

**RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner Moran was excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

AGENDA of November 4, 2025 was presented for approval. Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved.

MINUTES of October 21, 2025 were presented for approval. Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Read by Commissioner Moran.

PROCLAMATION

Policy & Planning – Proclamation: Native American Heritage Month. Presented by Commissioner Miller. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ORDINANCE PROCEDURE

Finance – 2026 Capital Improvement Program Bond Ordinance – Waive Second Reading and Hold Public Hearing. Motion by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Unanimously approved. (B2025-199)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Board of Commissioners – Appointment to the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District. Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Unanimously approved. (B2025-200)

Board of Commissioners – Appointments to the Valley Branch Watershed District Board of Managers. Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Unanimously approved. (B2025-201)

Board of Commissioners – Appointment to the Ramsey County Extension Committee. Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Unanimously approved. (B2025-202)

Communications & Public Relations, Property Management – Rename Metro Square to Ramsey County Government Center. Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Unanimously approved. (B2025-203)

Board of Commissioners – Appointment to the Rice Creek Watershed District. Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved. (B2025-204)

Sheriff's Office – 2026 Salary Rate for the Ramsey County Sheriff. Motion by Xiong, seconded by McMurtrey. Unanimously approved. (B2025-205)

INFORMATION

County Manager's Office – Food and Infant Nutrition Support in Response to the Federal Shutdown. For information and discussion only. Presented by County Manager Ling Becker. 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 10:28 a.m.

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**RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER**

ORDINANCE:

RAMSEY COUNTY 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND

On Tuesday, November 18, 2025, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopted the following Ordinance (B2025-216). Motion by Xiong, second by Jebens-Singh; Ayes – 6; Nays – 0

OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF

GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,500,000

This ordinance authorizes the issuance of bonds, notes, or other obligations, in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$31,500,000 for capital improvement needs.

ORDINANCE NO. B2025-216

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$31,500,000

A. WHEREAS, since 1989, Ramsey County, Minnesota (the "County"), has issued bonds to finance capital improvements identified in a capital improvement plan developed with citizen participation; and

B. WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter of the County (the "Home Rule Charter") is a desirable source of authority for the issuance of such bonds; and

C. WHEREAS, the County's proposed capital improvement budget for 2026 contemplates undertaking capital improvements financed in part by bonds, notes or other obligations, in one or more series, in an estimated aggregate amount of \$31,500,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY DOES ORDAIN as follows:

1. Authorization of Bonds - The bonding and borrowing of money by the issuance of general obligation bonds, notes or other obligations, in one or more series from time to time as needed, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$31,500,000 plus the amount of any premium paid with respect thereto (the "Bonds") is hereby authorized to finance (1) the costs of improvements set forth in the 2026 capital improvement budget of the County, as approved and amended; (2) the costs of any other improvements set forth in the County's capital improvement budgets of any year and any other capital expenditures authorized by the County, to the extent proceeds of the Bonds are not expended on improvements set forth in the 2026 capital improvement budget, as approved and amended. The amount authorized under this Ordinance is in addition to amounts previously authorized under prior ordinances of the County.

2. Bonding Procedure and Terms - The Bonds shall be scheduled for sale and awarded for sale by resolutions. The specific amount, maturities, interest rates and other terms and conditions of the Bonds and covenants with respect to the Bonds shall be set or made by resolution.

3. Taxes - The Bonds shall be general obligations to which the full faith

and credit and taxing powers of the County are pledged. The Bonds may also be paid from interest earnings on the debt service account, and from any other moneys appropriated by the County Board. The taxes levied for the payment of the Bonds shall not limit or reduce the ability of the County to levy taxes for the payment of the costs of other capital improvements or obligations issued to finance the payment of such costs.

