

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Parker – 7. Absent: None – 0. Also present were Julie Kleinschmidt, 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 August 4, 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 July 21, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

PUBLIC WORKS – Maintenance Agreements for projects within Rice Creek Watershed District

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. (2009-243)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Public Works will be completing three maintenance projects within the Rice Creek Watershed District during the 2009 construction season, including Cleveland Avenue Mill and Overlay, Bald Eagle Avenue Mill and Overlay, and Park Avenue Mill and Overlay; and

WHEREAS, Rice Creek Watershed District rules require a long term maintenance agreement for stormwater facilities for best management practice (BMP) areas prior to permit approval; and

WHEREAS, As part of the maintenance of stormwater facilities agreement Public Works agrees to inspect the facilities annually, repair deficiencies, and report any abnormal findings and maintenance activities to Rice Creek Watershed District; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Maintenance of Stormwater Facilities Agreements for the Cleveland Avenue Mill and Overlay, Bald Eagle Mill and Overlay, and Park Avenue Mill and Overlay projects; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Maintenance of Stormwater Facilities Agreements for the Cleveland Avenue Mill and Overlay, Bald Eagle Mill and Overlay, and Park Avenue Mill and Overlay projects on behalf of Ramsey County.

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PUBLIC WORKS – Grant Agreement for Construction of Traffic Control Signal

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. (2009-244)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Local Road Improvement Project No.SAP 62-631-004; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this local road improvement project is available; and

WHEREAS, The amount of the grant has been determined to be \$395,000; and

WHEREAS, A Grant Agreement for the Construction of Traffic Control Signals at Lakewood Drive and Maryland Avenue, has been prepared; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That Ramsey County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52 and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the road project, but not required; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Grant Agreement between Ramsey County Public Works and MnDOT; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the twenty nine (29) page agreement is made part of this resolution by reference and is on file with the Chief Clerk.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Land Acquisition – Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park (Kath)

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. (2009-245)

WHEREAS, Boundaries of Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park were established by Ramsey County with the approvals of White Bear Township; and

WHEREAS, By Ramsey County Board policy, Ramsey County only acquires owner-occupied properties from willing sellers; and

WHEREAS, Property located at 1700 North County Line Road is within the boundary of Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park; and

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WHEREAS, Jo Ann Kath, owner of 1700 North County Line Road, has expressed a desire to sell and Ramsey County made an offer to purchase, based on two independent real estate appraisals and estimated property tax market values and the offer was acceptable by Ms. Kath; and

WHEREAS, The Purchase Agreement obligates the County to pay prorated real estate taxes for 2009 and certain closing costs, estimated at \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County will provide interim funding for the purchase of this property; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council will reimburse Ramsey County for seventy-five percent of the costs for acquisition of this property, up to \$281,528, from their Acquisition Opportunity Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The remaining 25% of acquisition costs (\$73,472) for this property will be funded from the Ramsey County Open Space and Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, The seller of this property desires to live in the residence for a specified period of time after the sale to the County and a Residential Lease Agreement has been negotiated with the seller allowing them to do so; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Purchase Agreement between Ramsey County and Jo Ann Kath, 1700 North County Line Road, White Bear Township, MN 55110, at a purchase price of \$350,000; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Residential Lease Agreement between Ramsey County and Jo Ann Kath, 1700 North County Line Road, White Bear Township, MN 55110; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves reimbursing seller for prorated 2009 real estate taxes and closing costs, including title insurance at an estimated total cost of \$5,000; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Purchase Agreement and Residential Lease Agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes payment of up to \$73,472 from the Ramsey County Open Space Bond Fund to finance Ramsey County's share of acquisition costs; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes a temporary cash loan of up to \$281,528 from the General Fund to the Ramsey County Open Space Bond Fund to be repaid with proceeds from future Metropolitan Council Regional Park Grant; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the grant contract with the Metropolitan Council for acquisition of the subject property; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the Metropolitan Council's grant contract.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Land Acquisition – Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park (Hansen)

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. (2009-246)

WHEREAS, Boundaries of Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park were established by Ramsey County with the approvals of White Bear Township; and

WHEREAS, By Ramsey County Board policy, Ramsey County only acquires owner-occupied properties from willing sellers; and

WHEREAS, Property located at 1466 East County Road H2 is within the boundary of Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, John and Judith Hansen, owners of 1466 East County Road H2, have expressed a desire to sell and Ramsey County made an offer to purchase, based on two independent real estate appraisals and estimated property tax market values and the offer was acceptable by Mr. and Mrs. Hansen; and

WHEREAS, The Purchase Agreement obligates the County to pay prorated real estate taxes for 2009, certain closing costs and moving expenses, estimated at \$10,645; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County will provide interim funding for the purchase of this property; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council will reimburse Ramsey County for seventy-five percent of the costs for acquisition of this property, up to \$411,422, from their Acquisition Opportunity Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The remaining 25% of acquisition costs (\$124,223) for this property will be funded from the Ramsey County Open Space and Bond Fund; and

WHEREAS, The seller of this property desires to live in the residence for a specified period of time after the sale to the County and a Residential Lease Agreement has been negotiated with the seller allowing them to do so; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Purchase Agreement between Ramsey County and John and Judith Hansen, 1466 East County Road H2, White Bear Township, MN 55110, at a purchase price of \$525,000; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Residential Lease Agreement between Ramsey County and John and Judith Hansen, 1466 East County Road H2, White Bear Township, MN 55110; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves reimbursing seller for prorated 2009 real estate taxes, closing costs, including title insurance, and moving expenses, at an estimated total cost of \$10,645; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Purchase Agreement and Residential Lease Agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes payment of up to \$124,223 from the Ramsey County Open Space Bond Fund to finance Ramsey County's share of acquisition costs; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes a temporary cash loan of up to \$411,422 from the General Fund to the Ramsey County Open Space Bond Fund to be repaid with proceeds from future Metropolitan Council Regional Park Grant; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the grant contract with the Metropolitan Council for acquisition of the subject property; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the Metropolitan Council's grant contract.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL – CHSCAC member appointments

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. (2009-247)

WHEREAS, Several committees of the Community Human Services Citizens Advisory Council have membership vacancies; and

WHEREAS, The County's open appointment process was followed to obtain applications; and

WHEREAS, The Citizens Advisory Council has recommended applicants to serve on the committees identified for the terms noted; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the appointment of the following individuals to serve on the committees of the Community Human Services Citizens Advisory council, with terms specified:

	<u>Term Expiration</u>
<u>Children's Services Review Panel</u> Georgia Boehkle*	06/30/11
<u>Low Income Committee</u> Shonagh Jones*	06/30/11

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Adult Mental Health Committee

Oliver Ross	06/30/11
Sheilah Seaberg	06/30/11

Developmental Disabilities Committee

Katie Boschee	06/30/11
Lori Jasper	06/30/11

(* denotes incumbent)

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Elderly Waiver Network Maintenance Agreement

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. (2009-248)

WHEREAS, During the 2004 session, the Minnesota Legislature transferred administration of the Elderly Wavier program from counties to pre-paid health plans; and

WHEREAS, As part of these responsibilities, each health plan can either develop and maintain a network of providers through direct contracting or purchase this service from counties; and

WHEREAS, HealthPartners, Inc. and UCare Minnesota have approached the Ramsey County Community Human Services Department to purchase continued development and maintenance of the network of providers that the Department has built over many years; and

WHEREAS, Payment will be made through an additional per individual per month rate; and

