

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in their Annual Organizational Board Meeting with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Parker – 7. Absent: - 0. Also present were Pat O'Connor, Interim County Manager, and Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### AGENDA

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Agenda of the January 6, 2009, Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

#### MINUTES

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the Minutes of the December 16, 2008 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

- Judge Gary Bastian administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Tony Bennett
- Judge Joanne Smith administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Jan Parker
- Judge J. Thomas Mott administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt

Family and friends were present to witness the Oaths given to each of the recently re-elected officials.

#### STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR

Chair Parker said many things happened in 2008, and many people did so much for Ramsey County. She recognized and highlighted some of those milestones:

#### *IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE*

- Securing federal funding for the Central Corridor.
- The new CTIB (Counties Transit Improvement Board) was created, which is responsible for providing funding to some transitways. The sales tax revenues are not as high as anticipated because of the economy, but will provide a boost.
- Trail networks continue to be improved, especially a section of the Lower Afton Trail.
- Expansion and renovation of the Roseville Library will begin in the next few months.
- County offices continue to be moved off the riverfront to 90 W. Plato Boulevard.
- Parks and Recreation is working on a multi-year plan for Tamarack Nature Center - Destination for Discovery.
- Work continues toward improvements at Boys Totem Town.
- Planning will continue for Keller Golf Course.
- Public Works road maintenance and construction projects continue on a limited amount of dollars, leveraging State and Federal money.

#### *ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

- Looking at use of energy in all County buildings. Improvements continue, and expectations have been changed about what we hope to see in County facilities.

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- Lighting at the Ramsey County Care Center.
- Placement of recycling containers in County parks.
- County parks have gone tobacco-free.
- Revision of the Environmental Response Fund to better meet the needs of local communities working hard to redevelop brownfields.
- The County's rate of recycling is approximately 52%.

#### *HUMAN SERVICES*

- About 80,000 people, out of a population of 500,000, receive financial services through the County's Human Services Department.
- 42,000 new applications have been taken, up over 40% over the last four years, speaking to the trends in the economy.
- Response has been made to about 4,000 adults experiencing mental health crises.
- 6,600 admissions have been made to Detox.
- Basic sliding fee child care has been provided to about 1300 families, down from 2200 the year before due to State budget cuts.
- About 1600 child protection reports were investigated.

#### *PUBLIC HEALTH*

- About 1800 inspections were made for hazardous waste generators.
- About 80% of Public Health staff have been trained and are working on disaster prevention planning.
- Work continues on tuberculosis cases.
- About 23% of children in Ramsey County receive food support.
- 15% of children in Ramsey County live in poverty.
- 7% of people over age 65 live in poverty.

#### *COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS*

- There were about 5,000 male offenders in the County Workhouse; another 1,000 female offenders have been incarcerated; and about 16,000 adults have been on probation, supervised by the Community Corrections Department.
- 6,000 juveniles have been supervised. Through the JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative), Ramsey County is looking at ways to stop the cycle before it starts, by keeping kids out of the correctional system.
- About 60% of victims of crime receive complete payment from juvenile and adult offenders.
- About \$1.2 million was saved through the Sentence To Serve Program. These are people who have committed crimes and are now providing services to the community.

#### *OTHER SUCCESS AREAS ACHIEVED BY THE COUNTY*

- The County has maintained the AAA bond rating, a major accomplishment; only 39 counties in the country have that designation.
- Transition continues for the consolidated Dispatch and Emergency Communication Center for improved public safety in the County.
- The City of St. Paul hosted the 2008 Republican National Convention, assisted by the Sheriff and other County Departments to make this a successful event, and showed the entire country that St. Paul and Ramsey County is a positive place.
- The Elections staff have proven to be leaders in the State of Minnesota.

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Chair Parker said about 30% of the County's budget comes from State and Federal governments – the State has a \$5 billion deficit, and will come to the counties to help solve that problem. The County has developed partnerships with Legislators, cities in the County, the School District, the business community and others, and is in a good position to face the serious challenges in 2009. The County has approximately 4,000 hard working employees; she is proud of the work ethic here in Ramsey County.

