



**BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**15 W. KELLOGG BLVD., ST. PAUL, MN 55102**  
**651 266-8350**

**RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

September 25, 2007

Council Chambers - Third Floor Court House

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**ROLL CALL** and Call to Order - 9:00 a.m. - Council Chambers

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA** of the September 25, 2007 Board Meeting is presented for approval.

**MINUTES** of the September 11, 2007 Board Meeting are presented for approval.

**EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – will be presented to:**

- **Susan Hudson** – County Attorney’s Office – Nominated for Excellent Job Performance and Performance Beyond the Call of Duty (*Presented by Commissioner Carter*)

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**10.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS GOING DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL**

**10.1 COUNTY MANAGER PSCS\800 MHz Project – Cooperative Agreement with Regions Hospital for participation as an Interconnected Dispatch Facility on the Countywide 800 MHz Trunked Radio Subsystem.**

***Board Action Requested:***

- 1) Approve the Cooperative Agreement with Regions Hospital, 640 Jackson Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, for Participation as an Interconnected Dispatch Facility on the Countywide 800 MHz Trunked Radio System; and
- 2) Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Cooperative Agreement with Regions Hospital, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney’s Office.

**10.2 COUNTY MANAGER PSCS\800 MHz Project – Cooperative Agreement with the City of White Bear Lake for Participation as an Interconnected Dispatch Facility on the Countywide 800 MHz Subsystem.**

***Board Action Requested:***

- 1) Approve the Cooperative Agreement with the City of White Bear Lake for Participation as an Interconnected Dispatch Facility on the Countywide 800 MHz Subsystem; and
- 2) Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Cooperative Agreement with the City of White Bear Lake, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney’s Office and the Budgeting and Accounting Office.

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- 10.3** PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – One application to convey a tax forfeited property by use deed, in accordance with the targeted neighborhood requirements, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, MN, a political subdivision.

***Board Action Requested:***

Recommend approval or denial of the application for conveyance by Use Deed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, MN, of the following tax forfeited property for applicable fees and costs:

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

PIN: 25-29-23-42-0016

PA: North of 946 Farrington Ave., St. Paul, MN 55117

- 10.4** PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – One application to convey a tax forfeited property by use deed, in accordance with the targeted neighborhood requirements, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, MN, a political subdivision.

***Board Action Requested:***

Recommend approval or denial of the application for conveyance by Use Deed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, MN, of the following tax forfeited property for applicable fees and costs:

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

PIN: 29-29-22-24-0091

PA: East of 1024 Jessie St., St. Paul, MN 55130

- 10.5** PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – One application to convey a tax forfeited property by use deed, in accordance with the targeted neighborhood requirements, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, MN, a political subdivision.

***Board Action Requested:***

Recommend approval or denial of the application for conveyance by Use Deed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, MN, of the following tax forfeited property for applicable fees and costs:

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

PIN: 30-29-22-43-0088

PA: South of 782 Buffalo St., St. Paul, MN 55117

- 10.6** PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – One application to convey a tax forfeited property by use deed, in accordance with the targeted neighborhood requirements, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, MN, a political subdivision.

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***Board Action Requested:***

Recommend approval or denial of the application for conveyance by Use Deed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, MN, of the following tax forfeited property for applicable fees and costs:

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

PIN: 07-28-22-14-0126

PA: South of 600 Stryker Ave., St Paul, MN 55107

10.7 **PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – One application to convey a tax forfeited property by use deed, in accordance with the targeted neighborhood requirements, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, MN, a political subdivision.**

***Board Action Requested:***

Recommend approval or denial of the application for conveyance by Use Deed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, MN, of the following tax forfeited property for applicable fees and costs:

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

PIN: 32-29-22-41-0039

PA: Between 286 and 292 Bates Ave., St. Paul, MN 55106

10.8 **PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – One application to convey a tax forfeited property by use deed, in accordance with the targeted neighborhood requirements, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, MN, a political subdivision.**

***Board Action Requested:***

Recommend approval or denial of the application for conveyance by Use Deed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, MN, of the following tax forfeited property for applicable fees and costs:

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6

PIN: 28-29-22-23-0143

PA: Between 824 and 832 Cook Ave. E., St. Paul, MN 55106

10.9 **PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – One application to convey a tax forfeited property by use deed, in accordance with the targeted neighborhood requirements, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, MN, a political subdivision.**

***Board Action Requested:***

Recommend approval or denial of the application for conveyance by Use Deed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, MN, of the following tax forfeited property for applicable fees and costs:

COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6

PIN: 33-29-22-31-0091

PA: West of 1007 Hudson Rd., St. Paul, MN 55106

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**10.10 PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Public auction of six tax forfeited parcels on October 25, 2007.**

***Board Action Requested:***

- 1) Authorize the Acting Director of Property Records and Revenue to hold a public auction of six tax forfeited parcels, according to the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit “A” on file with the Chief Clerk, on October 25, 2007, in the Ramsey County Government Center West Building on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Building A, Satellite Conference Room;
- 2) Certify that all parcels of land have been viewed and none of the parcels physically pertain to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 85.012, 92.461, subd. 8, and 282.018; and
- 3) Authorize the Acting Director of Property Records and Revenue to remove any parcel prior to auction one time only. Any additional requests to remove the same parcel from a subsequent auction must be approved by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.

