

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CASE TYPE 2: CONDEMNATION
COURT FILE NO. 62-CV-25-9148
JUDGE MARK IRELAND
NOTICE OF HEARING

County of Ramsey,
Petitioner,
v.
21Como, LLC., BankCherokee, Bridgewater Bank, Comcast of St. Paul, Inc., Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 624 Summit LLC., 623 Pergola LLC., U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Securities, Inc. Multifamily Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2020-SB70, Dragon Building LLC., North American Banking Company, Dragon Star Oriental Foods, Inc., Sen Hao Seng Jewelry, Inc., Soga Mochi Donut, Port Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Old National Bank, Bell Bank, The Burlington Northern and Sante Fe Railway Company (BNSF), BN Leasing Corporation, Towle Financial Services, Inc., Summit Fire Protection Co., Minnesota Conway Fire & Safety, Inc., St. Cloud Equipment Company, City of St. Paul and County of Ramsey,
and all other parties unknown having any claimed right, title or interest in the premises herein, together with the unknown heirs or devisees, if any, of the parties that may be deceased, and including unknown spouses, if any,
Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF THE
CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN LAND

TO THE RESPONDENTS HEREIN ABOVE NAMED:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on the 21st day of January, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM before Judge Mark Ireland. Petitioner will present to the above-named court a Petition now on file herein for condemnation of certain land for highway purposes. Parties wishing to appear at the remote hearing at 11:00 a.m. on January 21, 2026, can join by logging into zoom.us/ join or by telephone (audio only/toll-free) at 1-833-568-8864. After connecting, enter the following Meeting ID and Passcode:
Meeting ID: 1618120966
Passcode: 312311

If you plan to appear by ZOOM or telephone, please notify the petitioner’s attorney listed below in order to receive a copy of any proposed exhibits and orders provided to the court. You are not required to notify the petitioner’s attorney, but failure to do so may prevent you from having access to the exhibits and proposed orders submitted.

The object of the Petition is to acquire by “quick take” condemnation under the right of eminent domain the real property interests as described in the Petition.

The land desired and proposed to be taken is situated in Ramsey County, Minnesota, and is described in the Petition, together with the names of all persons appearing of record or known to Petitioner to be the owners of said land or interested therein including all whom Petitioner has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each as nearly as can be ascertained.

At the hearing, the County of Ramsey will ask the Court for an order permitting payment to the respective owners or deposit with the Court an amount equal to Petitioner’s approved appraisal of value of the parcels described in the Petition, thereby transferring title and the right to possession of the property to the County of Ramsey effective January 26, 2026. Furthermore, the County of Ramsey will ask the Court to ascertain the allocation of funds so deposited and to establish a procedure for the withdrawal of those funds. Neither payment to the respective owners nor deposit with the Court shall prejudice or affect the right of a respective party to apply for additional payment in this proceeding. Finally, the County of Ramsey will ask the Court to establish procedures by which commissioners shall hear all allegations and proofs of persons interested herein.

A party wishing to challenge the public use or public purpose, necessity, or authority for a taking must appear at the court hearing and state the objection or must appeal within 60 days of a court order, and a court order approving the public use or public purpose, necessity, and authority for the taking is final unless an appeal is brought within 60 days after service of the order on the party. Furthermore, a party wishing to be heard as to the appointment of the commissioners who will ascertain the amount of damages must appear at the court hearing.

Any person not appearing at the hearing, or otherwise filing a notice of appearance with the district court, may not be notified of further hearings or actions related to the Petition.

Dated: December 3, 2025
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TO: THE DISTRICT COURT ABOVE NAMED

The County of Ramsey brings this Petition and respectfully states and alleges:

I.

That this proceeding is taken pursuant to law in the name of and on behalf of the County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, by John J. Choi, the duly elected, qualified and acting County Attorney, at the request of the Board of County Commissioners of Ramsey County, as shown by County Board Resolution No. B2023-052, dated April 4, 2023, a certified copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

II.

That the County of Ramsey also deems it necessary, expedient, and for a public use and purpose to obtain by “quick take” condemnation under the right

of eminent domain the permanent easements and temporary construction easements in the lands as described in this Petition, together with all structures, trees, shrubs, grass and herbage to be damaged thereby.

III.