4. Authorization of Refunding Bonds - The bonding or borrowing of money by the issuance of bonds or other obligations to refund the Bonds is hereby authorized on the same basis as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Ordinance No. 93-292, authorizing the refunding of bonds issued prior to November 6, 1992. Further proceedings to schedule such refunding bonds for sale, to set the terms and conditions thereof, to make covenants with respect thereto and to award the sale thereof may be, and are hereby authorized to be, done or taken by resolution.

5. Referendum Upon Petition - This ordinance is subject to the ordinance procedure of the County's Home Rule Charter, including the holding of a referendum if a sufficient petition is filed within forty-five (45) days after its publication. Among other conditions to be met, a sufficient petition must be signed by registered voters of the County equal in number to ten percent (10%) of those who voted in the County for the office of President of the United States in the last general election. Published one time in the Vadnais Heights Press on November 26, 2025.

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>

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-25-810

**CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

(WITHOUT A WILL)

Estate of

Ronald Thomas Swenson,

Decedent

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given that an Amended Application filed on October 20, 2025 for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Court. No will has been presented for probate. The Amended Application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Angela Christine Swenson, 1004 South Oak Street, Lake City, MN 55401, 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.

Laura J. Stevens, Probate Registrar

Michael F. Upton, Court Administrator

Date: October 23, 2025

Attorney for Personal Representative

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202 West Oakland Avenue

Austin MN 55912

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

PROBATE COURT DIVISION

COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-25-962

**NOTICE OF REMOTE HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE
OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of

Joseph R. Becker, a/k/a Joseph Richard Becker,

Decedent

NOTICE is given that on **Wednesday, December 31, 2025 from 3:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.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 November 13, 2023 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Theresa Kilgore, whose address is 13840 Geneva Avenue North, Hugo, Minnesota, 55038, 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.

BY THE COURT:

Date: November 7, 2025

Michael Upton, Court Administrator

BY: Benjamin Linker, Deputy Court Administrator

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-25-906

CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (WITHOUT A WILL)**

In re the Estate of
John Edgar Byrd, a/k/a John E. Byrd,
Decedent

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an Amended Application filed on October 31, 2025 for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Court. No will has been presented for probate. The Amended Application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Melissa Jean Byrd, 2893 Knox Avenue South, Apt. 417, Minneapolis, MN 55408, 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: November 13, 2025

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY
DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-25-900

CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

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

In re the Estate of
Shirley Marie Smith, a/k/a Shirley M. Smith and Shirley Smith,
Decedent

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an Amended Application filed on November 17, 2025 at 2:38 p.m. for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated May 10, 2019 ("Will") has been filed with the Court, and the Amended Application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Anita Mills, 2216 6th Street East, Saint Paul, 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: November 17, 2025

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RAMSEY COUNTY ELECTIONS**NOTICE OF FILING****2026 SENATE DISTRICT 47A & HOUSE DISTRICT 64A SPECIAL ELECTIONS****RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Notice is hereby given that a filing period will be given for candidates seeking election in the 2026 House District 47A and House District 64A Special Elections. If necessary, an open Primary Election for one or both offices will be held on Tuesday, December 16th 2025 followed by the Special Election Date itself which will be held on Tuesday, January 27th 2026. The filing date for both of these offices will begin on Tuesday, November 18th at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude on Tuesday, November 25th at 5:00 p.m. Candidates may withdraw their names from the ballot up until Wednesday, November 26th at 5:00 p.m. After this deadline, candidates may not remove their names from the ballot. The filing fee associated with House District 47A and House District 64A are non-refundable, even if a candidate decides to withdraw.

Below is a list of filing locations and the filing fee for House District 47A and House District 64A:

Jurisdiction	Filing Fee	Filing Location
House District 47A	\$100	Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Veteran's Service Building, Suite 210 20 W 12 th St. Saint Paul, MN 55155
		Washington County Elections 14949 62 nd St. N Stillwater, MN 55082
		Ramsey County Elections 90 W Plato Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55107
House District 64A	\$100	Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Veteran's Service Building, Suite 210 20 W 12 th St. Saint Paul, MN 55155
		Ramsey County Elections 90 W Plato Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55107

Petitions

Candidates may opt to submit a *Petition in Place of a Filing Fee* in order to waive the \$100 filing fee. Petitions in place of a filing fee may begin to receive signatures before the filing period and signees of the petition must be eligible to vote for the candidate named on the petition. A petition in place of a filing fee must be presented with the candidate's Affidavit of Candidacy. Petitions to waive the fee for the Minnesota House of Representatives require 500 valid signatures.

