

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
1:30 PM

Chair: Debbie Goettel, District 5
Vice Chair: Heather Edelson, District 6
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Kevin Anderson, District 7

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [AdminOpsBudget-COMMITTEEMINUTES-16-Sep-2025](#)

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0365](#)

Agmt PR00007767 with City of Wayzata to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment, 10/15/25-12/31/25, NTE \$9,136

2.B. [25-0367](#)

Agmt PR00007787 with Captx, Inc. to provide temporary staff in administration of workers' compensation claims at the direction of the County, 11/01/25-10/31/28, NTE \$225,000

2.C. [25-0368](#)

Neg Amd 1 to Agmt A2513027 with Maple Grove Economic Development Authority, extend end date to 12/12/55, amend and restate related documents, no change to NTE

2.D. [25-0369](#)

Neg Amd 1 to Agmt A050992 with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity for the creation of affordable homeownership, no change to contract dates, increase NTE by \$43,334

2.E. [25-0370](#)

Neg 1 award modification to assign 2023 HUD HOME award to TTT Housing, LLC, amend and restate related documents, no change to NTE or term

2.F. [25-0371](#)

Sale of approximately \$3,100,000 of tax-exempt general obligation bonds for watershed district purposes; fixing the form and specifications thereof and providing for their execution, delivery and payment

2.G. [25-0372](#)

Sale of approximately \$100,000,000 of tax-exempt general obligation bonds for capital improvements and approximately \$155,000,000 of tax-exempt general obligation refunding bonds, contingent upon market conditions; fixing the form and specifications thereof and providing for their execution, delivery and payment

Items for Discussion and Action

2.H. [25-0366](#)

Agmt PR00007510 with Acoustic Technology, Inc. to provide an outdoor warning system, which will benefit all Hennepin County cities, 10/21/25-6/30/31, including implementation and five years of maintenance/support, NTE \$3,730,813.56

2.I. [25-0373](#)

Approval of the Birth Justice Community Advisory Board governing bylaws and committee summary

Attachments: [Bylaws Birth Justice CAB FINAL 9.8.25](#)
[Committee Summary Birth Justice CAB FINAL 9.8.25](#)

2.J. [25-0374](#)

Responsible Contractor Policy - offered by Commissioner Conley

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Board Action Request

TMP-25-0755

Item Description:

September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Chair, called the meeting of the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 to order at 1:38 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Heather Edelson, Commissioner Jeff Lunde and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

1. Presentation

1.A. Proposed 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets - Jodi Wentland, County Administrator

Commissioner Debbie Goettel provided an intro before handing the presentation over to County Administrator Jodi Wentland.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. August 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

3. Public Hearing

3.A. Public comment on the Hennepin County Consortium Draft 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved to open the public hearing at 1:52 p.m. Being that no one came forward to provide testimony, the public

hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 1:54 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando.

4. New Business

Routine Items

4.A. [25-0342](#)

Amend Principal Agreements and Contract to allow for the receipt of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-2027 Youth at Work funds and SFY 2027 Minnesota Youth Program funds

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Items for Discussion and Action

4.B. [25-0343](#)

Schematic Design approval for Penn Lake Library Renovation project (CP 1005181); Contract PR00007779 with Roehr Schmitt Architecture, LLC, for architectural and engineering services, contract period 09/29/25-09/15/28, NTE \$460,425

CONSENT

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

4.C. [25-0344](#)

Creation of a Hennepin County Semiquincentennial (America 250) Planning Committee - offered by Commissioner Lunde

CONSENT

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

5. Addendum

5.A. [25-0362](#)

Set maximum 2026 property tax levy and proposed 2026 budget

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Lunde

Absent: Commissioner Anderson

5.B. [25-0363](#)

Establish fee schedule for 2026 and establish date and time for required public hearings and meetings for the adoption of the final 2026 budget and levy

CONSENT

Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Lunde

Absent: Commissioner Anderson

5.C. [25-0364](#)

2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets

LAID OVER

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to lay over the Resolution to the September 29th Committee meeting.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Lunde

Absent: Commissioner Anderson

There being no further business, the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 was declared adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

25-0365

Item Description:

Agmt PR00007767 with City of Wayzata to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment, 10/15/25-12/31/25, NTE \$9,136

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, Agreement PR00007767 with City of Wayzata to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment, for the period October 15, 2025, through December 31, 2025, in the not to exceed amount of \$9,136, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as direct.

Background:

Hennepin County has a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative (Grants Management Contract CON000000001122, ALN 97.067, Federal Award EMW-2024-SS-00009). Grant funding supports costs for law enforcement agencies with security measure responsibilities for high profile events, critical infrastructure sites, and soft target/crowded places during Department of Homeland Security declared alerts or when credible threat intelligence or advisories are received from State and Federal partners such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Minnesota Fusion Center, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The funding sustains Hennepin County's capability of providing resources to law enforcement agencies in support of critical counter terrorism activities and protection of critical infrastructure across Hennepin County.

The Law Enforcement and Terrorism Prevention group, a group of law enforcement officers representing the Hennepin Area Planning Groups, is charged with approving Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention spending from the Urban Area Security Initiative grant-funded equipment purchases. This agreement is with City of Wayzata to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment, specifically two night-vision monoculars and helmet mounts, was approved at the July 9, 2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement and Terrorism Prevention group.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

25-0367

Item Description:

Agmt PR00007787 with Captx, Inc. to provide temporary staff in administration of workers' compensation claims at the direction of the County, 11/01/25-10/31/28, NTE \$225,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement PR00007787 with Captx, Inc. to provide temporary staff in administration of workers' compensation claims at the direction of the County during the period of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse the funds as directed.

Background:

The Workers' Compensation Unit of the Hennepin County Human Resources Department (HR) handles workers' compensation claims for both the County and Hennepin Healthcare. Both entities are self-insured for workers' compensation. The unit has traditionally needed to supplement its staff with workers from a temporary agency and the current company, Captx, Inc. d/b/a/ Insurance Placement Solutions (IPS), has been a good partner. The service currently provides adjusters or claims staff, when requested, to support the administration of claims and is used to supplement work activities to ensure timely regulatory compliance with claim payments and required reporting as well as exceptional customer service to our injured employees.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0368

Item Description:

Neg Amd 1 to Agmt A2513027 with Maple Grove Economic Development Authority, extend end date to 12/12/55, amend and restate related documents, no change to NTE

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement A2513027 with the Maple Grove Economic Development Authority (EDA), for continued affordable rental housing at 12083, 12091, 12057, 12061, 12025 and 12031 62nd Place North, Maple Grove, extending the contract end date from December 12, 2025 to December 12, 2055, with no change in the not to exceed amount of \$450,000, and amending and restating related documents as necessary; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair be authorized to sign the amendment and related documents on behalf of the county; and that the controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

In 1994 and 1995 (Resolutions 94-8-625 and 95-6-329-R2), Hennepin County awarded \$450,000 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding to the Maple Grove Economic Development Authority (formerly the Housing and Redevelopment Authority) for conversion of six single family homes to affordable rental housing for households at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income (AMI).