In the attached Exhibit B, where a “temporary easement” is identified, the interests being conveyed include all rights of possession and use, for a limited period of time, necessary or incidental to support the related construction project, including the right: to stage equipment or supplies; to access other portions of the construction project; to make minimal permanent alterations to the grade of the land that do not substantially impact the remainder; to remove (and restore in substantially similar condition) any plants, ground cover, or physical improvements; to access, both ingress and egress, from the most reasonably convenient rights-of-way; and to install any temporary improvements. Reasonable and convenient access to the remainder will be maintained. The term of the temporary easement shall be for 24 months beginning on March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2028, or for 24 months from the date when granted pursuant to order of the district court, whichever is later. In addition, the interests identified in this paragraph include the option of the Petitioner to extend the temporary easement for up to two twelve-month terms to be held consecutive to the original term and to each other at the monthly rate determined for the initial term.

IV.

Personal property not specifically identified as being acquired, including, but not limited to, fencing, irrigation systems, pavement, curbing, or signage, or trees, shrubs, plants, or ground covering, is not included in this petition, except to the extent the above rights provide for the removal, replacement, use, or repair of such property. It is the intention of the Petitioner to address any claim of damage related to personal property destroyed, removed, lost, or otherwise damaged, but not repaired or replaced in substantially similar condition, in accordance with applicable relocation laws, including Minn. Stat. § 117.50 - .56 or the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

V.

That the purpose for which said interests in land described in this Petition are being acquired is for the purpose of a road resurfacing project involving traffic signal replacements/modifications for Dale Street running from Iglehart Avenue to Grand Avenue, with additional work at/on the intersections of Thomas and Minnehaha Avenues. The body of work is to repair and upgrade the road as well as to install proper American Disability Act compliant crossings at necessary intersections along the route.

VI.

The taking in this matter is to obtain rights sufficient to support the construction and maintenance of a public highway, including related facilities. Unless specifically identified, pre-existing utility, pipeline, access, and other easements or interests shall remain in full force and effect and shall only be impaired to the extent necessary for the County of Ramsey to construct and maintain a public highway, and related uses, on the land being acquired. For any parcel being taken by this condemnation proceeding that is subject to pre-existing utility, pipeline, access, or other easements or interests, the County of Ramsey shall work as needed with the easement holder to adjust facilities to accommodate the construction or to adjust construction plans to minimize related damages.

VII.

It is the intent of the Petitioner that reasonable access, in at least one direction, to the main thoroughfare will be maintained for any remaining interest of a property from which a temporary easement is taken.

VIII.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, should tests or evaluations undertaken by or on behalf of the County of Ramsey indicate the possible presence of pollutants, contaminants, or hazardous substances on any of the property described in this Petition, the County of Ramsey reserves the right to defer effecting the transfer of the interest to any of the property as described herein for a reasonable time until the County of Ramsey can evaluate whether it wishes to proceed with the taking, abandon these proceedings and dismiss the Petition as to said property, or otherwise respond to such information.

Further, the County of Ramsey reserves the right to recover costs of clean-up and testing and all other damages resulting from the presence of pollutants, contaminates, or hazardous substances on the property described herein, from all potentially responsible parties in a separate legal action.

IX.

That a party wishing to challenge the public use or public purpose, necessity, or authority for a taking must appear at the hearing of this Court at which the County of Ramsey, as Petitioner, shall present this Petition to the Court and state the objection or must appeal within 60 days of a Court order.

X.

That the land in these proceedings to be taken are situated in Ramsey County, Minnesota and are more particularly described in attached Exhibit B which is made a part hereof. The names of all persons appearing of record or known to the County of Ramsey to be the owners of said land, or interested therein, including all whom the County of Ramsey has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each, as nearly as can be ascertained, are set forth on attached Exhibit B.

XI.

The County of Ramsey hereby moves the court for an order transferring title and possession of the parcels described herein prior to filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 117.042.

WHEREFORE, the County of Ramsey prays for an order of this Court as follows:

1. Adjudging that said taking is for a public purpose, is necessary, and is authorized by law; and
2. It be further adjudged that the County of Ramsey is entitled to take and hold such property for the public use pursuant to the Notice of Intent to Take Possession, on file with this Court; and
3. Appointing three disinterested commissioners, and at least two alternates, to ascertain and report the amount of damages that will be sustained by the several owners on account of the taking; fixing the time and place of the first meeting of the three commissioners; prescribing their compensation; establishing procedures for the disbursement of funds deposited with the district court; establishing procedures by which commissioners shall hear all allegations and proofs of persons interested herein; and requiring the commissioners to file their report with the District Court Administrator within 365 days from the date of the order appointing the commissioners unless said time be further extended by order of the Court; and
4. For such other and further relief as may be proper and pursuant to law.

