

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:05 AM with the following members present: Carter, Huffman, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, and Chair McDonough. Also present were Julie Kleinschmidt, County Manager, and John Kelly, First Assistant County Attorney.

3. Agenda of August 4, 2015 is presented for approval

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
Second by: Janice Rettman

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

4. Minutes of July 21, 2015 are presented for approval

VOTING

Motion by: Mary Jo McGuire
Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Community Human Services - Presentation on Child Welfare (Discussion can be found on archived video)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

6. Community Human Services - Improving Child Welfare Practice (B2015-246)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
 Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, The 2015 Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$23,500,000 annually statewide to improve the services provided to children in need of protection; and

WHEREAS, Counties will receive 80% of their allocation at the start of each state fiscal year (July 1), and the remaining 20% the following February, if they meet legislatively established performance targets; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County’s initial allocation is \$1,608,000 in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016 and \$1,608,000 in SFY 2017; and

WHEREAS, Unspent SFY 2016 allocations can be spent in SFY 2017; and

WHEREAS, The appropriation and accompanying policy changes stemmed, in part, from the recommendations of the Governor’s Task Force on the Protection of Children; and

WHEREAS, The Task Force, co-chaired by Ramsey County Commissioner Toni Carter, issued its final recommendations in March, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The adopted legislation mandates changes in child welfare policies that will increase the need for county child protection staff and services; and

WHEREAS, This includes a requirement that counties consider past maltreatment reports when determining whether to screen in a maltreatment report for investigation or assessment; and

WHEREAS, Based on an analysis of the County staffing resources needed to implement the policy changes, Community Human Services is requesting to use the funding to hire 11.0 Senior Child Protection Workers and 1.0 Social Worker 4; and

WHEREAS, The additional staff would allow the County to engage more frequently with families, and provide higher quality casework and other services to move families forward and reduce the likelihood they will need child protection intervention in the future; and

WHEREAS, The balance of the funding not used for personnel would be used to expand access to services; and

WHEREAS, Only children’s services approved by the State may be paid for with these funds. Community Human Services is conducting a needs assessment to determine how best to use the money to serve children and families; and

WHEREAS, Before the end of 2015, Board approval would begin being sought to issue requests for proposals to provide these services, based on the results of the assessment; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Community Human Services is working to meet the legislatively established performance targets, but the results will not be known until early 2016; and

WHEREAS, Any additional funding the County may receive from meeting performance targets and/or from reallocations from other counties that did not meet their performance targets, will also be addressed in a separate Request for Board Action at a future date; and

WHEREAS, Counties are prohibited from using funding received through the Child Protection Allocation to supplant existing county funds, and may only fund positions hired after June 30, 2015 that increase the county's child protection staffing levels; and

WHEREAS, An amendment to the Vulnerable Children and Adult Plan must be submitted to the State by August 31, 2015, summarizing County plans for spending the allocation and certifying the amendment is in compliance with the state law; and

WHEREAS, The County's use of the funds and its performance will be tracked by the State through Minnesota Department of Human Services' county reporting systems; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes acceptance of funding appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature for Child Protection for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$1,608,000 per year; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board approves the amendment to the Vulnerable Children and Adult Plan; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board approves an increase in the personnel complement of the Community Human Services department by 11.0 Senior Child Protection Workers, and 1.0 Social Worker 4; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary budgetary adjustments including increasing estimated revenues and appropriations.

7. Community Corrections - Juvenile Community Alternatives Contracts (B2015-247)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman

Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, In April 2015, the County issued a Request for Proposals for community-based programming for juveniles; and

WHEREAS, The Department received proposals from 4 agencies; and

WHEREAS, A selection panel of six Community Corrections staff reviewed each proposal and recommended three agencies; and

WHEREAS, Two of the three agencies were interested in the awarded contracts; and

WHEREAS, The panel's recommendation is based on the agencies' understanding of the needs of youth and the ability of the agencies to meet those needs; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the selection of Model Cities of St. Paul, Inc., 839 University Avenue West, St. Paul, MN 55104 and Neighborhood House, 179 Robie Street East, St. Paul, MN 55107 to provide community-based programming for juveniles; and Be it Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement with Model Cities for community coach services for the period of 08/01/2015 through 07/31/2016, in the amount of \$85,000; and Be it Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement with Neighborhood House for girls programming and weekday evening programming for the period of 08/01/2015 through 07/31/2016, in the amount of \$223,000; and Be it Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to renew the agreements for up to 4 additional one-year terms at an annual cost not to exceed \$85,000 for Model Cities and \$223,000 for Neighborhood House, with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