After David Twa left as Ramsey County's Manager, Pat O'Connor filled in as Interim County Manager, and it has been great to have had his leadership and energy. Julie Kleinschmidt will be appointed as County Manager, and will help the County face whatever challenges exist. Ramsey County has terrific leadership in all the Departments, in the community, at AMC (Association of Minnesota), at NACo (National Association of Counties), and all the Commissioners play different roles, are a good team, and know how to collaborate.

Chair Parker thanked the Board for supporting her this past year.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Election of Officers

Chair Parker opened the nominations for election of the Board Chair.

Commissioner Reinhardt nominated Commissioner Jan Parker as Chair of the Board for 2009, seconded by Commissioner Rettman.

Chair Parker called three times for additional nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-001)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby elects Commissioner Jan Parker to serve as Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for the year 2009.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Election of Vice-Chair

Chair Parker opened the nominations for election of the Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved the nomination of Commissioner Janice Rettman as Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner Bennett.

Chair Parker called three times for additional nominations. Hearing none, the nominations were closed.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-002)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby elects Commissioner Janice Rettman to serve as Vice-Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for the year 2009.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Rules of Procedure

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

Chair Parker suggested a change in the Rules to read "his or her".

The suggestion was accepted as a friendly amendment.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-003)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following Rules of Procedure to govern the County Board; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions pertaining to procedures.

**RULES OF PROCEDURE**

1. Except as hereinafter provided, Robert's Rules of Order shall apply to the procedures of the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners.
2. The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners, hereinafter called the Board, shall hold regular sessions upon the first four Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m., except legal holidays, unless specially ordered otherwise by majority vote of the Board. All meetings, including committee meetings, will be televised, to the extent possible.
3. The Chair of the Board shall preside at all meetings and in his or her absence, the Vice-Chair shall preside. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be selected by vote of the members of the Board at the first meeting in January of each year.
4. For the purpose of assisting the Board in carrying on its business, such committees shall be formed and shall be composed of such members as determined by resolution of the Board. Minutes of the committee meetings shall be kept, and shall become official upon approval by the committee. Minutes of a committee of the whole may be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the appropriate standing committee, if no subsequent committee of the whole meeting has been scheduled.
5. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for a Board meeting.
6. A majority of the appointed members of a standing committee shall constitute a quorum for committee meetings.
7. Should any standing committee meet and be one or two members short, the Board Chair and/or Vice-Chair may be asked to fill in for the missing member(s).
8. The Chair of a standing committee may move an item to the Board, without recommendation, if the committee does not have a quorum.
9. All Commissioners present at Committee meetings can participate in discussion and vote on all items.
10. It shall be the duty of the County Manager or his or her designated agent to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of the Board, to cause committees and members of the Board and its officers to be informed of such duties as they may be charged with from time to time.
11. No issue shall be placed upon the agenda of business for any regularly held meeting of the Board unless the same has been distributed to the offices of the Board members and other interested parties by noon Friday preceding the meeting of the Board. The County Manager may promulgate such procedures as necessary to carry out this rule.
12. When a County Board member is aware of an emergency agenda item the County Manager shall be notified immediately. The County Manager shall immediately consult with the County Attorney's Office and the Clerk to the Board and place the emergency agenda item on the appropriate standing committee and/or County Board meeting agenda as soon as legally possible.
13. The agenda of Committee and Board meetings shall be in the format prescribed by a majority of Commissioners either by motion or resolution.
14. When a question is put by the Chair, every member shall vote, except the Board, for special reasons, may excuse any member from voting upon statement of the reason.
15. Matters placed on the "Administrative" or "Consent" portions of the agenda shall be moved by the Board member who is slated to vote first on roll call votes for that meeting which shall be rotated alphabetically at each succeeding meeting.

