

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Carter, McDonough, Ortega, Parker (late), Reinhardt, Rettman and Chair Bennett – 7. Absent – 0. Also present were David Twa, 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 McDonough moved approval of the Agenda of the June 6, 2006, Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0.

### MINUTES

Commissioner Ortega moved approval of the Minutes of the May 23, 2006 Board Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rettman. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 6. Nays – 0.

### OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Rettman reported:

- On a community meeting about two sex offenders in her District. This meeting was attended by Community Corrections staff and staff from the City of St. Paul. These individuals are being monitored. They will live in the same house, which is escalating concerns. The District 5 Planning Council and the neighborhood have pointed out the opportunity to be more vigilant.
- On a Memorial Day ceremony at Oakland Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Ramsey County. Veterans' organizations do a magnificent job of honoring veterans. One of the speakers mentioned the Ramsey County Court House, which has the names of County veterans who died serving our County, etched on the inside pillars.

[Commissioner Parker arrived at this time]

Commissioner Reinhardt reported:

- On a Metro GIS forum with *Imagining Possibilities – Working with GIS*. A number of Ramsey County staff attended, and people were brought in from across the world to attend. A book has been written that recognizes GIS and the collaboration between the seven metro counties regarding geographic information, as the model of the way things should be done.
- On an AMC District X meeting. The next meeting agenda will look at different areas where there are joint county projects or efforts to raise them to a level so the commissioners can hear about them. One is in human services, and one in the area of juvenile justice.
- On the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board Resource Recovery Executive Committee meeting about environmental issues.
- On the retirement party for Cathi Lyman-Onkka, Environmental Health Division, who was instrumental in working on recycling, composting and toxicity reduction projects for close to 20 years.

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Commissioner Carter reported:

- On an annual meeting for the St. Paul Area Coalition for the Homeless. Awards were given to many street and administrative workers. Jim Anderson, Community Human Services, received the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- On four-days she spent at the New York University, Wagner Institute for Public Service. She worked with 24 other county commissioners from throughout the United States in a leadership development program. She thanked the Board and AMC for supporting her attendance at the Institute.

Commissioner Parker reported:

- She and Commissioner Reinhardt attended the Library's Summer Reading Kick-Off, attended by over 2,000 people. Continuing to read throughout the summer is very important to children's academic success.
- She rode in the Grand Old Day Parade with her husband, Dan Parker, Grand Marshall of the Parade.

#### BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Bennett reported that prior to the District X meeting, a metro seven-county meeting was held on the wheelage tax. It was reported that Ramsey County would not be going forward on the wheelage tax at this time. Anoka, Washington, Dakota and Scott Counties are going forward and all seven counties would continue to meet for updates.

#### 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 Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-204)

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

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

WHEREAS, The Community Human Services Citizens Advisory Council recommends applicants listed below be appointed to serve on the committees identified for the terms noted; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to serve on the committees of the Community Human Services Citizens Advisory Council, with terms beginning with the date of appointment and continuing through the date specified below:

#### Chemical Health Committee

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| 1. Susan Marschalk        | through 6/30/08 |
| 2. Karen Feyo             | through 6/30/08 |
| 3. Paul Grehl (incumbent) | through 6/30/08 |

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Children’s Mental Health Advisory Council

4. Judy Ohm through 6/30/08

Children’s Services Review Panel

5. JoAnn Enos through 6/30/08  
6. Jennifer Bertram through 6/30/08  
7. Jan Gibson Talbot (incumbent) through 6/30/08  
8. Antonia Wilcoxon (incumbent) through 6/30/08  
9. Mark Proctor through 6/30/08  
10. Marcie Jefferys through 6/30/08

Developmental Disabilities Committee

11. Lori Jasper (incumbent) through 6/30/08  
12. Michael Golben through 6/30/08

Low Income Committee

13. Terry Peterson through 6/30/08  
14. Victoria Hippler through 6/30/08  
15. Brenda Matthews through 6/30/08  
16. Mark Groves through 6/30/08

Mental Health Advisory Council

17. Cecilia Mills through 6/30/08  
18. Claire Grubich through 6/30/08  
19. Lisa Richardson through 6/30/08

PARKS & RECREATION – Construction Contract – Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park Picnic Shelter and Entrance Monument

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-205)

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, the Metropolitan Council, the Saint Paul Regional Water Services and the Vadnais Heights City Council approved a master plan for Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Council has approved a grant to develop the Sucker Lake picnic area within the park; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval of the building plans within the Sucker Lake picnic area; and

WHEREAS, The City of Vadnais Heights approved the construction plans; and

WHEREAS, Bids were received on April 19, 2006, for construction of a picnic shelter and entrance monument and Hunerberg Construction Company was the low bidder for the specified work; Now, Therefore, Be It

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, AIA Document A101-1997, in the amount of \$174,300, with Hunerberg Construction Company, 11102 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Maple Grove, MN 55369, for construction of a picnic shelter and an entrance monument at Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park; and Be It Further

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

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS – PY2006 WIA Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker and Minnesota DW Local Plan Update, Master Contract and Funding; and Program Operation Contracting and Subcontracting Authorizations for PY2006-7

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-206)

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has designated Ramsey County as Workforce Service Area #15 under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; and

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development requires local Workforce Service Areas to submit a Local Plan Update for the Workforce Investment Act (“WIA”) Title I Adult and Dislocated Worker and State Dislocated Worker Programs (“Local Plan”); and

WHEREAS, Both the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and the Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board (“WIB”) are required to approve and sign the Local Plan; and

WHEREAS, The WIB has approved the PY2006 Local Plan; and

WHEREAS, In July 2006, the State of Minnesota will issue PY2006 fund allocations for the Federal WIA Title I Adult, WIA Title I Dislocated Workers, WIA Title I Youth, the Minnesota State Dislocated Worker Program, and the Minnesota Youth Programs; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions applies for grants to serve groups of laid-off workers throughout the year and receives funds to serve these workers in the form of Special Conditions Addenda to the Local Plan; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions subcontracts to third party vendors for the provision of WIA Title I Adult and Youth Services, including Minnesota Youth Program, and the Minnesota Dislocated Worker Program Services; and

WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions periodically seeks to sign service agreements as a subcontractor with other Workforce Service Areas to provide services to dislocated workers, adults and youth; and

WHEREAS, The PY2006 Local Plan includes training of incumbent workers to help them improve their English Language skills; and

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WHEREAS, Workforce Solutions has identified a third party vendor to provide an English language program curriculum for incumbent workers; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the PY2006 Local Plan for the Workforce Investment Act (“WIA”) Adult and Dislocated Worker and the Minnesota Dislocated Worker Programs (“PY2006 Local Plan); and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to sign the PY2006 Local Plan; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute modifications and amendments to the PY2006 Local Plan; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of PY2006 Federal funds for WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs and PY 2006 State funds for the Minnesota Dislocated Worker Program; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute the PY2006 WIA Master Contract, and amendments to the Master Contract, with the State of Minnesota for operation of WIA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs, and Minnesota Youth and Dislocated Worker Programs, and programs funded by CDBG funds, if provided by the City of St. Paul, including amendments related to changes in funding, and to execute the required certification forms, subject to prior approval by Budgeting and Accounting and the County Attorney’s Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the selection of HIRED, 1200 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55411; Employment Action Center, 900 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55404; Goodwill EasterSeal, 553 Fairview Avenue North, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55104; and LAO Family Community of Minnesota, 320 W. University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55103 to provide services to eligible participants under the WIA Title 1B Adult and Minnesota Dislocated Worker Programs; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute subgrantee service agreements for PY2006 and PY2007 with HIRED, Employment Action Center and Goodwill EasterSeal using WIA Title 1B Adult Program funds and subgrantee service agreements for PY2006 and PY2007 with HIRED, Employment Action Center, Goodwill EasterSeal and Lao Family Community of Minnesota, Inc using Minnesota Dislocated Worker program funds, subject to prior approval by Budgeting and Accounting and the County Attorney’s Office; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute a contract up to \$50,000 with Language Solutions LLC, 5655 Highlands Trail N., Lake Elmo, MN 55042 for the provision of voice recognition software and training to be delivered to incumbent workers between July 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007, subject to prior approval by Budgeting and Accounting and the County Attorney’s Office; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to negotiate and execute grantee revenue generating services agreements for PY2006 with Federal, State, Local and/or nonprofit workforce development program providers where Ramsey County, through Workforce Solutions, is the grantee, subject to prior approval by Budgeting and Accounting and the County Attorney's Office; 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 the Workforce Solutions budget in order to cover program expenses until grant funds are received, with repayments to be made upon receipt of grant funds.

HUMAN RESOURCES – 2006 Salary Rates for Building Trades Job Classes (Carpenter, Master Electrician and Painter)

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-207)

WHEREAS, The salary rates for building trades job classes in the Saint Paul Area are established through negotiations between the Saint Paul Building & Construction Trades Council and area building contractors; and

WHEREAS, As a result of these negotiations, a single salary rate is established for each building trade job class, and the rate for each class is applied uniformly throughout the community with no variation from employer to employer; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County and the Saint Paul Building & Construction Trades Council jointly established a salary formula to match the total compensation paid to Ramsey County building trades employees, with the total compensation paid to building trades employees affiliated with the Saint Paul Building Trades Council; and

WHEREAS, The salary formula is based on four components: wages; employer-paid insurance contributions; employer-paid retirement contributions; and, employer-paid time off benefits; and

WHEREAS, At the request of Ramsey County building trades employees, Ramsey County and the Saint Paul Building & Construction Trades Council updated the salary formula as described in the attached document entitled "*Agreement For Calculation Of Proposed Salary Rates For Ramsey County Building Trades Job Classes*"; and

WHEREAS, This document was approved by the Board of Commissioners on December 15, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Based on the updated salary formula and the 2006 salary rates for Carpenter, Master Electrician, and Painter positions affiliated with the Saint Paul Building & Construction Trades Council, the Human Resources Department has calculated new salary rates for the Ramsey County building trades job classes of Carpenter, Master Electrician, and Painter with effective dates for the new rates to coincide with the dates of the wage changes set by the Saint Paul Building & Construction Trades Council; and

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WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the Personnel Act, MN Statutes §383A.282, is responsible for determining the compensation for all employees in the Ramsey County Personnel System; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the provision of the Personnel Act, MN Statutes §383A.282, hereby approves the following salary rates for the building trades job classes for 2006:

JOB CLASS TITLE	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	FULL-TIME HOURLY RATE	PART-TIME HOURLY RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW RATE
Carpenter	2	\$33.15	\$42.71	May 1, 2006
Master Electrician	Vacant	\$45.33	\$56.89	May 1, 2006
Painter	1	\$32.37	\$41.80	May 1, 2006

PUBLIC WORKS – Temporary Right of Entry for Construction and Maintenance Purposes by the Metropolitan Airports Commission, County Road J from Airport Road to Naples Street

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-208)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, in cooperation with Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), the Cities of Blaine, Mounds View, and Shoreview, has developed plans and specifications for reconstructing County Road J from Airport Road to Naples Street, including a new Bridge at I35W -- S.A.P. 62-601-11, S.A.P. 02-632-14, and S.P. 6284-1-137; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Airports Commission owns and operates the Anoka County – Blaine Airport property that is located within the limits of this project and adjacent to the roadway right-of-way property owned by Ramsey County and Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to alter the grade and improve a portion of the Anoka County – Blaine Airport property to construct various roadway improvements on the County owned right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, A Right of Entry is required to access the airport property to construct said improvements and a Temporary Right of Entry has been drafted; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Temporary Right of Entry with the Metropolitan Airports Commission for construction and maintenance purposes for the reconstruction of County Road J from Airport Road to Naples Street; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The seven-page Temporary Right of Entry between Ramsey County, Anoka County, and the Metropolitan Airports Commission, is made part of this resolution by reference and is kept on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Temporary Right of Entry on behalf of Ramsey County, following approval of the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

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PUBLIC WORKS – Approval of an Application by a Governmental Subdivision for Conveyance of Tax-Forfeited Lands for an Authorized Public Use

