

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met with the following members present: Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Parker – 7. Absent: None. Also present were Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, and Gary Davis, Assistant County Attorney.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### AGENDA

Commissioner Rettman moved approval of the Agenda of the November 3, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

#### MINUTES

Commissioner Carter moved approval of the Minutes of the October 27, 2009 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0.

#### PRESENTATION

Blake Huffman, Councilperson, City of Shoreview, and President of the Shoreview Area Housing Initiative, presented a plaque to the County commemorating the partnership with the County in successfully moving a displaced family into a great neighborhood and helping to improve and stabilize a foreclosed home. Several businesses formed the initiative a few years ago to make an impact in the community in a meaningful, long-lasting and sustainable way. In order to do that they decided that addressing poverty and housing would be an area in which to work. They arrived at the concept of purchasing homes in the northern suburbs to rent to people in need. The first home has been purchased and rented, with the mission to focus direction on single parents living 80% of less than the poverty line. Poverty impacts housing, this impacts schooling. Taking a home and renting it at 30% of the subsidized rate of what the tenant's income would be in the north suburban area, where there are strong schools, is an area to focus this mission on and to make meaningful change. They found expertise with Mary Lou Egan and Denise Beigbeder, Ramsey County Community Economic Development. This plaque is the first award to be presented by the Initiative.

Chair Parker accepted the plaque on behalf of Ramsey County. She thanked Ms. Beigbeder and Ms. Egan for their assistance with this Initiative.

Commissioner Rettman said the Ramsey County Board also serves as the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, assisting all municipalities by sharing its in-house expertise. She thanked Mr. Huffman for recognizing Ms. Beigbeder and Ms. Egan.

#### COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL – Community Human Services Citizens Advisory Council member appointments

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-365)

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

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

WHEREAS, The Citizens Advisory Council recommends applicants be appointed to serve on the committees; 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 beginning on the date of appointment and ending as specified:

<u>Adult Services Committee</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
Barbara Doherty	06/30/11
Barbara Johnson	06/30/11
<u>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
Rick Hammergren	12/31/10 – Replacing Scott Shifsky
<u>Children’s Services Review Panel</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
Heather Kilgore	06/30/11
<u>Chemical Health Committee</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
Karen Foyo	06/30/11
David Forsell	06/30/11
Mary (Tia) Hernandez	06/30/11
Tracy Knollin	06/30/11
<u>Low Income Committee</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
Marsha Cressy	06/30/11
Ted Dennis	06/30/11
<u>Adult Mental Health Committee</u>	<u>Term Expiration Date</u>
Will Susens	06/30/11
Renee Jenson	06/30/11
Anna Mae Hogan	06/30/11
Jerome Winters	06/30/11
Jason Clopton	06/30/11 – Replacing Scot Hunter
Rachel Voller	12/31/10 – Replacing Ann Meyer

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to the Personnel Review Board  
Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-366)

WHEREAS, Four vacancies exist on the Personnel Review Board; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County’s Open Appointment process, press releases were distributed seeking applicants for this Board; and

WHEREAS, Seven applications were received; three from incumbents; and  
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WHEREAS, One incumbent has served two terms for a total of eight years, and therefore is ineligible for reappointment at this time; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to the Personnel Review Board for terms as indicated:

<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Mohammed Ali 899 Cleveland Avenue S. #712 St. Paul, MN 55116	August 1, 2013
Peter Dunn 325Sunflower Court Vadnais Heights, MN 55127	August 1, 2013
James Fox 2425 Dianna Lane Little Canada, MN 55117	August 1, 2013
James Watchke 653 Fairview Avenue S. St. Paul, MN 55116	August 1, 2013

PROPERTY RECORDS AND REVENUE – Issuance of an Off-Sale 3.2 percent Malt Liquor License for Kowalski Companies, Inc., DBA Cub Foods of White Bear Township, a grocery store located in the Town of White Bear