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16. The County Board shall use roll call voting when action is taken at County Board meetings to approve, deny, amend or lay over items on the Board's "Administrative", "Consent" or "Policy" agendas. The County Board may use a voice vote for procedural motions at Board meetings, and for all actions at Committee meetings. The Board Chair shall vote last in all cases.
17. Administrative or consent matters requiring Board approval, as determined by the Chair, will be placed directly on the Board's agenda under an "Administrative" or "Consent" section of the Board agenda without prior committee action and will be discussed and voted on separately.
18. Draft, unapproved minutes of the Board meeting shall be prepared, kept, recorded and distributed to all Board Members and other interested parties by the County Manager or his or her designated agent not less than three working days preceding the next regularly scheduled meeting. These minutes shall become official upon Board approval and shall constitute the official public record.
19. The official public record of County Board meetings shall be available in the Office of the County Manager and shall be distributed to all city halls and public libraries throughout the County within one week of approval.
20. It shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring committee, staff, official or citizen to have an agenda matter prepared in the form to be acted on by the County Board and to have secured legal, fiscal, and administrative review as determined by the County Manager or his or her designated agent.
21. Special meetings of the County Board may be called by the Chair of the Board or by a majority of its members.
22. All meetings of the Board, including special meetings, shall be held at the County Seat, either in the Offices of the Board of County Commissioners, or in the Council Chambers on the third floor of the City Hall and Court House, or such location as may be designated by the Board by resolution, motion, or by the Chair.
23. No rule of the Board shall be suspended or amended without the concurrence of a majority of the Board.
24. All matters requiring Board approval must receive the concurrence of a majority of the Board.
25. Citizens who wish to be heard on matters of interest to the good and welfare of the County shall be heard at an appropriate time on the agenda.
26. The County Board may waive the first and second reading of a proposed ordinance if a copy of the proposed ordinance is supplied to each member of the County Board prior to its introduction and if the County Board passes a resolution waiving the full reading of the ordinance.
27. The County Board of Commissioners hereby waives the reading of Board Resolutions, unless a reading of a specific resolution is requested by the Chair.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to Standing Committees

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

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-004)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following Standing Committees for 2009:

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BUDGET

- Reinhardt, Chair
- Rettman, Vice-Chair
- Bennett
- Carter
- McDonough
- Ortega
- Parker

COUNTY FACILITIES

- Ortega, Chair
- Bennett, Vice-Chair
- Carter
- McDonough
- Parker
- Reinhardt
- Rettman

LEGISLATIVE

- Carter, Chair
- Reinhardt, Vice-Chair
- Bennett
- McDonough
- Ortega
- Parker
- Rettman

FINANCE, PERSONNEL & MANAGEMENT

- Ortega, Chair
- Rettman, Vice-Chair
- Bennett
- McDonough

HEALTH SERVICES

- Rettman, Chair
- Parker, Vice-Chair
- Carter
- McDonough

HUMAN SERVICES/WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

- Carter, Chair
- McDonough, Vice-Chair
- Parker
- Reinhardt

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**PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE**

- Bennett, Chair
- Reinhardt, Vice-Chair
- Carter
- Parker

**PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS & SOLID WASTE**

- Bennett, Chair
- Reinhardt, Vice-Chair
- Parker
- Rettman

**BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to Outside Boards, Committees, etc.**

Commissioner Bennett said Commissioners will be appointed by different organizations over the next year. He was not sure how to make the motion to allow the Chair to make those appointments without having to bring each one back before the Board. Just yesterday, Commissioner McDonough, serving as President of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), made his appointments to legislative committees, and those are not listed on this draft resolution.

Commissioner Rettman said when Commissioner Bennett served on the AMC, all those appointments came back through the Board, which is the proper way to have that designation.

Commissioner Bennett said those are not appointments of the Chair, they are appointments of the body the Commissioners have been appointed to, or a member thereof. He is trying to keep the list updated. It is not taking the appointment process away from the Board Chair.

Chair Parker said any appointments made as a County would return to the Board.