WHEREAS, The other two health plans, Blue Cross and Medica, have previously entered into agreements with Ramsey County for continued development and maintenance of the provider networks; and

WHEREAS, HealthPartners, Inc. will purchase the full Elderly Waiver network – which includes residential, respite care, extended home care, homemaker, chores, adult day care, companion, emergency response, environmental modification, extended supplies and equipment, non-medical transportation, consumer directed community support, family and caregiver training and education, transitional support, and home delivered meals services. UCare Minnesota will only purchase access to the county's residential providers; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves agreements with HealthPartners, Inc., 8170 33rd Avenue South, P.O. Box 1309, Bloomington, MN 55425, for Ramsey County Human Services to administer the network of residential, respite care, extended home care, homemaker, chores, adult day care, companion, emergency response, environmental modification, extended supplies and equipment, non-medical transportation, consumer directed community support, family and caregiver training and education, transitional support, and home delivered meals service providers at a per member per month rate starting June 1, 2009; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Board approves an agreement with UCare Minnesota, 500 Stinson Boulevard, P.O. Box 52, Minneapolis, MN 55440, for Ramsey County Human Services to administer the network of residential providers at a per member per month rate starting July 1, 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the agreements.

SHERIFF – Approval of Joint Powers Agreement for the Child Sexual Predator Program for 2009-2010

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. (2009-249)

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota through the Commissioner of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (“BCA”), has received federal Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”) funding from the U.S. Department of Justice for a Child Sexual Predator Program; and

WHEREAS, The BCA is seeking assistance from city and county law enforcement agencies in investigating and combating the exploitation of children that occurs through the use of computers; and

WHEREAS, The BCA will reimburse the overtime for employees from local law enforcement agencies that are affiliated with the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (“MNICAC”) Task Force; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office is an affiliate member of the MNICAC and is therefore eligible for participation in the grant funding; and

WHEREAS, The BCA is requiring participating agencies to sign a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota in order to receive grant funds; and

WHEREAS, For the term of Joint Powers Agreement, April 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, the State will reimburse the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office up to \$5,000.00 for overtime costs; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff’s Office recommends approval of the Joint Powers Agreement between Ramsey County and the State of Minnesota; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a Joint Powers Agreement between Ramsey County and the State of Minnesota through the Commissioner of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, for the period from April 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, for overtime costs related to the participation in the Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to execute the Joint Powers Agreement, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney’s Office; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make any necessary budget adjustments.

PUBLIC HEALTH – 2009 Cooperative Agreement for Waste Pesticide Collection with Minnesota Department of Agriculture

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. (2009-250)

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §115A.96 Subd. 6 and §473.804 require Ramsey County to develop and implement a permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) program, including at least quarterly collection of HHW; and

WHEREAS, The *Regional/Ramsey County Solid Waste Master Plan*, approved by the County Board on November 16, 2004, directs that Ramsey County will continue to provide for management of HHW in a cost-effective manner that minimizes risks to public health, property and the environment; and

WHEREAS, The County's HHW program includes acceptance of waste pesticides from households; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) waste pesticide collection program provides funding to participating counties for managing waste pesticides, provided that counties have an agreement with MDA; and

WHEREAS, At its December 14, 2004 meeting, the County Board authorized participation in the MDA program through Hennepin County, because of an MDA requirement at the time, relating to collection of pesticides from both household and non-household generators, that prevented Ramsey County from participating through a direct agreement with the MDA; and

WHEREAS, Due to a statutory change in 2008, the MDA required a new pesticide agreement with each participating county, while allowing Ramsey and other counties seeking funding only for management of waste pesticides from households to contract directly with the MDA for the first time; and

WHEREAS, At its September 9, 2008 meeting, the County Board approved this new Cooperative Agreement for Waste Pesticide Collection; and

WHEREAS, Due to a statutory change in 2009, the MDA has terminated the Cooperative Agreement approved in 2008, effective July 3, 2009, and is once again requiring a new pesticide agreement with each participating county, the 2009 Cooperative Agreement for Waste Pesticide Collection; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County's participation in the MDA pesticide collection program will allow the County to continue to benefit financially by having the MDA pay for management of pesticides collected through the County's HHW program; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the 2009 Cooperative Agreement for Waste Pesticide Collection with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the 2009 Cooperative Agreement and any future amendments to it, and any future similar pesticide collection agreements, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Living at Home/Block Nurse Program, Inc. Funding Reallocation to Roseville Area Schools/Roseville Area Senior Program

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. (2009-251)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County desires that persons 65 years and older who are in need of support, remain in their homes, in their community; and

WHEREAS, Living At Home/Block Nurse Program, Inc. (LAH/BNP, Inc.) previously agreed to provide an array of services to 17 communities so that persons 65 years and older and their families are satisfied living interdependently in their homes and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Living At Home/Block Nurse Program, Inc., no longer provides service to the Roseville area; and

WHEREAS, The Roseville Area Schools/Roseville Area Senior Program will provide these services that help allow seniors to remain in their homes, within their community; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves an agreement with Roseville Area Schools/Roseville Area Senior Program, 1251 County Road B-2 West, Roseville, MN 55113, to provide in home care to seniors, in an amount not to exceed \$11,250, for the period June 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute the agreement, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to amend the agreement, in the event of decreased or increased funding availability, and make necessary budget adjustments.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Agreement with FFT LLC

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. (2009-252)

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WHEREAS, Functional Family Therapy (“FFT”) is a family-based prevention and intervention program that has been implemented and offered by Ramsey County Community Corrections since 2002; and

WHEREAS, In Ramsey County, FFT services are provided to a wide range of youth and their families in various multi-ethnic, multicultural contexts and with pre-adolescents and adolescents diagnosed with conduct disorders, violent acting out, and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, FFT in-home counseling services are delivered by therapists through community vendors under contract with the County; and

WHEREAS, In order to be able to continue to offer these services, the County must maintain an annual license; previously the license had been maintained by Amherst Wilder; and

WHEREAS, In order to obtain and maintain a license, the County must ensure compliance with FFT training, staff, and administrative requirements; and

WHEREAS, FFT LLC is the only organization to provide FFT specific training and certification of therapists; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Community Corrections is requesting approval of a one-year contract with FFT LLC for training; monthly phone consultations with Amherst Wilder (the community lead for the therapist team); access to FTT’s online database; Clinical Services System; administrative support; and certification of new therapists; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves an Agreement with FFT LLC, 1251 Northwest Elford Drive, Seattle, WA 98177, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the 12-month period from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009, for training, consultation, administrative support, and certification services for the Functional Family Therapist in-home counseling program; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute the Agreement and any necessary amendments to the Agreement, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney’s Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to make any necessary budget adjustments.

PUBLIC WORKS – Construction Status Report for the period April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009

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. (2009-253)

WHEREAS, County Board Resolution 91-061 requires the Public Works Department to submit periodic reports on the financial status of each project and any modifications that have been authorized within the limits set by County Board Resolution 2001-93; and

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WHEREAS, The contract modifications include items such as cost quantity changes, change orders, and supplemental agreements; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepts the Construction Status Report for the April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

COUNTY MANAGER/BUDGETING & ACCOUNTING – Monthly report of contracts and final payments and grant submissions that were approved during the month of June 2009

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. (2009-254)

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 3.40.37 authorizes the County Manager to approve contracts, within certain limits; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 4.30.50a requires a monthly report on all contracts and final payments approved by the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Code 4.30.39d requires the County Manager to report grant submissions, amendments, renewals, and acceptances along with the monthly contract report; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the Report of Contracts and Final Payments and Grants for the month of June 2009.