8. Parks & Recreation - Project Labor Agreement (B2015-248)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 2010-290, the Administrative Code requires a decision to be made by the County Board regarding the use of a Project Labor Agreement ("PLA") prior to the release of a solicitation for construction projects over \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, The policy requires that notification be sent to parties likely to be interested in the construction project regarding use of a PLA, including, but not limited to the Saint Paul Building and Construction Trades Council and the National Association of Minority Contractors, Upper Midwest; and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation department is planning a construction project for the Rice Creek North Regional Trail, and solicited input and recommendations in accordance with the policy; and

WHEREAS, One response was received from Saint Paul Building and construction Trades Council and they did not recommend the use of a PLA for this construction project because it did not meet their bar; and

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation department that a PLA not be used on this construction project due the response received and anticipated onsite construction activities; and

WHEREAS, The County Board has taken all of the project factors and recommendations into account; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners hereby determines that the Parks and Recreation department shall not a requirement for a PLA for the Rice Creek North Regional Trail construction project.

9. Property Records & Revenue - Over \$10,000 Abatement (B2015-249)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
 Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. sec. §375.192, Subdivision 2, gives the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners final approval for abatements not delegated to the Department of Property Records and Revenue; and

WHEREAS, By Resolution 2014-153, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners has authority to grant final approval for abatements of amounts over \$10,000; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the property tax abatement, and any penalty and interest, with reductions of \$10,000 or more as noted on the list on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby discloses that none of the Commissioners has a financial interest in any abatement therein, nor any familial relationship with any abatement applicant therein.

- 10. Property Records & Revenue - Local Option Disaster Reduction and Credit (B2015-250)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
 Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §273.1233, subd. 1 authorizes the County Board of Commissioners to approve a local option disaster tax abatement for taxes payable in the year the damage or destruction occurred for homestead and non-homestead properties that have met the requirements of Minn. Stat. §273.1233; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. §273.1235, authorizes the County Board of Commissioners to approve a local option disaster tax credit for taxes payable in the year following the year in which the damage or destruction occurred for homestead and non-homestead properties that have met the requirements of Minn. Stat. §273.1233, subd. 1; and

WHEREAS, The County Board of Commissioners retains sole authority to approve said tax reductions; and

WHEREAS, Fifty percent or more of the homestead dwelling or other structure of the attached list of properties has been unintentionally or accidentally destroyed, or destroyed by arson or vandalism by someone other than the owner, and the property affected was thereby made uninhabitable or not usable; and

WHEREAS, The owners of the properties hereby make written application to the County Board of Commissioners; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the local option disaster tax reduction and credit for 2 Ironwood Lane, North Oaks, MN 55127-2606; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby discloses that none of the Commissioners has a financial interest in a local option reduction or credit, nor any familial relationship with a local option tax reduction or credit applicant.

11. Property Records & Revenue - Sale of a tax-forfeited property located at 2216 Reaney Avenue to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota ("HRA"), a government agency. (B2015-251)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman

Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota ("HRA") has requested to purchase a tax-forfeited property for less than its market value; and

WHEREAS, The property is described as follows:

Lots 12 and Lot 13, Block 8, Watts Park

PIN: 26-29-22-44-0077

Address: 2216 Reaney Ave., St. Paul

Commissioner District 6; and

WHEREAS, The County Assessor has determined that the property has a market value of \$21,800; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subd. 1a (d) allows the county board to sell tax-forfeited land for less than its market value to a governmental subdivision of the state if it believes that a reduced price will lead to the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The HRA plans to partner with Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services ("Dayton's Bluff") for development of a new construction house to be sold for affordable housing and for homeownership; and

WHEREAS, In consideration that the property will be used for affordable housing and will be developed by a non-profit entity, the County agrees to sell the property to the HRA for 25% of its market value plus maintenance costs and recording fees; and

WHEREAS, The HRA and County will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding providing terms for a deed restriction which requires that the property be used for affordable housing for seven years; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the sale of the tax-forfeited property, 2216 Reaney Avenue, PIN: 26-29-22-44-0077, to the HRA for \$5,450.00, plus maintenance costs and recording fees; and Be It Further