Chair Parker requested that Commissioner Reinhardt be appointed as the Northstar Corridor Liaison, and Commissioner Rettman as Alternate.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved approval of the resolution as amended, seconded by Commissioner Carter.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-005)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the following appointments by the Chair, to serve on outside Boards, Committees and Commissions for the year 2009:

**RAMSEY COUNTY COMMITTEES**

**ACTIVE LIVING RAMSEY COUNTY**

- Parker, Chair

**BOARD/BENCH COMMITTEE**

- Bennett
- Carter
- Parker

**CENTRAL CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- Carter
- Ortega

**CENTRAL CORRIDOR PARTNERSHIP**

- Ortega

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COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

- Carter
- Parker
- Reinhardt, Alternate
- Rettman

CORRECTIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Bennett
- Carter
- Parker

COURT HOUSE/CITY HALL COMMITTEE

- Bennett
- Ortega
- Parker

I35W CORRIDOR COMMITTEE

- Bennett
- Parker, Alternate

JOINT PROPERTY TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Ortega
- Reinhardt
- Rettman

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE

- Carter, Chair
- Reinhardt

LAW LIBRARY TRUSTEE

- Rettman

LOCATE

- Bennett
- Ortega

MINNESOTA LANDMARKS

- Bennett
- Ortega

RAMSEY COUNTY CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

- Carter

RAMSEY COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEE

- McDonough
- Reinhardt

RAMSEY COUNTY LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- Reinhardt
- Rettman, Alternate

RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON

- Parker
- Bennett, Alternate

RAMSEY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

- Rettman
- McDonough, Alternate

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RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT BOARD

- Carter
- Ortega
- Parker
- Reinhardt
- Rettman

RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Reinhardt

RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Parker

RIVERFRONT CORPORATION

- Ortega
- Parker

ST. PAUL CHILDREN'S COLLABORATIVE

- Carter
- Reinhardt

ST. PAUL CHILDREN'S COLLABORATIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Carter

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COURT LIAISON

- Parker

SUBURBAN RAMSEY FAMILY COLLABORATIVE (SRFC) JOINT POWERS BOARD

- Parker

SRFC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Parker

STEPS TO A HEALTHIER ST. PAUL/RAMSEY COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Carter

TRANSIT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION OF ST. PAUL

- Ortega

WILLOW LAKE NATURE PRESERVE

- Bennett

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

- Carter
- Parker, Alternate

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD AGREEMENT NEGOTIATION

- Carter
- McDonough
- Parker

**METRO GOVERNANCE**

800 MHz SUBSYSTEM POLICY COMMITTEE

- Bennett
- McDonough
- Reinhardt, Alternate for Bennett
- Ortega, Alternate for McDonough

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MetroGIS POLICY BOARD

- Reinhardt
- Rettman, Alternate

METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING PROGRAM

- Rettman

METROPOLITAN AREA AGENCY ON AGING

- Parker

METROPOLITAN ENERGY POLICY COALITION

- Ortega
- Reinhardt

METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

- Bennett
- McDonough
- Rettman

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

- Bennett
- Rettman, Alternate

MESB COST ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

- McDonough

MESB EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Bennett

METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

- Bennett
- McDonough
- Rettman

MMCD EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Rettman

METROPOLITAN WORKFORCE COUNCIL

- Carter

MIDWEST HIGH SPEED RAIL ASSOCIATION

- McDonough

NORTHEAST DIAGONAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Parker
- Reinhardt, Alternate