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-209)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Public Works has reconstructed Silver Lake Road between 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW and Mississippi Street; and

WHEREAS, The widening associated with the roadway construction requires the use of the east 5 feet of Lots 1 and 7, block 10, Oakwood Terrace Plat 3; and

WHEREAS, Lots 1 and 7, block 10, Oakwood Terrace Plat 3, located on the southwest corner of Silver Lake Road and 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW are tax forfeited properties, and

WHEREAS, Use of the east 5 feet of Lots 1 and 7, block 10, Oakwood Terrace Plat 3 requires approval of an Application for a Governmental Subdivision for Conveyance of Tax-Forfeited Lands for an Authorized Public Use; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the Application for a Governmental Subdivision for Conveyance of Tax-Forfeited Lands for an Authorized Public Use for Lots 1 and 7, block 10, Oakwood Terrace Plat 3, and Be It Further

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

RESOLVED, The two (2)-page application is made part of this resolution by reference and is kept on file with the Chief Clerk.

PUBLIC WORKS – Relocation/Utility Protection Agreement Number PW2006-05 between Ramsey County and the Qwest Corporation, Reconstruction of County Road J from Airport Road to Naples Street

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-210)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, in cooperation with Anoka County, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), the Cities of Blaine, Mounds View, and Shoreview, has developed plans and specifications for reconstructing County Road J from Airport Road to Naples Street, including a new Bridge at I35W -- S.A.P. 62-601-11, S.A.P. 02-632-14, and S.P. 6284-1-137; and

WHEREAS, Qwest Corporation owns and operates certain facilities that are presently located within the limits of this project and within the limits of the highway right-of-way and it has been determined that the greater portion of these facilities can be left in place during and subsequent to construction, providing special methods are used to protect conduits and related in place structures; and

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WHEREAS, Ramsey County has requested, and Qwest Corporation agrees to pay for, the special construction methods performed during construction and thereafter maintain said facilities at their own expense as outlined in Agreement PW2006-05; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves Agreement PW2006-05; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The 16 page Agreement PW2006-05 between Ramsey County and the Qwest Corporation is made part of this resolution by reference and is kept on file with the Chief Clerk; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute Agreement No. PW2006-05 on behalf of Ramsey County; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to approve the following budget adjustment:

INCREASE ESTIMATED REVENUE

2005	17304	550880	00000	314104	Reimbursements	P033225	\$90,000.00
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TRANSFER TO/INCREASE APPROPRIATION

2005	17304	550880	00000	442305	Co Rd J-Airport Rd to Naples St	P033225	\$90,000.00
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and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves a temporary cash loan, not to exceed \$90,000, from the County General fund to the Road and Bridge CIP fund until receipt of reimbursement.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Approval of Agreements for services to assist with tuberculosis detection and control at the Public Health Clinic located at 555 Cedar Street

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-211)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to efforts to prevent the spread of communicable diseases in our community; and

WHEREAS, Public Health provides tuberculosis detection and treatment services; and

WHEREAS, It is critical that detection and treatment include specialized x-ray and laboratory services, Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute a rate setting agreement, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, with St. Paul Radiology, 166 East Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-1421, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, for the period May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009, for x-ray interpretation services; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to execute a rate setting agreement, in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, with National Jewish Center, PO Box 17379, Denver, CO 80217-0379, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the period September 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007, for laboratory testing.

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to Ramsey County/City of Saint Paul Homeless Advisory Board

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-212)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Board Resolution 2004-182, dated May 4, 2004, endorsed the creation of a Ramsey County/City of Saint Paul Homeless Advisory Board, consisting of twenty members – ten appointed by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, and ten by the City of St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, Currently, three Ramsey County positions are vacant due to term expirations; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the County’s Open Appointment Process, news releases were distributed seeking applicants for the vacant positions; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the appointment of the following individuals to the Ramsey County/City of Saint Paul Homeless Advisory Board for terms as indicated:

<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>AREA REPRESENTING</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Robert T. Bruton 2856 Lake Boulevard North St. Paul, MN 55109	At-Large	October 31, 2008
Kristen Williams 1407 Hewitt Avenue #2 St. Paul, MN 55104	At-Large	October 31, 2008
Raeone Loscalzo 4248 41 <sup>st</sup> Avenue S. Minneapolis, MN 55406	Provider of Housing for Families	October 31, 2008

BOARD OF RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – Appointments to the Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-213)

WHEREAS, There are currently six County vacancies on the Workforce Investment Board (WIB); five of the vacancies represent business, and one vacancy represents community-based organizations; and

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WHEREAS, The WIB received two applications for these vacancies – one for the business category and one for the community-based organizations category; and

WHEREAS, Applications were received following the County's appointment process for the WIB membership; and

WHEREAS, The WIB's current goals for business include adding representatives from the WIB's priority industries – healthcare, advanced manufacturing and construction. The business applicant represents the priority industry of construction, and has been nominated by the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, The WIB received one new application for membership on the Youth Council. The Youth Council recommended appointment of this individual and the Executive Committee appointed this person, pending ratification by the Ramsey County Board; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies appointment of the following individuals to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the Youth Council:

<u>WIB (to represent Business)</u>	<u>Term expiration date</u>
Gerry Flannery Flannery Construction	July 31, 2008

<u>WIB (to represent Community-Based Organizations)</u> Jesse Bethke Gomez CLUES	July 31, 2007
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<u>Youth Council (to represent Parent of Eligible Youth)</u> Monique Johnson
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HUMAN RESOURCES – Terms of collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local 320 (Community Corrections Workers) for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008

Commissioner Ortega introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Rettman, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 7. Nays – 0. (2006-214)

WHEREAS, Ramsey County and the Teamsters Local 320 (Community Corrections Workers) engaged in collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, Negotiations resulted in a tentative agreement on terms and conditions of employment for 2006, 2007 and 2008; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the implementation of a three year agreement on terms and conditions of employment for the Teamsters Local 320 (Community Corrections Workers) effective January 1, 2006, for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 as follows:

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WAGES

- 2% increase effective 3/1/06
- 2% increase effective 3/1/07
- 1.5% increase effective 3/1/08
- 1.5% increase effective 7/1/08

All general salary increases will be effective the first full pay period following the effective date.