**10.11 PUBLIC WORKS – Prioritized 5-year Bridge Replacement Plan.**

***Board Action Requested:***

- 1) Approve the high priority bridge list; and
- 2) Authorize the replacement, rehabilitation, or removal of said bridges when funds are available.

**10.12 PUBLIC WORKS – Approval of Supplemental Agreement #3 to Agreement PW2006-14 with WSB & Associates, Inc.**

***Board Action Requested:***

- 1) Approve Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to Agreement PW2006-14 between Ramsey County and WSB & Associates, Inc.;
- 2) Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute Supplemental Agreement #3 on behalf of Ramsey County;
- 3) Authorize the County Manager to approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$34,674.44; and
- 4) Approve a temporary cash loan of up to \$34,674.44 from the County General Fund to the Road and Bridge CIP Fund until receipt of participating funds.

**10.13 PUBLIC WORKS AND SHERIFF – Request for Funding from Contingent Account for fuel costs.**

***Board Action Requested:***

Authorize the transfer of \$114,500 from the County’s 2007 Contingent Account to Public Works and Sheriff budgets to finance the increased cost of fuel.

**10.14 HUMAN RESOURCES – Renewal of Employee Benefit Plans for Medical, Dental, Life and Disability Insurance for Benefit Plan Year 2008.**

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**10.14 (Continued)**

***Board Action Requested:***

- 1) Approve renewal of the contract with HealthPartners, Inc., 8100 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55440, at a 9.1% premium increase for medical insurance for active employees for Benefit Plan Year 2008 with two plan design changes as described in the Draft Resolution. This results in a monthly premium of \$622.19 for single coverage (\$570.34 in 2007), and \$1,480.81 for family coverage (\$1,357.39 in 2007);
- 2) Approve renewal of the contract with Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota, 3560 Delta Dental Drive, Eagan, MN 55122, at a 5.45% rate increase for dental insurance for active employees for Benefit Plan Year 2008 with one plan design change as described in the Draft Resolution. This results in a monthly premium of \$43.60 for single coverage (\$41.35 in 2007) and \$97.05 for family coverage (\$92.05 in 2007);
- 3) Approve renewal of the contract with Minnesota Life, 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101, at a 0% rate increase for Basic Life, and employee-paid Optional Employee and Spouse Life, Dependent Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment for Benefit Plan Year 2008;
- 4) Approve renewal of contract with National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, Inc., 7460 Market Place Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, for Benefit Plan Year 2008, at an 18% rate increase for the provision of Basic Long-Term Disability; a 10% increase for employee-paid Optional Long-Term Disability under age 40; a 15% increase for employee-paid Optional Long-Term Disability for ages 40-49; and a 21.5% increase for employee-paid Long-Term Disability for ages 50 and over;
- 5) Approve renewal of contract with National Insurance Services of Wisconsin, Inc., 7460 Market Place Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344, for the provision of employee-paid Short-Term Disability for Benefit Plan Year 2008 at a 15% rate increase for all levels; and
- 6) Authorize the County Manager to execute the 2008 insurance contract renewals and any addenda to the contracts for Benefit Plan Year 2008.

**10.15 HUMAN RESOURCES – Renewal of Early and Regular Retiree Insurance Plans for Ramsey County Retirees for Benefit Plan Year 2008.**

***Board Action Requested:***

- 1) Approve renewal of the contract with HealthPartners, Inc., 8100 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, at a 9.1% premium increase for medical insurance for Early Retirees for Benefit Plan Year 2008 with two plan design changes as described in the Draft Resolution. This results in a monthly premium of \$622.19 for single coverage (\$570.34 in 2007), and \$1,480.81 for family coverage (\$1,357.39 in 2007);
- 2) Approve renewal of the contract with UCare Minnesota, 500 Stinson Boulevard NE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413 at a 4.7% premium increase for the UCare for Seniors Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug Plan for Regular Retirees for Benefit Plan Year 2008 with plan design changes as described in the Draft Resolution. This results in a monthly premium of \$222.00 for single coverage (\$212.00 in 2007), and \$444.00 for family coverage (\$424.00 in 2007);