Independent or minor party candidates must file a Nominating Petition in order to be placed on the ballot. Signatures on a nominating petition may only be gathered during the filing period. A nominating petition for a Minnesota House of Representatives requires 500 valid signatures in order for the candidate to be placed on the ballot and presented at the time of filing with the candidate's Affidavit of Candidacy.

How to File

Affidavits of Candidacy and Affidavits of Withdrawal must be filed in-person at a designated filing location or mailed in after being properly notarized. Please note that the Affidavit of Candidacy has been updated from previous years and now includes a residential address verification section which must be initialed by the filing officer or active notary in order for the Affidavit to be considered complete. Nominating petitions and petitions in place of filing fees must be submitted in-person at designated filing locations. If a candidate must be out of Minnesota during the filing period, they should contact the Minnesota Secretary of State to get information on how to file.

Affidavits of Candidacy and Affidavits of Withdrawal are available in fillable copies on the Office of the Secretary of State's website.

For more information about the filing process, contact Ramsey County Elections at:

elections@ramseycounty.us ; 651-266-2171

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RAMSEY COUNTY ELECTIONS**NOTICE OF ELECTION****SPECIAL PRIMARY FOR HOUSE DISTRICTS 47A & 64A****DECEMBER 16TH, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that Special Primary Elections for House District 47A and 64A will occur on December 16th, 2025. Visit mnvotes.org to view a full list of candidates and ballot content. The following offices will be on the ballot in their respective jurisdictions:

- Minnesota House of Representatives - District 47A (Primary)
- Minnesota House of Representatives - District 64A (Primary)

The following polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on December 16th, 2025:

MAPLEWOOD P-11	MAPLEWOOD YMCA/COMMUNITY CENTER	2100 WHITE BEAR AVE N	MAPLEWOOD
MAPLEWOOD P-12	LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PEACE	47 CENTURY AVE S	MAPLEWOOD
MAPLEWOOD P-13	LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PEACE	47 CENTURY AVE S	MAPLEWOOD
SAINT PAUL W-1 P-2	MARTIN LUTHER KING REC. CENTER	271 MACKUBIN ST	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-1 P-7	UNITY UNITARIAN CHURCH	733 PORTLAND AVE	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-2 P-5	LINWOOD REC. CENTER	860 ST CLAIR AVE	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-2 P-6	SUMMIT CHURCH	845 SUMMIT AVE	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-3 P-7	MACALESTER/PLYMOUTH UNITED CHURCH	1658 LINCOLN AVE	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-3 P-8	GLORIA DEI LUTERAN CHURCH	700 SNELLING AVE S	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-3 P-13	EDGCUMBE REC. CENTER	320 GRIGGS ST S	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-4 P-4	MERRIAM PARK REC. CENTER	2000 ST ANTHONY AVE	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-4 P-5	ST THOMAS UNIVERSITY - MCNEELY HALL	2060 SUMMIT AVE	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-4 P-6	MERRIAM PARK LIBRARY	1831 MARSHALL AVE	SAINT PAUL
SAINT PAUL W-4 P-12	GROVELAND REC. CENTER	2021 ST CLAIR AVE	SAINT PAUL

A public test of the voting system to be used for the Special Primary Elections will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9th at the Ramsey County Elections Office (located at 90 W Plato Blvd, Saint Paul MN 55107). For more elections and voting information, contact Ramsey County Elections Office at elections@ramseycounty.us or 651-266-2171.

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