

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman (late) and Chair Parker – 7. Absent: None. 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 Bennett moved approval of the Agenda of the October 13, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 6. Nays – 0.

(Commissioner Rettman arrived at this point in the meeting.)

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointment to the Capital Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee (CIP)

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-344)

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County’s Open Appointment Process, a press release was distributed seeking applicants to the Ramsey County Capital Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee (CIP) for vacancies in Districts 4, 5 and 6; and

WHEREAS, The CIP Committee is comprised of fourteen members; two from each Commissioner District; and

WHEREAS, An application has been received from District 4 and Commissioner Carter wishes to appoint the individual; and

WHEREAS, Remaining vacancies will be advertised in future press releases; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individual to the Capital Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee, for a term beginning with the date of appointment and ending August 30, 2011:

APPOINTEE

TERM EXPIRATION

District 4
Sharon Garth
485 Aurora Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55103

August 30, 2011

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PARKS AND RECREATION – Declaration of Public Trailway Rights, Elmer L. Andersen Pathway Connection

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-345)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County owns Tony Schmidt Regional Park located within the City of Arden Hills; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County and the City of Arden Hills have worked cooperatively to establish the Elmer L. Andersen Memorial Trail and associated connections; and

WHEREAS, The City of Arden Hills has secured a grant to develop portions of the trail including connections to Charles Perry Park and an extension north of County Road E2; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation requires that the City obtain a Declaration of Public Trailway Rights from Ramsey County in order to extend portions of the trail over Tony Schmidt Regional Park; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Declaration of Public Trailway Rights, Elmer L. Andersen Pathway Connection; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Declaration on behalf of Ramsey County.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Solid Waste “Market Price” Identification

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-346)

WHEREAS, The 1997 Minnesota Legislature enacted a bill eliminating both the SCORE sales tax and the Solid Waste Generator Assessment, replacing them beginning in 1998 with a single Solid Waste Management Tax; and

WHEREAS, For purposes of determining if political subdivisions owe this tax and how much tax is owed, Minnesota Statutes §297H.02 requires political subdivisions that subsidize tipping fees at solid waste management facilities to identify the “market price” for solid waste management services, which is defined as “the lowest price available in the area, assuming transactions between separate parties that are willing buyers and willing sellers in a market”; and

WHEREAS, This law requires political subdivisions to identify the “market price” and submit their findings to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency by October 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County and Washington County Boards of Commissioners in 2008 each identified \$28.03 per ton as the “market price” for purposes of the Solid Waste Management Tax, effective January 1, 2009, and

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WHEREAS, Ramsey County, Washington County, and Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project staff have worked cooperatively to identify the “market price” for Ramsey and Washington Counties, beginning January 1, 2010, and have determined a different “market price” which requires approval by County Board resolution; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes identification of \$28.60 per ton as the “market price” for calendar year 2010 for purposes of the Solid Waste Management Tax, which reflects a waste disposal tipping fee of \$19.60 per ton at the Pine Bend Landfill plus an estimated transportation cost of \$9 per ton; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes submittal by the Department of Public Health of this “market price” and supporting documentation to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – Agreement with Shilpa Patel, M.A. LPC

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-347)

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules §2955.0150 Standards for Delivery of Sex Offender Treatment Services mandates each client must receive at least an average of 12 hours per week of sex offender treatment; and

WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) Quest Program has been certified as a residential juvenile sex offender treatment program and has provided such services under the supervision of its Clinical Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Additional sex offender specific services were previously provided by Project Pathfinder Inc. but the County’s relationship with this vendor ended September 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, In order to maintain compliance with these legal requirements, the Community Corrections Department proposes that the County Board approve an Agreement with Shilpa Patel to serve as a sex offender therapist; and

WHEREAS, This will allow the JDC to continue the level of services without disruption while it prepares for a RFP for these services in early 2010; and

WHEREAS, Shilpa Patel is a licensed mental health practitioner who has worked in juvenile sex offender treatment for five years; and

WHEREAS, Shilpa Patel is specialized in the field of victim-specific treatment and would be an asset to the Quest Program; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves an Agreement with Shilpa Patel, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000, for the 12-month period from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010, for services performed as a licensed mental health practitioner; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Agreement and any necessary amendments to the Agreement; and Be It Further