The HOME funds were structured as a 30-year deferred loan due and payable on December 12, 2025.

Maple Grove EDA has requested a 30-year extension of this agreement to continue the affordability of these units and safeguard the financial success of the project.

Current Request: This request is for authorization to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement A2513027 with Maple Grove EDA to extend the loan and compliance period to December 12, 2055, with no change to loan amount of \$450,000.

Impact/Outcomes: Approval of this request will facilitate strategies for preservation of affordable rental housing units.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0369

Item Description:

Neg Amd 1 to Agmt A050992 with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity for the creation of affordable homeownership, no change to contract dates, increase NTE by \$43,334

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement A050992 with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, or affiliated entity, for the creation of affordable homeownership, amending and restating related documents as necessary, with no change to the contract period of July 14, 2005 through July 14, 2035, and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$43,334 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$313,334; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair be authorized to sign the amendment and related documents on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to receive and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH) was awarded a total of \$270,000 from the 2002 and 2004 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program (Resolutions 02-0270 and 04-0243). Loan Agreement A050992 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$270,000 provided for the creation of six affordable homeownership opportunities. The original buyer for one of the homes has sold the property back to TCHFH, triggering repayment of \$43,334 in HOME funds to Hennepin County. Amendment 1 to Agreement A050992 will enable TCHFH to reuse the repaid funds as affordability gap assistance secured with a 10-year declaration for a new income-qualified buyer.

Current Request: Authorization to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement A050992 with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity increasing the not to exceed amount by \$43,334 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$313,334, with no change to the contract period of July 14, 2005 through July 14, 2035.

Impact/Outcomes: Approval of this request will ensure that six affordable homeownership opportunities will be maintained.

Housing Disparity Domain: This board action request maintains an affordable homeownership opportunity for a household with an income below 80 percent of the area median income.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0370

Item Description:

Neg 1 award modification to assign 2023 HUD HOME award to TTT Housing, LLC, amend and restate related documents, no change to NTE or term

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate a modification to the 2023 HUD HOME Investment Partnerships Program award to Common Bond Communities for the Melrose Commons project in Medina (Agreement PR00005265, Resolution 23-0175), assigning the award to TTT Housing, LLC, or an affiliated entity, with no change to the not to exceed amount of \$980,000, and no change to the contract period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2068; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement and other necessary documents on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Resolution 23-0175 (adopted May 16, 2023) approved the 2023 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan and awarded \$980,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding to Common Bond Communities for the Melrose Commons project in Medina (Agreement PR00005265). Since that time, Common Bond Communities has transferred the project to a new entity, TTT Housing, LLC.

TTT Housing will maintain the original funding structure and affordable unit composition. Approving this assignment allows the project to remain on track to create affordable housing in Medina under an established local developer-owner.

Current Request: This request is for authorization to modify the 2023 HOME award for Melrose Commons and assign the award to TTT Housing, LLC, with no change to the not to exceed amount of \$980,000, and no change to the contract period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2068.

Impact/Outcomes: This action will support a total of 50 units of affordable housing, 15 of which will be for households at or below 30 percent of the area median income, 7 for households exiting homelessness and 8 for households with a member with a disability.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0371

Item Description:

Sale of approximately \$3,100,000 of tax-exempt general obligation bonds for watershed district purposes; fixing the form and specifications thereof and providing for their execution, delivery and payment

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Hennepin County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

1. Findings. In 2018, the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (the "District") adopted a capital improvement program as part of its 10-Year Watershed Management Plan, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.231. The District adopted Resolution 23-072 Adopting Plan Amendment for Spring Road Conservation Project and Resolution 23-073 Ordering the Spring Road Conservation Project on November 16, 2023 to provide for certain additional capital improvement projects (the "Watershed Project") to be included in the 10-Year Watershed Management Plan (as amended, the "Watershed Plan"). On August 14, 2025, the District adopted Resolution 25-046 (the "District Resolution"), by which the District requested long-term financing from the County for the Watershed Project, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.251. In the District Resolution, the District covenanted to include the amount necessary to pay debt service on the County's bonds in its annual levy certification.

Pursuant to authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.251 and Chapter 475, the Board deems it necessary and expedient to issue and sell approximately \$3,100,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025B (the "Bonds"), to the Watershed Project, contingent upon favorable market conditions, as determined by the Hennepin County Chief Financial Officer (the "Chief Financial Officer"), or the Hennepin County Administrator (the "County Administrator"), as further described below.

2. Determinations of the Board. The Board has made all necessary investigation and hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The Bonds shall be dated the date of issuance and shall bear interest at the rates determined by the successful proposer, payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 in each year, commencing June 1, 2026, as set forth in the Certificate as to Terms of Bond Sale and Levy of Taxes (the "Certificate") to be executed at closing by the Chair, the County Administrator, or the Chief Financial Officer. Execution of the Certificate or Certificates upon closing shall be conclusive evidence of the final adoption of the terms contained therein. The terms of the Certificate, when approved and finalized as evidenced by execution of the Certificate, are incorporated herein by reference.

(b) The Bonds shall mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale, and as described in the Certificate; provided, however, the total principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$3,100,000, subject to adjustment for a premium sale price as permitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, and the inclusion of costs of issuance as permitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67. The final maturity of the Bonds shall be not later than December 1, 2040.

(c) The Chief Financial Officer may permit prospective proposers to designate any portion of the principal of a series of Bonds to be combined within one or more term bonds subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The Bonds shall be subject to redemption and prior payment at the option of the County in whole or in part in such order of maturity as the County may determine on the date, at the price, and for the maturities provided in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale. Thirty days' mailed notice of any such redemption shall be given to the registered owners of the Bonds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475. The Bonds shall be numbered from R-1 upwards in order of issuance or in such other order as the Bond Registrar may determine and shall be in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof.

(d) The Chief Financial Officer or the County Administrator may re designate the Bonds authorized hereby as "General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025____," completing the blank with an uppercase letter as appropriate for the order of such issuance and to eliminate any gaps in the designation of such series caused by the determination not to issue and sell any series of bonds, to issue and sell any series of bonds at a different time, to issue the Bonds in one or more series, or to not issue and sell any other series of bonds being considered by the County, including the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025C; or General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025D.