VISITORS

Commissioner Carter recognized two groups of young people attending today's Board Meeting: the Aurora/St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation, Youth in Transition Program; and the Mentoring Young Adults group.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS – Building Lives Program Funding and Services

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

Commissioner Carter said this grant would continue a very successful Building Lives program. This afternoon there will be a Board Workshop with the Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Success if funding the continuation of this program is due to a partnership and the work of the County Board and staff, Workforce Solutions and the Workforce Investment Board.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-255)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, through Workforce Solutions, operated the Building Lives Program in 2002-2005 through a Department of Labor demonstration grant, and reinstated the program again in 2009 using ARRA Special Project funds (Res. 2009-165); and

WHEREAS, The ARRA Special Project funds are currently being used to provide case management services to 50 youth in the juvenile justice system in Ramsey County under a contract with HIRED; and

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WHEREAS, During the 2009 legislative session, Workforce Solutions staff, Ramsey County Legislative staff and the Workforce Investment Board (“WIB”) worked with DEED to secure funding for continued program services through the Building Lives program; and

WHEREAS, As a result of these efforts, \$100,000 per year was allocated for the 2009-2011 biennium to develop the Building Lives program in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, DEED has approved the use of the additional funds to expand the case management and youth development services HIRED is providing to 50 juvenile youth after they are released and transition back to the community; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to accept \$200,000 from the Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development for the 2009-2011 biennium (\$100,000 each year) for the Building Lives program; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute any amendments to the contract with HIRED, 1200 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411 for expanded case management services to juvenile youth under the Building Lives Program for a period of two years (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011) in a sum not to exceed \$200,000, subject to prior approval by the County Attorney’s Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program

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

Commissioner Carter said through the County’s Supporting Housing Priorities Fund, some dollars have been provided in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) application this year that actually went to housing so we would be able to realize more dollars in the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program. The County leveraged the housing dollars, about \$466,000 was put in, we were able to receive \$844,000; leveraging almost 2:1. In a time when we have so much difficulty maintaining resources, we were able to do so through our Supporting Housing Priorities Funds assistance to housing.

Commissioner Rettman asked for clarification on the dollars.

Commissioner Carter said those were because of the HUD application and supporting some capital dollars on our HUD application, we were able to balance and provide more support dollars to extend support.

Commissioner Rettman asked if these were ARRA (American Reinvestment Recovery Act) dollars.

Commissioner Carter said those would have been the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) dollars. These are not the funds, but because of the application and our investment in housing, we were able to also provide extended support to some of these organizations who provide the service, leveraging the dollars almost 2:1.

Commissioner Rettman said she had thought the reference was to the City of St. Paul’s \$3.2 million. Staff have worked hard on making a coordinated effort and is the reason for her question.

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Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-256)

WHEREAS, The Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) was created by the Minnesota Legislature in 1993 to prevent or shorten the duration of homelessness through the provision of crisis financial assistance and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County received \$2,600,000 for the most recent biennium which ended June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The program has proven to be a significant success; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the program served slightly more than 3,200 households; and

WHEREAS, At a cost of just under \$400 per household 95% of those served maintained housing stability and have not experienced a subsequent emergency shelter stay; and

WHEREAS, The most utilized methods are short-term rental assistance and short-term case management focused on obtaining a permanent, stable home; and

WHEREAS, In May, Community Human Services submitted a request to Minnesota Housing for \$3,026,320 for the upcoming biennium; and

WHEREAS, On June 25, Community Human Services was informed that the Ramsey County FHPAP is being awarded \$2,600,000 for the period of July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, In April, CHS issued a Request for Proposals seeking applications for FHPAP funding; and

WHEREAS, In response to this RFP, the Department received 42 proposals; and

WHEREAS, The proposal evaluation panel made up of nine members of the Ramsey County FHPAP Advisory Committee not personally or programmatically involved with the applicant organizations, including a CHS contract manager and planner, the Ramsey County Coordinator for Heading Home Ramsey, a housing specialist with the City of Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, and five community advocates; and

WHEREAS, The panel met on May 28, June 4, and June 26 to develop funding recommendations based on the announced funding level of \$2,600,000; and

WHEREAS, Eighteen proposals from 16 organizations are being recommended for funding; and

WHEREAS, Altogether, \$1,081,000 is targeting families with children, \$701,000 is focused on unaccompanied youth, and \$818,000 is directed toward all populations; and

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WHEREAS, Approximately 55% of the funding is intended to move people who are homeless into stable housing and 45% is directed to preventing homelessness for those at risk; and

WHEREAS, The Community Human Services Department and Homeless Committee continues to collaborate with the city to leverage additional federal funding and to productively use available funds; and

WHEREAS, The City of St. Paul is receiving funding from the federal Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) which was modeled on Minnesota's Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Saint Paul is an entitlement jurisdiction for that funding and will be receiving \$3,298,163 to implement HPRP; and

WHEREAS, Community Human Services has worked closely with the City of Saint Paul in developing plans for the combined \$5,898,163 in FHPAP and HPRP funding in order to avoid duplication and fill critical gaps in our homeless response system; and

WHEREAS, The recommendations cited below for FHPAP funding have been developed in coordination with plans for the city's utilization of the HPRP funding; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED: The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to accept the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program grant award of \$2,600,000 from Minnesota Housing for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011, to accept any supplemental awards, and to make any necessary budget adjustments; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to sign the agreements with the State of Minnesota and the following recommended vendors in a form approved by the County Manager's Office:

- A. H. Wilder Foundation, ROOF Project, 451 Lexington Parkway North, St. Paul, MN 55104, (\$270,000)
- Ain Dah Yung, 1089 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104 (\$51,000)
- Catholic Charities, Ramsey County Family Services Center, Family Rapid Rehousing Program, 1200 2nd Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55403 (\$85,000)
- Catholic Charities, Dorothy Day Center, Single Adult Rapid Rehousing Program, 1200 2nd Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55403 (\$85,000)
- East Metro Women's Council, 3521 Century Ave. North, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, (\$100,000)
- Face To Face Health and Counseling Service, Inc., SafeZone Drop In Center, 1165 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106 (\$400,000)
- The Housing Link, 600 18th Ave. North, Minneapolis, MN 55411 (\$50,000)
- Lutheran Social Services, Youth Transitional Living Program, 2485 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108 (\$250,000)
- Model Cities of St. Paul, 879 University Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104 (\$80,000)
- New Foundations, Inc., Crestview Community, 1145 Westminster St., St. Paul, MN 55101 (\$80,000)
- Saint Paul Foundation, Community Sharing Fund, 55 5th St. East, Suite #600, St. Paul, MN 55101 (\$50,000)

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- The Salvation Army Twin Cities Social Services, 2445 Prior Ave., Roseville, MN 55113 (\$100,000)
- Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Project HOPE, 166 E. 4th St. #200, St. Paul, MN 55101 (\$200,000)
- The Family Place, 244 10th St. East, St. Paul, MN 55101 (\$80,000)
- Twin Cities Community Voice Mail, 1821 University Ave. #N-184, St. Paul, MN 55104 (\$33,000)
- Westside Community Health Services, HouseCalls, 153 Cesar Chavez St., St. Paul, MN 55107 (\$300,000)
- YWCA of St. Paul, Inc., The Family Intervention Program, 375 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102 (\$316,000)
- YWCA of St. Paul, Inc, Family Rapid Rehousing Program, 375 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55102 (\$70,000).