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-367)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is the issuing authority for Off-Sale 3.2 percent Malt Liquor Licenses for towns and other unincorporated areas within Ramsey County, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.403, subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has received an application requesting an Off-Sale 3.2 percent Malt Liquor License, effective for the remainder of 2009, from Kowalski Companies, Inc., DBA Cub Foods of White Bear Township, 1059 Meadowland Drive, located in the Town of White Bear; and

WHEREAS, The Town of White Bear has approved, by resolution, the issuance of a license after reviewing the character and reputation of the applicant, and nature and location of the business; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and the Ramsey County Attorney's Office has reviewed the application and supporting documentation and find that the applicant is eligible to be licensed; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of an Off-Sale 3.2 percent Malt Liquor License to Kowalski Companies, Inc., DBA Cub Foods of White Bear Township, 1059 Meadowland Drive, White Bear Township, effective for the remainder of 2009.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Renewal of Agreement for Clubhouse Operations at Keller Golf Course

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-368)

WHEREAS, On March 14, 2006, following solicitation of proposals through an RFP process, the County Board approved an Agreement between Ramsey County and JRP Concessions, Inc. for operation of the clubhouse and concession stand at Keller Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, The agreement included a five-year renewal option by mutual consent of the County and JRP Concessions, Inc., to be exercised in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County and JRP Concessions have agreed to exercise the renewal option for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Amendment to the Agreement between Ramsey County and JRP Concessions, Inc., 11137 Nassau Circle NE, Blaine, MN 55449, for operation of the clubhouse and concession stand at Keller Golf Course, for an additional five years from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2015; and Be It Further

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

PARKS AND RECREATION – Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program Application – Otter Lake Boat Launch

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-369)

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources administers the Parks and Trails Legacy Grants Program funded from the Parks and Trails Fund created by the Minnesota Legislature from the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department desires to submit an application to the Parks and Trails Legacy Grants Program for \$215,000 to partially fund redevelopment of the Otter Lake Boat Launch site within Bald Eagle-Otter Lake Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, The grant requires a local match of twenty-five percent and the match will be funded from the County Regional Parks and Trails Rehabilitation Fund; and

WHEREAS, The grant would provide funding for an improved boat ramp, improved parking area and a new restroom facility servicing both the boat launch and the Otter Lake off-leash dog area; and

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WHEREAS, Conditions of the grant require the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution supporting the project and approving submission of the grant application; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the project to redevelop the Otter Lake Boat Launch site and approves submission of a Parks and Trails Legacy Grants Program application by the Parks and Recreation Department.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES – Adult Mental Health Services – Minnesota Community Foundation Grant to the East Metro Adult Crisis Stabilization Program

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-370)

WHEREAS, The East Metro Adults Crisis Stabilization Program is an innovative consortium that provides rapid access to emergency mental health services for adults in Ramsey and Dakota counties; and

WHEREAS, The EMACS Partnership includes community service provides and is focused on maximizing current system capacity and expanding the array of available services; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of EMACS has developed a business plan that is improving the east metro mental health system to provide the right level of care at the right time and to develop effective coordination of services between public and private providers; and

WHEREAS, The business plan calls for the creation and funding of a Project Director and Health Care Navigator to:

- Regularly secure and analyze community input on the improved services,
- Amend and bring more clarity to the goals and objectives of EMACS,
- To maintain liaison relationships with providers – including county, state, hospital and health plans – plus, to have extensive contact with consumer advocates, and
- To pursue private, federal, and state funding for implementing the EMACS business plan; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County serves as fiscal agent for the EMACS Program; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepts the grant from the Minnesota Community Foundation of \$67,000 for the East Metro Adult Crisis Stabilization Program for the Project Director and Health Care Navigator; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the Grant Agreement; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to accept the funds and enter into agreements in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office, necessary to implement the services.