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

- 12. Property Records & Revenue - Sale of a tax-forfeited property located at 658 Hawthorne Avenue E. to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota ("HRA"), a government agency. (B2015-252)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
 Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota ("HRA") has requested to purchase a tax-forfeited property for less than its market value; and

WHEREAS, The property is described as follows:

Stone & Morton's Addition to the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, Lot 10, Block 4
 PIN: 20-29-22-43-0196
 Address: 658 Hawthorne Avenue E., St. Paul
 Commissioner District 6; and

WHEREAS, The County Assessor has determined that the property has a market value of \$10,500; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subd. 1a (d) allows the county board to sell tax-forfeited land for less than its market value to a governmental subdivision of the state if it believes that a reduced price will lead to the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The HRA plans to partner with Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services ("Dayton's Bluff") for development of a new construction house to be sold for affordable housing and for homeownership; and

WHEREAS, In consideration that the property will be used for affordable housing and will be developed by a non-profit entity, the County agrees to sell the property to the HRA for 25% of its market value plus maintenance costs and recording fees; and

WHEREAS, The HRA and County will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding providing terms for a deed restriction which requires that the property be used for affordable housing for seven years; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the sale of the tax-forfeited property, 658 Hawthorne Avenue E., PIN: 20-29-22-43-0196, to the HRA for \$2,625.00, plus maintenance costs and recording fees; and Be It Further

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

- 13. Property Records & Revenue - Sale of a tax-forfeited property located at 1268 Desoto Street to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota ("HRA"), a governmental agency. (B2015-253)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
 Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota ("HRA") has requested to purchase a tax-forfeited property for less than its market value; and

WHEREAS, The property is described as follows:

Stone & Morton's Addition to the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, Lot 23, Block 3
 PIN: 20-29-22-34-0010
 Address: 1268 Desoto St., St. Paul
 Commissioner District 3; and

WHEREAS, The County Assessor has determined that the property has a market value of \$12,100; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subd. 1a (d) allows the county board to sell tax-forfeited land for less than its market value to a governmental subdivision of the state if it believes that a reduced price will lead to the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The HRA plans to partner with Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services ("Dayton's Bluff") for development of a new construction house to be sold for affordable housing and for homeownership; and

WHEREAS, In consideration that the property will be used for affordable housing and will be developed by a non-profit entity, the County agrees to sell the property to the HRA for 25% of its market value plus maintenance costs and recording fees; and

WHEREAS, The HRA and County will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding providing terms for a deed restriction which requires that the property be used for affordable housing for seven years; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the sale of the tax-forfeited property, 1268 Desoto St., PIN: 20-29-22-34-0010, to the HRA for \$3,025.00, plus maintenance costs and recording fees; and Be It Further

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

14. Public Works - Warner Road Bridge Project - Supplemental Agreement 3 (B2015-254)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
 Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is reconstructing eastbound Warner Road bridge including grade separated trail crossings for the Samuel Morgan Regional Trail at the Childs Road on and off ramps in the City of St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, A contract was awarded to Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$11,680, 860.22 in October 2013; and

WHEREAS, During construction it was determined that a trail connection from the Samuel Morgan Regional Trail to the Childs Road off ramp was necessary to allow commuter bicyclists access to Childs Road; and

WHEREAS, Supplemental Agreement Number 3, in the amount of \$144,577.88, provides for a trail connection to Childs Road off ramp and will be funded 80% (\$115,662.30) by federal funds, 10% (\$14,457.79) by County State Aid funds, and 10% (\$14,457.79) by the City of St. Paul; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Supplemental Agreement Number 3 in the amount of \$144,577.88 for the trail connection from the Samuel Morgan Regional Trail to Childs Road; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute Supplemental Agreement Number 3 on behalf of the County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments including increasing estimated revenues and appropriations.

- 15. Public Works - 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2 (B2015-255)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
 Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved the 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on March 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The overall scope and funding requirements for the projects Public Works Staff is requesting be added to the 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were not identified or sufficiently defined when the TIP was originally approved; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, these projects have been developed to a point at which they are ready to proceed; and

WHEREAS, Adding these projects to the 2015-2019 TIP will allow the appropriate contracts to be executed for their completion; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby amends the 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program with the inclusion of these 2015 projects:

- Cleveland Avenue, between County Road C and Iona Lane - This project is an opportunity to add a mill and overlay identified in the TIP as a deficient pavement segment, to the City of Roseville’s I-35W/Cleveland Avenue interchange improvement project.
- Ford Parkway Bridge (No. 3575) Drainage Remedy and Erosion Control Engineering Services - This project will assess existing erosion problems and develop a remediation plan for erosion and drainage issues on the Mississippi River banks adjacent to the Ford Parkway Bridge.
- Jackson Street Bridge No. 5664 Engineering Services - This project will complete a design for Bridge No. 5664, a structurally deficient bridge over the BNSF railroad.