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

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PUBLIC WORKS – Whitaker Pond Improvement Project and Minor Maintenance Cooperative Agreement

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-348)

WHEREAS, Whitaker Pond was constructed in 1997 as part of the Ramsey County Highway 96 reconstruction project to improve the water quality of storm water runoff from Highway 96 right-of-way and a large watershed within the City of White Bear Lake and White Bear Township; and

WHEREAS, Whitaker Pond is in need of major maintenance work to remove accumulated sediment and repair the outlet weir structure; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization completed a consultant evaluation of the current effectiveness of Whitaker Pond and a feasibility study to assess maintenance options and identify possible design improvements; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization convened several meetings with the County, City and Township to refine the scope of major maintenance work and other improvements to Whitaker Pond which are included in the Whitaker Pond Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, The Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization shall administer the construction contract for the Whitaker Pond Improvement Project and contribute \$130,000 to the cost of the project; and

WHEREAS, A cooperative agreement has been developed for the Whitaker Pond Improvement Project, including the distribution of residual project costs between the County, City and Township, as well as annual minor maintenance work, responsibilities and cost distribution; and

WHEREAS, The estimated cost for the Whitaker Pond Improvement Project, including engineering costs, is \$248,390, with the estimated County cost of \$62,747; and

WHEREAS, County Public Works has \$10,000 available for the Whitaker Pond Improvement Project in the Public Works operating budget; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Whitaker Pond Improvement Project and Minor Maintenance Cooperative Agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute the Whitaker Pond Improvement Project and Minor Maintenance Cooperative Agreement, in a form approved by the County Attorney, on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes a budget transfer not to exceed \$60,000 from the Contingency Fund to the Public Works Whitaker Pond Improvement Project account.

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

Commissioner Bennett introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner McDonough. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-349)

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 August 2009.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Cancellation of Board Meetings

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Parker – 6. Nays – Rettman - 1. (2009-350)

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, December 8, 2009, the majority of Ramsey County Commissioners will be attending the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference in Minneapolis, MN; and

WHEREAS, Tuesday, December 22, 2009, falls close to a major holiday and the Ramsey County Board desires to cancel that meeting; and

WHEREAS, Meetings will not be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, as it is a 5th Tuesday; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Home Rule Charter states that the Ramsey County Board must meet at least two times per month; meetings are scheduled for December 1 and December 15, 2009; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby cancels the December 8 and December 22, 2009 Ramsey County Board Meetings.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES/WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS – Biennial Service Agreement for the Minnesota Family Investment Program and the Children’s and Community Services Act Services for 2010-2011

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

Commissioner Rettman referenced page 14 of the documentation. During Workforce Solutions budget hearing, the question was raised about being below the range of performance. It

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had been stated that it might be hard to continue that. With the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) dollars and with most things related to government, it is about the paperwork. The County submitted a performance plan to get the performance dollars. Is that a one-time application for the performance plan to get the expert pay, or is it once and you're out?

Joan Truhler, MFIP Employment Services Manager, Workforce Solutions, said it is not a one-time option. The performance improvement plan was done two years ago. The last time performance funds were issued, the County did not need to do one because both measures were met. If they are not met in future years, there is still an option to do a performance improvement plan.

Commissioner Rettman asked Ms. Truhler if she believes Workforce Solutions will be able to meet the performance requirements.

Ms. Truhler responded affirmatively. They are trying to be conservative in the projects because of the economy if nothing else, to stay within the range of performance on the self-support index, taking the minimum requirement for the work participation rate, which was an increase of 5%. The state's projection in this next year when they begin doing 'work benefit' will be an increase of 7% statewide. The state recommended we stay within the same increase.

Commissioner Rettman said this seems very specific in nature, and she appreciated that in both the Workforce Solutions side and the Community Human Services side. She is very concerned because the paperwork in both departments is a necessary nemesis to be conquered.