SHERIFF – Donation of Totaled Sheriff’s Squad to the Minnesota Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving

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

Commissioner Bennett referenced the Executive Summary and suggested that the last sentence be changed to “...a decision to not drink and drive.”

Bob Fletcher, Ramsey County Sheriff, said a year ago on New Year’s Day, one of the Ramsey County Deputies lost his wife in a tragic accident. That is an all-too-common incident in America – 13,000 people lose their lives because of alcohol related accidents; some 41,000 involved in those each year. He introduced Jack and Jo Baker who lost their son 21 years ago, and have been advocates in working with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to control drunk driving. The Sheriff’s Office was contacted by MADD with a request to donate the car for a three- to five-year period to be used in a variety of ways.

Ms. Baker said they are delighted to have this car as part of their fleet of crashed cars, which are taken to many events and businesses, and to high schools during prom time. All the cars have story-boards explaining the injuries or deaths, with pictures of the individuals involved. People of all ages walk away with an insight knowing it is very dangerous to drink and drive. The hope is to impact young people that drinking and driving is not something they should do. This car is #8 in their fleet. This car will be shown in Ramsey County because it is a Ramsey County vehicle. The vehicles are kept three to five years depending on the condition of the cars. She thanked the Board for the gift of this car which will be used as an educational tool.

Commissioner Reinhardt said because this was a Sheriff vehicle, it is an especially important message.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-257)

WHEREAS, In order to help increase awareness and bring to light the tragic consequences of drinking and driving, the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office wishes to donate and transfer ownership of squad 26703, a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria, to the Minnesota Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (“MADD”), a non-profit organization, for its Crash Car program, which often brings cars to schools and community events to show the real life impacts of drinking and driving; and

WHEREAS, This vehicle was totaled on January 1, 2008, when a wrong way drunk driver collided with the squad being driven by Deputy Joseph Lopez, killing Deputy Lopez’s wife Margaret and injuring Deputy Lopez; and

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WHEREAS, The driver of the other vehicle, with a blood alcohol content of 0.19 at the time of the crash, was sentenced to 58 months in prison for Criminal Vehicular Homicide; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Lopez and the children of Margaret Lopez support the donation of this squad to the MADD Crash Car program; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County surplus property policy requires the County Board to approve the donation of personal property to a non-profit organization; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the donation and title transfer of Sheriff's squad 26703 to the Minnesota Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, 527 Marquette Ave. #900, Minneapolis, MN 55402, for use in its Crash Car program.

SHERIFF – 2009 Mid-Year Request to Appropriate Excess Prisoner Boarding Revenues

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

Commissioner Rettman requested that the action be bifurcated. One resolution would pertain to the temporary salary issues, and the other on the video surveillance cameras.

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

Commissioner Rettman said the action would move \$299,000 of additional revenues to the general fund. She asked if the County has been reimbursed for all the activities related to the Republican National Convention (RNC).

Sheriff Bob Fletcher believed that has been concluded.

Commissioner Rettman asked if there is still money the County has not received and why this money isn't going to reimburse the contingency fund.

Sheriff Fletcher said he could not answer that question. The books for last year were cleared in February 2009, and all appropriate transfers of funds took place by Board action earlier this year.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the County has received 100% reimbursement for all the activities performed by the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Fletcher responded negatively.

Commissioner Rettman asked how much of a deficit, citing the previous discussion for things to be pre-approved. How much is still not reimbursed, and why couldn't some of this money go toward that?

Sheriff Fletcher said the language "still not reimbursed" implies that the County has a position that the City still owes them, but that is not the formal position of the County Board, though it could be. There is no question that there is approximately \$300,000 in salaries that were not reimbursed from the City to the County. He would defer the question as to whether that is an existing debt or not to County Manager Kleinschmidt.

Chair Parker said that is a different subject. A report could be requested to come back to the County Board about the final tally of numbers, actual costs and reimbursements related to the RNC. She did not recall receiving that report.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the excess revenue money from prisoner boarding fees goes into the general fund, and the request is to have some of those funds appropriated. There was \$414,000 in additional revenue. The request today in two separate actions is to allocate \$299,000, which would leave approximately \$115,000 from the first half of 2009, as unallocated.

Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, responded affirmatively.

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Commissioner Reinhardt said if the Board chooses not to allocate that, it is still sitting in the general fund – it is not \$300,000, but it is \$115,000.

Sheriff Fletcher responded affirmatively. The Board could choose not to allocate the proposed camera money, with excess remaining there. This issue revolves around money the County gets from boarders. The Board documentation indicates that for the first six months of 2009, excess revenue was \$414,000. The decision was made that it is a good financial practice to take as many boarders as we can and add some additional temporary staff to accomplish that. To keep a pod open and running, about six deputies or correctional officers are needed. The cost for six people, one per shift with relief factored in, is about \$420,000. The suggestion is that a portion becomes less than half of the revenue made to be applied to the staffing there for a win-win for the County, the Sheriff's Office, and persons looking to house inmates. \$414,000 was raised the first six months, and \$179,000 was spent in staffing time, which left a net gain. It is anticipated that will be very close to what the expenses and income are for the second half of the year.

Sheriff Fletcher said in the process of running the Sheriff's Office and meeting with the County Board in closed meetings and the St. Paul Chapter of the NAACP, it has been suggested that cameras be placed in the booking area to gain a clearer picture of what the truth is. Persons who are intoxicated, etc., 30,000 people a year, come into the booking area where there are no cameras. That was phased out in the building design phase because of economic reasons. It is the right thing to do in order to caption what happens there. The Sheriff's Office is suggesting expending the \$120,000 for a one-time expenditure to put cameras in the booking area and in suicide watch areas. It will not cover everything. There are cameras in the center of all the pods, and it might at some point make sense to place other cameras. The booking area is the most violent conflicting area; cameras would provide a clear record of what actually occurs.

Commissioner Bennett asked Commissioner Rettman what her concern was about the \$300,000.

Commissioner Rettman said she asked to bifurcate the two items because she is in support of the surveillance cameras. The County Board has not yet received a report on the RNC. She is trying to find out how much had not been reimbursed and thought it was closer to \$400,000 and did not want to just use a figure without some documentation. That is why she asked if some of this money could go to that. She had assumed it was paid out of contingency because the people who did the work had been paid.

Commissioner Bennett said he is not sure why this did not come up through the budget process. He agreed with the need for the cameras but is trying to figure out where the money is coming from. If there is \$414,000 exceeding estimates of what we thought we would take in, he assumed that money was already spent to hire the six guards, or is that over and above what was paid for those guards.

Sheriff Fletcher responded negatively. There is a small amount of funds for temporary salaries but not enough for what is used to apply toward the boarders. This documentation is normally brought in at the end of the year. Last December, the Board requested it be brought in mid-year. For 10 years it was brought in at the end of the year, looking at the total revenue in December, the total expenses, argued about whether things were a good idea or bad idea, whether it should have been brought in sooner, resulting in this mid-year action. Commissioner Rettman specifically had asked this be brought in mid-year so the Board would know what is happening. The Sheriff's Office would be fine if the Board wanted to defer this to the end of the year.

Commissioner Bennett said he is trying to get a clearer picture of how this is being handled. He is assuming from what he has heard that the Sheriff doesn't intend to bring in an overtime resolution this year for excess money.

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Sheriff Fletcher said temporary and overtime salaries are lumped together. The intent is to have \$179,000 now to apply for the first half of the year, and roughly \$150,000 for the second half of the year, and that in December a reconciliation would be brought in.