Dated: May 1, 2025
Dated: December 3, 2025
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that costs, disbursements, and reasonable attorney and witness fees may be awarded pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 549.211 to the party against whom the allegations in this pleading are asserted.

/s/ Scott Schwahn
Scott Schwahn

EXHIBIT A

RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION B2023-052

Sponsor: Public Works
Meeting Date: 4/4/2023
Title: 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program
File Number: 2023-120
Background and Rationale:
To qualify for state and federal funding and to proceed with construction projects, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners must approve the Public Works 5-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is a planning document and funding estimates identified in the TIP are reflected in the county’s Capital Improvements Program Budget. Similar programs have been developed each year since 1988.

The Public Works department, annually, prepares the TIP using a collaborative process whereby the county solicits projects and input from area municipalities. Project inclusion in the TIP is based on a cooperative dialogue with municipal and state partners, along with technical analysis and consideration of funding opportunities. While funding limits will continue to challenge program delivery, communication and engagement with municipal partners ensures local needs and priorities are examined and addressed to the extent possible.

Projects included in the TIP are also looked at through the lens of the Ramsey County All Abilities Transportation Network policy, which prioritizes the most vulnerable users (i.e. pedestrians, bicyclists, people with disabilities, etc.) first.

The design, construction, and right-of-way costs identified in the TIP are estimates based on best practices in the industry. The funding landscape for transportation projects can be volatile and the ultimate delivery of the TIP is dependent on future funding levels. Partnering on projects with area communities, bordering counties, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and other state agencies will continue to be a critical way for Ramsey County to get the most from available funds.

Recommendation:
The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Adopt the 2023 - 2027 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Authorize the County Engineer to prepare plans and agreements for all projects identified in the Transportation Improvement Program, and to issue solicitations in accordance with County policies and procedures and the Minnesota Department of Transportation’s list of “Pre-Qualified Vendors by Work Type”.
3. Authorize the County Surveyor to execute Right of Way Plats and Certificate of Surveys for Highway projects that require the determination of existing right of way for the delineation and /or acquisition of property, for planning studies or disposition of excess county property.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into contracts and agreements, and execute change orders and amendments to contracts, supplemental agreements, and agreements related to the expenditure of Transportation Improvement Program Project Funds utilizing County State Aid, Federal, State, and participating funding associated with the construction of the approved projects in the 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program or a previously approved Transportation Improvement Program in accordance with the county’s procurement policies and procedures.
5. Authorize the County Engineer and County Attorney to acquire temporary easements, permanent easements, fee title, and enter into Limited Use Permits with the State of Minnesota for projects in the 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program, or previously approved Transportation Improvement Program, by negotiation or condemnation.
6. Authorize the Public Works Director to approve negotiated settlements for up to \$100,000 over the county’s appraised value per parcel for temporary and permanent easements and fee title.
7. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute purchase agreements, settlements, closing documents, Limited Use Permits, and other related real estate documentation associated with County Board approved acquisitions of real property.
8. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute cooperative agreements and maintenance agreements with cities, counties, the state, and other governmental agencies for their participation in projects listed in the 2023 - 2027 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program or previously approved Transportation Improvement Program.
9. Authorize temporary cash loans from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge Capital Improvement Program fund and the Wheelage Tax fund for costs of projects listed in the 2023 -2027 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program, or previously approved Transportation Improvement Program, and for maintenance project expenditures occurring before bond or wheelage tax proceeds are received pending receipt of Federal, County State Aid Highway, state and participating funds.
10. Authorize the Public Works Director to submit grant applications for state and federal funding for projects listed in the 2023 - 2027 Public Works Transportation Improvement Program.
11. Authorize the County Manager to accept grants and execute grant agreements agreeing to the grant terms and conditions for the grant award. For grants that so require, the county agrees to be responsible for any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the county’s construction cost estimate and will return to the grantor any grant amount appropriated for the project but not utilized for the project under the terms of the grant agreement.
12. Authorize the County Manager to issue letters of support in place of an official Ramsey County Board Resolution for constituent cities’ grant applications.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board
I, Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County Board, duly appointed and qualified for Ramsey County, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution B2023-052, passed by the Board of Commissioners on 04/04/2023