Ms. Truhler said some of the things they have done is to use two financial workers and two evaluators on the Human Services side that are involved to help track month-by-month and issue reports so we will know as soon as possible if we are falling below expectations.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-351)

WHEREAS, The 2003 Minnesota Legislature established a requirement to submit two-year plans to outline the services that would be funded and the outcomes to be achieved with the Minnesota Family Investment Program Consolidated Fund/Children's and Community Services (CCSA) funding; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Biennial Service Agreement (BSA) covers calendar years 2010-2011; and

WHEREAS, The major difference between the current BSA for MFIP and the previous plan is a focus on meeting performance outcomes and address disparities given the economic conditions. There are no significant changes to the CCSA portion of the plan; and

WHEREAS, Among the focus for services proposed by the Community Human Services Department and Workforce Solutions:

- Children's Mental Health – increase the availability of respite services and improve the effectiveness of services to the Hmong community
- Child Safety and Permanency – expand the use of the Comprehensive Family Assessment, increase the number of kinship adoptions, increase the number of adoptive homes for older adolescents, and expand our work with community partners in the African American and American Indian communities
- Developmental Disabilities – increase the options for self-directed housing, increase employment opportunities, and improve the support services for individuals with autism

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- MFIP Services / Employment– develop alternatives to permanent employment for participants who are unable to find work
- MFIP Services /Long Term Participants – develop a comprehensive service model for long-term participants with multiple barriers to self-reliance with a focus on the family system, including children
- MFIP Disparities – Expand the employment services network to include at least one African American provider. Support projects targeted to finding temporary and permanent employment for African Americans and American Indians; and

WHEREAS, The BSA has been available for public comment for the required thirty-day period and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, Upon approval of the BSA by the State of Minnesota, Ramsey County will receive MFIP Consolidated Fund and CCSA Funding of almost \$48 million for the two-year period; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the 2010-2011 Minnesota Family Investment Program/Children’s and Community Services Act Biennial Service Agreement and authorizes submission of the Agreement to the Minnesota Department of Human Services; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Directors of Workforce Solutions and the Community Human Services Department to sign the Biennial Service Agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to accept Federal and State grant funds for the operation of the Agreement’s programs; make budget adjustments between programs to ensure the utilization of the total grant award; accept supplemental funds; and negotiate, execute, and amend contracts and leases in accordance with the Departments’ budgets.

RAMSEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT/PUBLIC HEALTH – 2010 Natural Resources Block Grant Funds

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

Commissioner Rettman said this is a discretionary item that has been delegated to the Ramsey Conservation District since 1993. There are a couple nuances to this. One is the reference that a new ordinance must be completed in 2010. The letter in the document references that action. Is a new ordinance needed by the County Board?

Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, said if the question is about the ordinance having to do with the new part of the funding, which is directed to the Public Health Department for regulating on-site waste water systems, that is correct.

Rob Fulton, Director, St. Paul Ramsey County Department of Public Health, said the state is requiring counties to develop an ordinance for the coverage of septic tanks. In Ramsey County, all the cities have those ordinances; the County is still required to bring forward and create a County ordinance before February 2010. That will come forward in that process later this year or early 2010. All the cities would have one year to bring their ordinances into compliance with the County ordinance, which will be in compliance with the state ordinance. These dollars are to help ensure that all the cities get their work done and their ordinances done. There was concern at one time whether

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some cities would give up that ordinance. In surveying all the cities, none intend to give up the responsibility of doing the septic tank inspections and requirements.

Commissioner Rettman said that was one of her concerns – what fiscal note is attached to this. She has heard none, except for the process of bringing in the ordinances, which has a fiscal note.

Mr. Fulton said they will have to work with the cities to get them to come into compliance within a year. If the city were to give it up, it would become a fee-related service. In Environmental Health, all costs are covered with fees. There are probably not enough for us. One of the thoughts was if a municipality would give it up – the real concern was North Oaks, much of which has on-site sewage systems, and would be a major issue for the County to inspect and do all the work. We probably would have gone to Washington County to contract with their technical people for the inspections on our behalf; we would collect the money and reimburse them. That is not going to happen.

Commissioner Rettman said there is another ordinance that is discretionary, the groundwater with BWSR's responsibility for approval. She asked for clarification that this ordinance would have no reference to that.

Ms. Kleinschmidt said that reference is to the Ramsey County Groundwater Protection Plan adopted by the County Board in May 1996. The grant that refers to the local water management implementation is related to that. The Ramsey Conservation District has been working on a new updated plan, considered to be more aggressive than the prior plan. This money can be used to implement the existing plan under which they operate. She met recently with Tom Petersen, Director, Ramsey Conservation District, asking him specifically for a summary of the significant changes in that plan in a red-lined version, and a fiscal note detailing the impact to all of the municipalities and local governments that would be affected should the Board adopt the new, more aggressive plan. She also asked that the plan clearly state that implementation would be subject to available funding. Work is ongoing and more information will come to the Board at a later date.