3. Bond Sale. Electronic proposals for the Bonds will be received on a date and time determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Board hereby delegates to the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, authority to consider the proposals and award the sale to the best proposal, provided the true interest cost of the Bonds does not exceed 5.00% per annum. The Board hereby determines to sell the Bonds in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale. The County has retained PFM Financial Advisors LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota ("PFM"), as independent municipal advisor, and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2, paragraph (9), PFM is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the Bonds on behalf of the County. The specifications set forth in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale may be revised by the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with PFM.

4. Registrar and Paying Agent. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby designated to act on behalf of the County as Bond Registrar, Transfer Agent and Paying Agent for the Bonds (the "Bond Registrar").

5. Official Statement. The County staff, in cooperation with PFM, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare on behalf of the County an official statement to be distributed to potential purchasers of the Bonds. Such official statement shall contain the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale for the Bonds, as set forth above, and such other information as shall be deemed advisable and necessary to describe adequately the County and the security for, and terms and conditions of, the Bonds. The final Official Statement shall be in the form approved by the County Administrator or Chief Financial Officer.

6. Continuing Disclosure. The Official Statement will contain an undertaking by the County to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, substantially in the form approved by the County Administrator or the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall have overall responsibility for compliance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and other similar undertakings hereafter made by the County under Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Chief Financial Officer shall implement the dissemination of reports and notices thereunder. Amendments to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate permitted by the undertakings may be made by the Chief Financial Officer. The Continuing Disclosure Certificate may be executed by the Chief Financial Officer or the County Administrator. The Continuing Disclosure Certificate proposed to be executed and delivered in connection with the Bonds is hereby approved and the undertakings set forth therein shall be deemed covenants for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds.

7. Ratings. The County staff is authorized and directed to obtain ratings of the Bonds from up to three nationally recognized credit rating services, to pay the reasonable and customary charges of such rating services, and to take such other actions as may be required so that the Bonds may be issued and sold as contemplated hereby.

8. Tax Levies.

(a) To pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the District a direct annual ad valorem tax which shall be spread upon the tax rolls and collected as a special taxing district levy and shall be paid into the Debt Service Fund (in any subaccount deemed desirable), which tax is collectible in the years and amounts equal to 105% of the principal and interest on the Bonds due in each year.

(b) It is hereby estimated that all such taxes described above, if collected in full, will produce amounts sufficient to pay 105% of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. However, the Bonds are general obligations of the County, to the payment of which the full faith and credit and taxing power of the County are pledged, and the County will levy a general ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the County, if required for the purpose, without limitation as to rate or amount.

(c) The taxes required to be levied hereby and other funds appropriated to the Debt Service Fund for payment of the Bonds shall be held and used for no other purpose than to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds; provided, however, that if any payment of principal or interest shall become due when there is not sufficient money in the Debt Service Fund to pay the same, the County shall pay such principal or interest from the General Fund of the County and the General Fund may be reimbursed for such advances out of the proceeds of taxes herein required to be levied.

9. Application of Proceeds. On the date of delivery of the Bonds, the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds shall be used by the County as follows:

(a) To pay for, or reimburse the County or the District for payment of, a portion of the costs of the Watershed Project.

(b) To pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.

(c) Any accrued interest received from the purchaser of the Bonds, or any proceeds of the Bonds not needed for the above-mentioned uses, shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund, to be used to pay interest on the Bonds.

10. Defeasance. When any Bonds have been discharged as provided in this section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this Resolution to the holders of such Bonds shall cease, and such Bonds shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding under this Resolution. The County may discharge its obligations with respect to any Bond which is due on any date by depositing with the Paying Agent on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or, if any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Paying Agent a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit. The County may also discharge its obligations with respect to any prepayable Bond according to its terms, by depositing with the Paying Agent on or before that date an amount equal to the principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, to become due thereon to maturity or the redemption date, provided that notice of such redemption has been duly given as provided herein. The County may also at any time discharge its obligations with respect to any Bond, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a bank qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or irrevocable direct obligations of, or

obligations fully guaranteed by, the United States of America, which are authorized by law to be so deposited, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates and maturing on such dates and in such amounts as shall be required to pay all principal, interest and redemption premiums to become due thereon to maturity or the redemption date.

11. Tax Covenants. The County shall not take or permit any action that would cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The County shall comply with the rebate requirements imposed under Section 148(f) of the Code and regulations thereunder, including (if applicable) the requirement to make periodic calculations of the amount subject to rebate thereunder and the requirement to make all required rebates to the United States with respect to the Bonds. In addition, the County shall make no investment of funds that would cause the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code. The Chief Financial Officer or County Administrator is authorized to make any elections or allocations relating to the Bonds and proceeds thereof which are permitted or required under the Code. All terms used in this paragraph 13 shall have the meanings provided in the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations thereunder.

12. Beneficiaries. The provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed covenants for the benefit of the registered owners, from time to time, of the Bonds.

13. Other Matters. As authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, this Board hereby delegates to the Chief Financial Officer authority to approve the final terms of a bid acceptance form or Purchase Agreement (if any), in consultation with PFM and Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, as bond counsel to the County ("Bond Counsel"). The Chair, the County Administrator, and the Chief Financial Officer, and their respective designees are further authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to cause the Bonds to be issued, executed and delivered as provided in this Resolution, and to prepare and furnish to the purchaser and Bond Counsel, certified copies of all proceedings and records relating to the issuance of the Bonds and to the right, power and authority of the County and its officers to issue the same, and said certified copies and certificates shall be deemed to be representations of the County as to all matters stated therein. The Chair, the County Administrator, and the Chief Financial Officer, and their designees are further authorized to take such other actions as may be required to effectuate the terms and intent of this Resolution.

The County Administrator shall furnish a certified copy of this Resolution, together with additional details of the terms of the sale and related tax levies, to the Hennepin County Auditor or Deputy County Auditor, and obtain the certificate required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.63.

14. Controller Actions. The Controller is hereby authorized to transfer and disburse funds as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution. The Controller is further authorized to adjust the 2025 or 2026 debt service budget and any other budget to reflect the issuance of the Bonds or the refunding or defeasing of bonds or as otherwise necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Background:

This resolution authorizes the sale of tax-exempt new money general obligation bonds (the 2025B Bonds) in the total approximate principal amount of \$3,100,000 by the County on behalf of the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District (the District). Proceeds of the 2025B Bonds will provide a portion of the funding needed by the District to complete its Spring Road Conservation Project, which was authorized in the District's 10-Year Watershed Management Plan in 2023. The 2025B Bonds will be issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 103B.251 and Chapter 475 which directs counties to provide financing for approved watershed management projects under certain circumstances. The 2025B Bonds will be issued as fixed rate obligations and mature in the years 2026 through 2040.

