

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, and Chair Bennett – 6. Absent – Rettman - 1. 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Bennett requested a moment of silence in memory of Nick Mancini, an outstanding citizen and St. Paul businessman, who passed away this past week.

AGENDA

Commissioner McDonough moved approval of the Agenda of the June 5, 2007 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes of the May 22, 2007 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Children's Mental Health – Day Treatment

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-196)

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

WHEREAS, For day treatment services, the state has directed that agencies need to enter into contracts with counties to enable them to be reimbursed by Medical Assistance for eligible individuals; and

WHEREAS, Community Human Services released a Request for Proposals; and

WHEREAS, Five agencies responded; and

WHEREAS, The review panel recommends agreements with all five agencies; and

WHEREAS, There are a small number of children who benefit from this service, but do not qualify for Medical Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Not all activities necessary for an effective treatment program are paid by Medical Assistance; and

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WHEREAS, The 2007 budget for the Community Human Services Department includes funding for these services; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve agreements with:

- Fraser, 450 Syndicate St. North, St. Paul, MN 55104,
- Lifespan, 3920 Sibley Memorial Highway, Eagan, MN 55126,
- Power of Relationships, 2736 Lyndale Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55408,
- Wilder Foundation, 919 Lafond Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104, and
- University Day, 2700 Summer Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55413,

for children’s mental health day treatment services at the medical assistance rates, for the period June 1, 2007 through December 31, 2011; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to execute the agreements, approve any amendments, and make any necessary budget adjustments.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Establish the schedule for the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for Summer 2007

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-197)

WHEREAS, For several years, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has established a summer schedule for Board Meetings; and

WHEREAS, The Board’s Rules of Procedure state that regular sessions of the Board will be held on the first four Tuesdays of each month, unless specially ordered otherwise by majority vote of the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter states that the County Board shall meet at least twice each month; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners desires to establish its meetings schedule for the summer of 2007 as follows:

MEETINGS TO BE HELD

July 10
July 24
August 7
August 21

MEETINGS TO BE CANCELLED

July 3 (Holiday week)
July 17 (National Association of Counties Conference)
July 31 (5th Tuesday)
August 14 (all day budget hearings)
August 28 (all day budget hearings)
September 4 (all day budget hearings)

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PARKS AND RECREATION – Cooperative Deer Management Implementation Program for Fall 2007

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-198)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved a Cooperative Deer Management Plan for Ramsey County parks and open space properties on December 14, 1999; and

WHEREAS, The cities of St. Paul, Maplewood, New Brighton, Vadnais Heights and Shoreview, and White Bear Township are participants in the Cooperative Deer Management Plan that involves deer removals on Ramsey County properties; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Ramsey County Cooperative Deer Management Implementation Program for Fall 2007, including the following sites: Otter Lake and Tamarack Units of Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park, Pig's Eye and Battle Creek Units of Battle Creek Regional Park, Long Lake Regional Park, Snail Lake Regional Park, Vadnais Lake Regional Park, Poplar Lake County Park, Fish Creek Open Space and Turtle Creek Open Space.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointment to the Capital Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-199)

WHEREAS, Due to a resignation, there is a vacancy on the Capital Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee from District 1; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County's Open Appointment process, a press release was distributed April 5, 2007, seeking individuals for positions on the CIPAC; and

WHEREAS, One applicant from District 1 responded; and

WHEREAS, Further advertisement will take place to attempt to fill additional vacancies on this Committee; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Darrel L. Diltz to the Capital Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee, to represent District 1, for a term beginning with the date of appointment and ending August 30, 2009.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Child Protection – Family and Community Partnership Program

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-200)

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WHEREAS, The Minnesota Children's Trust Fund has issued a Request for Proposals for their Strengthening Families Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the RFP is to reduce the risk of child abuse and promote protective factors – nurturing and attachment, knowledge of parenting and youth development, parental resilience, social connections, and support for parents; and

WHEREAS, The Community Human Services Department proposes to seek funding for its Family and Community Partnership Program (FCP); and

WHEREAS, Through FCP, supportive services to high-risk families are provided by a countywide network of community-based social services agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County proposal would seek a grant of up to \$100,000 per year for three years; and

WHEREAS, This would provide funding to serve 60 additional families per year; and

WHEREAS, No additional funds will be required to reach the 40% local match; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of a proposal to the Minnesota Children's Trust Fund for up to \$100,000 for three years for the Family and Community Partnership Program; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the grant application and its required assurances; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to accept funds, make budget adjustments and execute any contracts or agreements associated with this project.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Child Protection and MFIP – Coordinated Services

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-201)

WHEREAS, The Third National Incidence Study on Child Maltreatment found that children from families with income below the poverty line were 22 times more likely to experience child maltreatment than children from families with income twice the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Human Services has developed the MFIP Family Connections Program, a pilot that will intervene early with MFIP families by providing voluntary case management and family support services; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the pilot program is to prevent MFIP families from experiencing child maltreatment and to promote family stability and well being; and

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WHEREAS, Families with one child age 10 and younger and in receipt of MFIP income supports for a minimum of three months, but not longer than twenty-four months, are eligible for participation; and

WHEREAS, Counties selected to participate in the three-year MFIP Family Connections Program will be reimbursed for service costs to families through a yearly grant allocation; and

WHEREAS, Up to 200 families per county per year will be funded; and

WHEREAS, No county match is required; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of a proposal to the Minnesota Department of Human Services to be an MFIP Family Connections Program pilot site; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the proposal and its required assurances; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to accept funds, make budget adjustments and execute any contracts or agreements associated with this project.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Child Protection – Comprehensive Family Assessment

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-202)

WHEREAS, The Department of Health and Human Services has issued a Request for Proposals for a demonstration project which would implement and evaluate the effectiveness of a comprehensive family assessment to be used by child protection staff; and

WHEREAS, The federal case review process found a correlation between the comprehensiveness of family assessments as part of the case plan development process and service outcomes; and

WHEREAS, The Community Human Services Department currently uses a strength-based family assessment process when developing case plans; and

WHEREAS, Participation in this demonstration project would provide Community Human Services with the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the current assessment process; and

WHEREAS, The University of Minnesota School of Social Work has requested Ramsey County's participation in submitting a proposal to be a demonstration project; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County would be the applicant and work with the University in the evaluation and further implementation of the current family assessment tool; and

WHEREAS, The proposal would seek up to \$400,000 per year for 5 years with the 10% local match met by in-kind contributions; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of a proposal to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate and improve the family assessment tool in Ramsey County in the amount of \$400,000 per year for five years; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the grant application and its required assurances; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to accept funds, make budget adjustments and execute any contracts or agreements associated with the project if awarded the funds.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Monthly Report of Contracts and final payments and grant submissions that were approved during the month of April 2007

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-203)

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 April 2007.

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

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

Rich Koop, Investment Debt Manager, Budgeting & Accounting, introduced Bruce Kimmel, Springsted Incorporated, who was present to share the results of yesterday's bond sale.

Mr. Kimmel presented results of the County's 2007A General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Bond sale. These bonds are issued to finance various capital projects in the 2007 CIP. Yesterday, June 4, 2007, bids were taken on the County's behalf. As shown on the bid tabulation distributed to the Commissioners, seven bids were received altogether representing twenty underwriting firms. The winning bid was from Piper Jaffray with a true interest rate of 4.32%, which is somewhat over the projected rates and recommendations presented to the County Board in May, at 4.19%. The difference of .13% or 13 basis points is largely due to market movement. The market has come up more than 13 basis points, so the County performed relatively well compared to the overall market. By historical standards for 20-year bonds of this size, 4.23% is still a good rate, and the County is to be congratulated on these bond results. The bidding was very competitive, with only five basis points separating the first and the last place bids.

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Regarding the results of the credit rating with Moody's and Standard and Poor's, both agencies affirmed the County's AAA rating, which is the highest rating that could be achieved, and in itself, is a great mark for the County's financial management. In addition, Standard and Poor's has an additional rating of financial management, a strong rating, which is the top rating achievable – kudos to the County's staff on the financial management that made that possible.