INSURANCE

- 2006 – Family coverage - Employer will pay 90% of health insurance premium increase. Employee will pay 10%  
Single coverage - Employee pay \$15/month (Single & Family effective 1/1/06)
- 2007 – Family coverage - Employer will pay 75% of health insurance premium increase. Employee will pay 25%.  
Single coverage – Employee pay \$21/month (Single & Family effective 1/1/07)
- 2008 – Family coverage - Employer will pay 70% of health insurance premium increase. Employee will pay 30%.  
Single coverage – Employee pay \$21/month (Single effective 1/1/08, employer pick up increase in family coverage until 3/1/08)

Dental -

Employer and employee will each pay 50% of any increase in dental insurance premiums for single and family for each year of the agreement, effective January 1 of each year.

Retiree Insurance -

Early Retiree Contributions for Employees Retiring in 2006, 2007, 2008 – The County will make the same contribution to medical insurance premiums for early retirees as for active employees. County contributions are subject to the years of service requirements previously established by the County Board.

Regular Retiree Minimum Payment For Employees Retiring During the Term of the Contract:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Single	\$20/mo	\$25/mo	\$25/mo
Family	\$50/mo	\$55/mo	\$60/mo

All changes effective January 1 each year of contract.

New Hires on or after 1/1/06

- Eliminate County contribution toward retiree insurance for new hires, effective 1/1/06. These employees may participate in the County’s retiree insurance plan but will be responsible for the entire premium.
- Effective the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following 7/1/06, all new employees hired on or after 1/1/06 begin contributing 1% of salary on a per pay period basis to a Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP).
- The County will contribute \$500 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following the employee’s 5 year anniversary date.
- The County will contribute \$600 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following the employee’s 10 year anniversary date.

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- The County will contribute \$700 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following the employee’s 15 year anniversary date.
- Contributions will be prorated based on the number of hours on paid status in a pay period for both full-time and part-time employees (same exception for counting unpaid union leave as described in proposed change for accruing floating holidays).
- Only insurance-eligible employees are eligible to participate in this HCSP option.

Current Insurance-eligible Employees hired between 7/1/92 and 12/31/05

- Employees must elect in writing prior to 11/1/06 whether they will maintain their current retiree insurance benefit, **or** opt out of the current retiree benefit and participate in the Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) option described below. This is a one time, irrevocable decision. Employees who do *not* make an election in writing prior to 11/1/06, will be deemed to have elected to retain their current retiree insurance benefit.
- Effective the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following 1/1/07, employees opting out of the current retiree insurance benefit will begin contributing 1% of salary on a per pay period basis to the HCSP.
- The County will contribute \$500 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis on the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following 1/1/08, or the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following the employee’s 5 year anniversary date, whichever is later.
- The County will contribute \$600 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis on the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following 1/1/08, or the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following the employee’s 10 year anniversary date, whichever is later.
- The County will contribute \$700 per year to the HCSP on a per pay period basis on the first full pay period following 1/1/08, or the 1<sup>st</sup> full pay period following the employee’s 15 year anniversary date, whichever is later.
- Contributions will be prorated based on the number of hours on paid status in a pay period for both fulltime and part time employees (same exception for counting unpaid union leave as described in proposed change for accruing floating holidays).

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Effective January 1, 2007, the County will increase its matching contribution to deferred compensation from \$10.00 per month to \$15.00 per month, per contributing employee. Deferred compensation contributions will be pro-rated for part-time employees.

SEPARATION PAY

The schedule of hours of accumulated sick leave required to collect separation pay was revised and the following will be added to the schedule: (changes to schedule underlined)

Employees with at least 100 hours sick leave and less than 480 hours -	\$ 5,000
Employees with at least 480 hours sick leave and less than <del>4,000</del> <u>850</u> hours-	\$10,000
Employees with at least <del>4,000</del> <u>850</u> hours sick leave and less than <del>4,250</del> <u>1,000</u> hours -	\$11,000

Employees with at least <del>4,250</del> <u>1,000</u> hours sick leave and less than <del>4,500</del> <u>1,150</u> hours -	\$12,000
Employees with at least <del>4,500</del> <u>1,150</u> hours sick leave and less than <del>4,750</del> <u>1,300</u> hours-	\$13,000
Employees with at least <del>4,750</del> <u>1,300</u> hours sick leave and less than <del>2,000</del> <u>1,450</u> hours-	\$14,000
Employees with at least <u>1,450</u> hours sick leave and less than 1,600 hours -	\$15,000
Employees with <del>2,000</del> <u>1,600</u> hours or more -	<del>\$15,000</del> <u>\$16,000</u>

Effective 1/1/07 employees with at least 1,600 hours and less than 1,750 hours sick leave will be eligible for \$16,000; employees with 1,750 or more hours sick leave will be eligible for \$17,000. Effective 1/1/08 employees with at least 1,750 hours and less than 1,900 hours sick leave will be eligible for \$17,000; employees with 1,900 or more hours sick leave will be eligible for \$18,000.

#### FLOATING HOLIDAYS

Maintain current floating holiday accrual method in 2006. Change current method to an accrual method as described below, effective 1/1/07, provided all Ramsey County bargaining units agree to the same contract language.

- 1) Effective 1/1/07, update existing employee floating holiday bank with eligible hours under current contract language.
- 2) Beginning with the first pay period that includes January 1, 2007, accrue floating holidays based on employment status.
- 3) Effective 1/1/07, any floating holiday in excess of the maximum accumulation allowed shall be lost to the employee on May 1 and November 1 of each year (same dates as used for vacation max). Maximum accrual will remain at 16 hours.
- 4) Full-time and part-time employees shall earn pro-rated accrual based on actual hours on paid status in a pay period. Accrual for a full pay period will be .61536 hours.
- 5) Employees who have worked less than 6 months will not be paid for accrued floating holidays if terminating employment.
- 6) Floating holidays shall be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the employee and the department.
- 7) No loss in accrual for full-time employees for up to 40 hours per pay period for no more than 2 consecutive pay periods for unpaid union leave.