While the 2025B Bonds for the District will be issued by the County, the general obligation pledge to levy property taxes for payment of the debt service requirements of the 2025B Bonds is a District pledge through a

separate resolution approved by the District in August 2025. Property taxes will be levied only on properties located within the boundaries of the District in Hennepin and Carver Counties. The 2025B Bonds would become a County liability if the District levy ever became insufficient to pay the debt service on the 2025B Bonds.

Staff recommends that ratings for the 2025B Bonds be requested from two rating agencies: S&P Global and Fitch Ratings. This has been the County's practice since 2013. Because the 2025B Bonds are being issued concurrently with other County bonds, the District will pay a pro rata share of the costs of issuing the combined issuance.

This resolution grants discretion to the Chief Financial Officer to establish the date of sales, modify the size of the issue, and approve the final terms of the bid. The County utilizes the services of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, its independent registered municipal advisor, and Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, as bond counsel, to assist in making these determinations.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Hennepin County, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

1. Findings. Pursuant to authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 and Chapter 475, the Board *deems* it necessary and expedient to issue and sell (i) approximately \$100,000,000 in principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A (the "Series 2025A Bonds"), to finance a portion of the estimated costs of acquisition and betterment, including necessary and incidental costs described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65 for the capital improvements (the "Improvement Projects") included in the County's 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (the "Capital Improvement Plan"); (ii) approximately \$93,000,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025C (the "Series 2025C Bonds") to refund prior to maturity, on a current refunding basis the 2026 through 2038 maturities of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018B (Variable Rate) (the "Series 2018B Bonds"); and (iii) approximately \$62,000,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025D (the "Series 2025D Bonds," and together with the Series 2025A Bonds and the Series 2025C Bonds, the "Bonds") to refund prior to maturity, on a current refunding basis (a) the 2026 through 2029 maturities of Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010C (Build America Bonds - Direct Payment) (the "Series 2010C Bonds") and (b) the 2030 through 2035 maturities of Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010D (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds - Direct Payment) (the "Series 2010D Bonds," and together with the Series 2010C Bonds, the "Series 2010 Bonds"), each dated as of September 15, 2010, contingent upon favorable market conditions, as determined by the Hennepin County Chief Financial Officer (the "Chief Financial Officer"), or the Hennepin County Administrator (the "County Administrator"), as further described below.

On April 29, 2025, the County held a public hearing on the proposed issuance of general obligation bonds of the County in the original aggregate principal amount of up to \$300,000,000, for the purpose, in part, of financing the Improvement Projects as designated in the Capital Improvement Plan.

2. Refunded Bonds.

- (a) The Series 2018B Bonds (and together with the Series 2010 Bonds, the "Refunded Bonds") were issued to (i) provide financing of a portion of the estimated costs of acquisition and betterment, including necessary and incidental costs described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65, for the capital improvements included in the County's 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan, (ii) refund the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009B, dated December 1, 2009; and (iii) refund the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013C (Variable Rate), dated December 3, 2013.

- (b) The Series 2018B Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates at the option of the County on any business day.
 - (c) The Series 2010C Bonds were issued to provide financing of a portion of the costs of acquisition and betterment, including necessary and incidental costs described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65, for the capital improvement projects included in the County's 2010 Capital Improvement Plan and certain library improvement projects of the County.
 - (d) The Series 2010D Bonds were issued to provide financing of a portion of the costs of acquisition and betterment, including necessary and incidental costs described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.65, of the Lowry Avenue bridge as described in the County's 2010 Capital Improvement Plan,
 - (e) The Series 2010 Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their respective maturity dates at any time following their issuance at the option of the County, upon payment of the "Make-Whole Redemption Price" as defined in the Series 2010C Bonds and the Series 2010D Bonds. Alternatively, the Series 2010 Bonds are also subject to extraordinary redemption at the option of the County, without premium, upon either a Determination of Ineligibility (as defined in the Series 2010C Bonds and the Series 2010D Bonds, respectively) or a failure by the U.S. Treasury to pay the credit, in whole or in part, due to the County as provided in Section 6431 of the Code, as of the date of the issuance of the Series 2010 Bonds. The U.S. Treasury has reduced the amount of credit paid to the County, and therefor has failed, in part, to pay the credit due to the County as of the date of the issuance of the Series 2010 Bonds.
3. Determinations of the Board. The Board has made all necessary investigation and hereby finds and determines as follows:
- (a) The Bonds shall be dated the date of issuance and shall bear interest at the rates determined by the successful proposer, payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 in each year, commencing June 1, 2026, as set forth in the Certificate as to Terms of Bond Sale and Levy of Taxes (the "Certificate") to be executed at closing by the Chair, the County Administrator, or the Chief Financial Officer. Execution of the Certificate or Certificates upon closing shall be conclusive evidence of the final adoption of the terms contained therein. The terms of the Certificate, when approved and finalized as evidenced by execution of the Certificate, are incorporated herein by reference. The method and date of redemption of the Refunded Bonds (the "Redemption Date") shall be selected by the Chief Financial Officer.
 - (b) The Bonds shall mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale, and as described in the Certificate; provided, however, the total principal amount of the Series 2025A Bonds shall not exceed \$100,00,000, the total principal amount of the Series 2025C Bonds shall not exceed \$93,000,000, and the total principal amount of the Series 2025D bonds shall not exceed \$62,000,000, subject to adjustment for a premium sale price as permitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, and the inclusion of costs of issuance as permitted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.67. The final maturity of the Series 2025A Bonds shall be not later than December 1, 2045. The final

maturity of the Series 2025C Bonds shall be not later than December 1, 2038. The final maturity of the Series 2025D Bonds shall be not later than December 1, 2035.