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LANDMARKS CENTER AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Ramsey County Landmark Center Elevator Upgrade Project

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-371)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Landmark Center's two passenger elevators are over 30 years old and past their life expectancies and require complete modernization and upgrade, including the replacement of the drive machines, controllers and related equipment due to new state codes that demand compliance by January 31, 2012 ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, In May 2009, Landmark Center entered into a contract with Elevator Consulting Services, Inc. to prepare bidding specifications, provide bidding assistance, and observe the Project construction phase; and

WHEREAS, In June 2009, a Request for Bids was issued for this Project and a total of four (4) bids were received; and

WHEREAS, The lowest responsible bidder for the Project is All City Elevator in the amount of \$427,201; and

WHEREAS, On April 15, 2008, the County Board approved the allocation of \$300,000 in Comprehensive Capital Assets Management and Preservation Plan ("CCAMPP") funding for the Project; and

WHEREAS, Because the bids came in higher than the available funding, the Project is being phased in until the 2010 Proposed Building Improvements - CCAMPP allocation for the Landmark Center of \$129,200 has been approved; and

WHEREAS, Phase I will cover the materials cost and completion of building work needed for the Project, including hoistway and machine room improvements; and

WHEREAS, Subject to receipt of adequate funding through the 2010 Building Improvements - CCAMPP allocation, Property Management will proceed with Phase II for the completion of the upgrade for the two elevators; and

WHEREAS, The Landmark Center and Property Management recommend award of a Phase I contract to All City Elevator in the amount of \$231,070, and a Phase II contract to All City Elevator in the amount of \$196,131, pending the approval of the 2010 Proposed Building Improvements - CCAMPP allocation for the Landmark Center of \$129,200; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a contract with All City Elevator, 2340 Capp Road, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55114-1251, the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$231,070 for Phase I of the Ramsey County Landmark Center Elevator Upgrade Project; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a contract with All City Elevator, 2340 Capp Road, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55114-1251, the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$196,131 for Phase II of the Ramsey County Landmark Center Elevator Upgrade Project, pending the approval of the 2010 Proposed Building Improvements - CCAMPP allocation for the Landmark Center of \$129,200; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to execute the Phase I and II contracts with All City Elevator, subject to final approval by Budgeting and Accounting, Property Management and 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 payments and budget adjustments, and to execute change orders up to \$25,000, provided the funding is available in the Landmark Center operating budget.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS – State of Minnesota Department of Human Services/Resettlement program for Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) participants

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-372)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has received \$57,500 from the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services/Resettlement Program for State Fiscal Year 2010 (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010) for the planning and coordination of refugee services for participants engaged in the Minnesota Family Investment Project, Family Stabilization Services, and Diversionary Work Program for State Fiscal Year 2010 (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010); and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions is requesting acceptance of the funding and authorization to expend the services and for the County Manager to execute all appropriate documents and budget adjustments necessary to receive and expend the funds; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the receipt of \$57,500 in funding from the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services/Resettlement Program for the planning and coordination of refugee services for State Fiscal Year 2010; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to accept the State Fiscal Year 2010 funding of \$57,500 for planning and coordination of refugee services; accept supplemental funds; make necessary budget adjustments; and execute appropriate contracts and contract amendments for the receipt and expenditure of the funds; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make temporary cash loans as needed from the County General Revenue fund to Workforce Solutions in order to cover program expenses until funds are received, with repayment to be made upon receipt of funds from the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services/Resettlement Program.

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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 September 2009

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-373)

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 September 2009.

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES/PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – East Metro Behavioral Health Crisis Center with Commitment Court Project

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

Commissioner McDonough said he strongly supports moving forward to get the project accelerated. He raised the issue during the Board Workshop but didn't know if the Board has fully vetted the issue of moving the Commitment Court as a part of this project. The Court supports this; they will get a new facility. The facility at Regions Hospital is miserable. Thinking about the people we are serving that have to be on the other side of the bench in the commitment court about the best place to have that, to meet their needs, their issues, this creates an operational piece because most of those people are already at Regions when coming to Commitment Court, which seems to have worked extremely well. Now there will be a transportation piece. The opportunity is here for a new facility, bringing together all these things, and he strongly supports the project, but he wasn't sure this was fully vetted. He still has concerns whether this is the right move for the Commitment Court, or does it make more sense to look at whether we are ensuring we have the proper facilities for Commitment Court at Regions Hospital for those commitments.