Both agencies also looked at the County's sizeable, but appropriate, reserve levels and strong tax base in financial management, and the fact that it is correctively addressing the post-employment benefit situation.

One agency raised some concerns about the Nursing Home, and nursing homes in general, since they are typically not financially self-supporting. In this case, their concern was mitigated by the limited size of the County's Nursing Home and the fact that it has a sustainable financing plan, at least for the foreseeable future, so that was not a sizeable concern.

Commissioner Parker thanked Julie Kleinschmidt, Director, Budgeting & Accounting. There are many people in the County who play a role in financial management. Ms. Kleinschmidt has done a good job and deserves thanks from the County Board.

Ms. Kleinschmidt said she is pleased with the results. This is done all together, and this Board has made some very tough decisions in the past several years that have put us in this place.

Chair Bennett asked how many years the County has received the top rating from the two agencies.

Ms. Kleinschmidt said the County received the top rating from both credit rating agencies for six consecutive years. Prior to that, the County received it from Standard and Poor's, but not from Moody's.

Roll Call: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-204)

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,860,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2007A, PROVIDING FOR THEIR ISSUANCE, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF

A. WHEREAS, Ramsey County, Minnesota (the "County"), has adopted an amended Capital Improvement Plan for the years 2006 and 2007 and Program for the years 2006 to 2011 (the "Plan") pursuant to authority of its Home Rule Charter, rather than Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40, Subdivision 3, and the Plan provides for the financing and construction of various capital

improvements in the County, including an adult correctional facility, the 90 West Plato building, a transitional care building for the nursing home, and regular capital improvement plan projects; and

B. WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County, by an ordinance adopted March 13, 2007, has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue not to exceed \$21,180,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2007A (the "Bonds"), pursuant to its Home Rule Charter and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, to provide funds to finance the costs of certain capital improvements set forth in the Plan; and

C. WHEREAS, the ordinance relating to the issuance of the Bonds has been published on March 28, 2007, and has not been subjected to referendum by a petition within thirty (30) days after said publication and is now effective; and

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D. WHEREAS, Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission prohibits "participating underwriters" from purchasing or selling the Bonds unless the County undertakes to provide certain continuing disclosure with respect to the Bonds; and

E. WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9), public sale requirements do not apply to the Bonds if the County retains an independent financial advisor and determines to sell the Bonds by private negotiation, and the County has instead authorized a competitive sale without publication of notice thereof as a form of private negotiation; and

F. WHEREAS, proposals for the Bonds have been received pursuant to a resolution providing for the competitive negotiated sale thereof adopted on May 8, 2007; and

G. WHEREAS, in the Terms of Proposal relating to the Bonds the County reserved the right to increase or decrease the issue size from the proposed \$20,860,000, in \$5,000 multiples in any of the maturities, and to increase or reduce any premium offered or any discount taken by a percentage equal to the percentage by which the principal amount of the Bonds is increased or reduced;

H. WHEREAS, the ordinance adopted March 13, 2007, authorizes the issuance of not to exceed \$21,180,000, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.56(a), permits the issuance of not exceeding 2% over that amount (or \$21,603,600), and Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 1, further permits bonds to be sold at a premium of not to exceed 2% greater than that second amount (or \$22,035,672); and

I. WHEREAS, the party with the best proposal for the Bonds proposed a \$743,792.29 premium for their purchase, but there is no need for the County to adjust the principal amount from the proposed \$20,860,000:

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

1. Definitions.

All terms defined anywhere in this Resolution, including the preamble, shall have the meanings assigned to those terms wherever used in this Resolution. The following terms shall have the following meanings whenever used in this Resolution:

Bonds: The \$20,860,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2007A, issued by the County pursuant to this Resolution.

Business Day: Any day except a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday or day on which banking institutions in St. Paul, Minnesota, or New York, New York, are authorized by law or executive order to be closed.

Interest Payment Date: February 1 and August 1 of each year while the Bonds remain outstanding, commencing February 1, 2008.

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Resolution: This Resolution as from time to time amended or supplemented in accordance with the terms hereof.

2. Acceptance of Proposal.

The proposal of Piper Jaffray & Co. (the "Purchaser") to purchase \$20,860,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2007A, of the County (the "Bonds", or individually a "Bond") at the rates of interest hereinafter set forth, and to pay therefor the sum of \$21,603,792.29, plus accrued interest from July 1, 2007, to settlement, is hereby found, determined and declared to be the most favorable proposal received and is hereby accepted for Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$20,860,000 and purchase price of \$21,603,792.29, plus accrued interest to settlement, and the Bonds are hereby directed to be sold to the Purchaser. The Director of Budgeting and Accounting of the County, or her designee, is directed to retain the deposit of the Purchaser and forthwith return to the unsuccessful parties making proposals their good faith checks or drafts.

3. Title; Original Issue Date; Denominations; Maturities.

The Bonds shall be titled "General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2007A", shall be dated July 1, 2007, as the date of original issue and shall be issued forthwith on or after such date as fully registered bonds. The Bonds shall be numbered from R-1 upward. Upon their original issuance the Bonds shall be issued in the form of one Global Certificate representing the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year (each a "Global Certificate"), fully registered as to principal and interest in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, a Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") registered depository, a trust company organized under the laws of the United States or a state, a member of the Federal Reserve System and a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of New York, in which the principal office of such institution is located (the "Depository").

The Bonds shall mature, unless called for early redemption, on February 1 in the years and amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2008	\$ 755,000	2018	\$ 920,000
2009	845,000	2019	960,000
2010	880,000	2020	1,000,000
2011	915,000	2021	1,035,000
2012	955,000	2022	1,080,000
2013	995,000	2023	1,125,000
2014	1,035,000	2024	1,170,000
2015	1,075,000	2025	1,215,000
2016	1,125,000	2026	1,270,000
2017	1,175,000	2027	1,330,000

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4. Purpose.

The Bonds shall provide funds for the construction of certain capital improvements set forth in the Plan (the "Improvements"), and any excess funds shall be devoted to any other purpose permitted by law. The total cost of the Improvements, which shall include all costs enumerated in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65, is estimated to be at least equal to the amount of the Bonds. Work on the Improvements is proceeding and shall proceed with due diligence to completion.

5. Interest.

The Bonds shall bear interest payable semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing February 1, 2008, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, at the respective rates per annum set forth opposite the maturity years as follows:

<u>Maturity Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Year</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2008	4.250%	2018	4.000%
2009	4.250	2019	4.125
2010	4.000	2020	5.000
2011	4.000	2021	5.000
2012	4.000	2022	5.000
2013	4.250	2023	5.000
2014	5.000	2024	5.000
2015	5.000	2025	5.000
2016	5.000	2026	5.000
2017	5.000	2027	4.375

6. Interest Payment; Record Date.

Interest on any Global Certificate shall be paid as provided in the first paragraph thereof, and interest on any Replacement Bond shall be paid on each Interest Payment Date by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name the Bond is registered (the "Holder") on the registration books of the County maintained by the Bond Registrar, and in each case at the address appearing thereon at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date (the "Regular Record Date"). Any such interest not so timely paid shall cease to be payable to the person who is the Holder thereof as of the Regular Record Date, and shall be payable to the person who is the Holder thereof at the close of business on a date (the "Special Record Date") fixed by the Bond Registrar whenever money becomes available for payment of the defaulted interest. Notice of the Special Record Date shall be given by the Bond Registrar to the Holders not less than ten (10) days prior to the Special Record Date.

Interest on Global Certificates registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee shall be paid by wire transfer to the Depository in accordance with this Resolution and transfer instructions provided by the Depository.

7. Forms of Bond.

The Bonds shall be in the form of Global Certificates unless and until Replacement Bonds are made available as provided in Section 17, and otherwise shall be in the form of Replacement Bonds. The forms of Bond shall be as set forth in Exhibit A for the Global Certificates or as set forth in Exhibit B for the Replacement Bonds, with paragraphs identical to those of the form of Global Certificate stated by heading or initial text only.