- (c) The maximum principal and interest to become due in any year on the Bonds and all other outstanding capital improvement bonds shall not exceed an amount equal to 0.12 percent of market value of all taxable property in the County.
- (d) The Chief Financial Officer may permit prospective proposers to designate any portion of the principal of a series of Bonds to be combined within one or more term bonds subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption. The Bonds shall be subject to redemption and prior payment at the option of the County in whole or in part in such order of maturity as the County may determine on the date, at the price, and for the maturities provided in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale. Thirty days' mailed notice of any such redemption shall be given to the registered owners of the Bonds pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475. The Bonds shall be numbered from R-1 upwards in order of issuance or in such other order as the Bond Registrar may determine and shall be in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof.
- (e) The Chief Financial Officer or the County Administrator may re-designate the Bonds authorized hereby as "General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025____" or "General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2025____" completing the blank with an uppercase letter as appropriate for the order of such issuance and to eliminate any gaps in the designation of such series caused by the determination not to issue and sell any series of bonds, to issue and sell any series of bonds at a different time, to issue the Bonds in one or more series, or to not issue and sell any other series of bonds being considered by the County, including the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025B.
4. Bond Sale. Electronic proposals for the Bonds will be received on a date and time determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Board hereby delegates to the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, authority to consider the proposals and award the sale to the best proposal, provided the true interest cost of each Series of Bonds does not exceed 5.00% per annum and the issuance of the Series 2025C Bonds and the Series 2025D Bonds results in (a) the reduction of debt service cost to the County or (b) the extension or adjustment of maturities in relation to the resources available for the payment of the Refunded Bonds. The Board hereby determines to sell the Bonds in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale. The County has retained PFM Financial Advisors LLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota ("PFM"), as independent municipal advisor, and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2, paragraph (9), PFM is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the Bonds on behalf of the County. The specifications set forth in the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale may be revised by the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with PFM.
5. Registrar and Paying Agent. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby designated to act on behalf of the County as Bond Registrar, Transfer Agent and Paying Agent (the "Bond Registrar") for the Bonds.
6. Official Statement. The County staff, in cooperation with PFM, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare on behalf of the County an official statement to be distributed to potential purchasers of the Bonds.

Such official statement shall contain the Official Terms and Conditions of Bond Sale for the Bonds, as set forth above, and such other information as shall be deemed advisable and necessary to describe adequately the County and the security for, and terms and conditions of, the Bonds. The final Official Statement shall be in the form approved by the County Administrator or Chief Financial Officer.

7. Continuing Disclosure. The Official Statement will contain an undertaking by the County to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, substantially in the form approved by the County Administrator or the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall have overall responsibility for compliance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and other similar undertakings hereafter made by the County under Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Chief Financial Officer shall implement the dissemination of reports and notices thereunder. Amendments to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate permitted by the undertakings may be made by the Chief Financial Officer. The Continuing Disclosure Certificate may be executed by the Chief Financial Officer or the County Administrator. The Continuing Disclosure Certificate proposed to be executed and delivered in connection with the Bonds is hereby approved and the undertakings set forth therein shall be deemed covenants for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds.
8. Ratings. The County staff is authorized and directed to obtain ratings of the Bonds from up to three nationally recognized credit rating services, to pay the reasonable and customary charges of such rating services, and to take such other actions as may be required so that the Bonds may be issued and sold as contemplated hereby.
9. Tax Levies.
 - (a) To pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the County a direct annual ad valorem tax which shall be spread upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of other general taxes of the County and shall be paid into the Debt Service Fund (in any subaccount deemed desirable), which tax is collectible in the years and amounts equal to 105% of the principal and interest on the Bonds due in each year.
 - (b) It is hereby estimated that all such taxes described above, if collected in full, will produce amounts sufficient to pay 105% of principal of and interest on each series of the Bonds when due. However, the Bonds are general obligations of the County, to the payment of which the full faith and credit and taxing power of the County are pledged, and the County will levy a general ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the County, if required for the purpose, without limitation as to rate or amount.
 - (c) The taxes required to be levied hereby and other funds appropriated to the Debt Service Fund for payment of the Bonds shall be held and used for no other purpose than to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds; provided, however, that if any payment of principal or interest shall become due when there is not sufficient money in the Debt Service Fund to pay the same, the County shall pay such principal or interest from the General Fund of the County and the General Fund may be reimbursed for such advances out of the proceeds of taxes herein required to be levied.

10. Application of Proceeds. On the date of delivery of the Bonds, the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, together with amounts available in the Debt Service Funds established for the Refunded Bonds, shall be used by the County as follows:

- (a) To pay for, or reimburse the County for payment of, the costs of the Improvement Projects.
- (b) To be applied to the refunding of the Refunded Bonds in an amount sufficient, with other available amounts, to pay outstanding principal and interest thereon (and premium, if any) on the Refunded Bonds to and including the Redemption Date.
- (c) To pay costs of issuance of the Bonds.
- (d) Any accrued interest received from the purchaser of the Bonds, or any proceeds of the Bonds not needed for the above-mentioned uses, shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund, to be used to pay interest on the Bonds.

11. Refunding Fund and Escrow Agreement. The County will deposit the proceeds of the Series 2025C Bonds and Series 2025D Bonds, and such additional sums as may be necessary, into a Refunding Fund held by the County or pursuant to one or more Escrow Agreement(s) (each, an "Escrow Agreement") between the County and a suitable banking institution. Such amounts will be sufficient to pay principal, interest, and premium (if any) on the Refunded Bonds to and including the Redemption Date and shall be used exclusively for such purpose. If utilized, the Escrow Agreements shall be executed by the Chair and the County Administrator (or their designees) in such form as shall be approved by the officers executing the same, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof. If the Bonds are issued to refund the Refunded Bonds, as determined by the Chief Financial Officer or the Hennepin County Administrator, the outstanding maturities of the Refunded Bonds shall be called for prior redemption on the Redemption Date. Notice of such redemption shall be given as directed by the Chief Financial Officer. Taxes levied for payment of Refunded Bonds following their Redemption Date may be cancelled to the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61, Subdivision 3.

12. Defeasance. When any Bonds have been discharged as provided in this section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this Resolution to the holders of such Bonds shall cease, and such Bonds shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding under this Resolution. The County may discharge its obligations with respect to any Bond which is due on any date by depositing with the Paying Agent on or before that date a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full; or, if any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Paying Agent a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit. The County may also discharge its obligations with respect to any prepayable Bond according to its terms, by depositing with the Paying Agent on or before that date an amount equal to the principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, to become due thereon to maturity or the redemption date, provided that notice of such redemption has been duly given as provided herein. The County may also at any time discharge its obligations with respect to any

Bond, subject to the provisions of law now or hereafter authorizing and regulating such action, by depositing irrevocably in escrow, with a bank qualified by law as an escrow agent for this purpose, cash or irrevocable direct obligations of, or obligations fully guaranteed by, the United States of America, which are authorized by law to be so deposited, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates and maturing on such dates and in such amounts as shall be required to pay all principal, interest and redemption premiums to become due thereon to maturity or the redemption date.