Jolly Mangine, Director, Property Management, said Larry Dease, District Court Administrator could respond to that piece. Meghan Mohs is also familiar with the functionality within the building. Property Management is concentrating more on the building and construction.

Commissioner McDonough said he is looking at this more from the perspective of the people and families that participate in this process.

Commissioner Bennett asked where Regions Hospital stands on this, and is consideration being made as the site is developed for when Regions adds on for the mental health portion, which will also have to have security and use of doctors, etc. Has that all been put into this plan, just for this building?

Mr. Mangine said there has been a lot of communication with Regions Hospital.

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Commissioner Ortega met with the leadership at Regions and this was discussed. There may have been a preference from Regions that if at all possible, Commitment Court remained at the hospital. They did realize that in the space at Regions, it could not accommodate Commitment Court at this time or as they plan for the future construction on that site. That has been postponed and Regions doesn't know when that would be brought up again. All security would be provided at the new site. Confining this project to the campus with St. Paul Police and the Sheriff on site, it would be as secure as any building that could be constructed.

Commissioner Bennett said Public Health would deal with the mental health portion of this, as well as involvement with Community Human Services. This project is long overdue. He would like to know that we are at least looking to the future for how the buildings would tie together so we don't have to redesign when the other building is built. If not, we may need to step back because this all ties together.

Mr. Mangine said he wasn't sure what was meant by 'tying the buildings together'.

Commissioner Bennett said he understood that Regions Hospital would be putting its mental health wing at this site.

Mr. Mangine said he is not aware of that.

Commissioner McDonough said part of the Regions expansion was to convert some of the old round towers into more mental health beds, but that has been put on hold because of lack of financing. That was to be Phase II of Regions' expansion.

Chair Parker asked Ms. Mohs and Mr. Dease to explain the process.

Meghan Mohs, Division Director, Adult Services, Community Human Services, said the question came up during the Board Workshop. In some ways, this might be an unresolvable issue; it may be a different view from an ideological or practical standpoint. From the Department's standpoint, there might be an advantage in having Commitment Court outside Regions Hospital. We are trying to move away from commitment as a solution to a mental health crisis when it is clinically appropriate to do so. From the Department's standpoint, there would be an advantage to having the courtrooms outside Regions Hospital with them collocated with services that are intended and focused on keeping people safe in the community when they are having a mental health crisis, again, when that is clinically appropriate. Ramsey County has one of the higher rates of commitment per capita as an outcome for people who are experiencing a mental health crisis, and in the long range, that doesn't encourage people to maintain their mental health. It tends to disrupt jobs, relationships, and housing situations in helping people maintain their well being. Sometimes people are seen coming into the courtroom in a hospital gown. This would formalize the process by having people put on street clothes to come to a courtroom, and then go back to Regions, if necessary. From a practical standpoint, that was the aim of this. Not all the people who go to that Commitment Court actually reside in Regions Hospital at the time of their court hearing so this would apply to a subset of folks that would need to be transported down the street. Certainly, it is not a 100%-type of situation where everybody is in Regions at the time of their Commitment Court hearing.

Mr. Dease concurred with Ms. Mohs; however, he wanted to clarify a few things mentioned; 40-50% of the people that come to Commitment Court are from hospitals other than Regions. When checking with other court districts and counties they found that they have a system where people are brought into the courts and it seems to be working well in those districts. There is also an advantage that the dignity of the patients is preserved by having them come to the Civil Commitment Court in street clothes versus hospital gowns. The Court feels there is an advantage to having it off the hospital site. Less than 1% of the physicians testify, so that is not an issue. The Court is very supportive of the project.

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Commissioner Ortega said good questions have been raised, but in an ideal world, we might have designed things a little differently. Given today's situation, this is about as good as you can get in terms of best practices. He has spoken with quite a few people at Regions Hospital. The reality is that the Behavioral Mental Health Center at best might be built in five to ten years. We are ready to go now -- we enhance our services, we provide more dignified services for our clients, and it is economically very timely. While there are questions, there are no perfect answers. This is ideal today and we have the opportunity to make our services better and more economical, and that makes sense.