8. Redemption.

- (A) Optional Redemption. All Bonds maturing after August 1, 2017, shall be subject to redemption and prepayment at the option of the County on such date and on any day thereafter at a price of par plus accrued interest. Redemption may be in whole or in part of the Bonds subject to prepayment. If redemption is in part, those Bonds remaining unpaid may be prepaid in such order of maturity and in such amount per maturity as the County shall determine. If a maturity is prepaid only in part, prepayments will be in increments of \$5,000 of principal.
- (B) Request for Redemption; Due Date. The Bond Registrar shall call Bonds for redemption and payment as provided in this Resolution upon receipt by the Bond Registrar at least forty-five (45) days prior to the redemption date of a request of the County, in written form if the Bond Registrar is other than a County officer. Such request shall specify the principal amount of Bonds to be called for redemption, the redemption date and the redemption price. Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the redemption date, and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date.
- (C) Notice of Redemption. Mailed notice of redemption shall be given to the paying agent (if other than a County officer) and to each affected Holder of the Bonds. If and when the County shall call any of the Bonds for redemption and payment prior to the stated maturity thereof, the Bond Registrar shall give written notice on the name of the County of its intention to redeem and pay such Bonds at the office of the Bond Registrar. Except as otherwise provided herein, notice of redemption shall be given by first class mail, postage prepaid, mailed not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date, to each Holder of Bonds to be redeemed, at the address appearing in the Bond Register; provided that notice of redemption must be received not less than thirty (30) days prior to the redemption date by the Depository and if a Letter of Representations (as hereinafter defined) contains other or different requirements for delivery of such notice to the Depository, then the provisions of the Letter of Representations shall be followed for that Holder. All notices of redemption shall state:

- (a) The redemption date;

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- (b) The redemption price;
- (c) If less than all outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed;
- (d) That on the redemption date, the redemption price will become due and payable upon each such Bond, and that interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after said date; and
- (e) The place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price (which shall be the office of the Bond Registrar).

9. Bond Registrar.

The Director of Budgeting and Accounting of the County is appointed to act as bond registrar and transfer agent with respect to the Bonds (the "Bond Registrar"), and shall so act for all Bonds unless and until a successor or different Bond Registrar is duly appointed. Different persons or entities may be appointed to act as Bond Registrar. A successor or different Bond Registrar shall be an officer of the County, or a bank or trust company eligible for designation as bond registrar pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, and may be appointed pursuant to any contract the County and such successor or different Bond Registrar shall execute which is consistent with the terms of this Resolution. The Bond Registrar shall also serve as paying agent unless and until a successor paying agent is duly appointed. Principal and interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the Holders (or record holders) of the Bonds in the manner set forth in the forms of Bond and in Section 6.

10. Execution and Delivery.

The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the County by the signatures of the Chair of its Board of Commissioners, its Chief Clerk and its County Manager, each with the effect noted on the forms of the Bonds, and be sealed with the seal of the County; provided, however, that the seal of the County may be a printed or photocopied facsimile; and provided further that any of such signatures may be printed or photocopied facsimiles and the corporate seal may be omitted as permitted by law. In the event of disability or resignation or other absence of any such officer, the Bonds may be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of that officer who may act on behalf of such absent or disabled officer. In case any such officer whose signature or facsimile of whose signature shall appear on the Bonds shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Bonds, such signature or facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if he or she had remained in office until delivery.

The Bonds, when so prepared and executed, shall be delivered by the Director of Budgeting and Accounting to the Purchaser upon receipt of the purchase price, and the Purchaser shall not be obliged to see to the proper application thereof.

11. Authentication; Date of Registration.

No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under this Resolution unless a Certificate of Authentication on such Bond, substantially in the form set forth on the form of Bond, shall have been duly executed by an authorized representative of the Bond Registrar. Certificates of Authentication on different Bonds need not be signed by the same person. The Bond Registrar shall authenticate the signatures of officers of the County on each Bond by execution of the Certificate of Authentication on the Bond and by inserting as the date of registration in the space provided the date on which the Bond is authenticated. For purposes of delivering the original Bonds to the Purchaser, the Bond Registrar shall insert as the date of registration the date of original issue. The Certificate of Authentication so executed on each Bond shall be conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this Resolution.

12. Registration; Transfer; Exchange.

The County will cause to be kept at the principal office of the Bond Registrar a bond register in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as the Bond Registrar may prescribe, the Bond Registrar shall provide for the registration of Bonds and the registration of transfers of Bonds entitled to be registered or transferred as provided in this Resolution.

All Bonds surrendered upon any exchange or transfer provided for in this Resolution shall be promptly cancelled by the Bond Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the County.

All Bonds delivered in exchange for or upon transfer of Bonds shall be valid general obligations of the County evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Resolution, as the Bonds surrendered for such exchange or transfer.

Every Bond presented or surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, duly executed by the holder thereof or his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing.

The Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the transfer or exchange of any Bond and any legal or unusual costs regarding transfers and lost Bonds.

Transfers shall also be subject to reasonable regulations of the County contained in any agreement with, or notice to, the Bond Registrar, including regulations which permit the Bond Registrar to close its transfer books between record dates and payment dates.

13. Rights Upon Transfer or Exchange.

Each Bond delivered upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond.

14. Holders; Treatment of Registered Owner; Consent of Holders.

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- (A) For the purposes of all actions, consents and other matters affecting Holders of Bonds issued under this Resolution, as from time to time supplemented, other than payments, redemptions, and purchases, the County may (but shall not be obligated to) treat as the Holder of a Bond the beneficial owner of the Bond instead of the person in whose name the Bond is registered. For that purpose, the County may ascertain the identity of the beneficial owner of the Bond by such means as the Bond Registrar in its sole discretion deems appropriate, including but not limited to a certificate from the Depository or other person in whose name the Bond is registered identifying such beneficial owner.
- (B) The County and Bond Registrar may treat the person in whose name any Bond is registered as the owner of such Bond for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest (subject to the payment provisions in Section 6 above) on, such Bond and for all other purposes whatsoever whether or not such Bond shall be overdue, and neither the County nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
- (C) Any consent, request, direction, approval, objection or other instrument required by this Resolution, as supplemented, to be signed and executed by the Holders may be in any number of concurrent writings of similar tenor and must be signed or executed by such Holders in person or by agent appointed in writing. Proof of the execution of any such consent, request, direction, approval, objection or other instrument or of the writing appointing any such agent and of the ownership of Bonds, if made in the following manner, shall be sufficient for any of the purposes of this Resolution, as supplemented, and shall be conclusive in favor of the County with regard to any action taken by it under such request or other instrument, namely:
 - (1) The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such writing may be proved by the certificate of any officer in any jurisdiction who by law has power to take acknowledgments within such jurisdiction that the person signing such writing acknowledged before him or her the execution thereof, or by an affidavit of any witness to such execution.
 - (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (A), above, the fact of the ownership by any person of Bonds and the amounts and numbers of such Bonds, and the date of the holding of the same, may be proved by reference to the Bond Register.

15. Description of the Global Certificates and Global Book-Entry System.

The Bonds will be offered in the form of a single Global Certificate for each maturity, deposited with the Depository by the Purchaser and immobilized as provided in Section 17. No beneficial owners of interests in the Bonds will receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Bonds except as provided in Section 17. Except as so provided, during the term of the Bonds, beneficial ownership (and subsequent transfers of beneficial ownership) of interests in the Global Certificates will be reflected by book entries made on the records of the Depository and its Participants and other banks, brokers, and dealers participating in the computerized national securities clearance and settlement system (the "National System"). The Depository's book entries of beneficial ownership interests are

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authorized to be in increments of \$5,000 of principal of the Bonds, but not smaller increments, despite the larger authorized denominations of the Global Certificates.

Payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Global Certificates will be made to the Bond Registrar as paying agent, and in turn by the Bond Registrar to the Depository or its nominee as registered owner of the Global Certificates, and the Depository according to the laws and rules governing it will receive and forward payments on behalf of the beneficial owners of the Global Certificates.

Payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on a Global Certificate may, in the County's discretion, be made by such other method of transferring funds as may be requested by the Depository for a Global Certificate.

16. Letter of Representations.

The Letter of Representations (the "Letter of Representations") for the Bonds is hereby confirmed to be the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations dated June 13, 1996, by the County and received and accepted by The Depository Trust Company.

17. Immobilization of Global Certificates by the Depository; Successor Depository; Replacement Bonds.

The Purchaser will deposit the Global Certificates representing all of the Bonds with the Depository or its agent. The Global Certificates shall be in typewritten form or otherwise as acceptable to the Depository, shall be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee and shall be held immobilized from circulation at the offices of the Depository or its agent on behalf of the Purchaser and subsequent bondowners. The Depository or its nominee will be the sole holder of record of the Global Certificates and no investor or other party purchasing, selling or otherwise transferring ownership of interests in any Bond is to receive, hold or deliver any bond certificates so long as the Depository holds the Global Certificates immobilized from circulation, except as provided below in this Section.

Global Certificates evidencing the Bonds may not, after their original delivery, be transferred or exchanged except:

- (i) Upon registration of transfer of ownership of a Global Certificate, as provided in Section 19,
- (ii) To any successor of the Depository (or its nominee) or any substitute depository (a "Substitute Depository") designated pursuant to clause (iii) of this subsection, provided that any successor of the Depository or any Substitute Depository must be both a "clearing corporation" as defined in the Minnesota Uniform Commercial Code at Minnesota Statutes, Section 336.8-102, and a qualified and registered "clearing agency" as provided in Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended,

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- (iii) To a Substitute Depository designated by and acceptable to the County upon (a) the determination by the Depository that the Bonds shall no longer be eligible for its depository services or (b) a determination by the County that the Depository is no longer able to carry out its functions, provided that any Substitute Depository must be qualified to act as such, as provided in clause (ii) of this subsection, or
- (iv) To those persons to whom transfer is requested in written transfer instructions in the event that:
 - (a) the Depository shall resign or discontinue its services for the Bonds and the County is unable to locate a Substitute Depository within two (2) months following the resignation or determination of non-eligibility, or
 - (b) the County determines in its sole discretion that (1) the continuation of the book-entry system described herein, which precludes the issuance of certificates (other than Global Certificates) to any Holder other than the Depository (or its nominee), might adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, or (2) that it is in the best interest of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain certificated bonds, in either of which events the County shall notify Holders of its determination and of the availability of certificates (the "Replacement Bonds") to Holders requesting the same, and the registration, transfer and exchange of such Bonds will be conducted as provided in Section 22.

In the event of a replacement of the Depository as may be authorized by this Section, the Bond Registrar upon presentation of Global Certificates shall register their transfer to the substitute or successor depository, and the substitute or successor depository shall be treated as the Depository for all purposes and functions under this Resolution. The Letter of Representations shall not apply to a Substitute Depository unless the County and the Substitute Depository so agree, and a similar agreement may be entered into.

18. Redemption - Global Certificates.

Upon a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of a Global Certificate, the Holder may make a notation of such redemption on the panel provided on the Global Certificate stating the amount so redeemed, or may return the Global Certificate to the Bond Registrar in exchange for a new Global Certificate authenticated by the Bond Registrar, in proper principal amount. Such notation, if made by the Holder, shall be for reference only, and may not be relied upon by any other person as being in any way determinative of the principal amount of such Global Certificate outstanding, unless the Bond Registrar has signed the appropriate column of the panel.

For the purposes of giving notice in accordance with Section 8, the "Holder" of Global Certificates shall be the Depository or its nominee if the Global Certificates are then registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee. Notices to the Holder shall contain the CUSIP numbers of the Bonds. If there are any Holders of the Bonds other than the Depository or its nominee, the Bond Registrar shall use its best efforts to deliver any such notice to the Depository on the business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice to all other Holders.

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19. Registration; Transfer; Exchange - Global Certificates.

A Global Certificate shall be registered in the name of the payee on the books of the Bond Registrar by presenting the Global Certificate for registration to the Bond Registrar, who will endorse his or her name and note the date of registration opposite the name of the payee in the certificate of registration on the Global Certificate; provided, however, that a Global Certificate may not be registered in blank or in the name of "bearer" or similar designation. Thereafter a Global Certificate may be transferred by delivery with an assignment duly executed by the Holder or his, her or its legal representative, and the County and Bond Registrar may treat the Holder as the person exclusively entitled to exercise all the rights and powers of an owner until a Global Certificate is presented with such assignment for registration of transfer, accompanied by assurance of the nature provided by law that the assignment is genuine and effective, and until such transfer is registered on said books and noted thereon by the Bond Registrar, all subject to the terms and conditions provided in this Resolution and to reasonable regulations of the County contained in any agreement with, or notice to, the Bond Registrar. Section 12 shall also apply to the registration, transfer and exchange of Global Certificates.

Global Certificates may not be exchanged for Global Certificates of smaller denominations except as provided in Section 18 upon a partial redemption.

Transfer of a Global Certificate may, at the direction and expense of the County, be subject to other restrictions if required to qualify the Global Certificates as being "in registered form" within the meaning of Section 149(a) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

20. Redemption - Replacement Bonds.

To effect a partial redemption of Replacement Bonds having a common maturity date, the Bond Registrar prior to giving notice of redemption shall assign to each Replacement Bond having a common maturity date a distinctive number for each \$5,000 of the principal amount of such Replacement Bond. The Bond Registrar shall then select by lot, using such method of selection as it shall deem proper in its discretion, from the numbers so assigned to such Replacement Bonds, as many numbers as, at \$5,000 for each number, shall equal the principal amount of such Replacement Bonds to be redeemed. The Replacement Bonds to be redeemed shall be the Replacement Bonds to which were assigned numbers so selected; provided, however, that only so much of the principal amount of each such Replacement Bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be redeemed as shall equal \$5,000 of principal amount for each number assigned to it and so selected.

If a Replacement Bond is to be redeemed only in part, it shall be surrendered to the Bond Registrar (with, if the County or Bond Registrar so requires, a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the County and Bond Registrar duly executed by the Holder thereof or his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing) and the County shall execute (if necessary) and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Replacement Bond, without service charge, a new Replacement Bond or Replacement Bonds of the same

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series having the same stated maturity and interest rate and of any authorized denomination or denominations, as requested by such Holder, in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Replacement Bond so surrendered.

21. Form of Bond - Replacement Bonds.

If the County has notified the Holders of Global Certificates that Replacement Bonds have been made available as provided in Section 17, then for every Bond thereafter transferred or exchanged the Bond Registrar shall deliver a certificate in the form of the Replacement Bond rather than the Global Certificate, but the Holder of a Global Certificate shall not otherwise be required to exchange the Global Certificate for one or more Replacement Bonds since the County recognizes that some bondholders may prefer the convenience of the Depository's registered ownership of the Bonds even though the entire issue is no longer required to be in global book-entry form.

22. Registration; Transfer; Exchange - Replacement Bonds.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Replacement Bond at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, the County shall execute (if necessary), and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, insert the date of registration (as provided in Section 11) of, and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Replacement Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount, having the same stated maturity and interest rate, as requested by the transferor; provided, however, that no Bond may be registered in blank or in the name of "bearer" or similar designation.

At the option of the Holder of a Replacement Bond, such Bonds may be exchanged for Replacement Bonds of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount and stated maturity, upon surrender of the Replacement Bonds to be exchanged at the principal office of the Bond Registrar. Whenever any Replacement Bonds are so surrendered for exchange, the County shall execute (if necessary), and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, insert the date of registration of, and deliver the Replacement Bonds which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive. Section 12 shall also apply to the registration, transfer and exchange of Replacement Bonds.

