

RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2025

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney’s Office.

AGENDA of March 18, 2025 was presented for approval. Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved.

MINUTES of March 11, 2025 were presented for approval. Motion by Miller, seconded by McGuire. Unanimously approved.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Read by Commissioner McMurtrey.

PROCLAMATION
 Human Resources – Proclamation: Transgender Day of Visibility. Presented by Commissioner Jebens-Singh. Discussion can be found on archived video.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD
 Human Resources -- Presentation: Ramsey County Employee Achievement Award: Beks Syler, Diversity, Inclusion and Organizational Development. For information and discussion only. Presented by Commissioner McGuire. Discussion can be found in archived video.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS
 Emergency Management & Homeland Security – Approval of 2025 Ramsey County Minnesota Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by McGuire. Unanimously approved. (B2025-055)

Parks & Recreation – Resolution to Support Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant Application. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by McGuire. Unanimously approved. (B2025-056)

Social Services – Personnel Complement Increase in the Social Services Department. Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved. (B2025-057)

Community & Economic Development – Allocate Local Affordable Housing Aid for the Support and Stabilization of Affordable Housing. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved. (B2025-058)

Housing Stability – Allocate Local Affordable Housing Aid for Joint Property Acquisition. Motion by Xiong, seconded by McMurtrey. Unanimously approved. (B2025-059)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
 Presented by Commissioner McGuire. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS
 Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. Discussion can be found on archived video.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE
 Presented by Chair Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT
 Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING
 Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real property, the Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re: Rice Creek Commons – Outlot A of the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant Site.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager; Kathleen Ritter, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Kari Collins, Deputy County Manager – Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team; Josh Olson, Director, Community and Economic Development; Ella Mitchel, Redevelopment Manager, Community and Economic Development; Ann Schwartz, Economic and Development Specialist, Community and Economic Development; Alex Kotze, Chief Finance Officer, Finance; John Mazzitello, Deputy Director, Public Works; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics; Jason Patten, Risk Specialist, and Jason Yang, Chief Clerk – County Board, County Manager’s Office.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING
 Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subd. 3(b) in order to discuss the Bakke matter, the Ramsey County Board will meet in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.

In Re: Bakke matter

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 1:46 p.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, County Attorney’s Office; Jason Hively, Outside Counsel, Iverson Reuvers; Gloria Reyes, Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice Service Team; Kyle Mestad, Undersheriff & Chief of Staff, Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office; Amy Caron, Director, Public Health; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics, Mandy Malecek, Enterprise Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics; Jason Patten, Risk Specialist, Compliance and Ethics; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager’s Office.

Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved. Now therefore, Be It Resolved, the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (Resolution B2025-060).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.
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RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
PUBLIC NOTICE
SOLICITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Ramsey County releases solicitation opportunities on DemandStar as an alternative method of public notice pursuant to Section 331A.03 of the Minnesota Statutes. Individuals may go to the “How to Contract with Ramsey County” section of the “Doing Business with Ramsey County” webpage at ramseycounty.us/ContractWithRamsey to access registration information. If you are new to DemandStar, please follow the DemandStar registration instructions on the “How to Contract with Ramsey County” webpage. Access to all Ramsey County documents is free if the instructions that are posted are followed. You may call 651-266-8072 or email ProcurementTeam@ramseycounty.us if you need assistance.

Ramsey County is accepting only electronic Request for Bids (RFBs) responses submitted through DemandStar. Public openings are conducted digitally, as a video conference. See the link above for details.

To view current solicitations, please go to: <https://bit.ly/3W8XWan>
SOLICITATION: RFB-PRMG33914-KB
OPENING DATE: MAY 1, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: RAMSEY COUNTY SEEKS A PRIME CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE ALL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, LABOR AND INCIDENTALS FOR THE LANDMARK CENTER SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT LO-CATED AT 75 FIFTH STREET WEST, SAINT PAUL, MN.

PRE-SOLICITATION RESPONSE CONFERENCE: 75 FIFTH STREET WEST, SAINT PAUL, MN. APRIL 18, 2025, 9:30 AM CST.

SOLICITATION: RFB-PRK26785-KB
OPENING DATE: MAY 1, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: RAMSEY COUNTY SEEKS QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR TO REPLACE GUSTAFSON-PHALEN ARENA; COMPLETE ROOF.

PRE-SOLICITATION RESPONSE CONFERENCE: 1320 WALSH STREET, SAINT PAUL, MN. APRIL 18, 2025, 8:00 AM CST.

SOLICITATION: RFB-PUBW29847-KB
OPENING DATE: MAY 8, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: RAMSEY COUNTY, THROUGH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SEEKS A QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL ASPHALT REJUVENA-TOR ON MULTIPLE ROADWAYS WITHIN RAMSEY COUNTY.