- 17. Board of Commissioners - Appointments to Minnesota Landmarks Board of Directors (B2015-256)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman

Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, According to a provision in the Bylaws of Minnesota Landmarks, appointments to the Board of Directors of Minnesota Landmarks need to be approved by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of Minnesota Landmarks held on May 14, 2015, appointments recommended by the Nominating Committee were made; and

WHEREAS, A letter dated June 30, 2015 was sent to Chair McDonough requesting the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the appointments; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners ratifies the following appointments to the Board of Directors of Minnesota Landmarks:

Reappointments – Three-year terms to expire in 2018:

- Jim Affolter
- Tom Boyd
- Michael Fogal
- Judy Lewis
- Richard Nicholson
- Christopher Scott Massey
- Thomas Nelson

Appointment – Three-year term to expire in 2018:

- Don Leier

Officers of the Board of Directors of Minnesota Landmarks for 2015 - 2016:

- Chair Scott Knudson
- Vice Chair Tom Boyd
- Secretary Kareen Ecklund
- Treasurer James Affolter
- Assistant Treasurer Michael Fogal

18. Board of Commissioners - Gift acceptance from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for participation in "Stepping Up" Initiative (B2015-257)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
 Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, The National Association of Counties (NACo) invited Commissioner Toni Carter to present and help launch the mental illness and jails initiative "Stepping Up," from May 4-5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.40.03 of the Ramsey County Administrative Code states "Only the County Board may accept gifts which will be used to support the operations of the Board. Examples include donations toward Commissioner Travel, office expenses and other County business related activities"; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepts the monetary gifts to Ramsey County from National Association of Counties in the approximate amount of \$1000.00, for use in hotel and travel expenses incurred by Commissioner Toni Carter for the NACo "Stepping Up" Initiative Launch from May 4-5, 2015.

16. Public Works - Bike Lane Implementation - Front Avenue, Lexington Parkway and Cleveland Avenue (B2015-258)

The item was moved by Huffman, seconded by Reinhardt. Discussion. (Discussion can be found on archived video.)

A motion to amend the main motion to lay over consideration of Front Street until a later meeting was moved by Rettman, seconded by Ortega. Passed. Ayes – 5, Nays – 2 (Reinhardt, McDonough). Discussion. (Discussion can be found on archived video.)

A motion to reconsider the amended motion was moved by Ortega, seconded by McGuire. Passed unanimously.

A motion to amend the main motion to:

1. Approve proceeding with mill and overlay only on Front Street from Lexington Parkway to Dale Street, with recommendation on striping for bike lanes and removal of on-street parking along along the south side of Front Avenue from Churchill Avenue to Dale Street, to be brought to the Board on August 18, 2015, with the expectation that outreach will occur by Public Works staff in the interim;
2. Approve County staff recommendation to implement bike lanes on Lexington Parkway from Nettleton Avenue to West 7th Street, including removal of on-street parking along

the west side of Lexington Parkway between Nettleton Avenue to Albion Avenue, and the removal of on-street parking on the east side of Lexington Parkway between Albion Avenue and West 7th Street;

3. Approve the County staff recommendation to complete mill and overlay work on Cleveland Avenue as part of the 2015 pavement preservation program and apply durable pavement markings as currently configured.

VOTING

Motion by: Rafael Ortega

Second by: Toni Carter

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, In 2015, Ramsey County Public Works will mill and overlay 21 segments of the County roadway system effectively restoring 14.8 miles of pavement surface; and

WHEREAS, Eight segments totaling 4.6 miles will be completed in the City of St. Paul ('City') and 13 segments totaling 10.2 miles will be completed in suburban communities; and

WHEREAS, The City's city-wide bike plan was approved in March 2015 and identified a comprehensive system of bike routes which include in part, the County road system; and

WHEREAS, The County's 2015 pavement restoration project segment list includes three future bike lane routes identified in the City's plan which are Front Avenue from Lexington Parkway to Dale Street, Lexington Parkway from Pleasant Avenue to Randolph Avenue, and Cleveland Avenue from Randolph Avenue to Summit Avenue; and