13. **Tax Covenants.** The County shall not take or permit any action that would cause the Bonds to be “private activity bonds” within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The County shall comply with the rebate requirements imposed under Section 148 (f) of the Code and regulations thereunder, including (if applicable) the requirement to make periodic calculations of the amount subject to rebate thereunder and the requirement to make all required rebates to the United States with respect to the Bonds. In addition, the County shall make no investment of funds that would cause the Bonds to be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code. The Chief Financial Officer or County Administrator is authorized to make any elections or allocations relating to the Bonds and proceeds thereof which are permitted or required under the Code. All terms used in this paragraph 13 shall have the meanings provided in the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations thereunder.
14. **Beneficiaries.** The provisions of this Resolution shall be deemed covenants for the benefit of the registered owners, from time to time, of the Bonds.
15. **Other Matters.** As authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, this Board hereby delegates to the Chief Financial Officer authority to approve the final terms of a bid acceptance form or Purchase Agreement (if any), in consultation with PFM and Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, as bond counsel to the County (“Bond Counsel”). The Chair, the County Administrator, and the Chief Financial Officer, and their respective designees are further authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to cause the Bonds to be issued, executed and delivered as provided in this Resolution, and to prepare and furnish to the purchaser and Bond Counsel, certified copies of all proceedings and records relating to the issuance of the Bonds and to the right, power and authority of the County and its officers to issue the same, and said certified copies and certificates shall be deemed to be representations of the County as to all matters stated therein. The Chair, the County Administrator, and the Chief Financial Officer, and their designees are further authorized to take such other actions as may be required to effectuate the terms and intent of this Resolution.
- The County Administrator shall furnish a certified copy of this Resolution, together with additional details of the terms of the sale and related tax levies, to the Hennepin County Auditor, and obtain the certificate required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.63.
16. **Controller Actions.** The Controller is hereby authorized to transfer and disburse funds as necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution. The Controller is further authorized to adjust the 2025 or 2026 debt service budget and any other budget to reflect the issuance of the Bonds or the refunding or defeasing of bonds or as otherwise necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Background:

This resolution authorizes the sale of tax-exempt new money and refunding bonds in the total approximate

principal amount of \$255,000,000. The bonds will be general obligations of the County, with the principal and interest payable from unlimited ad valorem property taxes.

Of the total, \$100,000,000 will be issued as tax-exempt new money bonds (the 2025A Bonds) to provide financing for capital improvements included in the County's approved 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40 and Chapter 475. The 2025A Bonds will be issued as fixed rate obligations and mature in the years 2027 through 2045.

In addition, approximately \$93,000,000 of tax-exempt general obligation refunding bonds (the 2025C Bonds) will be issued, contingent upon market conditions. The 2025C Bonds will be used to refund on a current basis \$91,815,000 of the County's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018B (the 2018B Bonds) which were issued in variable rate form. Converting the 2018B Bonds to a fixed rate obligation is expected to generate an estimated \$3.8 million of net present value savings. The refunding will also eliminate the risk and cost of replacing the existing bank liquidity facility next year. The 2025C Bonds will be issued as fixed rate obligations and mature in the years 2026 through 2038.

Finally, approximately \$62,000,000 of tax-exempt general obligation refunding bonds (the 2025D Bonds) will be issued, contingent upon market conditions. The 2025D Bonds will be used to refund on a current basis \$19,420,000 of the County's Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010C (Direct Pay - Build America Bonds) (the 2010C Bonds) and \$37,375,000 of the County's Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010D (Direct Pay- Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds) (the 2010D Bonds). The 2010C Bonds and 2010D Bonds are referred to collectively herein as the 2010 Bonds. The 2025D Bonds will be issued as fixed rate obligations and mature in the years 2026 through 2035.

The 2010 Bonds are outstanding at interest rates higher than tax-exempt yields in the current market. The 2010 Bonds were also issued with the expectation that the County would receive semiannual interest subsidy (credit) payments from the federal government for the life of the 2010 Bonds; however, those payments have not been made by the federal government in full since 2012. The extraordinary optional redemption language associated with the 2010 Bonds allows the County to refund the 2010 Bonds at a price of par if the federal government fails to pay the credit, in whole or in part, pursuant to federal law. County staff recommends that this extraordinary optional redemption provision be exercised as soon as possible, assuming acceptable market conditions.

County staff estimates the semiannual interest subsidy payments expected for the 2010 Bonds have been reduced by over \$1 million as a result of sequestration through December 31, 2024. In addition, there have been other issues with the program including (i) unexplained variations in the amounts that have been paid to the County from time to time by the federal government, (ii) subsidy payments were sometimes diverted to pay other tax obligations the federal government believed the County owed, causing staff to have to try and claw back those funds, (iii) the United States Congress must take an action to pass a waiver every year to ensure that the subsidy payments continue, and, finally, (iv) there were substantial delays in payments by the federal government during the pandemic.

Unlike traditional refunding bond issues pursued by the County, debt service savings is not the primary objective of the proposed 2025D Bonds. Staff recommends pursuing the refunding of the 2010 Bonds to mitigate significant future risk that the federal government will continue to not provide the full amount of the interest subsidy over the remaining life of the 2010 Bonds. Current market conditions are such that it is anticipated that the County can realize some positive net present value savings by refunding the 2010 Bonds. The current estimate of net present value savings is approximately \$330,000, with small savings achievable in each year. Ideally, Staff would only proceed with the issuance of the 2025D Bonds if it results in positive net present value savings, but even a break even or a slight loss scenario would be acceptable to remove the ongoing risk that the federal government will further reduce or even eliminate payment of the credits while the 2010 Bonds remain outstanding.

Staff recommends that ratings for the 2025A Bonds, 2025C Bonds, and 2025D Bonds be requested from two rating agencies: S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings. This has been the County's practice since 2013.

The resolution grants discretion to the Chief Financial Officer to establish the date of sale, modify the size of the issues and approve the final terms of the bids. The County utilizes the services of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, its independent registered municipal advisor, and Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, as bond counsel, to assist in making these determinations.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0366

Item Description:

Agmt PR00007510 with Acoustic Technology, Inc. to provide an outdoor warning system, which will benefit all Hennepin County cities, 10/21/25-6/30/31, including implementation and five years of maintenance/support, NTE \$3,730,813.56

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, Agreement PR00007510 with Acoustic Technology, Inc. for an outdoor warning system, for the period of October 21, 2025 through June 30, 2031, in the not to exceed amount of \$3,730,813.56 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

This project will procure software and associated infrastructure hardware that allows 6 siren control points to activate 293 fixed and 3 portable outdoor warning sirens across Hennepin County. Hennepin County Emergency Management (HCEM) is responsible for the integration and coordination of the public alert and warning system in Hennepin County, including outdoor warning siren strategy and policy development. HCEM also has the capability to activate the county's outdoor warning sirens and is responsible for making siren activation decisions in the correct locations for weather events that do not meet automatic siren sounding criteria. This project is part of the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program (Project 1006386).

