explained to the Charter Commission that they are an independent body, and that the County Board would not take a position on anything placed on a

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ballot -- that is the Charter Commission's job. This would be for a referendum vote likely for the general election in 2008. Public hearings will be held.

Commissioner Rettman asked about the process used for the County Manager to appoint and the County Board to ratify the Sheriff to the position.

Chair Bennett said the same procedure would be used as is done for the County Engineer, which is a four-year appointment, voted on by the County Board.

Commissioner Rettman said the Board has not had input on that position in the past.

County Manager Twa said the actual process would work out as we go through the public hearing process. What is being proposed is very similar to what is done in some of the other appointments, which is that the County Manager would have authority to appoint, and in this case, it would have to be confirmed by the County Board.

Commissioner Rettman said she asked the question because in the City of St. Paul, the City Council creates a list, recommending one individual to the Mayor. The Mayor can appoint that person or request another from the list. This proposal is for a different process.

Chair Bennett said it would be the same process presently used by the County Manager for all department heads, except it would be ratified by the County Board as is done with the County Engineer.

Commissioner Rettman asked if there is a position in Property Records and Revenue that the Board did not see until it was already done.

County Manager Twa said there are other positions that have terms and come to the County Board for approval – the Medical Examiner, the Veterans Service Officer, the Assessor, and the County Engineer.

Chair Bennett said there could be dismissal by cause during those four years.

- He met with Arden Hills on a forum for the TCAAP site. With 500-600 acres, this will probably be the largest economic and housing development this County has seen in a long time.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- On an all-day event for the Hennepin County Human Services vendors with a training workshop that covered items including Human Resources, Budgeting & Accounting, outcomes, and assessments. This is the first of its kind to provide training to vendors. Ramsey and Hennepin Counties could learn a great deal from each other on contract management and the system in place. She provided information to the County Manager to see if there is something that could be done in conjunction to make services better for the constituents.
- On the AMC Legislative Committee meeting.
- On the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties (CAPRW) meeting. This organization is taking shape, and has involved a great deal of time. Draft bylaws were

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presented by the consultant and sent out to the board members electronically. A motion was passed that there are up to six months to get this in order, then everyone currently serving would be off, and under the new bylaws, a new board would be appointed. Real progress has been made, but it has been a difficult process.

- On the Metro Counties Energy Task Force with many things going on to move forward with alternative energy sources.
- She attended a closing event of a section of Highway 36 for construction work. Ramsey County and North St. Paul engineering staff have been monitoring and resolving any issues as soon as possible. Because of that, there have been very few problems. This section of the highway will be closed for five months.

Commissioner Parker reported:

- On a tour of Boys Totem Town. She encouraged the other Commissioners to go on a similar tour, or perhaps a presentation could be made to the County Board about this excellent organization.

Commissioner Rettman reported:

- That a good tag team has been created between Commissioners Carter, Parker, Reinhardt and herself in attending the CAPRW meetings. The board adopted a budget, and the State has said they would give some latitude on changing some of the line items, most of which have not had the opportunity to be value-added by the board. Washington County appointed one of their senior staff in human services as the finance chair. The first hurdle was the finance piece, followed by approval of the bylaws, creation of the appointment process, and then getting an executive director.
- She attended *Code Ready*. Ramsey County itself has done a very good job in getting ready; this is about getting people ready with a preparedness plan. The State wants people prepared as well as government.
- On a Falcon Heights Lions' cleanup on Snelling Avenue. Districts 6 and 7 also held cleanups. Ewaste was a huge contributor this year. She thanked Public Health and Public Works for providing a generator to test for any retrievable components.
- District 7 began its *31 Days of Celebration of Frogtown*.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- The Metropolitan Counties Energy Task Force (MCETF) received a presentation from the State Department of Commerce regarding their work in energy and conservation, as well as their support of the MCETF's proposal to investigate wind projects. A joint workshop is being planned for Ramsey, Washington and Dakota Counties, to come to agreement on a position regarding the willingness to continue the investigation of wind energy projects. A couple dates are being looked at in July.
- She met with the executive board of the Children's Collaborative and with the countywide collaborative efforts working toward resolution on issues. A date for a County Board workshop is also being looked at to discuss these issues.
- She attended the Northwest Youth and Family Services luncheon attended by several other Commissioners.
- She attended a *Protect Minnesota Coalition* event focusing with community organizations and representatives on creating violence free communities.

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Commissioner Ortega reported:

- On events during Cinco de Mayo, where he read a proclamation from Ramsey County during the opening ceremony. The proclamation also honored Father Stephen Adrian, the 2007 Grand Marshal, who has been a champion for over 30 years for the West Side.

UPDATE ON 800 MHZ

Commissioner Rettman requested an update regarding 800 MHz dispatching.

David Twa, County Manager, said there are agreements with Ramsey County's unions as well as with Maplewood. Earlier today he signed a letter asking Maplewood to sign the date for transfer over of the Maplewood dispatchers to Ramsey County, which should be done on May 16. The Dispatch Center will be open in June. Ramsey County's dispatchers will move in on June 20 and the Maplewood dispatchers will then move in. The City of St. Paul dispatchers will move in around September 1. Everything is looking good. The Ramsey County League of Local Governments will hold a meeting at the Center later in May, and a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held around June 1.

ADJOURNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session with the following members present: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett – 7. Also present were: David Twa, County Manager; Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office; John St. Germain, Commander, Sheriff's Department; Julie Kleinschmidt, Director, Budgeting and Accounting; and Janet Hafner, County Attorney's Office.

The Executive Session was called to order at 10:55 a.m. to discuss the Docken v. Ramsey County matter.

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2007-180)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorizes the Ramsey County Attorney to proceed with a settlement as discussed in this Executive Session.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board