Attest:
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board
Date Certified: 2/25/2025

EXHIBIT B

PARCEL 31
TEMPORARY EASEMENT DESCRIPTION:
Over, under and across the north 4.3 feet of the east 8.5 feet and the east 3.0 feet of the south 7.7 feet of the north 12.0 feet, except for a triangular portion with 2.0 foot sidelines measured northerly and westerly from the southeast corner of said east 3.0 feet of the north 12.0 feet, of the following described property:
Lot 1, Block 2, SUMMIT PARK ADDITION TO ST. PAUL, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ramsey County, Minnesota.
PIN: 02-28-23-41-0069 – Abstract Property
ADDRESS: 622 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105

NAME	NATURE OF INTEREST
21Como, LLC	Fee Owner
BankCherokee	Mortgagee
Bridgewater Bank	Mortgagee
Comcast of St. Paul, Inc.	Right of Way Easement for Broadband Communication
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	Right of Access Easement
City of St. Paul	Possible Special Assessments
County of Ramsey	Possible Property Taxes

PARCEL 33
TEMPORARY EASEMENT DESCRIPTION:
Over, under and across the north 4.0 feet of the east 18.8 feet and the east 3.3 feet of the south 14.0 feet of the north 18.0 feet of the following described property:
Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, SUMMIT PARK ADDITION, Ramsey County, Minnesota.
PIN: 02-28-23-41-0001 – Torrens Property – Certificate of Title No. 641336
ADDRESS: 624 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105

NAME	NATURE OF INTEREST
624 Summit, LLC	Fee Owner
City of St. Paul	Possible Special Assessments
County of Ramsey	Possible Property Taxes

PARCEL 44
TEMPORARY EASEMENT DESCRIPTION:
Over, under and across the south 6.0 feet of the east 7.5 feet and the east 4.5 feet of the north 19.0 feet of the south 25.0 feet of the following described property:
Lots 28, 29 and 30, Block 8, HOLCOMBE'S ADDITION TO SAINT PAUL, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ramsey County, Minnesota.
PIN: 02-28-23-11-0281 – Abstract Property
ADDRESS: 623 Laurel Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

NAME	NATURE OF INTEREST
623 Pergola, LLC	Fee Owner
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Registered Holders of Wells Fargo Commercial Mortgage Securities, Inc., Multifamily Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2020-SB70	Mortgagee
City of St. Paul	Possible Special Assessments
County of Ramsey	Possible Property Taxes

PARCEL 57
TEMPORARY EASEMENT DESCRIPTION:
Over, under and across the south 9.0 feet of the west 18.0 feet of the following described property:
Lot 2, Block 1, GREAT NORTHERN BUSINESS CENTER SECOND ADDITION, according to the recorded plat thereof, Ramsey County, Minnesota.
PIN: 25-29-23-33-0024 – Abstract Property
ADDRESS: 0 Minnehaha Avenue West, Saint Paul, MN 55103

NAME	NATURE OF INTEREST
Port Authority of the City of Saint Paul	Fee Owner
Old National Bank	Mortgagee
Bell Bank	Mortgagee
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF)	Use & Operation, Compliance & Monitoring, Environmental Purposes and Drainage & Utility Easement
BN Leasing Corporation	Utility Easement
Towle Financial Services, Inc.	Tenant
Summit Fire Protection Co.	Tenant
Minnesota Conway Fire & Safety, Inc.	Tenant
St. Cloud Fire Equipment Company	Tenant
City of St. Paul	Possible Special Assessments
County of Ramsey	Possible Property Taxes

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME
Pursuant to Chapter 333, Minnesota Statutes; the undersigned, who is or will be conducting or transacting a commercial business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:
1. The assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted is: Family Painters llc
2. The street address of the principal place of business is or will be: 2833 Edgerton St. Little Canada, MN 55117
3. The name and street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, including any corporation that may be conducting this business. Maximilliano Rodrigues-Cortes 2833 Edgerton St., Little Canada, MN 55117 Alpha Painting Co. LLC 2833 Edgerton St., Little Canada, MN 55117 Alba Cortes 2833 Edgerton St., Little Canada, MN 55117
I certify that I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify that I understand that by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.
Dated: December 4, 2025
Signed: Alba Cortes, partner
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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-PUBW30775-MM
OPENING DATE: JANUARY 15, 2026
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: RAMSEY COUNTY THROUGH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SEEKS A PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR THE TAMARACK WETLAND BANK OUTLET REPLACEMENT ALONG HAMMOND ROAD IN THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE. THIS WORK INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO EXCAVATION, SHEET PILING, CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER, RESTORATION OF BITUMINOUS ROAD, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, PAVEMENT MARKING, SIGNING, AND SITE RESTORATION.
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RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2025