SOLICITATION: RFB-PRMG34102-KB
OPENING DATE: MAY 1, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: RAMSEY COUNTY, THROUGH THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DE-PARTMENT, SEEKS TO ESTABLISH MULTIPLE CONTRACTS FOR COMMERICAL BOILER INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FOR THE VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITIES.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-25-202
CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re the Estate of Virginia Ruth Kuck, a/k/a
 Virginia Ruth Lee and Virginia R. Kuck,

Decedent

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an Amended Application filed on March 20, 2025 for informal probate of the above-named Decedent’s Last Will dated October 27, 1995 (“Will”) has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the Amended Application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Judith Lynn Kuck, 3090 Farrington Court, Roseville MN 55113 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Laura J. Stevens, Probate Registrar

Michael F. Upton, Court Administrator

Date: March 21, 2025

Published two times in the Vadnais Heights Press on April 9 and 16, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE [BIRTH OF BABY]

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLE OF Ramsey County, Minnesota, United States of America — This public notice and affirmation that Jah’ziel-Tomiko of the family Nelson-Nord, has been born on the land in a mortal body. The living male is the result of life and love and physical embodiment of the biological father Cameron-Dion: Nelson and biological mother Mariana-Christine: Nord. Jah’ziel-Tomiko of the family Nelson-Nord is their living son from the moment of conception from the first combining of their unique genetic code and was born earthside on the land in the geographical location commonly known as Maplewood, Ramsey County, Minnesota Republic, United States of America. He was born on October 14th in the calendar year 2024 Anno Domini at the hour and minute 4:16 pm, weighing 8 lbs 7.5 oz and

21.25 inches long. He is happy, healthy and thriving!
Published four times in the Vadnais Heights Press on April 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2025.

NORTHEAST METRO 916
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA
BOARD NOTES MARCH 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the School Board of Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Bellaire School and the following business was transacted.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Forsberg at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Attendance

Members present: Knisely-12, Palmer-13, Jones-14, Forsberg-16, Oknesvad-282, Bock- 621, Clark-623, Daniels-624, Rebelein-831, Stout-832, and Thelander-834. Absent: Nitardy-622 and Dols-833. Also present: Dr. Val Rae Boe, superintendent.

Approval of Agenda

Adopted the agenda as presented, limited discussion to the approved agenda, and accepted the list of items proposed for consent adoption.

Board Calendar Dates

- Monday, March 10, 2025 - MSBA/MASA Day at the Capitol from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. at the Radisson Hotel St Paul Downtown
- Monday, March 24, 2025 - AMSD/MASA Day at the Capitol from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Capitol
- Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - Building Tours: Pankalo Education Center at 8:30 a.m., Auditory Oral Program at 10:00 a.m, and 916 Mahtomedi Academy at 11:30.
- Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - Building Tours: Metro Heights Academy at 8:00 a.m. and Karner Blue Education Center at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 14, 2025 - Building Tours: South Campus Education Center at 8:30 a.m. and Quora Education Center (Quora Secondary School and Eastview Academy) at 10:00 a.m.

Questions and/or Comments from Citizens Present on Non-Agenda Items None.

Presentation: Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) Process
 Assistant Principals shared how 916 has worked to create more consistent transition procedures, communication processes and timelines within 916 and with Member Districts.

Presentation: First Reading of School Board Policies

Policies 418, 522, 603, and 806 were presented for a first reading.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Boe commented on the following items that were included in her written report: (a) Member District Highlights; (b) Leadership Opening; and (c) Strategic Actions Program Spotlight: Consultation Team.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Approved the consent items, accepted as part of the approval of the agenda, consistent with the recommended actions presented by the administration.

- Approval of Minutes
- Payment of Bills and ACH Payments
- Personnel
- Approval of Joint Purchasing Agreement

Retirements

Accepted the resignations listed upon the occasion of their retirement:
 Kim Gronemeyer, Audiologist, has provided the school district with 18 years of service. Her retirement date is June 6, 2025; Susan Heuston, BVI Teacher, has provided the school district with 14 years of service. Her retirement date is June 30, 2025; Sally Reis, DHH Teacher, has provided the school district with 35 years of service. Her retirement date is June 4, 2025; and Tom Spehn, Construction Occupations Teacher has provided the district with 26 years of service. His retirement date is June 6, 2025.

Adopt Proposed Policy Modifications

Adopted Policies 413, 512, 516, 602, 610, and 620 as revised.

FY26 Budget Assumptions

Approved the 2025-26 financial assumptions for budget development as presented.

Approval of Bellaire Education Center Delayed Egress and Fire Alarm Project

Bellaire Education Center requires delayed egress on exterior doors to prevent students from leaving the facility without staff. To meet fire code requirements, this project also includes upgrading the building’s fire alarm system to a voice evacuation system.

Approved the proposal submitted by ECSI System Integrators in the amount of \$151,860.

Approval of Contract with Collaborative Student Transportation (CST)

Approved the contract with Collaborative Student Transportation for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years.

Approval of the 2025-2026 School Calendars

Approved the 2025-26 School Calendars as presented in February for staff and students at all Northeast Metro 916 sites.

Board Forum

Member Oksnevad shared there would be four Legislative Representatives attending AMSD on Friday, March 7th to provide an update on several education issues. She also reminded Board Members that March 24 is the AMSD/MASA Day at the Capitol and she would recommend watching “Know Before You Go” to prepare for Legislative visits.

Chair Forsberg reminded Board Members that the 9am sessions held by MSBA are recorded and she recommends watching them. She also recommended two articles that had been in the Star Tribune the previous weekend. Lastly, Chair Forsberg shared that Spring Lake Park held their Foundation event and raised money for scholarships and youth associations.

Meeting Adjourned

Adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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