23. Fund and Accounts.

There is hereby created a special fund to be designated the "General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2007A, Fund" (the "Fund") to be administered and maintained by the Director of Budgeting and Accounting as a bookkeeping account separate and apart from all other funds maintained in the official financial records of the County. The Fund shall be maintained in the manner herein specified until all of the Bonds and the interest thereon have been fully paid. There shall be maintained in the Fund two (2) separate accounts, to be designated the "Construction Account" and "Debt Service Account", respectively.

- (A) Construction Account. To the Construction Account there shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds including the premium except for accrued interest received upon delivery of the Bonds. From the Construction Account there shall be paid the costs and expenses of the Improvements described in Section 4, including the cost of any contracts heretofore let or entered into and all other costs incurred and to be incurred of the kind authorized in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65, and the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and the moneys in said account shall be used for no other purpose except as otherwise provided by law; provided that the proceeds of the Bonds may also be used to the extent necessary to pay interest on the Bonds due prior to the anticipated date of commencement of the collection of taxes herein levied or covenanted to be levied; and provided further that if upon completion of the Improvements described in Section 4 there shall remain any unexpended balance in the Construction Account, the balance may be transferred by the Board of Commissioners to the fund of any other capital improvement undertaken pursuant to the Plan, or used to pay the costs of any other purpose permitted by law.
- (B) Debt Service Account. There are hereby irrevocably appropriated and pledged to, and there shall be credited to, the Debt Service Account: (i) all accrued interest received upon delivery of the Bonds; (ii) any collections of all taxes herein or hereafter levied for the payment of the Bonds and interest thereon; (iii) all funds remaining in the Construction Account after completion of the Improvements and payment of the costs thereof (unless transferred to another fund or otherwise used as permitted by Section 23(A)); and (iv) any and all other moneys which are properly available and are appropriated by the Board of Commissioners to the Debt Service Account, which may include County Recorder's fees and nursing home revenues. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 385.07, interest on the Debt Service Account shall be credited to the general revenue fund of the County. The Debt Service Account shall be used solely to pay the principal and interest and any premiums for redemption of the Bonds and any other general obligation bonds of the County hereafter issued by the County and made payable from said account as provided by law, and to pay any rebate due to the United States.

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24. Tax Exempt Bond Covenants.

- (A) Investment of Fund and Accounts. No portion of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments or to replace funds which were used directly or indirectly to acquire higher yielding investments, except (i) for a reasonable temporary period until such proceeds are needed for the purpose for which the Bonds were issued and (ii) in addition to the above in an amount not greater than the lesser of five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the Bonds or \$100,000. To this effect, any proceeds of the Bonds and any sums from time to time held in the Construction Account or Debt Service Account (or any other County account which will be used to pay principal or interest to become due on the bonds payable therefrom) in excess of amounts which under then-applicable federal arbitrage regulations may be invested without regard to yield shall not be invested at a yield in excess of the applicable yield restrictions imposed by said arbitrage regulations on such investments after taking into account any applicable "temporary periods" or "minor portion" made available under the federal arbitrage regulations.
- (B) No Federal Guarantee. Money in the Fund shall not be invested in obligations or deposits issued by, guaranteed by or insured by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof if and to the extent that such investment would cause the Bonds to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.
- (C) Negative Covenant as to Use of Proceeds and Improvements. The County hereby covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds or the Improvements, or to cause or permit them to be used, or to enter into any deferred payment arrangements for the cost of the Improvements, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code. The County reasonably expects that no actions will be taken over the term of the Bonds that would cause them to be private activity bonds, and the average term of the Bonds is not longer than reasonably necessary for the governmental purpose of the issue.
- (D) Hedge Bonds. The County hereby covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "hedge bonds" within the meaning of Section 149(g) of the Code.
- (E) Investment Limitations; Rebate. The County shall comply with requirements necessary under the Code to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103 of the Code of the interest on the Bonds, including without limitation (1) requirements relating to temporary periods for investments, (2) limitations on amounts invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds, and (3) the rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States.

If any elections are available now or hereafter with respect to arbitrage matters relating to the Bonds, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Chief Clerk and Director of Budgeting and Accounting, or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to make such elections as they deem necessary, appropriate or desirable in connection with the Bonds, and all such elections shall be, and shall be deemed and treated as, elections of the County.

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25. No Designation of Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The Bonds exceed in amount those which may be qualified as "qualified tax exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, and hence are not designated for such purpose.
26. Tax Levy; Coverage Test.

To provide moneys for payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the County a direct annual ad valorem tax which shall be spread upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of other general property taxes in the County for the years and in the amounts as follows:

<u>Year of Tax Levy</u>	<u>Year of Tax Collection</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2006*	2007*	\$1,386,952*
2007	2008	1,872,190
2008	2009	1,871,232
2009	2010	1,871,022
2010	2011	1,874,592
2011	2012	1,876,482
2012	2013	1,874,080
2013	2014	1,861,742
2014	2015	1,857,805
2015	2016	1,851,242
2016	2017	1,521,805
2017	2018	1,525,165
2018	2019	1,525,585
2019	2020	1,509,835
2020	2021	1,502,747
2021	2022	1,493,297
2022	2023	1,481,485
2023	2024	1,467,310
2024	2025	1,461,272
2025	2026	1,457,597

*Heretofore levied.

The tax levies are such that if collected in full they, together with any other revenues herein pledged for the payment of the Bonds, will produce at least five percent (5%) in excess of the amount needed to meet when due the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. The tax levies shall be irrevocable so long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, provided that the County reserves the right and power to reduce the levies in the manner and to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 3.

27. General Obligation Pledge.

For the prompt and full payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds, as the same respectively become due, the full faith, credit and taxing powers of the County shall be and are hereby irrevocably pledged. If the balance in the Debt Service Account is ever insufficient to pay all principal and interest then due on the Bonds and any other bonds payable therefrom, the deficiency shall be promptly paid out of any other funds of the County which are available for such purpose, and such other funds may be reimbursed with or without interest from the Debt Service Account when a sufficient balance is available therein.

28. Certificate of Registration.

The County Manager is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Auditor of the County, together with such other information as he shall require, and to obtain the County Auditor's certificate that the Bonds have been entered in the County Auditor's Bond Register, and that the tax levy required by law has been made.

29. Records and Certificates.

The officers of the County are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser, and to the attorneys approving the legality of the issuance of the Bonds ("bond counsel"), certified copies of all proceedings and records of the County relating to the Bonds and to the financial condition and affairs of the County, and such other affidavits, certificates and information as are required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the Bonds as the same appear from the books and records under their custody and control or as otherwise known to them, and all such certified copies, certificates and affidavits, including any heretofore furnished, shall be deemed representations of the County as to the facts recited therein. The obligation of the County expressed in this Section 29 shall extend to the initial issuance of the Bonds.

30. Defeasance.

When all Bonds have been discharged as provided in this Section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this Resolution to the registered holders of the Bonds shall, to the extent permitted by law, cease. The County may discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds which are due on any date by irrevocably depositing with the Bond Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or if any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Bond Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit. The County may also discharge its obligations with respect to any prepayable Bonds called for redemption on any date when they are prepayable according to their terms, by depositing with the Bond Registrar on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full, provided that notice of redemption thereof has been duly given. The County may also at any time discharge its obligations with respect to any Bonds, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a suitable banking institution qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or securities described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67, Subdivision 8, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates and maturing on such dates as shall be required,

subject to sale and/or reinvestment, to pay all amounts to become due thereon to maturity or, if notice of redemption as herein required has been duly provided for, to such earlier redemption date.

31. Severability.

If any section, paragraph or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

32. Business Day.

Whenever any act or event is specified herein to occur on a specific date or day, and such date or day is not a Business Day, such act or event shall occur on the next succeeding Business Day with the same effect as though it occurred on the specified date or day.