Commissioner McDonough referenced the statement that Ramsey County has one of the highest commitment rates, from which he heard that it may have been too easy to make commitments because the court is at Regions. He also heard the concern that commitment was being used as a tool to deal with issues for people in our community and that there is a better way to do that. He agreed, and hoped that as we move forward with the project that one of the outcomes is that more appropriate services would be found to benefit the citizens and not necessarily utilize commitment as a tool, and that we would not necessarily be the County with the highest commitment rate, unless warranted. He would like to see follow-up as this project moves forward and is implemented – that it be a good outcome for what we are doing, that commitment is being used too loosely as a solution when investing in services that could help and benefit the citizens. He is fully supportive of this project, and is proud of the County Board for its leadership. Hopefully, what we are doing will lower that rate of commitment.

Commissioner Ortega said he has met with staff in the Community Human Services Department and staff is on top of how to provide the best service, in the most cost-effective way. This is an opportunity to do exactly what Commissioner McDonough is talking about because they get to 'rearrange the furniture'. This is a new facility, bringing together several services, giving it a more holistic approach to achieve the goals being talked about.

Chair Parker said she is excited about this project. This is a huge step forward to help the people in need of the services by co-locating the variety of services. This is not just about the Commitment Court, but also about all the other mental health services.

Commissioner Bennett supports this, but he has been under the impression that the hospital beds would be at the same place with more medical staff available to compliment the services at the jail, detox, and individuals with mental health in custody who do not belong there. He hoped that would be considered when looking at the numbers housed at the hospital as they go to court. They may be able to be transferred there.

Commissioner Rettman said she has been present at several commitment hearings on behalf of people needing assistance, in danger for themselves or to others. Where this has been at Regions has never been a court setting per se; it was a space. In terms of a court such as seen in the Court House or at Maplewood, it did not have that function. The Court House does not have to be the only location for court settings. This project gives an appropriate setting with a variety of expertise available on-site. She appreciated the Request for Proposals for Phase I and Phase II being part of the documentation. This has been discussed at a Workshop as well as at Capital Improvement Program Citizens Advisory Committee meetings, and this is the first step in that RFP process.

Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Bennett, Carter, McDonough, Parker – 7. Nays – 0. (2009-374)

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WHEREAS, In early February 2009, the Department of Community Human Services, working with the Department of Property Management, submitted a 2010 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Major Project Request for the construction of a new East Metro Behavioral Health Crisis Center with Commitment Court facility (“Facility”) on County-owned property located at 400 University Avenue (formerly the Crescent Electric site) (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, On February 24, 2009, at a Ramsey County Board Workshop for major projects, the Departments of Community Human Services and Property Management presented the preliminary predesign and cost estimates for the Project; and

WHEREAS, On June 23, 2009, at a Ramsey County Board Workshop on County Facilities, both Departments gave an update on the Project and presented an estimated budget, financing plan, and schedule; and

WHEREAS, The Project includes the demolition of the Crescent Electric building currently on the site and construction of a new Facility to house the County’s Crisis Mental Health Services program (currently located at 1919 University Avenue) and Chemical Health Assessment Program (currently located at the Ramsey County Government Center East Building), the Detoxification Center (currently located at the Ramsey County Government Center East Building), and the Civil Commitment Court (currently located at Regions Hospital); and

WHEREAS, The relocation and expansion of the Detoxification Center, along with the co-location of the other identified mental health, chemical dependency, and civil commitment services to the new Facility will create a community-based, integrated behavioral health center that meets the needs of Ramsey County residents experiencing a mental or chemical health crisis; and

WHEREAS, The new Facility will be able to offer:

- A range of mental and chemical health crisis services in a single setting for many individuals experiencing a dual diagnosis of mental and chemical health concerns;
- The availability of short-term services in the community – rather than in a hospital setting – in order to promote recovery and community integration for individuals with mental and/or chemical health concerns;
- The creation of a setting that promotes the health and safety of consumers, workers and the general public;
- Responsible stewardship of public resources by:
  - Adopting public-private and multi-jurisdictional partnerships whenever possible; and
  - Sharing common needs (food, laundry, nursing, beds) for residential mental and chemical health services so as to maximize economies of scale; and