Commissioner Rettman thanked Ms. Kleinschmidt for that affirming information.

Commissioner Reinhardt said staff have done an excellent job. Often we get caught between the state and municipal governments and this is one of those cases. It took a lot of effective communication to avoid the appearance of the County taking over something. The County had said it did not want to do that but the state was putting pressure on the County.

Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-352)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey Conservation District ("District") is requesting that the Ramsey County Board delegate the District as the authorized county agent for acquiring and administering the FY-2010 MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Natural Resource Block Grant (NRBG); and

WHEREAS, The NRBG consists of three sub-grant components applicable and available to Ramsey County. Sub-grant components include: the Local Water Management Implementation Base Grant (\$11,083), the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Local Government Unit WCA administration grant (\$19,000), and the subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) regulation program grant (\$9,931); and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources allows delegation by counties to soil and water conservation districts for acquiring and administering the NRBG funds; and

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WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has delegated this authority to the District in the past beginning in 1993; and

WHEREAS, The District will utilize the local water management implementation base grant to implement groundwater and surface water protection activities; and

WHEREAS, The District will distribute the WCA funds to various local government units implementing the WCA in Ramsey County per terms and conditions outlined in sub-grant agreements; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 115.55, subd. 2. was recently amended and Ramsey County is now required to administer an SSTS program, which will be carried out by the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, The District proposes to forward the SSTS program funds to the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health - Environmental Health Section to administer the SSTS program; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby delegates the Ramsey Conservation District as the authorized County agent to acquire and administer the Local Water Management Implementation and the Wetland Conservation Act Implementation components of the FY-2010 MN Board of Water and Soil Resources' Natural Resources Block Grant; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board hereby delegates the Ramsey Conservation District as the authorized County agent to acquire the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) component of the FY-2010 MN Board of Water and Soil Resources' Natural Resources Block Grant, and direct the transfer of those funds in the amount of \$9,931 to the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health – Environmental Health Section for the administration of the County's SSTS program through an agreement between the Ramsey Conservation District and the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board hereby authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments, including increasing estimated revenue and appropriations.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Amendments to the Ramsey County Solid Waste Ordinance, Second Reading

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-353)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County desires to continue to protect and ensure the public health, safety, welfare and environment of the County's residents and businesses through sound management of solid waste generated in the County; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopted the Solid Waste Ordinance on September 14, 1970 (Resolution #9-281), and has amended it 21 times, most recently on November 3, 2003 (Resolution #2003-371); and

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WHEREAS, Amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance are necessary to ensure that the Solid Waste Ordinance is consistent with State rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter requires that every proposed ordinance and amendment receive two full readings: the first at the time the amendment is presented and the second at the time of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter further provides that the full reading may be waived if a copy of the ordinance or amendment is supplied to each member of the County Board prior to its introduction; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby waives the second reading of the proposed amendments to the Ramsey County Solid Waste Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Public Hearing on Amendments to the Ramsey County Solid Waste Ordinance

Chair Parker opened the Public Hearing to obtain public comments on the proposed Amendments to the Ramsey County Solid Waste Ordinance, and called three times for public testimony. Hearing no requests to address the Board, Chair Parker declared the Public Hearing closed.

Commissioner Rettman said no public discussion has taken place on the Amendments to the Ramsey County Solid Waste Ordinance, which has not been updated in years. She asked Public Health staff to provide some highlights on the changes.

Zack Hansen, Environmental Health Section Manager, Department of Public Health, said the changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance are by and large, clean-up. The Pollution Control Agency (PCA) changed its rules so we reference the new rules. The most significant changes fall in a couple areas, one in the area of transfer stations, processing facilities, land applications, where over a decade we have been doing a lot of regulation by license conditions. We have incorporated those into the ordinance so we don't have to condition a license each time. The other significant change is an addition to bring this ordinance to be consistent with the Hazardous Waste Ordinance that the Board adopted last year around the area of deconstruction and demolition. When a building is slated for demolition and city permits are issued, the cities are required to notify the County, and we conduct an inspection to see if there are hazardous materials on-site. This ordinance deals with a similar situation from the Solid Waste perspective as the Hazardous Waste Ordinance does. That also rolls in language that the PCA is moving forward to adopt rules. It has been a successful program and cities have welcomed it to clean up the materials slated for demolition and to promote recycling and recovery of materials from demolition. This has been a leadership area in regulation that the County has moved forward in. The rest of the provisions of this ordinance are basically clean up.