33. Delegation to Director of Budgeting and Accounting.

The Director of Budgeting and Accounting is hereby authorized and directed to perform the following acts under this Resolution:

- (a) invest and reinvest the proceeds of the Bonds and earnings thereon and other moneys held in an Account created hereby;
- (b) give notices required to be given by the County hereunder to any person; and
- (c) perform all the duties of Bond Registrar and paying agent provided for herein.

34. Negotiated Sale.

The County has retained Springsted Incorporated as an independent financial advisor, and the County has heretofore determined, and hereby determines, to sell the Bonds by private negotiation, all as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9).

35. Continuing Disclosure.

The County is an obligated person with respect to the Bonds. The County hereby agrees, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the "Undertaking") hereinafter described, to:

- A. Provide or cause to be provided to each nationally recognized municipal securities information repository ("NRMSIR") and to the appropriate state information depository ("SID"), if any, for the State of Minnesota, in each case as designated by the Commission in accordance with the Rule, certain annual financial information and operating data in accordance with the Undertaking. The County reserves the right to modify from time to time the terms of the Undertaking as provided therein.

- B. Provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, to (i) each NRMSIR or to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") and (ii) the SID, notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Bonds in accordance with the Undertaking.
- C. Provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, to (i) each NRMSIR or to the MSRB and (ii) the SID, notice of a failure by the County to provide the annual financial information with respect to the County described in the Undertaking.

The County agrees that its covenants pursuant to the Rule set forth in this Section 35 and in the Undertaking are intended to be for the benefit of the Holders of the Bonds and shall be enforceable on behalf of such Holders; provided that the right to enforce the provisions of these covenants shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the County's obligations under the covenants.

The Chair of the Board of Commissioners and County Manager, or any other officers of the County authorized to act in their stead (the "Officers"), are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the County the Undertaking in substantially the form presented to the Board of Commissioners, subject to such modifications thereof or additions thereto as are (i) consistent with the requirements under the Rule, (ii) required by the Purchaser, and (iii) acceptable to the Officers.

36. Official Statement.

Proposals for the Bonds were solicited by Springsted Incorporated, acting on behalf of the County. The use by Springsted Incorporated of the Official Statement, and the terms and conditions of the Bonds and the sale set forth therein, are hereby approved and ratified.

37. Headings.

Headings in this Resolution are included for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof.

(Exhibits are on file with the Chief Clerk and are made part of the resolution.)

COUNTY MANAGER/PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Sale of the Ramsey County Site Known as the "Taco Johns Site"

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

Commissioner Reinhardt said she is pleased about this sale. The County has a policy on the books regarding the sale of property and where the funds are to go. She assumed that in the future there would be a discussion about that policy. There is a specific policy regarding the patrol station, but the general policy was on the sale of property. She is not asking for a discussion today, but once the money comes in from this sale, a discussion is needed to either change the policy, or follow it.

Chair Bennett said there is no resolution directly putting the proceeds from the sale of property into anything but the general fund.

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Commissioner Reinhardt said the policy should be looked at because she believes the policy is clear that when property is sold, the proceeds would go to the Housing Endowment Fund. She is not saying that is automatic, but a policy was adopted regarding the sale of property. When the libraries came up, that issue came up, and that clearly was not part of the patrol station resolution. In that particular case, the libraries are separate from what the County owns. At some point this needs to be addressed because there is a general policy in place.

David Twa, County Manager, said what will happen is until or unless the Board decides where the dollars will go, they will simply be put into the general fund; they cannot be appropriated until or unless the County Board takes specific action. Some research has been done in looking at the resolution; there is a specific resolution on the old patrol station that says that upon the sale of that property, the dollars would be placed into the Housing Endowment Fund. As to any other property, the resolutions in place say that what would happen to that property would be considered on a case-by-case basis. The issue is open in terms of how to spend the money, or what would be done with it at a future date, but nothing would happen until or unless there is a policy decision by the Board.

Commissioner Reinhardt said she assumed that all resolutions were looked at pertaining to the development or the establishment of the Housing Endowment Fund, because she does not remember it that way. Why were we having the discussions about the libraries and other buildings as they come up if we didn't have a policy that somehow stated that? She clearly remembers that being stated. She does remember the resolution about the patrol station being very specific.

Chair Bennett said that is why it was looked at again; when the Board adopted that resolution, specific language would not have been necessary if there had been a policy in place.

Commissioner Reinhardt would like a copy of the resolution that established the Housing Endowment Fund. She would also like to see the minutes of that meeting as well as the policies that went into place because she believes there was a general policy. In the particular case of the patrol station, there were specific concerns. In order to make sure when investing the money in the Public Works Facility and expanding that, there was concern with what would happen with the old patrol station.

Commissioner Ortega suggested that a workshop be held on this issue. All the resolutions could be brought forward and a discussion could take place about what to do in the future. He recalled being one of the Commissioners who proposed the resolution. Today, we are facing different times with a legislative session that did not accomplish all that the County wanted; there are too many priorities with different needs. The Board should take a conscious look at it and make a decision to avoid any future discussions as to where things are going in the future.

Chair Bennett said that is a good idea.

Commissioner Parker said in the near future there is going to be a workshop to discuss the County's properties and space needs, and it might be appropriate for this to come up at that time.

Commissioner Carter said the Board recently held a workshop on the *Heading Home Ramsey Plan* for the purpose of providing support to hire a coordinator. At that time the Board looked at opportunities for the County to participate as a partner with many others in *Heading Home Ramsey*, in addition to bringing forward plans with respect to the sale of property. It would also be appropriate because although we looked at the second part of *Heading Home Ramsey*, and the commitment to a coordinator, we did not discuss the services and coordination of support for many Ramsey County departments through *Heading Home Ramsey* fully that we look into the future at carrying that perspective for the future as to how *Heading Home Ramsey* and the County's commitment to the Housing Endowment Plan, and actually assist many areas across the County.

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She proposed the Board consider having a workshop that identifies the support that can be received from *Heading Home Ramsey* for so many of those areas that we did not get support for out of this legislative session.

Commissioner Ortega said, as suggested by Commissioner Reinhardt, the discussion should be held on the Housing policy, and coupled with what the County Manager's proposed budget is going to be; where there are holes while going into the budget hearings. He wants to make sure we are not fragmented, and before making any decisions on the expense side, that we have a good sense of what the proposed budget is, what the holes are, and how they would be addressed. That would include Commissioner Carter's suggestion, but he does not want to take it separately and make decisions piecemeal. He would want to look at the entire budget for next year and what the resources are – obviously the sale of properties is one of our resources.

Commissioner Reinhardt agreed and said the reason she brought this up early is in her capacity as budget chair. When there is something very specific, like the patrol station, the Board made a very conscious decision. She wanted to make sure that we just don't pretend that something didn't exist, and that the Board has all the information. It is important to have a complete discussion to put it into the context for what it means to the entire budget. Commissioner Ortega is correct that this is one of the resources that comes up from time to time, and needs to be looked at in the context of the entire budget. With this last legislative session, there are some big holes to be dealt with. She wanted to make sure that everything is on the table and the Board has a thoughtful discussion and decision.

Commissioner McDonough requested clarification on what would come back as far as the policy discussion on the current resolution that refers to the proceeds from the sale of property going into the Housing Endowment Fund. When this comes back to the Board in a Workshop setting, that resolution should be the focus. In the homeless discussion there was a proposal to utilize those dollars in other ways. He believes the Board should discuss whether there would be a policy that predetermines where dollars would go before they are received. Once we move forward from that discussion, we can go down whatever roads would be appropriate.

Chair Bennett said the Board should first work on what Commissioner Reinhardt is talking about – exactly what is the wording of the resolutions, and why the Board did what it did with the patrol station. What did we do in the earlier resolutions when we talked about the Housing Endowment Fund – did we make any decisions that need to be looked at? We are buying and selling property; we bought the Plato Boulevard property; property along the river is for sale that could directly affect any decisions that are made on this policy, along with acquisition of other property. Those are the things we need a clear vision on.