WHEREAS, The relocation of these mental and chemical health care services to the former Crescent Electric site will provide the Facility with good access to/from the interstate as well as proximity to Regions Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, Project services will be provided using the Construction Management At-Risk delivery method organized in two phases: Phase I will result in a design of sufficient detail to arrive at a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Project and to obtain a Conditional Use Permit Amendment from the City of Saint Paul and Phase II will include development of construction documents, bidding multiple packages, and providing complete construction phase services, including construction management; and

WHEREAS, The Project is included for funding in the 2010 – 2011 Proposed Budget to be financed with \$9,000,000 of County Bonds in 2010, and \$324,000 from the Capital Improvement Program (“CIP”) Contingent Account, and by reallocating \$880,000 originally designated for the 2009 Boys Totem Town Design Study; and

WHEREAS, The Departments of Community Human Services and Property Management are requesting approval of the Project Schedule, Estimated Budget and Financing Plan; the reallocation of \$880,000 from the 2009 Boys Totem Town Design Study to the Project; transfer of \$324,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Contingent Account to the Project; and authorization to issue a Request for Proposals for the Phase I and Phase II Construction Management At-Risk services for the Project with the results of the solicitation process being brought back to the County Board for final approval; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts and approves the East Metro Behavioral Health Crisis Center with Commitment Court Project Schedule and Estimated Budget and Financing Plan dated June 12, 2009; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Program Budget and approves the allocation of \$880,000 from the Boys Totem Town Design Study to the East Metro Behavioral Health Crisis Center with Commitment Court Project; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to make a transfer of \$324,000 from the Capital Improvement Program Contingent Account to the East Metro Behavioral Health Crisis Center with Commitment Court Project; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Property Management Department to issue a Request for Proposals for Phase I and Phase II Construction Management At-Risk services for the East Metro Behavioral Health Crisis Center with Commitment Court Project, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney’s Office, in accordance with the County Board policies and procedures on issuance and evaluation for Requests for Proposals, with direction to staff to return to the Board with a recommendation for selection of a vendor.

#### OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- At budget hearings last week she mentioned a meeting in White Bear Lake regarding General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC), as well as other cuts that had come down from the State. That meeting was attended by 40-50 people who were concerned about what would happen to people, how to deal with that and how not to decimate the safety net.

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- On the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board meeting. They discussed the processing certification and landfill certification required by the State. The region did not get the certification. It is a wake-up call, more for other counties than Ramsey, Hennepin, Dakota and Washington, because we are taking very seriously the statute that requires no landfilling of unprocessed waste. As a region, we are not meeting that. There is a lot of work ahead of us.

Commissioner Carter reported:

- She and Commissioner Rettman attended the Foster Care Banquet last week. This was a wonderful celebration at Crowne Plaza for families providing foster care for children and adults, celebrating five to thirty-five years in providing foster care. The Community Human Services Department did a fantastic job recognizing and celebrating these families.

Commissioner Ortega reported:

- On a Regions Hospital Board meeting with a presentation by a consultant hired by Regions regarding universal care, the bill in Washington. At issue, Minnesota's model for health care is so ahead of the nation that we will be penalized on the insurance side with the medical assistance rates and with any money incentives for change. This will almost be like a stimulus bill as an incentive for other states to change how they deliver health services, with outcomes to those. In terms of outcomes, Minnesota is already there. One issue to come to the Board is how to advocate on this statewide issue that Minnesota not be penalized, not just in rates for medical assistance and other areas, but also in any of the federal dollars used to put incentive into the system because we are already there.

#### BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Parker:

- Publically thanked Louis Anderson for donating an entire show during the grand opening of the Kay Andrews Discovery Center at Northwest Youth and Family Services. The building is a good addition to the community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

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Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board