Commissioner Rettman said in terms of wood waste and other areas, Environmental Health staff have taken a leadership on deconstruction. This sets in motion where the cities have to notify the County allowing for the chance to reuse, recycle or otherwise get things to the appropriate disposal place. This is exciting.

Commissioner Reinhardt thanked Zack Hansen, Public Health and Ken Haider and Public Works in regard to the use of tear-off shingles and using them in a roadway project. Ramsey County was the only county that stepped forward to provide a project to Mn/DOT for a roadway on McKnight Road. Other counties brought projects forward for trails and parking lots. Staff worked hard on that demonstration project for Mn/DOT, which goes hand-in-hand on the deconstruction, and we saved money.

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PUBLIC HEALTH – Amendments to the Ramsey County Administrative Ordinance, Second Reading

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Roll Call: Ayes – Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-354)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopted the Ramsey County Administrative Ordinance on February 23, 1981 (Res. No. 81-166), and amended the Ordinance on September 17, 1991 (Res. No. 91-531), December 10, 1996 (Res. No. 96-521), and March 13, 2001 (Res. No. 2001-79); and

WHEREAS, The County Board wishes to amend the Administrative Ordinance to provide technical changes necessary to ensure that the Administrative Ordinance is consistent with State statutes, rules, and regulations, and to make necessary format changes, such as renumbering of sections to be consistent with other County ordinances and be in the preferred format of the court system; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter requires that every proposed ordinance and amendment receive two full readings: the first at the time the amendment is presented and the second at the time of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.02 of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter further provides that the full reading may be waived if a copy of the ordinance or amendment is supplied to each member of the County Board prior to its introduction; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby waives the second reading of the proposed amendments to the Ramsey County Administrative Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Public Hearing on Amendments to the Ramsey County Administrative Ordinance

Chair Parker opened the Public Hearing to obtain public comments on the proposed Amendments to the Ramsey County Administrative Ordinance, and called three times for public testimony. Hearing no requests to address the Board, Chair Parker declared the Public Hearing closed.

Zack Hansen, Environmental Health Section Manager, Department of Public Health, said the changes to the Administrative Ordinance are entirely technical with a lot of grammatical changes. The most significant change is what is being taken out. A number of years ago, the counties throughout the state were given authority to use administrative penalty order authority. That authority expired a number of years ago. That is being removed because that authority is not expected to come back, and was not found to be a useful regulatory tool.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Bennett reported:

- On the Child Care Providers event. There was a good turnout with Commissioners Carter and Ortega also present.
- Due to the early snowfall and ice on Saturday, the bridges were in terrible shape. Road crews got out as quickly as possible.

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Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- She will be representing Minnesota at the Pharmaceutical Take-Back Conference, where work is being done on medicine return programs. Minnesota has been a leader; a number of projects have been going on throughout the State, and was a leader in bringing a resolution to the National Association of Counties (NACo). She will present the NACo resolution and try to get the manufacturers at the table as part of the conversation. This waste deals with the public safety sector as well as public health.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- On the Crime and Justice Conference conducted by the Council on Crime and Justice in Minnesota. The title was “Building the Road to Restoration” with a focus on controlling the front gates of our criminal justice system, supporting sensible alternatives, and moving toward restorative re-entry programs. One of the speakers was Frank Hosch, a former Ramsey County employee, who shared information about the road Ramsey County has been on in juvenile justice as it applies to moving from tough on crime to smart on crime. Ramsey, Hennepin, Dakota, and St. Louis counties, and some of the Red Lake Indian Reservation are all moving toward the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives Improvements, which are reducing detention and creating a better environment for public safety and outcomes for our youth.
- She visited Public Health in their new location in the Plato building.
- On the annual Child Care Providers dinner.
- On Hallie Q. Brown’s 80th anniversary.
- On the St. Paul Public Schools Foundation breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board