While cities own the almost 300 individual sirens across the county, the physical infrastructure and software needed to activate them is owned by HCEM. Six computers in four different locations throughout the County are networked together to receive National Weather Service alerts and warnings. Any one of these computers can sound the siren system, essentially making the system 6-times redundant. The system can also sound manually by an authorized user from any one of the computers.

The current siren control system is 13 years old, has limited capabilities and lacks the necessary mapping interfaces and effective reporting functionality.

The county submitted a public request for proposals for a new siren system and received six proposals. Acoustic Technology, Inc. was the highest rated overall and determined to be the best value for the county.

The funding for this project covers the control system as well as any necessary outdoor warning siren upgrades needed to be updated to effectively interface with the new control and command software. The new software will be easier to maintain, redundant, have a user-friendly interface, map-based activation, integration of National Weather Service Polygon Warning alerting technology and built in reporting tools and customizable dashboards.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0373

Item Description:

Approval of the Birth Justice Community Advisory Board governing bylaws and committee summary

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approve the Birth Justice Community Advisory Board governing bylaws document, attached and dated September 8, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approve the Birth Justice Community Advisory Board Committee Summary, attached and dated September 8, 2025.

Background:

The Birth Justice Community Advisory Board was created by Hennepin County Board Resolution 24-0527, adopted December 12, 2024 to:

1. Provide advice and recommendations to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners on maternal health equity matters affecting the county, including, but not limited to:
 - Identify and uplift priority strategies for advancing maternal health
 - Implement and test collaborative strategies for improved outcomes, experiences, and systems change
 - Collectively review and share data and stories across sectors and culture to advance, expand and replicate the work
 - Advocate for and advance culturally centered models of care as it pertains to birthing and postpartum care; and
 - Report out progress and outcomes for pilot programs and initiatives within the Black and American Indian communities
2. Work closely with county departments and agencies to provide input and recommendations on maternal health equity policies and initiatives.

That the committee shall be comprised of:

1. Thirteen (13) to nineteen (19) members. The Board shall seek diverse membership through representation of Black and American Indian communities most impacted by maternal health disparities in Minnesota, geographic distribution from across the county, and various stakeholder groups, including professional birthing providers and community-based birth and cultural providers. Members should have:
 - Connection with local Black and/or American Indian communities
 - Experience/expertise in maternal health and birth justice
 - A commitment to racial and health equity
 - The ability to work collaboratively with people of diverse perspectives and experiences; and
 - The ability to represent the geographic and demographic diversity of Hennepin County
2. The Birth Justice Collaborative (BJC) shall have the ability to recommend individuals to participate on

the advisory board. Seats on the advisory board may include at least two (2) and up to six (6) BJC members.

3. The remaining seats shall be filled using the county's open appointment process; preference will be given to Hennepin County residents.
4. The members will be appointed to the advisory board for two-year terms that run from March 1st through the end of February and are eligible for reappointment.
5. The advisory board will bring recommendations to the Hennepin County Public Health (HCPH) department, and HCPH will bring forward recommendations to the Board of Commissioners and/or other county departments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Hennepin County

Birth Justice Community Advisory Board Bylaws

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. The Birth Justice Community Advisory Board (BJCAB) was created by Hennepin County Board Resolution 24-0527, adopted December 12, 2024.

Section 2. The mission of the BJCAB is to provide advice and recommendations to the County Board on maternal health equity and birth justice matters affecting Hennepin County.

Section 3. The BJCAB shall provide an annual report to the County Board outlining recommendations, strategies and ideas for reducing maternal health disparities of Hennepin County residents.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. The BJCAB shall have at least 13 members but no more than 19 members.

Section 2. Hennepin County Public Health shall recommend all appointments of members to the BJCAB.

Section 3. The Birth Justice Collaborative (BJC) is a coalition of six Black and American Indian led organizations that focus on maternal health. The BJC shall have the ability to recommend at least two and up to six individuals for membership on the BJCAB.

Section 4. The remaining membership seats shall be filled through an application process established by Hennepin County Public Health; preference will be given to Hennepin County residents and people with lived experience and/or impacted by birth injustices.

Section 5. The term of each BJCAB member shall be for three years and no more than two consecutive terms. The terms run from March 1 through the end of February.

Section 6. If any member resigns at any time, written notice must be sent to the BJCAB Chair who shall notify the BJCAB and the Clerk of the County Board.

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Section 7. If a member resigns from the BJ CAB, Hennepin County Public Health may fill the seat through any process it deems necessary. Hennepin County Public Health need not fill the seat if the BJ CAB has at least 13 remaining members. Any appointment to fill the seat shall be for the remainder of term of the member who resigned.

Section 8. Hennepin County shall pay BJ CAB members for legitimate expenses according to the open and unclassified service appointments county policy.

Section 9. Members serve at the pleasure of the County Board and may be removed by the County Board for any reason.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the BJ CAB shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

Section 2. The term of office for any officer shall be one year.

Section 3. The BJ CAB shall hold an annual meeting to elect officers.

Section 4. A BJ CAB member shall not hold more than one office at any time.

Article IV. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the BJ CAB and shall prepare an agenda for each meeting at least three days prior to the meeting. The Chair shall also represent the BJ CAB before other advisory committees or the County Board and shall perform other duties and acts that customarily pertain to that office.

Section 2. The Secretary shall keep all minutes of the meetings and other records of the BJ CAB and its membership, maintain correspondence, and give notice of meetings as requested by the Chair. The Secretary shall perform other duties and acts that customarily pertain to this office.

Article V. Committees

Section 1. The BJ CAB is authorized to establish committees as needed to conduct the activities of the BJ CAB. In establishing a committee, the BJ CAB shall state the focus of its proposed activities.

Section 2. The Chair shall determine the membership and the committee chair of each committee.

Section 3. Committees shall be directly responsible to and report to the BJ CAB. Subcommittees, if any, shall be directly responsible to and report to the parent committee.

Section 4. The BJ CAB may dissolve the committee at such time that the committee has fulfilled its proposed activities.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. The BJ CAB shall meet every other month and at other times and locations, as determined by Hennepin County Public Health staff in consultation with the BJ CAB, with hybrid meeting options.

Section 2. The BJ CAB shall establish norms and guidelines for conducting formal meetings of the BJ CAB. At all meetings, an agenda shall be prepared at least three days prior to the meeting, and meeting minutes shall be kept.

Section 3. At all meetings of the BJ CAB, 40 percent of the members must be present for there to be a quorum. The BJ CAB may not take any official action without a quorum present. All official actions of the BJ CAB shall be by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 4. The vote of an BJ CAB member with lived experience shall count as two votes, while votes of all other members shall count as one vote.