Commissioner Carter said she doesn't disagree that it would be improper to fragment the discussion or to predetermine what will happen with the policy discussion about the investment of the proceeds from property sales. But, at the same time, she reminded everyone how difficult it is to have discussions across departments. We have done that, and as the Board looks at the strategic planning process, review with the County Manager, on what those needs are, even beyond the budgeting period as we look at the beginning of the year. As we consider whether or not we will be following the policy discussed, the decision made with this specific resolution for the patrol station, that we also not ignore that we have to force those discussions about how to meet needs across departments. As we look at specific holes in the budget, we want to motivate ourselves to be sure that that discussion includes not only how to meet needs of specific departments but also how we ensure we are moving toward a coordinated response to all the County's needs, in

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particular, situations of poverty that tend to be addressed in a Workforce Solutions or Human Services budget or other departmental budgets. She asked if that is something that would be addressed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the point Commissioner McDonough made is that they are separate issues. When the information comes back, the first discussion should be regarding whether or not there is an established policy. What matters, is what is in the resolution. The discussion here, if not in the actual policy, doesn't have any impact. If there isn't a policy on the books regarding this, then that discussion will be short. It is important that the issues be separated. This particular policy needs to be cleared up and then the Board can move to that and other issues.

Chair Bennett said he understood from the County Manager's comments that the money is put in the general fund and earmarked. It sits there and cannot be spent until this Board makes a decision, which is why the resolution was passed for the patrol station saying that money would go to the Housing Endowment Fund. Any future money would sit in the general fund until this or a future Board makes a decision.

Commissioner Reinhardt said she is asking for the information because that wasn't her memory of the discussion that took place. It is fine if it isn't part of the policy; however, she believes it is a good idea to get the information.

Commissioner McDonough agreed that it is time to clarify that there is an inference that things may happen. It is not written by resolution or written in stone by any means. His approach would be to first clear up that piece of the policy before bringing in other pieces about where we are going to go. That is what should be focused on in a workshop.

Chair Bennett said his intention would be to do that and to focus on the rest of the County's properties as to where we are standing with the Riverfront Development properties and other properties, because that is going to make a difference as to what decisions may be made as things move along.

Commissioner Parker asked if it is possible to have a tour of the Union Depot tower because there is a lot of discussion about that.

Commissioner Ortega said that could be arranged.

Roll Call: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0. (2007-205)

WHEREAS, On November 14, 2006, per Resolution 2006-361, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorized the County Manager and Property Management to take all necessary steps to sell the property located on the southeast corner of Rice Street and Country Drive in the City of Little Canada, known as the Taco Johns Site, and return to the Board with a suitable Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, A Request for Bids was issued on March 1, 2007, with a bid opening held on March 21, 2007; and

WHEREAS, One bid was received from Ficek Investment Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,801,000; and

WHEREAS, The following are some highlights of the attached draft purchase agreement between Ramsey County and Ficek Investment Company, LLC:

- Within three business days of execution of the purchase agreement Ficek Investment Company, LLC will deposit \$100,000 as earnest money.

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- Ficek Investment Company, LLC shall have a 30-day due diligence period, if the buyer elects to not proceed with the closing, the County shall retain \$25,000.
- Close no later than June 29, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The County Manager and Property Management are requesting the Board's approval of the sale and appropriate authorities to complete the sale of the Taco Johns Site located on the southeast corner of Rice Street and Country Drive in the City of Little Canada; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and approves the sale of the Taco Johns Site property located on the southeast corner of Rice Street and Country Drive in the City of Little Canada (the Property) for \$1,801,000 to Ficek Investment Company, LLC (Buyer); and Be It Further

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

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

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

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of County Commissioners authorizes and approves that all costs, expenses, taxes, charges or fees that Ramsey County is required to pay at closing, or otherwise required by the purchase agreement, may be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the Property at closing.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Non-Agenda)

Nick Riley, Intergovernmental Relations, said the Governor vetoed the tax bill last Wednesday. He heard Speaker Kelliher talk about that, and that the Governor is said to be desirous of having a special session, and they are not inclined to do that. St. Paul was hurt by the veto of the tax bill, losing at least \$9 million next year with a \$15 million need. As a result, their levy will skyrocket unless this is fixed in a special session. They have until July 15 to fix it or it will affect taxes for next year for all the entities because of the process that everybody has to go through for setting levies. Ramsey County is hurt by over \$1 million in County property tax aid, plus we lose the ERF. After January 2008, it ceases to exist, and it would have to be re-implemented. The ERF is the Environmental Response Fund, now collected by mortgage and deed taxes in Ramsey County, used for cleanup of contaminated properties in St. Paul and in the suburbs. That can be collected until January 2008; after that we no longer have the authority to collect it. If there were a special session, the bonding bill would be made part of that session. There is a transportation policy bill

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they would like to pass, as well as a Revisor's bill that needs to be passed. There is also the environmental question that would go on the ballot in 2008 for 3/8ths percent sales tax for the environmental and the arts agreed to by both bodies; the Governor cannot veto that one. That is for a constitutional amendment that would go on the next ballot.

Pressure has to build and they are going to have to decide what they want to do. The big sticking point for the Governor is counting inflation in the budget projections – Minnesota is the only state that does it this way. There is an article in the Star Tribune today by the State Auditor about why that should be done. It is good accounting practice, but the Governor doesn't like or want to do that. The \$2.2-2.5 billion being talked about this last session that the State had as extra money really wasn't there when counting inflation. The Democrats would have a better excuse for raising the needed revenue if that wasn't counted, and the Governor likes to use that because with his need to not raise taxes, it makes it look like we are rolling in money. That is the issue.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the Governor does a great job of spinning things in a particular way to make him look good. This is one of the most outrageous things she has ever seen – to say he vetoed it because it includes inflation and that it just makes for automatic spending. This is about being honest. To include inflation on one side and not the other is not honest -- just give us the numbers. Minnesota is the only State that does it this way, which should tell people something – it is not an honest way. It is about how you communicate with people and the level of understanding that the general public has. She hopes people understand that it is just about being honest about what we have, what are we spending, and what income is coming in.

Mr. Riley said there was so much at risk in the tax bill so you know how strongly the Governor feels about this – the Mall of America expansion, the West Publishing expansion, \$75 million state-wide for local government aid to cities and counties, which are losing close to \$15 million state-wide. Ramsey County will lose over \$1 million in county program aid. There is a lot in this bill, a lot of good changes. It would have partially closed the loophole on foreign offshore operating companies. It was a good policy bill and a lot of time was spent on it. The Governor objected to that one provision, so he vetoed the whole bill.

Commissioner Ortega asked if we are waiting for the legislative leadership and the Governor to work out what can be agreed upon if it goes back to special session.

Mr. Riley said only the Governor can call a special session; he sets the ground rules. However, he needs to save face on this whole issue so they will have to compromise, and he will require very specific issues be covered. If he calls the legislators back, they can take up anything; they can choose to adjourn and not come back any time certain. There is a lot at stake for both parties.

Commissioner Ortega asked what could be done to make sure that our agenda items become part of that discussion, either through the legislative leadership or through the Governor's office?

Mr. Riley said that at last night's AMC District X meeting, a resolution was passed to urge a special session to take up the tax bill again and to include all the issues we wanted. We were silent on the issue of including inflation in the forecast, but did want the county program aid and everything else taken up the way it was. If there is to be a special session, staff would work with legislative leadership to make sure Ramsey County's items are still included. If a special session is called, he assumes the entire bill would be taken up, minus the provision the Governor objected to.

Commissioner Ortega asked where the legislative leadership stands on the issue of inflation.

Mr. Riley said there is some disagreement between the tax chairs in the House and Senate. They did not want to include that provision in the tax bill, but leadership asked them to put it in, so there is not complete agreement. Throughout the session, there was not complete agreement,

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especially in the House, about including that provision because they thought they would get blamed, as they are by the Governor, that they are putting the State on automatic pilot, including inflation, which would mean automatic pay raises for all the State employees. Now that they made the attempt, and it was vetoed, they will probably resurrect the bill without that included.