Commissioner Bennett said the Board would still get a request for overtime and temporary salaries. Would they be as large as in the past?

Sheriff Fletcher said typically, that figure has ranged between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Last year because of the RNC, it was a higher figure. The target has always been to limit the temporary and overtime allocation to \$300,000; the Budget Office could comment on the history of that. In addition to that there will be the vacancy factor transfer.

Commissioner Bennett said the Board would still see a \$300,000 request for overtime and temporary salaries.

Sheriff Fletcher said that would not be a new \$300,000. It would be \$300,000, including the \$179,000.

Commissioner Bennett said the Board would then only see the \$120,000 plus vacancies. How much for vacancies?

Sheriff Fletcher said the vacancy factor is roughly \$300,000.

Commissioner Bennett asked County Manager Kleinschmidt what the request was over the last couple years.

Ms. Kleinschmidt responded the Sheriff's vacancy factor is about \$370,000.

Commissioner Bennett said it sounds like the Board would see another \$300,000, so it would be about the same as it has always been, and this is over and above.

The response from several Commissioners was no; it is part of it.

Commissioner Bennett said we would be over the \$300,000 normally seen.

Sheriff Fletcher said the good news is that the Sheriff's Office has agreed with the County Manager to cut 13 positions next year and live with a 2.8% budget reduction.

Commissioner Bennett said he does not want to see any surprises. He agreed that the cameras should have been in place a long time ago. But, he felt this would be paid off with this money, and the Board would still see \$300,000 and possibly over \$400,000 come in at budget time. He hoped he is wrong.

Commissioner Reinhardt said going through the budget process last time, this is exactly what the Board asked the Sheriff to do, to break it down, because at the end of the year, there were large amounts of money. The vacancy factor was a decision made years ago. As to this money, the Sheriff was asked to come in mid-year to give recommendations for the Board to decide upon. It was clear during the budget process that in order to get the increased revenues that there were going to be temporary salaries that had to be paid out of that. You can't get the revenue without some investments. That is the \$179,000. It is important to note that there is \$115,000 that is staying in the general fund. It is \$115,000 that is not budgeted for right now. When adding up what is being requested now and what will be requested in December, it is exactly the same as in previous years. This is cumulative, not in addition to, and the dollar amounts at the end of the year, according to what the Sheriff has said, are going to be very similar to every other year.

Sheriff Fletcher said the revenue will be higher. The County is \$235,000 ahead at this point. The Sheriff's Office is suggesting \$120,000 go to cameras.

Chair Parker said the \$179,000 has already been spent so it is not excess money to be decided on.

Commissioner Bennett asked what other funds have been spent on overtime at this point.

Sheriff Fletcher said the Department is living within its overtime budget. The County Board approved a budget with 8% overtime. Typically in past years, that has run at about 12-14%.

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Following direction from the County Manager, they have cracked down on overtime and curtailed a lot of activity. That is not all good; there are fewer deputy hours being put into performing some of the function.

Commissioner Carter said her comments have already been covered, but she supports this action.

Chair Parker said she understands we don't know how many prisoners we would house so it is hard to have a permanent position. How many temporary positions in total are there in the Sheriff's department?

Sheriff Fletcher said that fluctuates in terms of how many temporaries are hired to perform the service. The budget doesn't specify a specific number; it talks about funds for temporary services. As an example, in the jail because of this function, there might be two pods full of borders, 80+ prisoners, some boarding from immigration, some from the State of Minnesota. They stopped boarding from Dakota County. Other federal agencies occasionally ask us to board their prisoners. There are ten temporary employees working in the jail to address this issue.

Chair Parker asked if temporary employees are used elsewhere in the Department.

Sheriff Fletcher responded affirmatively, primarily in water patrol for the summer and for regional services. They have used temporaries for other functions in the past, but as part of budget reductions, those are being curtailed. Beginning in January, as part of the budget reduction, except for the jail and a couple temporaries in water patrol, they will no longer use temps.

Chair Parker said the Gang Strike Task Force has been disbanded. She asked if six positions had been allocated to that task force.

Sheriff Fletcher said that is accurate in terms of the number of individuals assigned there. In terms of the number of grant individuals, there were four. Cited in the documentation is the loss of \$150,000 in grant money for the remainder of this year. By January, something new may emerge, and it would be the intent of the Sheriff's Office to bring that budget amendment to the Board in December. They have removed the Gang Strike positions from the 2010 budget, and if any new money emerges, it will be brought to the Board as a budget addendum.

Commissioner Bennett asked who is paying those six officers. With the \$150,000, there are five months left in the year.

Sheriff Fletcher said they haven't been laid off. The Sheriff's Office is carrying them now. The board documentation states that there would be \$150,000 in lost revenue.

Commissioner Bennett asked if those could be used in some of the temporary situations.

Sheriff Fletcher said in the last ten years the Sheriff's Office has evolved the deputies out of the jail and moved those to a front-line civilian correctional officer position. Some of the deputies will be moved back to the jail for the last two-three months of this year to reduce overtime. However, this has evolved away from a sworn deputy position. The lowest seniority deputy sheriffs from the Gang Strike Task Force will be moved back to the jail in October or November to help reduce this cost.

Commissioner Bennett said he understands that the Sheriff's Office could let the Board know where they are at during budget hearings rather than waiting until the end of the year. From what he heard today, the Board will get the same budget request with no explanation for it today, but we have this excess money, so let's spend it. He still hasn't gotten an answer for how much we will get in November.

Commissioner Reinhardt said her recollection during the budget process was that the Board asked the Sheriff, instead of coming in at the end of the year because of the potential of excess revenue -- meaning the difference between the cost of the salaries and the revenue coming in from boarders -- that it not be included specifically in the budget, in part to avoid overestimating the

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revenue coming in. The Board asked for it to come in mid-year. It is her understanding that we took what we would normally get in December and broke it into two just on the excess revenue. On the vacancy factor, the Board wanted to know how much was happening on overtime and would not include it automatically in the Sheriff's budget, but to come in at the end of every year with a report on the vacancy factor. That is not what this is about; those are two separate things. Regarding just the revenue from boarding prisoners, this is the first installment; it is not doubling something, it is breaking it in half and bringing it to the Board in two separate actions.

Commissioner McDonough said typically, the Board has gotten about a \$300,000 request at the end of the year to reimburse for salaries to leverage dollars. The Sheriff's Office was asked to come back mid-year for this request. Another request will come at the end of the year. This is a win-win-win -- \$179,000 has leveraged \$414,000. We will reimburse those salaries. In the next motion we will potentially buy and upgrade the security and ability to monitor people in the jail, still have \$115,000 going into the general fund, and will have another six months to deal with this at the end of the year, with a potential request for salary reimbursements and dollars leveraged with those salaries. The vacancy factor is totally separate from this.

Commissioner Bennett said he is now getting an answer for where the excess money is coming from at this time. But, he thought the Board was also asking where the Sheriff is financially at this time in regard to the request provided to the Board at the end of the year for extra money, and he doesn't see that. Could we have spent this money there if the Sheriff could say now that at the end of the year it will be same as last year? Using \$300,000, could we use this money for that rather than spending it the way we are spending it? The answer is we can't because the \$179,000 has already been used. He agrees with everything up to the point that we don't know whether this includes everything for the whole year to be requested at the end of the year. Is the Sheriff at zero today, meaning that the Sheriff would not ask for any money later this year.

Sheriff Fletcher said the Sheriff's Office intends to ask at the end of the year for \$120,000 from the \$414,000 accrued in the second half of the year.