NORTHSTAR CORRIDOR LIAISON

- Reinhardt
- Rettman, Alternate

PROPERTY TAX STUDY PROJECT

- Ortega
- Rettman

RED ROCK CORRIDOR

- McDonough
- Rettman, Alternate

ROBERT STREET CORRIDOR

- Ortega
- Bennett, Alternate

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RUSH LINE TASK FORCE

- Reinhardt
- Parker, Alternate

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COORDINATING BOARD

- Reinhardt
- Rettman

CTIB

- McDonough
- Parker
- Reinhardt, Alternate
- Rettman, Alternate

**OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

EAST METRO HEALTH CAREERS INSTITUTE BOARD

- Rettman

FAMILY HOUSING FUND

- Carter

HEADING HOME MN

- Carter

MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN JOINT POWERS BOARD

- Reinhardt
- Ortega, Alternate

MINNESOTA STEPS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Carter

MINNESOTA WORKFORCE COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

- Carter

REGIONS HOSPITAL BOARD

- Ortega

STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Rettman

STATEWIDE RADIO BOARD

- Bennett

STATEWIDE RADIO BOARD STEERING COMMITTEE

- Bennett

U OF M STADIUM COMMITTEE

- Carter

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY (UM): Health, Growth, Environment

- Carter

**COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS**

ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES (AMC)

- Board of Directors: Bennett (Past President); Carter (Alternate); McDonough (President); Ortega (RC Rep); Reinhardt (Com Chair, non-vote)
- District X Executive Committee: Ortega; Reinhardt (Alternate)
- District X Representative: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman

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Committees:

- Criminal Justice Policy: Bennett (Chair)
- General Government: McDonough; Parker (Alternate)
- Health and Human Services: Carter (Vice-Chair); Parker (Alternate); Rettman (Alternate)
- Legislative Steering: Reinhardt (Vice-Chair, non-vote)
- Natural Resources: Reinhardt (Vice-Chair)
- Transportation and Agriculture: Ortega
- AMC Officer: McDonough (President)

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

- Board of Directors: Bennett
- Human Services & Education Steering Committee: Carter
- Justice & Public Safety Steering Committee: Bennett (Vice-Chair); Parker
- Employment and Workforce Development Committee: Carter
- Energy, Environment and Land Use Steering Committee: Reinhardt
- Health Steering Committee: Rettman
- Membership Committee: Bennett
- Transportation Committee: Ortega
- Community and Economic Development Committee: McDonough
- NACo IT Committee: Reinhardt

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointment of Members to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

Commissioner McDonough introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-006)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the year 2009:

Commissioner Tony Bennett  
Commissioner Toni Carter  
Commissioner Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Rafael E. Ortega  
Commissioner Jan Parker  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointment of Members to the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-007)

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the year 2009:

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Commissioner Tony Bennett  
Commissioner Toni Carter  
Commissioner Jim McDonough  
Commissioner Rafael E. Ortega  
Commissioner Jan Parker  
Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt  
Commissioner Janice Rettman

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointment of County Manager

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

Chair Parker said appointment of Julie Kleinschmidt as County Manager was a unanimous recommendation through the interview process.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2008-2008)

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, December 17, and Friday, December 19, 2008, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met to hold interviews with candidates for the position of County Manager; and

WHEREAS, The Board reached a consensus at the Friday, December 19, 2008 meeting that Julie Kleinschmidt should be appointed County Manager, and desires to have that decision finalized at the County Board Meeting of January 6, 2009; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Julie Kleinschmidt as Ramsey County Manager, effective January 6, 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Employment Agreement between Ramsey County and Julie Kleinschmidt; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board hereby authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Agreement.

Julie Kleinschmidt, newly appointed County Manager, said she is enormously grateful for this opportunity and would do the best job possible for the County Board and for the people of Ramsey County. These are challenging times, but there is also tremendous opportunity, and we will be better and stronger. This is not just all about the money. The need for County services goes up when the economy goes down, making it tougher for us, but these resources can be focused on the critical needs in this community.

Ms. Kleinschmidt thanked Pat O'Connor for leading the County through this interim period after David Twa left Ramsey County. She acknowledged the entire Budgeting and Accounting staff present at the meeting, and said she would not be here today without them.