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:03 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire was excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.
AGENDA of December 2, 2025 was presented for approval. Motion by Xiong, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Unanimously approved.
MINUTES of November 25, 2025 were presented for approval. Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved.
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Read by Commissioner McMurtrey.
ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS
Board of Commissioners – Gift Acceptance for the 2025 Commissioner Travel Expenses. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-219)
County Assessor's Office – Property Tax Abatements. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-220)
Community & Economic Development – Agreement with Hennepin County for CEO Next Business Institute and CEO Now Programming. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-221)
Workforce Solutions – Appointment to the Workforce Innovative Board of Ramsey County. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (2025-222)
Library – Appointments to the Ramsy County Library Advisory Board. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-223)
Property Management – Memorandum of Understanding, and Perpetual and Temporary Constriction Easements with the City of Saint Paul for 402 University Avenue East Road Improvements. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-224)
Property Management, Public Works – Sale of Vacant Lot to Capital Real Estate Inc. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-225)
Parks & Recreation – Right of Entry Agreement and Amendment to Existing Permanent Easement with Xcel Energy for Battle Creek Regional Park. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-226)
Public Health – Use of Solid Waste Fund for Seven County-Operated Yard Waste Sites. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-227)
Public Health – Use of Solid Waste Fund for Capital Equipment Purchase. Motion by McMurtrey, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-228)
Community & Economic Development – Ramsey County Economic Development Authority Implementation. Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2025-229)
Social Services – Social Services Department Annual Authority for Procurement Requests. Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. This item was tabled.
Community Corrections – Community Corrections Department Annual Authority for Procurement Requests. Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. This item was tabled.
Financial Assistance Services – Financial Assistance Services Annual Authority for Procurement Requests. Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. This item was tabled.
Sheriff's Office – 2025 Budget Adjustment for the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Moran. Unanimously approved. (B2025-230)
PROCLAMATION
County Manager's Office – Proclamation: Johanna Berg's Retirement. Presented by Commissioner Miller. 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 10:36 a.m.
CLOSED MEETING
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss Kirchman v. Ramsey County matter. The Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which is not open to the public.
In Re Kirchman v. Ramsey County matter
The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:45 am.
Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Xiong, and Chair Ortega.
Also present: Ling Becker, Ramsey County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, County Attorney's Office; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney; County Attorney's Office; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; Jason Patten, Claims Administrator, Compliance and Ethics Office; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.
Motion: Miller Second: Jebens-Singh. Unanimously approved.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting.
The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.
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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-25-1031
CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (WITHOUT A WILL)
In re the Estate of
Lillian Marjorie Tallaksen,
Decedent
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:
Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Court. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.
Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Joel Eric Tallaksen, 1102 Park Avenue, Morris, MN 56267 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.
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: December 8, 2025
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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-25-1026
CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE
NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In re the Estate of
Glenn David Goetz,
Decedent
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:
Notice is hereby given that an Amended Application filed on December 10, 2025 for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated July 17, 2000 ("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: Lynne P. Kuhlman, 873 O'Day Street South, Maplewood MN 55119 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: December 10, 2025
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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE COURT DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-25-857
NOTICE OF REMOTE HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Estate of:
Bettie Lewis,
Decedent.
NOTICE is given that on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.** a hearing using remote technology will be held by this Court for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's last will dated July 24, 1992 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Kathryn Harris, whose address is 543 Central Avenue W., Saint Paul, MN 55103, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration.
Information on how to participate in the remote hearing can be obtained by calling the Court at 651-266-8145.
Any objections to the Petition or Will must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real estate and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the estate. If objections are filed, another hearing may be scheduled.
Any charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceeding be given to the attorney general pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 501B.41, Subdivision 5.
NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN by publishing this Notice as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice at least 14 days prior to the hearing date to all interested persons and persons who have filed a demand for notice.
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 months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Michael F. Upton, Court Administrator
Elizabeth Girling, Deputy Court Administrator
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