Chair Parker said that would be for the cost of boarding prisoners.

Sheriff Fletcher agreed. It would be for temporary salaries. The vacancy factor is taken from the full-time salaries; and they will request those dollars at the end of the year as well. Those are anticipated requests. They will have a third item to address – the loss of the Gang Strike Force grant money, but will do their part to reduce that liability, but it will be difficult in a 6-month window short of laying people off. The good news is that they have spent an enormous amount of time looking at next year in how to trim expenses and work with the County Manager to assure they have a serious reduction in the Sheriff's levy, somewhere between 2-3%.

Commissioner Bennett asked if the Board were to approve just the \$120,000, where would \$179,000 be put. Would it be added to the total at the end of the year?

Sheriff Fletcher responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the vacancy factor and revenues are totally separate things. The vacancy factor is already included in the budget. At the end of the year, the appropriation is done. It is not in addition to the line item of the budget for the Sheriff's department.

Ms. Kleinschmidt said it is a contingency transfer, and the Board has done that every year.

Commissioner Bennett asked if it is earmarked.

Sheriff Fletcher said it was originally an earmark contingency for the Sheriff's department. As time went on, it became such a regular practice that it was moved to come out of regular contingency. Commissioner Rettman had done that because she did not want it implied that the Sheriff's Office would always get the money and to make sure if they didn't need it all, they had to ask for it and prove that it was all needed.

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Ms. Kleinschmidt said there is no official earmark; the amount of the vacancy factor is listed on the bottom of the contingency report the Board receives every time contingency is used -- what it is and the expectation that it will be is a contingency transfer at the end of the year to balance the Sheriff's budget.

Commissioner Reinhardt said we have \$115,000 that is going to stay in the general fund. That is the difference between the \$299,000 being requested and \$414,000 that came in the first half of the year. If the second half is close to the first half, taking \$420,000 minus \$120,000, that would be an additional \$300,000, added to the \$115,000 that would be over \$400,000 in the general fund. If the Board chooses, because it is in the general fund, we could pay for the vacancy factor. The money is still there. In order to get the \$414,000, we had to invest the \$179,000.

Commissioner Bennett still felt it would be closer to \$450,000.

Commissioner Bennett asked County Manager Kleinschmidt if the Sheriff's department is the only department with an exemption to the hiring freeze for both temporary and permanent employees without authorization from her office.

Ms. Kleinschmidt said the County has a 'soft freeze' meaning departments are filling critical positions and in many cases are filling with temporaries as opposed to current replacement of permanent status.

Commissioner Bennett asked if all departments could hire temporaries where they need them.

Ms. Kleinschmidt said direction given departments was a 'target reduction' for 2009; to manage within that reduction; and since salaries are such a huge percentage of the department budgets, one way to do that is to be very cautious about filling positions because we know in 2010 and 2011, we will have to reduce positions. However, she has let all department directors manage that with the caveat that if they are not managing within those reductions, she might have to change the process. So far, the department directors are managing within those reductions.

Commissioner Bennett said it would be the discretion of the department heads. Ms. Kleinschmidt responded affirmatively.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 6. Nays – Rettman – 1. (2009-258)

WHEREAS, In previous years, the Sheriff's Office has waited until year-end to bring forward requests to appropriate excess revenues from prisoner boarding; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the County Board requested that the Sheriff's Office not wait until year-end to bring forward requests to appropriate excess revenues; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office has identified excess prisoner boarding revenues for the first six months of 2009, and is requesting appropriating a portion of this excess; and

WHEREAS, For the first six months of 2009, prisoner boarding revenues have exceeded the estimate by \$414,000, and actual revenues are projected to be greater than the estimate for the remainder of 2009 as well; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office has a need for additional temporary salaries funding; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office uses temporary positions in the ADC to reduce the need for overtime costs, and many of these temporary employees return each year, eliminating the need for complete training, so it is very cost efficient; and

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WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office requests appropriation of \$179,000 of excess prisoner boarding fees to be used for temporary salaries; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to approve a budget adjustment increasing estimated revenue from prisoner boarding fees in the amount of \$179,000 and increasing appropriations in temporary salaries by \$179,000.

SHERIFF – 2009 Mid-Year Request to Appropriate Excess Prisoner Boarding Revenues

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. (2009-259)

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

Commissioner Rettman said she is supportive of this. It is in the County's best interest. However, one caveat is for the Sheriff and County Attorney to adopt a procedure and policy of some existing jurisdiction for the storage and security; not to reinvent the wheel. Citing line 19 of the draft resolution: "Whereas, Where there are jurisdictions with existing policies and procedures governing the increased camera coverages..." In the final Resolved, "implement with the County Attorney a best practice using an existing policy by another jurisdiction and advise the County Manager when it is in place." It had been raised in a previous discussion how long to keep them, where to store them, etc. This would not micromanage this. Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney's Office, has expertise on this along with other staff, who could work with the Sheriff's Office. This is not just about paying for the equipment, but having procedures in place.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the County does have a policy and suggested caution in the way this is brought forward. The way it reads right now, it almost indicates that we don't have a policy. It would be better, assuming there is a policy, to report back to the County Manager on implementation of something already in place.

Commissioner Rettman said she was under the impression that we had minimal procedures in place. This is adding a whole new dimension. She is comfortable updating the policy and procedures in consultation with the County Attorney's Office. We need to be the best in the business and ensuring the County is doing the right thing.

Sheriff Fletcher said there is no objection to updating the policy to reflect the new technology and new reporting timelines and access to them. There will be some significant changes. Staff has already done the policy review of other jurisdictions and won't spend an inordinate amount of time on this. He thanked Commissioner Rettman for her support of this and meeting with Chief Deputy Metusalem.

Commissioner Rettman said she has enjoyed working with staff on this. There has been a lot of dialogue in the need for this equipment, echoed by all the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Bennett asked Commissioner Rettman if the policy would include working with St. Paul, which is on the campus of the Law Enforcement Center. After the RNC, a lot of cameras had been put in place. The City was to have gotten some of the equipment; did the County also get some of that equipment; are we using it? Landmark Center was outfitted with cameras; are those still in place, and who is monitoring them?

Sheriff Fletcher said the County did not receive any of the camera assets after the RNC. St. Paul has employed and used them. There are some cameras still on the Communications Dispatch Center, which would be an asset to the County as a whole. As to the Landmark Center, Jolly

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Mangine, Director, Property Management, could address the question about the cameras.

Commissioner Bennett said since Landmark Center is the property of the County, it would be nice to know if it is being monitored.

Sheriff Fletcher said the Sheriff's Office is not monitoring the Landmark cameras, but would be glad to consider it. They are in consultation with Property Management about monitoring cameras on the exterior of the Court House.

Commissioner Bennett said those cameras could be jointly monitored.

Sheriff Fletcher responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Bennett asked Commissioner Rettman if it was her intent to work with the City of St. Paul who has some of this equipment and has a policy. Some of this overlaps.

Commissioner Rettman said the \$120,000 request for equipment today is for the interior.

Commissioner Bennett asked if Commissioner Rettman intends to include in the policy changes that the Sheriff work with the City of St. Paul.

Commissioner Rettman responded negatively.

Commissioner Bennett said we might want to think about that. Both City and County would benefit.

Commissioner Rettman said this is specific to the sally port and the internal workings. The discussions had been how to manage and have state of the art, and updating the policy. This not a collective issue but a responsibility of the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Bennett suggested the County Manager and County Attorney look at this in respect to his suggestion.