Section 5. All BJ CAB members and others attending the meeting may participate in the discussion under guidelines established by the BJ CAB, but only BJ CAB members may vote.

Section 6. For BJ CAB members with lived experience, a rule of final word of protected time with no comments afterward shall be in place.

Section 7. Special meetings may be called by the Chair by written notice stating the time, place, and objective of the meeting, to be sent at least three days before the meeting.

Section 8. All records of the BJ CAB shall be retained by Hennepin County in accordance with Minnesota law.

Article VII. Restrictions

Section 1. These bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Hennepin County Board.

Section 2. Members shall follow the Hennepin County code of conduct.

Section 3. Members shall recuse themselves from BJ CAB discussions and votes in situations where a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest exists.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section 1. The BJ CAB may propose amendments to these bylaws. These bylaws may be amended by the Hennepin County Board.

Section 2. *When bylaws are passed:* Approved by the County Board on (*insert date*).

Committee Summary

Origin

Hennepin County Board Resolution 24-0527, adopted December 12, 2024.

Background

Hennepin County launched the birth justice project in 2022 with the goal of advancing maternal health and birth justice for and alongside Black and American Indian communities. Hennepin County partnered with the Birth Justice Collaborative (BJC), a coalition of six Black and American Indian led organizations that focus on maternal health. The BJC was charged with developing and implementing a birth justice strategic plan that centers community wisdom and community voice. In October 2023, the BJC began leading implementation of the five key strategies identified in the birth justice plan.

Mission

The mission of the Birth Justice Community Advisory Board is to provide advice and recommendations to the county board on maternal health equity and birth justice matters affecting the county.

Composition

The Birth Justice Community Advisory Board shall have at least 13 members and no more than 19. The Birth Justice Collaborative shall have the ability to recommend individuals to participate on the advisory board. Seats on the advisory board may include at least two and up to six BJC members (individuals who are members of the Birth Justice Collaborative). The remaining seats shall be filled using the county's open appointment process; preference will be given to Hennepin County residents. The advisory board shall seek diverse membership through representation of Black and American Indian communities most impacted by maternal health disparities in Minnesota, geographic distribution from across the county, and various stakeholder groups, including professional birthing providers and community-based birth and cultural providers.

Members should have:

- Connection with local Black and/or American Indian communities;
- experience/expertise in maternal health and birth justice;

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- a commitment to racial and health equity;
- the ability to work collaboratively with people of diverse perspectives and experiences; and
- the ability to represent the geographic and demographic diversity of Hennepin County.

Duties/Responsibilities

The Birth Justice Community Advisory Board shall have a broad mandate to provide advice and recommendations on maternal health equity matters affecting Hennepin County, including:

- Identify and uplift priority strategies for advancing maternal health and birth justice;
- Implement and test collaborative strategies for improved outcomes, experiences, and systems change;
- Collectively review and share data and stories across sectors and culture to advance, expand and replicate the work;
- Advocate for and advance culturally centered models of care as it pertains to birthing and postpartum care;
- Report out progress and outcomes for pilot programs and initiatives within the Black and American Indian communities; and
- Work closely with county departments and agencies to provide input and recommendations on maternal health equity policies and initiatives. County departments and agencies may include Disparity Reduction, Health and Human Services line of business, Child Wellbeing, and key county programs serving pregnant individuals.

The advisory board will bring recommendations to the Hennepin County Public Health (HCPH) department, and HCPH will bring forward recommendations to the Board of Commissioners and/or other county departments.

Term

The term of each member shall be for two years.

Terms run from March 1 through the end of February.

Meetings

The advisory board shall meet every other month and at other times and locations, as determined by Hennepin County staff in consultation with the advisory board, with hybrid meeting options. Meetings are open to the public; however, voting is restricted to membership.

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Eligibility Requirements

At large: Preference is given to Hennepin County residents and people with lived experience. Black and American Indian maternal health community members, professional birthing providers and community-based birth and cultural providers are encouraged to apply.

Compensation

Members are eligible for stipends for each meeting they attend, for up to two meetings monthly. Per county board resolution 22-0334, members may be paid \$50 for each calendar meeting of the committee up to two meetings per calendar month, and a mileage allowance.

Reimbursement

Members are eligible for mileage reimbursement.

Other Information

Birth Justice Community Advisory Board applications are accepted during the Hennepin County open appointment process. Applicants will be provided an opportunity to pre-record interview statements, which are played for the County Commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting. Applicants are encouraged to make a brief statement (no more than 3 minutes) regarding their qualifications and interest in the advisory board. County Commissioners will make appointments at a subsequent board meeting. Applicants will be notified to acknowledge receipt of application. All applicants will receive notification informing them of the outcome of their application and any necessary follow up steps. New members will be contacted by a representative and will be invited to an orientation prior to their first meeting.

For assistance with an application or to request an accommodation, contact Ashley Johnson.

Contact Information

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Board Action Request

25-0374

Item Description:

Responsible Contractor Policy - offered by Commissioner Conley

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to: (1) draft a Responsible Contractor Policy for maintenance contract solicitations; (2) meet with relevant stakeholders to discuss policy elements; (3) present a recommended Responsible Contractor Policy to the Board by March 31, 2026.

Background:

Hennepin County is a leader in ensuring contractors pay prevailing wage. In 1997, pursuant to Resolution 97-7-442, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution that expanded Hennepin County's prevailing wage policy beyond labor or service related to construction to include any labor or service related to maintenance, which includes janitorial and security services. This policy requires county contractors for these services to pay their employees a prevailing wage. In 2014, the Minnesota Legislature adopted a responsible contractor law (Minn. Stat. sec. 16C.285) that applies to state and local government construction contracts in excess of \$50,000.

This resolution seeks to expand Hennepin County's obligations beyond prevailing wage requirements through the creation of a Responsible Contractor Policy. This policy will serve as a guiding framework for future labor or service- related maintenance contract solicitations. This policy will make certain that Hennepin County contracts with responsible contractors that have a track record of providing reliable, high-quality services. This policy will also support Hennepin County's longtime commitment to breaking down barriers small businesses face in accessing and participating in County contracting opportunities. This policy will focus on ensuring that contractors:

- Meet state and federal licensing requirements;
- Are in good standing and do not have confirmed recent wage and hour violations;
- Pay the prevailing wage when required by Hennepin County, which may be met by wage payment or a combination of wage payment and fringe benefits;
- Provide employees with a complaint/grievance procedure; and
- Meet Hennepin County requirements for job related training.

Staff will meet with internal and external stakeholders to ensure that a proposed policy aligns with the county priorities of disparity elimination and climate action.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation