
Sponsor: Property Management

Meeting Date: 12/16/2025

Title: Lease Agreement with Minnesota Board of Public Defense for Office Space

File Number: 2025-516

Background and Rationale:

The Minnesota Board of Public Defense has long operated within several Ramsey County court-related facilities. Following the county's purchase of the Suburban Courts building, the county continued the existing lease with the Minnesota Board of Public Defense for space in that building, but that lease has since expired. The county has also identified additional space used by the Minnesota Board of Public Defense in other county-owned facilities. There is a need for a consolidated and formalized office lease that accurately reflects all space currently occupied by the tenant.

Property Management reviewed the previous lease and negotiated a new agreement continuing the use of the county internal blended rental rate. The new agreement provides for dedicated lease space at the Juvenile and Family Justice Center, Law Enforcement Center, and the Suburban Courts facility.

Property Management recommends approval of a lease agreement with the Minnesota Board of Public Defense beginning January 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2030, aligning with the tenant's fiscal year end.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the lease agreement with Minnesota Board of Public Defense, 331 Second Avenue South, Suite 900, Minneapolis, MN 55401, for office space in the Juvenile and Family Justice Center, 25 7th Street West, Saint Paul, MN 55201, the Law Enforcement Center, 425 Grove Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101, and the Suburban Courts facility, 2050 White Bear Avenue North, Maplewood, MN 55109, for the period of January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030, for a rental rate equal to the county's blended rate.
2. Authorize the Chair to execute the lease agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute future amendments to the lease agreement that do not have a financial impact.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Xiong.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: 
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board