Commissioner Carter said it is a good idea for the County Manager to come back to the Board at some future point after working with the Sheriff, Property Management and the County Attorney's Office to suggest where we ought to go. At this time we would vote on the internal camera equipment and the policies to come back to the Board on their use.

Sheriff Fletcher said there is a different policy for cameras in the public domain and those in private domain. All these cameras would not collect public data; it is institutional security data for safety. It would be discoverable if a lawsuit occurred. Those are different from the 160 cameras that St. Paul has in the public with a different set of policy issues surrounding them.

Commissioner Bennett said he was referring to the cameras posted in the skyway connected to the Law Enforcement Center and other jointly covered buildings.

Chair Parker said the message has been delivered that it is a good idea to communicate with St. Paul wherever there are interfaces.

Commissioner McDonough asked for a clarification on Commissioner Rettman's amendment to the language.

Commissioner Rettman said the amendment is to update the policies and procedures with the County Attorney.

Commissioner McDonough said in Commissioner Rettman's original suggested amended language, he heard the Sheriff would be required to use somebody else's existing policy language. He wants the Sheriff to be able to look at other policy language, but to determine what is best for his Department.

Commissioner Rettman said in discussion with the Sheriff's Department, they determined that there are jurisdictions with existing policies, and the Sheriff's Deputy has already done that research. There is no need to do that – it is to get that procedure in place so that when they get the cameras, the procedures are in place and the County Manager knows of it.

The amendment was accepted as friendly.

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Roll Call on the amendment: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-259)

WHEREAS, In previous years, the Sheriff's Office has waited until year-end to bring forward requests to appropriate excess revenues from prisoner boarding; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the County Board requested that the Sheriff's Office not wait until year-end to bring forward requests to appropriate excess revenues; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office has identified excess prisoner boarding revenues for the first six months of 2009, and is requesting appropriating a portion of this excess; and

WHEREAS, For the first six months of 2009, prisoner boarding revenues have exceeded the estimate by \$414,000, and actual revenues are projected to be greater than the estimate for the remainder of 2009 as well; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office has a need to purchase and install a video surveillance system in the Adult Detention Center ("ADC"); and

WHEREAS, In order to improve the security within the secure detention perimeter of the ADC, the Sheriff's Office is proposing purchase and installation of a video surveillance system; and

WHEREAS, Increased camera coverage and continuous recording in the booking area, sally port, and some individual cells will improve safety and security of the facility and aid in investigations of alleged misconduct by officers or inmates; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office requests appropriation of \$120,000 of excess prisoner boarding fees for the purchase and installation of a video surveillance system in the ADC; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to approve a budget adjustment increasing estimated revenue from prisoner boarding fees in the amount of \$120,000 and increasing appropriations in equipment for a video surveillance system in the ADC in the amount of \$120,000; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to report back to the Board on the implementation of the policy for the video surveillance system in the Adult Detention Center, after working with the Sheriff, Property Management and County Attorney's Office.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) grant from Minnesota Department of Health

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

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Rob Fulton, Director, St. Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health, said in his 20+ years as Director of Public Health, this will be the largest grant they have ever received. He wanted to share information and answer any questions about the Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP).

When Governor Pawlenty took office, he developed the Minnesota Health Reform Initiative. One of the recommendations from that Initiative was to 'move upstream'; that we spend far too many dollars on treatment and diagnosis, and to move upstream with prevention. Two sessions ago, the State Legislature approved a SHIP but put no dollars into it. They charged the Department of Health to come back with a master plan on how it would be carried out. In the meantime, the federal government created a new initiative called Steps to a Healthier America (Steps). Ramsey County was one of four communities in Minnesota, along with Minneapolis, Rochester, and Willmar, to have a Steps Program, with a grant end in September 2009. The grant had been focused only in St. Paul with the St. Paul School District as our partner along with other community partners. As the Legislative Session came on board this past budget session, there was a lot of concern. The Governor included dollars for funding SHIP in his proposed budget at about \$12 million. The Governor did not veto the bills and moved to un-allotment and these funds were coming out of the Health Care Access Fund so they couldn't be un-alloted. Before the Board is a proposal for SHIP. It was difficult to figure out what the competition was, but it was very prescriptive – we have to work in four venues: the community, schools, workplaces and health care settings. Three issues must be worked on: tobacco reduction and improvement in nutrition and increasing activity. Tobacco and obesity are the two primary factors. We must also work at the high end of the scale, which means we have to work around infrastructure and policy and not necessarily in providing one-on-one services with individuals. It is not a direct service program. The Steps program was more focused on direct services. We have an excellent website for small businesses in how to establish worksite wellness programs. This program will also be countywide – all five school districts will be included. A community leadership team helped put together the proposals and select those items we could work on with the state. We have developed relationships with the five school districts; each of them will be doing something different. The second year funding is about \$600,000 higher than the first year funding; we will be able to expand the programs in the four school districts that have not had the experience that St. Paul School District has had.

We are very excited about this program. It is a huge program and will have an enormous influence on the work of the Public Health Department. This will be housed in the Healthy Communities Section of the Public Health Department. The Steps program has been within that Section. They will be partnering with communities of color, particularly the African-American, Latino, and Hmong communities where they are seeing more disparities in terms of things such as diabetes, heart conditions and strokes.

Commissioner Bennett asked if smoking locations, such as outside the Court House, would be worked on. Mr. Fulton said that would fit into their work. One of the major issues that will be talked about is smoke free college and high school campuses. It makes sense to move smoking areas away from entrances so that people don't have to walk through the smoke.

Commissioner Rettman said many folks worked on this. One of the leverages we have had is the head of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has continued to volunteer in our clinics and has an intimate knowledge of how our clinics work and how our staff work. She believes that has been an advantage of being one of the pilots in the Steps program. Governor Pawlenty told her it had to be outcome-based and sound in fiscal management. We have 87 counties that have banded

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together at the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) meetings to make sure that every county in the State of Minnesota had a program to address this presented to MDH. Because we were at the leadership meetings there is also the certification that there will be standards of excellence. The bottom line is to have healthier communities.

Commissioner Carter said the SHIP program is a focus on prevention. This is about the best use of our dollars and is outcome-based – how will we be able to track outcomes and what is the connection to goals at the state and local level and whether we anticipate we will be able to continue this program following the two-year grant period.

Mr. Fulton said that in the Steps program there is an annual survey which includes a sampling across the entire country called the Behavioral Risk Factor survey which asks a series of questions. We have been oversampling St. Paul, which had to be paid for out of the Steps grant. The State has now taken over the responsibility for sampling with the behavior risk factors survey. That will be one way we measure. People will be asked simple prevention and behavior questions. They are also planning to do some survey work about attitudes because often the attitude has to change before the behavior changes. We will be doing that using the Twin Cities Area survey. We have used that in the past for questions about recycling and emergency preparedness. It will be challenging to be able to prove that people are less obese by the time the next legislative session comes around, but we should be able to show that if trail access has been improved and if opportunities in the infrastructure have been opened up, that behaviors are changing. It will be a challenge. These funds came from the Health Care Access Fund. One of the beauties of increasing health care costs is that that fund's revenue grows as health care costs grow because it gets 2% of all the health care revenues that are captured in the state. It is not competing with general fund dollars but competes with taking all the Health Care Access dollars and moving them to the general fund, which was one of the Governor's proposals. More than 10% must be spent on evaluation and assessment.