#### OTHER PROVISIONS

The agreement reached provides for miscellaneous changes to the Overtime, Sick Leave, Seniority and Vacation articles.

and Be It Further

RESOLVED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the Technical Employees Association and authorizes the Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager, as representatives of the County, to approve and sign the agreement incorporating these terms.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES – Ramsey County Commissioners' Salary Ordinance for 2007

Commissioner Reinhardt introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Ortega. Roll Call: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 6. Nays – Rettman - 1. (2006-215)

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter relating to compensation for the Board of Commissioners state that:

- a) The Board may determine the annual salary of its members by passage of a salary ordinance;
- b) The salary ordinance must be passed by July 1 of the year prior to the effective date of the ordinance; and
- c) The ordinance shall not become effective until the first business day of the following year (January 1, 2007);

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and

WHEREAS, The Charter requires that per diem payments be made to the County and that, with the exception of fees, payments and other compensation paid to an officer of the Association of Minnesota Counties, the County will not add these payments to the Commissioners' salary when payments are received from the various boards, committees and other governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, The current annual salary of the Board of Commissioners is \$62,206 for County Board Members, and \$64,297 for the County Board Chair; and

WHEREAS, Over the period of January 1, 2005– December 31, 2005, the consumer price index (CPI-U) for the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area increased by 2.8%; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners that the salary rates for the Board of Commissioners should be adjusted by between 50% and 100% of the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area for the most recent year for which the CPI-U information is available; and

WHEREAS, An increase of 2.8% for the Board of Commissioners will result in a salary increase equal to 100% of the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the Minneapolis-St. Paul Metropolitan Area for the period of January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005; Now, Therefore, The Board of Commissioners for the County of Ramsey Does

ORDAIN, That the annual salary for the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for calendar year 2007 shall increase by 2.8% to \$63,948 for County Board Members and by 2.8% to \$66,097 for the County Board Chair; and Be It Further

ORDAINED, With the exception of fees, payments and other compensation paid to an officer of the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Board voted to decline fees, payments and other compensation paid to County Board members in exchange for representing the County on outside boards, committees and other governmental agencies and any subcommittees thereof, and that any funds received by the County would remain within the County's General Fund; and Be It Further

ORDAINED, That the Commissioners are eligible to receive fees, payments and other compensation paid from the following boards, committees and other governmental agencies and any subcommittees thereof, such amounts to be remitted to County Treasury and thereafter paid to board member;

Association of Minnesota Counties (if serving as an Officer)

and Be It Further

ORDAINED, That all appointments of County Commissioners to various boards, committees and other governmental agencies shall be ratified by County Board resolution before per diem shall be paid; and Be It Further

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ORDAINED, That any subsequent new appointments or changes in appointments to new or existing boards, committees or governmental agencies, and any subsequent establishment of new per diem rates or increase in current per diem rates shall be ratified by County Board resolution before per diems shall be paid; and Be It Further

ORDAINED, That any increase in per diems or new per diems which are approved by the above described process, shall be included in the next annual salary ordinance, and Be It Further

ORDAINED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners shall be allowed to receive actual and necessary expenses for attendance at conferences, seminars, etc., in connection with their official County Commissioner duties as do all other Ramsey County employees; and Be It Further

ORDAINED, That unless a valid referendum petition is filed within 30 days after the publication of this ordinance, this ordinance shall:

- a) Become effective on January 1, 2007 and replace the previous salary ordinance (Ordinance 2005-229); and
- b) Continue in effect throughout calendar year 2007 and subsequent years until changed by a subsequent County Board ordinance.

#### SHERIFF – Request to Assist Gulf Coast Residents in Hurricane Recovery

Bob Fletcher, Sheriff, said following Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, two teams from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office participated with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) in responding to the disaster. Things were far worse than anticipated. The Sheriff's teams were in New Orleans, and things are still bad there.

In March 2006, a Sheriff's team was sent to meet with Gulf Coast officials to learn from the lessons of Katrina. This team traveled along the coast from New Orleans to Pensacola, Florida. Nick O'Hara, Mark Pettit, and Angie Steenberg were on that team. Some of the lessons learned apply to Ramsey County in terms of emergency management; one in particular, in response to the possible Avian Influenza Pandemic. It was stressed to have contracts in place with private sector vendors before an emergency strikes. Much of the contracting was to private vendors, which took weeks to get in place. If a pandemic were to strike, it is probable that about 30-40% of the County's workforce would not be able to work. Contingency plans for failure of a workforce to show up must be in place before needed, and resources need to be in place before a disaster strikes.

In the team's travels, it was clear that nine months after the disaster, conditions are terrible. There are areas in south Mississippi that have seen little or no reconstruction. People have been displaced from their homes. In March 2006, some were still living in tents.

The Sheriff's Office decided to bring this message to the County Board and the residents of Ramsey County. As indicated on a map in the documentation, everything between Biloxi and New Orleans, in areas of Mississippi, in particular Harrison County, received little or no assistance.

The Sheriff showed many pictures of the area -- prior to the Hurricane, immediately after the hurricane struck, and in March 2006. The town of Pass Christian, Mississippi, with a population of 6500, was in the middle of the storm surge of water that was between 25-30 feet high. Debris is everywhere, there were 25 confirmed deaths, most homes were destroyed, all businesses wiped out, and schools destroyed or severely damaged. City Hall and the Police Department were devastated. The team met with police department and the sheriff's office there, both of which continue to work from remote sites. Cemeteries have been destroyed, and bridges are still out.

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Eighty five percent of the residents have been displaced, there is a shortage of skilled labor, and shady contractors have been a problem.

A makeshift school has been put together. The attitude of the children is what inspired the team; they are optimistic and appreciative of the little they have. Everyone goes to one spot for his or her mail. Many people remain living in a FEMA trailer. The team visited many of these residents and talked about what they could best use.