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**10.15 (Continued)**

- 3) Approve renewal of the contract with HealthPartners, Inc., 8100 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, at a 1.2% premium increase for HealthPartners Freedom for Regular Retirees for Benefit Plan Year 2008 with plan design changes as described in the Draft Resolution. This results in a monthly premium of \$281.10 for single coverage (\$277.70 in 2007), and \$562.20 for family coverage (\$555.40 in 2007);
- 4) Approve renewal of the contract with Midwest Assurance Company, 8100 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, an affiliated company of HealthPartners, Inc., at a 6.2% premium increase for HealthPartners Major Medical for an indemnity plan for Regular Retirees for Benefit Plan Year 2008, with plan design changes as shown in the Draft Resolution. This results in a monthly premium of \$531.37 for single coverage (\$500.12 in 2007), and \$1,062.74 for family coverage (\$1000.24 in 2007);
- 5) Approve Early and Regular Retiree participation in the same Delta Dental Plan that is available to County employees, with the full premium paid by the retiree and subject to the County's current participation requirements. Rates for 2008 will increase by 5.45% to \$43.60/month for single coverage (\$41.35 in 2007), and \$97.05/month for family coverage (\$92.05 in 2007); and
- 6) Authorize the County Manager to execute the 2008 retiree insurance contracts and any addenda to the contracts for Benefit Plan Year 2008.

**10.16 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – 2007 Community Corrections Act (CCA) Subsidy Increase.**

***Board Action Requested:***

- 1) Authorize the increase in appropriations and estimated revenue in Community Corrections 2007 Budget by \$175,532; and
- 2) Authorize the County Manager to accept the increase in the CCA subsidy award; make necessary budget adjustments; execute contracts, and execute amendments to the subsidy.

**10.17 PUBLIC HEALTH – Environmentally Responsible Events.**

***Board Action Requested:***

- 1) Authorize the Public Health Department to identify a consultant to work on green events through 2008, and recommend a contract for services to the County Manager;
- 2) Authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement with the selected consultant, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, with a term through December 31, 2008; and
- 3) Authorize the County Manager to transfer \$100,000 from the Solid Waste Fund Balance and make budget adjustments as necessary.

**10.18 HUMAN RESOURCES – Salary grade reassignment for two classifications: Radio System Manager-800 MHz Interoperable Radio System (Unclassified) and Radio System Operations Coordinator-800 MHz Interoperable Radio System.**

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10.18 (Continued)

**Board Action Requested:**

Approve salary grade reassignment for two existing classifications:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Monthly Salary Range</u>
Director of Emergency Communications (Unclassified) (formerly Radio System Manager)	98B	41	\$6,558 - \$9,752
Radio System Operations Coordinator -800 MHz Interoperable Radio System	02A	34	\$4,990 - \$7,409

**CONSENT AGENDA**

11.0 **CONSENT ITEMS GOING DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL**

11.1 **COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING** – Monthly report of contracts and final payments and grant submissions that were approved during the month of August 2007.

**Board Action Requested:**

Accept monthly report of contracts and final payments and grant submissions that were approved during August 2007.

**POLICY AGENDA**

P29 **PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE** – Abatement Review Committee.

**Board Action Requested:**

- 1) Accept the report of the Blue Ribbon Abatement Review Committee;
- 2) Adopt a new Abatement Policy for Ramsey County;
- 3) Direct the County Manager or designee, every five years, to appoint a review committee consisting of both internal and external members to review the abatement policy. The County Manager is authorized to convene this group sooner, as changes in real estate markets or abatement demand require. The evaluation should include components of customer services, impact of the policies on the volumes and types of abatements processed, and the impact of the abatement policies on tax refunds;
- 4) This policy overrides and supersedes any prior resolutions including, but not limited to, Resolutions 2003-104; 99-216, 97-061, 92-423, 90-563, and 82-274, with regard to the abatement of property taxes; and
- 5) This policy shall be effective October 1, 2007.

P30 **COUNTY MANAGER** – Creation of a new County Department, Ramsey County Department of Emergency Communications.

**Board Action Requested:** For information and discussion only.

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**BOARD CHAIR UPDATE**

**OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Immediately following County Board Meeting*

- Regional Railroad Authority – Council Chambers
- Board Workshop – Geographic Information System (GIS) Proposal for Future Development – Room 220 Court House

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September 25, 2007	County Board Meeting – Council Chambers
October 2, 2007	County Board Meeting – Council Chambers
October 9, 2007	County Board Meeting – Council Chambers
October 16, 2007	County Board Meeting – Council Chambers
October 23, 2007	County Board Meeting – Council Chambers
October 30, 2007	County Board Meeting – Council Chambers