Chair Parker said this is an exciting opportunity; and an opportunity to build on what we have been doing. It is an opportunity to continue and expand the work of Active Living Ramsey County! This builds on so many things we have already been working on. She sat in on the NACo Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. There was discussion about the huge number of mentally ill and chemically dependent people in the jail and prison system. Behavioral health falls between the cracks. Is there any opportunity to look at systems change?

Mr. Fulton said that needs broader discussion than just talking about state health improvement programs. The cost is quite high. The County's Workhouse is a good mental health treatment center as people are there long enough to get them on their medications, but, is it the right place to hold them to get them on their medications.

Commissioner McDonough said he appreciated that question because normally we separate mental health and behavioral health from physical health. At the federal level there has been work done on parity. We don't have parity in policy or practice.

Commissioner Carter said there are initiatives across the country and our Corrections Department has been researching some of those to get to a place where we are not using the Corrections system as the first stop for mental health. There are criminal behaviors that may be caused by mental health issues; we will be more effective when we have people treated up front, rather than wait to have people in our jails.

Commissioner Rettman said the Food and Nutrition Commission will be reactivated.

Mr. Fulton said former Mayor Scheibel initiated the St. Paul Food and Nutrition Commission. Commissioner Ahrens convinced the Board to make it a joint City/County initiative. It is still on the books. We believe there are enough issues about food and access to good food. The WIC program

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is changing its entire package of food that people will be eligible to purchase. They are requiring that all stores that accept WIC vouchers have fresh fruits and vegetables available. We have in our plan with the Food and Nutrition Commission to work with the neighborhood/corner stores to get them to carry more quality fresh fruits and vegetables. We have worked hard in the food shelf initiative. The Resource Recovery Facility has funded a program for Second Harvest to acquire fresh fruits and vegetables and quality foods. The United Way has been funding the acquisition of equipment in the food shelves so they can maintain produce. There are more fresh fruits and vegetables available in the food shelves. They will be coming back to the Board for appointments to the Food and Nutrition Commission. The farmers' market movement developed out of that; the fact that the farmers market here is focused around locally grown products.

Roll Call: Ayes – Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-260)

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has awarded grant funding in the amount of \$3,570,000 to the Saint Paul – Ramsey County Department of Public Health (SPRCDPH) for the funding period July 1, 2009- June 30, 2011 under the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP); and

WHEREAS, SHIP is designed to promote increased physical activity, healthy nutrition and reduction in tobacco use through policy, system, and environmental change, and is modeled after the CDC/MDH Steps to a Healthier Minnesota program that has operated for the past five years in four Minnesota cities: Saint Paul; Minneapolis; Rochester; and Willmar; and

WHEREAS, SHIP funding would allow the SPRCDPH to continue and expand its work in chronic disease prevention under Steps to all of Ramsey County for the next two years in partnership with Ramsey County Public School Districts and community-based agencies; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to accept the grant award from the Minnesota Department of Health, in the amount of \$3,570,000, for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, and enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health in a form to be approved by the County Attorney's Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes an increase of 1.0 FTE Public Health Program Supervisor, 3.0 FTE Health Educators, and 1.0 FTE Senior Program Evaluator in the Public Health complement, to be starred in the budget and contingent upon continued grant funding; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes County Manager to make necessary adjustments to the Public Health budget by increasing estimated revenue and appropriations to fund these positions and related expenses; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to enter into contracts as needed to accomplish the goals of this grant, and to report back to the Board on the status of those contracts; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to accept future grant awards from MDH to support the continuation of the Statewide Health Improvement Program; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Board reaffirms its directive to the County Manager to minimize layoffs and to communicate all job postings and requirements and opportunities to all applicable staff.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- She attended the ACE (All Children Excel) picnic. ACE is celebrating ten years. She spoke with some of the participants – one woman said her biggest concern had been that because of a problem one of her children had, he would have fallen through the cracks. Because of ACE their family has hope. There is an abundance of dedicated people helping to improve the lives of children and families. She is proud of the work that has gone into this program that makes a difference in people's lives.
- The Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Project Board met; the budgets will be coming back to each county.
- The Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board met.
- The Metro GIS Board met; how does MetroGIS and AMC fit into the new statewide MGO.
- Senator Franken held a series of open houses across the state; she attended one to discuss issues critical to Ramsey County.
- The National Association of Counties Conference (NACo) was held last week. She attended the Environment, Energy and Land Use Committee, and serves as Chair of the Air Quality Subcommittee. There were five resolutions regarding: extended producer responsibility; recycling or reuse of waste paint; electronics; proper handling of mercury-containing fluorescent lamps; and a new one on medicine take-back program manufacturer responsibility. That one is getting nationwide attention. Work was done on the Clean Water Restoration Act to come up with a compromise resolution. Progress is being made, but it is a divisive issue at NACo. We all believe in clean water and need to figure out ways to get there through Congress and have our voice heard as far as what is and is not covered.

In the early 1970s, the Clean Water Restoration Act was passed; it defines who has jurisdiction over certain waters and making sure that permits are issued correctly and that environmental concerns are taken into consideration so that water is not polluted. That legislation refers to 'navigable waters'. Congress wants to change 'navigable waters' to 'waters of the US'. NACo's position is that 'navigable' must remain as there are man-made ditches and gutters, seasonal streams, and other categories that really should not be covered by the Act. There was a compromise in the Senate that has now become the bill that laid out the things that were exempted. However, that clarification is in the intent portion of the bill and not in the text of the bill. She brought forth a compromise resolution stated that we are all in favor of clean water and keeping poisons, parasites, etc. out of our water resources, as long as it clarifies that gutters, human-made ditches and seasonal streams were excluded. The issue is that certain things should not be covered, and that should be clarified.

Commissioner Carter reported that:

- She took part in the AMC Health and Human Services Policy Committee web conference on unallotments and federal health reform.
- She attended a joint County Transit Improvement Board/GEARS meeting. They are waiting for a forecast on dollars that will be available.

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Chair Parker said there is an issue regarding the role of cities versus counties when it comes to transit planning – everyone wants to be involved as there are different perspectives.

Commissioner Bennett reported:

- Minnesota plays a very active part in the NACo Committees. He had an opportunity to spend time with the new “drug czar”.

Commissioner Rettman reported that:

- She attended the NACo Conference; it was an honor to have the opportunity to spotlight Ramsey County. She marketed Ramsey County in a session about leveraging dollars to get outcomes.

Commissioner McDonough reported:

- He has participated on a passenger transit forum. Its original mission was to work with MnDOT to develop the state rail plan once the ARRA funds came out for high speed rail. They have been working with partners throughout the state on how to position Minnesota for some of those funds. Yesterday, the Policy Advisory Board took a position for Minnesota’s applications. A full update will be held at next Tuesday’s Regional Railroad Authority meeting. A press release had been distributed that the number one project coming out of Minnesota for track one funding, which is shovel ready and has to be completed by 2012, is \$137 million for the Union Depot. The other request coming from Minnesota will be for track two funding for Chicago to Twin Cities Midwest High Speed Rail. It has been a lot of work to get positioned to move forward on that.

ADJOURNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session was called to order at 11:05 a.m. with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Absent: None. Also present were Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager; Darwin Lookingbill, Director, Civil Division, County Attorney’s Office; Rob Fulton, Director, Public Health; Carol Roberts, Director, Community Corrections; and Cliff Green, Attorney for Ramsey County.

Re: Robinson et al. v. Ramsey County et al.

A discussion of the above matter was held and Commissioners Reinhardt, Parker and Carter agreed to participate in upcoming settlement discussions. No formal action was taken.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board