WHEREAS, This spring, City staff requested Ramsey County Public Works staff to consider reconfiguring pavement markings to create bike lanes along each of the three routes once new pavement surfaces were in place;

WHEREAS, In the case of Lexington Parkway and Cleveland Avenue, the City also requested extending bike facility markings beyond the pavement restoration limits at City expense; and

WHEREAS, Those additional markings were requested from Pleasant Avenue to 7th Street on Lexington and from Randolph Avenue to Highland Parkway on Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, City staff, with participation of County staff, facilitated a public information process to discuss the benefits and impacts creation of bike lanes would entail; and

WHEREAS, Among other factors, some or all parking would be lost along each segment; and

WHEREAS, Public input was robust and fielded strong oral and written arguments for and against bike lane development and loss of on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, On June 17, 2015 the St. Paul City Council conducted a public hearing and passed a resolution for each roadway segment in consideration articulating their recommendations to Ramsey County for bike lane implementation (Attachments 3, 4, and 5); and

WHEREAS, The City recommendation summary for each segment is as follows:

1. Front Avenue – Implement bike lanes on Front Avenue from Lexington Parkway to Dale Street. This configuration includes removal of on-street parking along the south side of Front Avenue from Churchill Avenue to Dale Street. 3. On-street parking is retained on the north side of Front Avenue.
2. Lexington Parkway – Implement bike lanes on Lexington Parkway from Nettleton Avenue to West 7th Street. This configuration includes the removal of parking along the west side of Lexington Parkway between Nettleton Avenue and Albion Avenue, and the removal of on-street parking on the east side of Lexington Parkway between Albion Avenue and West 7th Street. In both sections on-street parking is retained on the side opposite parking removal.
3. Cleveland Avenue – Implementation of bike facilities on Cleveland Avenue between Summit Avenue and Randolph Avenue be delayed until Saint Paul Staff can propose and implement a robust public engagement plan to more thoroughly study and consider alternatives for a North-South bike route from Randolph Avenue to I-94 between Fairview Avenue and Mississippi River Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County staff has completed a review of City recommendations, considered public input and thoroughly evaluated an array of technical and operational criteria for proposed bike facility accommodation on the three segments identified; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County concurs with the City's recommendation to implement bike lanes on Front Avenue and Lexington Parkway as defined herein; and

WHEREAS, Overall, community-based support for and anticipated value of bike lanes on those two routes is significant and impacts due to partial loss of on-street parking is considered relatively minor' and

WHEREAS, Staff also recommends working with the City to monitor operations and any problems which may develop during the first two years following completion to help guide future bike lane planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, County staff also agree with the City's recommendation to delay implementation of bike lanes on Cleveland Avenue from Randolph Avenue to Summit Avenue, with the caveat that mill and overlay work on Cleveland Avenue will be completed as part of the 2015 pavement preservation program and new durable pavement markings will be applied as currently configured; and

WHEREAS, Should the City's more comprehensive evaluation of North-South routes between Fairview and Mississippi River Boulevard result in resumed calls for bike facilities on Cleveland, the County will revisit updated information and City recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Should restriping be warranted and approved by the County at that time, cost for applicable changes shall be borne by the City; Now, Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves proceeding with mill and overlay only on Front Avenue from Lexington Parkway to Dale Street, with recommendation on striping for bike lanes and removal of on-street parking along the south side of Front Avenue from Churchill Avenue to Dale Street, to be brought to the Board on August 18, 2015, with the expectation that outreach will occur by Public Works staff in the interim; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the County staff recommendation to implement bike lanes on Lexington Parkway from Nettleton Avenue to West 7th Street, including the removal of on-street parking along the west side of Lexington Parkway between Nettleton Avenue and Albion Avenue, and the removal of on-street parking on the east side of Lexington Parkway between Albion Avenue and West 7th Street; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the County staff recommendation to complete mill and overlay work on Cleveland Avenue as part of the 2015 pavement preservation program and apply durable pavement markings as currently configured.

POLICY AGENDA

- 19. County Manager - Presentation of the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget (Discussion can be found on archived video)

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

- 20. Public Health - Ramsey County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance, First Reading (B2015-259)

VOTING

Motion by: Blake Huffman
 Second by: Mary Jo McGuire

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act (MCIAA - Minn. State Sections 144.411 – 144.417) is the State law that describes where smoking is prohibited, outlines responsibilities of employers, manager, and other persons in charge, and lists exemptions; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Minnesota Legislature amended the MCIAA to restrict the use of electronic cigarettes in certain places and also include use of electronic cigarettes within the definition of smoking for certain types of facilities; and

WHEREAS, The MCIAA does not prohibit political subdivisions from adopting more stringent prohibitions on the use of electronic cigarettes or electronic delivery devices; and

WHEREAS, There has been a number of changes in the products available to smokers, including e-cigarette products, which deliver nicotine in a vapor, usually with various flavorings; and

WHEREAS, Studies and surveys at the national and state level have found that, while use of tobacco products by middle and high school age youth has leveled or declined, the use of e-cigarettes by that population has substantially increased; and

WHEREAS, Scientific research has shown some adverse health effects associated with the vapor from e-cigarettes, and there is not clear evidence that the use of e-cigarettes is beneficial as a smoking cessation tool; and

WHEREAS, Regulation of e-cigarettes can reduce confusion in establishments in which smoking is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, The Saint Paul – Ramsey County Community Health Services Advisory Committee, which advises and assists the Ramsey County Board with its public health responsibilities, has recommended that the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopt an ordinance to restrict the use of e-cigarettes; 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 first reading of the proposed Ramsey County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance.

21. Public Health - Set the Public Hearing: Ramsey County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance (B2015-260)

VOTING

Motion by: Rafael Ortega
Second by: Victoria Reinhardt

Commissioners	YES	NO	ABSENT	RECUSE
Carter, Toni	x			
Huffman, Blake	x			
McDonough, Jim	x			
McGuire, Mary Jo	x			
Ortega, Rafael	x			
Reinhardt, Victoria	x			
Rettman, Janice	x			

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act (MCIAA - Minn. State Sections 144.411 – 144.417) is the State law that describes where smoking is prohibited, outlines responsibilities of employers, manager, and other persons in charge, and lists exemptions; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Minnesota Legislature amended the MCIAA to restrict the use of electronic cigarettes in certain places and also include use of electronic cigarettes within the definition of smoking for certain types of facilities; and

WHEREAS, The MCIAA does not prohibit political subdivisions from adopting more stringent prohibitions on the use of electronic cigarettes or electronic delivery devices; and

WHEREAS, There have been a number of changes in the products available to smokers, including e-cigarette products, which deliver nicotine in a vapor, usually with various flavorings; and

WHEREAS, Studies and surveys at the national and state level have found that, while use of tobacco products by middle and high school age youth has leveled or declined, the use of e-cigarettes by that population has substantially increased; and

WHEREAS, Scientific research has shown some adverse health effects associated with the vapor from e-cigarettes, and there is not clear evidence that the use of e-cigarettes is beneficial as a smoking cessation tool; and

WHEREAS, Regulation of e-cigarettes can reduce confusion in establishments in which smoking is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, The Saint Paul – Ramsey County Community Health Services Advisory Committee, which advises and assists the Ramsey County Board with its public health responsibilities, has recommended that the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopt an ordinance to restrict the use of e-cigarettes; 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. Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners sets a public hearing on the proposed Ramsey County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance for September 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers of the Ramsey County Court House.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE (Discussion can be found on archived video)

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (Discussion can be found on archived video)

ADJOURNMENT – Chair McDonough declared the meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Re: Property Damage Claims – 3475 Willow Lake Office Blvd.; Ohio Security Insurance Co., et al. v. Ramsey County Sheriff's Dept., et al.

The Executive Session was called to order at 11:13 AM, with the following members present: Carter, Huffman, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, and McDonough – 7; Julie Kleinschmidt, Ramsey County Manager; Jeff Stephenson, Civil Division Director, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney; Deb Somdahl, Claims Administrator; Kim Parker, Assistant County Attorney; Jeanne Peterson, Provo Peterson & Associates; Jack Serier, Chief Deputy, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. Also present: Lee Mehrkens, Finance Department; and Demaree Braun, Civil Division, Office of the Ramsey County Attorney.

Motion by Reinhardt, seconded by Ortega. Unanimously approved. (B2015-261)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorizes the Office of the Ramsey County Attorney to proceed as discussed in this Executive Session.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Janet Guthrie, Acting Chief Clerk – County Board