COUNTY MANAGER – Contract for publication of the Proceedings of the County Board

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-009)

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WHEREAS, Publication of the official proceedings of the Board is required by M.S. 375.12. A Request for Bids was distributed to receive bids from vendors for a newspaper to be designated the “official newspaper” of Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received from Minnesota Spokesman Recorder, Press Publications, Inc.-Shoreview Press, Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper, and St. Paul Legal Ledger. Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper was the low bidder with a cost of \$2.90 per column inch. The “known office of issue” of Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper is 2515 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., North St. Paul, MN 55109; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper would be designated the “official newspaper” of Ramsey County. In addition to publishing the official proceedings of the County Board, other County Departments will use this contract for publication of various notices throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper bid according to specifications contained in the Request for Bids document, and will pay prevailing wages when doing the County’s work; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby awards Contract CC001931, in the amount of \$2.90 per column inch to Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper, with its “known office of issue” located at 2515 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., North St. Paul, MN 55109, to be designated the “official newspaper” of Ramsey County, for publication of the official proceedings of the Board; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the contract.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Award Contract for 2008 Financial Statement in a legal newspaper designated as the “Official Newspaper” for publication of the Financial Statement

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-010)

WHEREAS, Publication of Ramsey County’s 2008 Financial Statement, in a qualified legal newspaper to be designated as the “Official Newspaper”, is required by M.S. 375.17. A Request for Bids was distributed to receive bids from vendors; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received from Minnesota Spokesman Recorder, Press Publications, Inc.-Shoreview Press, Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper, and St. Paul Legal Ledger. Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper was the low bidder on a per column inch of \$3.50 on this Request for Bid. The “known office of issue” of Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper is 2515 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., North St. Paul, MN 55109; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper bid according to specifications contained within the Request for Bids document, and will pay prevailing wages when doing the County’s work. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has a policy regarding the payment of prevailing wages (Resolution 77-093); Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby awards Contract CC001932, in the amount of \$3.50 per column inch, to Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper, 2515 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., North St. Paul, MN 55109, for publication of the 2008 Financial Statement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the contract; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board designates Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper as the “official newspaper” for publication of the 2008 Financial Statement.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Award Contract for Financial Statement in other than the “Official Newspaper” for such publication

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-011)

WHEREAS, M.S. 375.17 requires publication of the financial statement of Ramsey County in a qualified newspaper of the County, located in a municipality of the County different from the newspaper designated as the “official newspaper” for such publication; and

WHEREAS, A Request for Bids was distributed to receive bids from vendors. Bids were received from Minnesota Spokesman Recorder, Press Publications, Inc.-Shoreview Press, and New Brighton Bulletin/Lillie Newspaper. New Brighton Bulletin was the low bidder on this Request for Bids; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 375.17 requires that publication of the Financial Statement be published in a different municipality of the county than the newspaper designated as the “official newspaper” for such publication. New Brighton Bulletin has been recommended to be the “official newspaper”; and

WHEREAS, It is recommended that this contract be awarded to New Brighton Bulletin for its bid of \$3.50 per column inch. New Brighton Bulletin, located at 909 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, will pay prevailing wages when doing the County’s work. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has a policy regarding the payment of prevailing wages (Resolution 77-093); Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby awards Contract CC001933, in the amount of \$3.50 per column inch, to publish the Financial Statement of Ramsey County for the year 2008, in a newspaper other than the “official newspaper” in a different municipality, to New Brighton Bulletin, 909 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the contract.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Award Contract for Publication of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-012)

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WHEREAS, Publication of the List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent on the First Day of January is required by M.S. 279.09. This list must be published once in each of two consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS, A Request for Bids was distributed to receive bids from vendors. Bids were received from Minnesota Spokesman Recorder, Press Publications, Inc.-Shoreview Press, and Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper was the low bidder with a cost of \$2.90 per column inch for the first insertion and \$2.80 for subsequent insertions. Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper is located at 2515 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North St. Paul, MN 55109; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper bid according to specifications contained within the Request for Bids document, and will pay prevailing wages when doing the County's work; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby awards Contract CC001934, in the amount of \$2.90 per column inch for the first insertion and \$2.80 per column inch for subsequent insertions, to Ramsey County Review/Lillie Newspaper, 2515 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North St. Paul, MN 55109, for publication of the List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent on the first day of January, 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the contract.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to the Ramsey County Extension Committee

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-013)

WHEREAS, Three vacancies currently exist on the Ramsey County Extension Committee due to resignations and a term expiration; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County's Open Appointment Process, a press release seeking applicants was distributed. Three applications have been received, including one from the incumbent who is eligible for reappointment; and

WHEREAS, The Extension Committee members have reviewed the applications and recommend appointment of the three applicants; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies appointment of the following individuals to the Ramsey County Extension Committee, for terms beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2011.