One of the Sheriff's goals, should the County Board decide to help this community, is to launch a website to include the information on current conditions, "meet" some of the residents listed on the website, and get a list of things needed by those individuals. This is a multi-cultural community. Pets are survivors as well. Washers and dryers, transportation, storage sheds, tools, and gift cards from vendors, are some of the items needed. The Sheriff's Office would like to rally the private-sector community to contribute. The simplest way to contribute would be to make a donation of Home Depot or Target gift cards that could be delivered to the residents. Skilled labor is needed. Some Sheriff's employees would like to go there on their own time to help with reconstruction. There are a lot of law enforcement personnel and fire fighters who have worked for Habitat for Humanity and similar programs.

County surplus has hundreds of chairs that could be utilized; radios that could be used. Sheriff Fletcher had discussed with David Twa, County Manager, that as Ramsey County migrates to the 800 MHz system, some of the old VHF radios would be state-of-the-art for Pass Christian. Other items on the wish list are: portable breathalyzers, fingerprint kits, ticket-holder books, soap dispensers, flashlights and cars. There are a number of these items in surplus that with the authority to assist Pass Christian, Ramsey County could be a tremendous partner. The city's tax base is gone. President Bush had visited this area and recognized it as having received dramatic devastation. The schools have requested 700 new book bags, a laser printer, 50 nap mats for kindergartners, bulletin board paper and border designs, 700 individual dry erase boards and pens – they don't have desks or bulletin boards and need something to write on – a TV, DVD, VCR for the library, bean bag chairs and a copy machine. There will be different needs for the kids during the summer with the school year coming to an end.

The concept of this request is to adopt a family or school – it is a network to connect kind-hearted people to those impacted by the Hurricane; to provide professional contacts for families.

Included in the distributed materials is a list of sister cities, most of those provided immediate response after the Hurricane. One town that continues to carry the cause is Naperville, Illinois. The Rotarians are digging deep for Pass Christian. Most of the cities that decided to help are smaller cities, helping similar-sized cities. The Sheriff's Office goal is the opposite – to target the top 100 metropolitan areas in the country to try to get their help for the 50 smaller cities impacted the most by this devastation.

Sheriff Fletcher said he is confident that with leadership in Ramsey County and some private-sector assistance, money could be raised. More importantly, since Ramsey County would have a relationship with this city to target the needed work and do the most good, perhaps some of the resources could be hand-delivered. There was much ado in September and October 2005, but the needs continue. Hurricane season is just beginning for this year, and it is estimated that 16-20 hurricanes will form. The trailers shown in the presentation would not survive a storm of any magnitude.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the area is not returning to normal in the manner expected. It is worth doing what Ramsey County can do. She did not think anything being requested is out of line with what could be accomplished to help this community and Harrison County, and exploring

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the different ways they could be assisted. The sister city/sister county is a good idea. She hopes this raise awareness about the needs that exist in the areas impacted by hurricanes.

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

Chair Bennett asked Sheriff Fletcher for clarification on whether this relationship would be “county to the city” or “Ramsey County to Harrison County”.

Sheriff Fletcher said that was discussed in the Sheriff’s Office. The resolution was structured so the County Manager would be authorized to explore the possibility of a sister county relationship, and to look for guidance as to whether it would be sister city/sister county. He would not like to see semantics get in the way of rallying help for the citizens of Pass Christian. The Sheriff’s Office would like to focus on Pass Christian, but it makes good sense for Ramsey County to have a relationship with Harrison County – they would like to adopt both the City of Pass Christian and Harrison County. That would not need to be done today. The request today is for what is in the resolution.

David Twa, County Manager, said he and the Sheriff had a brief conversation about this. Part of the issue is to explore how to coordinate all of this. Staff looked at what assistance has already been promised, on its way, or hopefully to arrive, and came up with the list of the sister cities with Pass Christian. Part of this is how to coordinate efforts. In the initial response to Hurricane Katrina, many supplies were sent to the area and never used. If the County Board decides to move forward on this, staff want to explore the best method to do this; how can the County’s efforts be best coordinated with other communities for collection and distribution to the right hands. That would be true for Pass Christian and Harrison County. The first thing to do would be to make contact with the Harrison County representatives for more details.

Chair Bennett said he has not discussed this with Sheriff Fletcher. He is not comfortable moving on this resolution today as it stands. He is prepared to explore a more concise resolution based on what the County Manager might find out and how this would work, which means it is still moving forward.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the action requested is to support the efforts and to try to move forward. It is specifically to explore the concept of adopting Harrison County. He had heard Chair Bennett comment on whether or not the Board would adopt them as a sister county, and this resolution does not do that today.

Commissioner Rettman said the action in the first RESOLVED reads to assist and adopt the residents of Pass Christian request donations, etc. She thought she heard the Chair say he would like to have some of the work done by County Manager before adopting the resolution.

Chair Bennett said that is what he would like. He does not want to give false hope that things are going to be on the way. He is not against the concept. He pointed out that there will be a county in Minnesota with a major problem with their budget; they will have to raise taxes by about 36% in order to survive.

Commissioner Ortega said he did not believe there is a conflict here. It is clear that the intent of the Board is to do something to help. He is particularly supportive of the concept that if Ramsey County has surplus equipment laying around going to waste, depreciating and then going into the garbage, that this would be a good way to use it. It only makes sense, whether it is a county in Mississippi or a county in Minnesota -- it is a good idea to move forward on the surplus. The resolution should be amended to say that the County Manager would come back with a program in place, what it would take, and how to move on some of the ideas proposed by the Sheriff.

Chair Bennett said that is basically what he would want to see in place before he would support this.

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Commissioner Rettman said her question to Mr. Twa is what is the County's process, and what is the policy on establishing this type of thing. Ramsey County has its own financial situation. There was a group looking into the County's excess computers; they ran into legal problems on how can they be given to non-profits for kids here. Commissioner Parker was involved in efforts related to the bookmobile donated to Manzanillo, Mexico, which had been 100% private donations. She would like to have a financial rendering for what this action would entail. Her concern is that this is so broad. There is also a process for acceptance of donations. She asked if any of that is available at this time.