Commissioner Reinhardt said it is important to state that is not the case -- that there aren't automatic raises given – that is the way the Governor is painting it, but that is not the case. It is not the true picture without the inflation. It is not a huge issue to us at the County level, but it is about being honest with people. The resolution passed yesterday included the transportation policy, the bonding, the tax bill, and the Revisor's bill.

Mr. Riley said they mentioned the veto override on the transportation bill, but that is unlikely to happen in a special session.

Chair Bennett said it received 89 votes, one vote short for passage, which means we will have to live without many road projects. The I-694/I-35W project is not even scheduled on the 2015 schedule. The Wakota project had money taken out to pay for the Crosstown Freeway. They talked about the MVET funds being transferred over -- \$300 million after five years – that project alone is \$288 million. With the gas tax increase, if people lose 2 miles per gallon on a 20-gallon gas tank because of being stopped in traffic, they would be paying \$6 more minus ten cents per gallon, which is \$2 – they would be \$4 ahead if some of the roads were built to avoid sitting in traffic.

Commissioner Ortega said it is important the public knows that the State owes the counties of Minnesota lots of money. They have been doing their business on our dock, and that is a big issue because it is all going to crash.

Chair Bennett asked for examples about how the counties are borrowing money to the State.

Commissioner Reinhardt said that at the AMC District X meeting yesterday, they talked about the \$24 million that Hennepin and Anoka Counties are being required to put into Northstar, above and beyond the commitment they have to make as a local match. If you have \$45 million for Central Corridor, and we are asked to put in more in the hope they would pay us back, but also find that the projections for MVET and license tabs, etc., may be significantly less than what was projected, which means not only do we not get an increase in the County State Aid Highway Formula, but we may get less money than we have received in the past. The resolution passed requested information within two weeks from the seven metro counties to provide an accounting of how much has been loaned to the State.

One of the reasons Highway 36 had to be closed was because MN/DOT didn't have the money to do it. The County, the city, the feds, had put their money in, but the State did not have the money. They had to shave more off, and the only way to do that was to close the highway, saving about \$2 million. The project is going well, but this was something unprecedented. That is a small project compared to other projects in Ramsey County or in the metro area. Six million dollars was put into that project and they wanted more. One of the other county commissioners commented that the reason they ended up having to do that on Highway 36 was because they had already taken money from the Wakota bridge project. When they asked developers to up-front the money for projects, no one bid. Since they couldn't get the money out of the private sector they came to the counties. In many ways, counties are being held hostage. If the money is not loaned to the State, the projects won't be done; we are bailing out the State. The senators may not all be aware that the counties are loaning money to MN/DOT, and may not know how much. Senator Murphy asked for that information from Commissioner Molnau and has not been able to get it. AMC will get the information from the seven metro counties at a minimum and put out a request to get it from the other 80 counties. Generally speaking, they know that number. The same thing will be done on the Central Corridor and discussed at the upcoming Regional Railroad Authority meeting, which is a lot more than \$6 million.

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Chair Bennett said it is not just transit – the bridge at Rice Street and I-694 was promised, signed by the Commissioner of Highways that the bridge would be built in 2004 – it is now 2007 and it is not even on the schedule until at least 2009. We know the lanes on I-694 need to be widened, work on 35E has been on schedule to be done and have now been pushed out 10-12 years or off the schedule completely, and those are just projects in Ramsey County. Every year the cost goes up 6-12%.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the point is we need to let people know what is happening – we are bailing out the State again and again, and we should at least get some credit for that to keep these projects going. We can't continue doing that. We need to be able to say in dollars and cents what is going on. We are not only not getting credit, but are actually blamed for runaway spending because we supposedly don't know how to use our money.

Commissioner McDonough said another piece of the borrowing issue that needs to be pointed out is the reason why that is done – the federal dollars for these projects would fall off the table and the money would just go away. Not only are we doing it to get the projects done, the reality is, if we didn't do it, the State would lose federal dollars that our federal legislators worked hard to get.

Chair Bennett said that if the federal money is not spent, it is not tax money saved; rather, it just goes to another place.

Mr. Riley said another item is the \$50 million TAB money the metro counties gave to MN/DOT that would have stayed in the metro area on projects when they borrowed it but it went out-state to match federal dollars. The projected shortfall on the CSAH formula is upwards of \$30 million that counties are going to lose. That was money already given to us, but they may have to cut back on that. We may have to look at a wheelage tax again as a possibility for Ramsey County.

Chair Bennett said the highway department has been doing an excellent job in keeping the traffic flowing through the "Unweave the Weave" project. It will be good to see the project done, but six lanes of traffic will come through the weave and unload at Rice Street to two lanes -- where will it all go?

Mr. Riley said yesterday he attended a meeting of the Transportation Alliance. They will be putting on a major campaign in the off-legislative session targeting particular districts as well as a statewide campaign, and some labor unions, about what the statewide impact will be, because no transportation bill was passed. When session starts February 12, 2008, they can take up the veto overrides again. One opinion is they only have two days to do that, another says they can do it as long as someone on the prevailing side takes it up from the vote. That bill is still on the table.

Commissioner Parker said the transportation bill was not passed. We all understand that it did pass legislation, but it was not signed. That is a major distinction. It is her observation that the legislature this year was very productive compared to previous years.

Mr. Riley said there was no filibuster attempt at the end of session to bring up that override attempt – they were able to do that and still finish session, but a couple bills then got lost in the mix.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Parker reported:

- The Commissioners had a successful trip to Washington DC to talk to the legislators and staff.
- She serves on the board of the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative. There have been discussions with all three of the County's collaboratives – the Children's Initiative, the Mental Health Collaborative, and the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative – about what would hypothetically happen if they worked together. The Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative put out a proposal for the group to react to, suggesting that as of January 1, 2008 the budgets of all

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three collaboratives be combined, and to appoint Mary Sue Hanson, as the Executive Director, to work with the combined group, and to create a task force made up of an odd number of people, possibly five from each collaborative to work on the priorities, staffing needs. It was also recommended that all three boards meet together because some of the people are relatively new.

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- That the meetings held in Washington DC were very productive.
- On the Product Stewardship Forum in San Francisco. She previously reported on the paint product stewardship demonstration project that will become official July 1 to take place in Minnesota starting in January 2008. There was a lot of discussion about the e-waste (electronic waste) legislation that just passed in Minnesota, and the fact that even though other states have similar legislation dealing with e-waste, Minnesota has one of the most aggressive and progressive ways in dealing with this. Other states are looking at Minnesota as a national model. She has been asked to participate in discussions regarding national legislation for e-waste. Pharmaceuticals was another issue discussed, and take-back by pharmacies. She has forwarded legislation to Zack Hansen, Ramsey County Environmental Health, that had just been passed by the California Senate mandating pharmaceuticals take-back medications. Currently, there are not many options for the disposal of unused pharmaceuticals.
- She attended the Governor's Council on Geographic Information Systems (GIS). An all-day workshop was held to talk about the issues – how to get IT, Property Records, and everybody talking and looking at the same data, what can be standardized, and how to communicate between governmental entities about GIS. The Metro GIS has served as a State model as well as a national model in helping to make that happen.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- The Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative joint group has been meeting, and the recommendation for the three boards to meet was well received.
- She represented the County Board at the retirement celebration for Roger Johnson, CEO of the Ramsey Medical Society for the past 13 years.
- She attended the funeral of Ramsey County probation officer, Howard Porter. The investigation regarding his death is ongoing.
- She and Commissioner Rettman attended the presentation of the Rock-Tenn Biomass site, convened by the district councils, with a panel including Ellen Anderson, people from the University of Minnesota and the Green Institute. Ramsey County's Public Health Department is involved, responding to questions in particular about biomass, and trying to create a greater understanding of the types of fuels that might be blended at Rock-Tenn in the future, and a new energy facility to be constructed.
- She attended a budget meeting for the Resource Recovery Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk-County Board