APPOINTEE

Dave Haley  
726 Cherokee Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55107

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Xe Susane Moua  
984 Tuscarora Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55102

December 31, 2011

Collie Graddick  
1012 Westbrooke Way  
Hopkins, MN 55343

December 31, 2011

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to the Ramsey County Library Board

Commissioner Rettman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-014)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Library Board is made up of seven members; and

WHEREAS, Three vacancies exist on the Ramsey County Library Board due to term expirations; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County's Open Appointment Process, a press release seeking interested individuals was distributed; and

WHEREAS, Six applications were received, including two from incumbents; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners representing the suburban areas of the County and current members of the Library Board interviewed applicants, and have made recommendations for appointment of three individuals; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the appointment of David L. Norrgard, 2499 No. Albert, Roseville, MN 55113; Burton M. Nygren, 919 Valley Oaks Road, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127; and Janice Rapheal, 1910 Ridgewood Avenue, White Bear Township, MN 55110, to the Ramsey County Library Board, for terms beginning January 1, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2011.

COUNTY MANAGER – Federal Legislative Stimulus Requests Submitted for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress

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

Commissioner Carter said the action today is to ratify the package that has already been submitted to Congresswoman Betty McCollum. This is an ambitious and broad-ranging package. She thanked the County Board for approval to move this forward over the holidays, as well as the legislative staff, County departments, managers and others, to make sure this could be submitted. The package includes stimulus suggestions that may end up being appropriations or grant submissions. Congresswoman McCollum had asked Ramsey County to deliver to her that type of package so she could see our ideas and work with us over the next month in order to ensure that those which are most likely, according to the stimulus package requirements being developed at this point. The County Board would have the opportunity to review the package in its entirety with department managers as well as with Congresswoman McCollum over the next month.

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Commissioner Carter thanked Intergovernmental Relations staff: Terry Speiker, Nick Riley and Claudia Brewington.

Commissioner Reinhardt said this was a lot of work. Congresswoman McCollum's office was fabulous in working with us. She pointed out that most of the things we knew ahead of time were going to be appropriations are not included in this package. This is not the County's legislative package – projects had to be ready to be started within 30-60 days, which are primarily capital projects, and some related to capital projects, but for the actual appropriations, there is additional time to work on them. There are a number of areas where we can save taxpayer money by putting additional funding into prevention instead of high cost services; those will be coming back to the County Board. She wanted to make it clear that for the appropriations portion, there will be time for discussion; they would be fully vetted before being brought to the Board.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-015)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has been working with Congresswoman Betty McCollum and her staff to develop policy and funding proposals to present to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

WHEREAS, The federal stimulus ideas that have been developed for submission will meet the following criteria:

- All infrastructure projects are “shovel ready” and can be started in no more than 180 days from receipt of federal funds, and most are ready to be started in 30 – 60 days from receipt of funds;
- Workforce development and/or job creation will occur for all infrastructure projects funded; and
- Green initiatives, energy efficiency, and building and infrastructure retrofitting to support energy conservation are included in many proposals;

and

WHEREAS, The list of stimulus proposals will be the first component of the County Board's federal legislative package prepared and submitted to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby thanks Congresswoman McCollum and her staff for their assistance and suggestions in developing proposals for submission to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board ratifies submission of the federal legislative requests that have already been submitted to members of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board authorizes County representatives to work with Federal Congressional Delegation members to secure enactment and funding for the County Board's requests for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

#### OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Rettman reported on the retirement event for District Court Judge John T. Finley, a former Ramsey County Commissioner from District 3.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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