Mr. Twa said those same type of questions have been raised. For example, in the initial response, it was recommended that people make donations through the Red Cross or the Salvation Army or some other national organization on the basis that they were best suited to know how to distribute donations. One thing to worry about is if the County is collecting gift cards, what would be the process in terms of getting those into the hands of the right individuals. There are many unanswered questions. On the issue of the surplus equipment, there are statutes that would allow for the distribution to other governmental entities. How that would work intra-state is another question that would have to be pursued.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the Board seems to be in agreement on the concept. The RESOLVED clause pertaining to exploring adoption is fine. The Board could amend the resolution to state: RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners supports the Ramsey County Sheriff's efforts, in consultation with the County Manager, to assist the residents of Pass Christian, Mississippi, to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina – does that mean cash, services, equipment, coordination of effort to make this happen.

Chair Bennett said that is on the right track but he would like to see a plan first. He could see going ahead, but would like to see the plan.

Commissioner Reinhardt suggested "to develop a plan in consultation with the County Manager to assist the residents of Pass Christian...".

Commissioner McDonough said this is being made more difficult than it needs to be. There is nothing in the draft resolution that spends money; there is nothing that makes a monetary commitment. The only commitment the County Board would be making is to support the Sheriff in his efforts to pursue helping people. It directs the County Manager to come back with plans on how that could happen before the County Board would participate in this. This is a simple straightforward thing on doing the right thing. This asks the County Board to say it would support exploring how to put a plan in place, if it makes sense to put a plan in place, and in the process, gives the Sheriff the support in his efforts to go out into the private community to start asking if our community wants to rally around and be a part of this. We'll never get anything done if we talk about words or to request things be brought back – we need to approve this as written today, move forward, and see what happens.

Sheriff Fletcher said Commissioner McDonough is correct. There is no intent to use any County budget resources with this. The Sheriff's Office would like to be partners with the County Board. The Sheriff's Office, with 450 employees, motivated to help, can go out into the private sector to raise funds for Katrina victims without the County Board's approval. There would be no financial impact. Regarding the surplus, that would have to go through the normal process. He pointed out that for over two years, there has been a surplus of office equipment sitting in the former Adult Detention Center that has been untouched. There are buildings around the entire County with property sitting within for ten years. The computer disposal policy could be looked at to decide if 3-5 year old computers are best thrown in the trash or redistributed to children to be used for educational programming – videos, computers – all that equipment thrown away on an annual basis

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could be put to good use. The request is not to change the surplus policy, rather for the County to look at how it could help out through the surplus equipment.

The presentation video could be shown to groups, such as Rotary Clubs and Lions' Clubs, to show what the needs are. He asked if the Commissioners would be opposed to the Sheriff's Office raising private donations to help these people.

Commissioner Parker said she believed that does require County Board authorization because it is not the mission of Ramsey County to do that. Any time the County does something outside what is authorized by law to do, a discussion has to be held.

Sheriff Fletcher said he came to the County Board because his office wants to partner with the County. They could do this through a non-profit that would be incorporated with other people from the community that would like to help. They already have partners in this field that would like to help, including Home Depot, the Target Corporation.

Commissioner Parker said she is not saying the County should not do this. Our governmental system is a bureaucracy, and is delegated authority by the State Legislature and the Federal government to do specific things. The County could leverage that authority by getting other people involved, but it is not something to be arbitrarily decided. She questions the Sheriff's decision that the County could do something outside its mission. She said it was unclear to her during the presentation whether County tax dollars would be used, if County employees would use County-paid time or vacation time, or if other resources would be sought.

Sheriff Fletcher said it is the intent to use all voluntary time and the only resources of the County would be those dedicated or directed by the County Manager to make it all come together.

Commissioner Parker said troubling to her is that the national FEMA system is broken. She would rather spend energy in trying to fix that system.

Sheriff Fletcher said they are working on that.

Commissioner Carter said there is no question that the County Board wants to do this, but the question is how. We want to help communities that are suffering, and to participate in the continuing effort with our national partners to ensure the FEMA system is repaired. We are all struggling to ensure that the resources of Ramsey County are used in the appropriate manner. The County Board can amend this particular motion to add that the process should be done in consultation with the County Manager, and that given that responsibility to the County Manager in relationship to the Sheriff, the Commissioners could be confident that will be done. She asked Commissioner Reinhardt if her motion could be phrased in such a way to allow this to happen and to ensure the Commissioners are confident that the process will be worked out with the County Manager.

Commissioner Reinhardt said the idea of coming back to the County Board with a plan is not something that has to happen. If the Board wants to move forward, state that it would be "in consultation with the County Manager". When dealing with the County Board, in order to be partners, there has to be something other than saying we are supportive. In stating in the first RESOLVED: "...Sheriff's efforts in consultation with the County Manager" and leave the rest, as is. As long as it is in consultation with the County Manager who is going to make sure that if there are County dollars, it would have to come back to the County Board – if there is any approval that has to come back, it will.

Commissioner Rettman asked if Commissioner Reinhardt's previous amendment has been removed.

Commissioner Reinhardt said this one makes it the easiest. As long as it would be in consultation with the County Manager, it has to be within the policies of the County Board. If there is something that goes outside that, then it has to come back to the County Board, and the County Manager understands that.

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Commissioner McDonough accepted Commissioner Reinhardt's amendment.

Commissioner Ortega called the question. The intent of the amendment is that County Manager will bring back to the County Board what the plan is.

Commissioner Reinhardt said it is the intent of the amendment to move forward, and if there is something that requires County Board approval in the form of a plan as far as resources or anything else, that would come back .

Commissioner Ortega said he would like to know that there is a plan in place. The Sheriff has a great idea with the surplus -- there are legalities involved, the taxpayers pay for it, but if they were asked about desks sitting for ten years that no one is ever going to see and they are just going to waste, and they could be sent to people anywhere -- it is just common sense. The issue is how to do that legally. He wants to know that that is happening. If it doesn't come back, he would not know that it is happening, he wants it to happen.

Commissioner Reinhardt suggested a third RESOLVED that asks the County Manager and the Sheriff to report back on the efforts and on the information they get on the second RESOLVED about adopting Harrison County, Mississippi as a sister county.

Commissioner Ortega called the question.

Commissioner Rettman said she believes the intent in bringing up the plan was to have it come back to the County Board if so chose to be in partnership on this, that a report would be given. That would not give the County Board the ability to say yes or no, and she has a concern with that.

Chair Bennett said when this is approved today, the County Board is saying yes, we like the idea. That is not his problem. It had not been clear to him whether manpower, time or money from the County is being used. Commissioner Reinhardt's motion would address that because now the County Manager would have a part in this, and he does report to the County Board. While the Sheriff likes to say he can do what he wants, the County Board has its watchdog.

Commissioner Rettman asked if there could be an additional RESOLVED that clearly addresses that zero taxpayer dollars would be used.

Commissioner McDonough said the question had been called.

Commissioner Rettman moved that an additional RESOLVED that no taxpayer dollars would be used in this in time or in efforts.

Commissioner Parker said that would be unless it comes back to the County Board for approval.

Sheriff Fletcher asked if that would also include any time that Mr. Twa's staff might use in consulting with the Sheriff's staff on how to go about this.

Commissioner Parker said that is already included in this.

Commissioner Rettman said it is saying the County Manager is to "explore in consultation with the Sheriff's Office".

Sheriff Fletcher said his point is that the line gets blurry when talking about any dollars -- if working and talking to people is an expense of County time, and that would be extremely difficult to monitor.

Chair Bennett asked Commissioner Rettman to clarify what is meant by amount of money -- the Sheriff makes a good point.

Commissioner Rettman said she was addressing Commissioner Parker's statement about the need for this to be all volunteer time. It was stated that this is all taken care of, but this resolution does not state that.

Commissioner Parker seconded Commissioner Rettman's motion.

Mr. Twa said he understands where Commissioner Rettman is coming from, but that

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amendment makes this very un-workable and there would be arguments about what the actual intent was, and would make it difficult to work with. Anything done will create some expense. He hoped the County Board would rely upon him to report to the Board in terms of what that actually looks like. If in fact, the County would give any property, there would be some obvious dollars associated. Essentially, we don't want our employees going down to Harrison County incurring overtime here because they are down there. Those are the kinds of things staff would look at and report back to the Board.

Sheriff Fletcher said surplus has to go to a government entity of some sort. Whether it is county, state or federal, this would be designated to go to governmental agencies in Harrison County.

Chair Bennett said he didn't believe Commissioner Rettman's amendment is needed with the County Manager involved.

Commissioner Reinhardt said her intent was that if there equipment or anything that needs County Board approval, by having "in consultation with the County Manager" and having him report back to the County Board, that will happen. It was not meant to tie the County Manager's hands, but to let the Board know what is going on.

Roll Call on Commissioner Rettman's amendment: Ayes – Parker, Rettman – 2. Nays – Ortega, Reinhardt, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 5. The motion on the amendment failed.

Roll Call on the original motion as amended: Ayes – Ortega, Parker, Reinhardt, Carter, McDonough, Bennett – 6. Nays – 1 – Rettman. (2006-216)

WHEREAS, At 6:10 a.m. CDT on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, a category 3 storm, with sustained winds of 125 miles per hour, made landfall at Buras-Triumph, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina, the largest hurricane of its strength to approach the United States in recorded history, caused major and wide-spread catastrophic damage along the coastlines of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, to include major damage to among others, the cities of Mobile, Alabama; Biloxi, Mississippi; Gulfport, Mississippi; Pass Christian, Mississippi; and New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina is believed to have directly caused the deaths of 1,604 people and is estimated to be responsible for \$75 billion in damages, making it the costliest hurricane and the most devastating natural disaster in United States history, and

WHEREAS, Employees of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office were requested to assist Louisiana in recovery and patrol assistance following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Two groups of Ramsey County Sheriff's Office deputies were deployed to Louisiana for separate, but related, two-week missions to include a Water Recovery Group, to assist with recovering victims of the flooding which followed Hurricane Katrina, and a Strike Force Operations Group to assist with patrolling and securing the City of New Orleans from looters and other criminals; and

WHEREAS, Employees of the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office were later dispatched to Gulfport, Mississippi, for a one-week training and evaluation of the response, preparedness, mitigation, recovery and reconstruction efforts; and

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WHEREAS, While in Mississippi, the team observed that the area had experienced only limited recovery, and that the citizens of Pass Christian and Harrison County had many unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, During the above visit and evaluation of recovery efforts, it was determined that numerous individuals and entire families living in the City of Pass Christian and Harrison County were living in tents and other forms of temporary housing, without jobs or adequate transportation to seek re-employment in their former jobs or new positions as they become available; and

WHEREAS, K-12 schools in Pass Christian were either totally destroyed or severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina, forcing students to attend school in the nearby Delisle K-12 facility, thereby greatly impacting the ability of the Delisle School to provide space, hot meals and other daily necessities to their students because of the overcrowded conditions thus caused; and

WHEREAS, The building housing the Pass Christian Police Department was totally destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and the Pass Christian police are currently operating without adequate staffing either in the police patrol function or in the civilian support capacity and do not have acceptable dispatch capability, a sufficient number of operable and fully equipped squad cars, portable breath testing (PBTs) equipment or ground positioning systems (GPS) for automobile accident reconstruction due to the absence of street signs designating specific locations, and other necessities required for day-to-day police or emergency response; and

WHEREAS, The National Hurricane Center, a component of the National Weather Service, anticipates the 2006 hurricane season, which typically begins after June 1<sup>st</sup>, has a great potential for continued, severe hurricanes due to the elevated water temperature in the Gulf of Mexico, and the expected storms will further complicate the difficult task of reconstruction along the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office would like to assist the citizens of Pass Christian, Mississippi, by providing assistance in whatever way possible with the recovery and rebuilding efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners supports the Ramsey County Sheriff's efforts, in consultation with the County Manager, to assist and adopt the residents of Pass Christian, Mississippi, and to appeal to the citizens and businesses of Ramsey County to also assist and adopt the people of Pass Christian through donations of cash, equipment and services, for the purpose of aiding Pass Christian to full recovery from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Board authorizes the County Manager to explore the concept of Ramsey County adopting Harrison County, Mississippi, as a sister County for the purposes of providing ongoing support and assistance with their hurricane relief efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Bonnie C. Jackelen, Chief Clerk – County Board