
Sponsor: Emergency Communications and Safety and Justice

Meeting Date: 11/9/2021

Title: Joint Powers Agreement for Metropolitan Emergency Services Board

File Number: 2021-609

Background and Rationale:

The current five-year Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) Joint Powers Agreement expires on December 31, 2021. Emergency Communications is requesting board approval to renew a five-year Joint Powers Agreement for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026 with the ten other members of the MESB, which now includes Sherburne County.

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board was created in 2005 through a merger of the Metropolitan Radio Board and the Metropolitan 911 Board, which also serves as the Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services Board. The MESB satisfies Minnesota Statutes Section 403.39, which requires a metropolitan regional 911 telephone system, a related system of emergency medical services, and coordinated metropolitan and local improvements to the statewide trunked radio system. Through the MESB, the nine metropolitan counties and the city of Minneapolis coordinate emergency services systems for the safety and welfare of people in the metropolitan area.

The MESB established the 911 and the Radio Technical Operations Committees to monitor the operations of regional emergency services systems, and to prepare studies, reports and recommended actions on technical and operational issues affecting the coordinated systems for the Joint Powers Board's consideration. Historically, staff of county emergency communications centers with management and/or technical responsibility have been appointed to the MESB Technical Operations Committees. The MESB requires Technical Operations Committee members to attend at least seventy-five percent of the regular committee meetings during the calendar year.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Anoka County, Carver County, Chisago County, Dakota County, Hennepin County, Isanti County, Scott County, Sherburne County, Washington County, and the city of Minneapolis for the operation of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to appoint members and alternates to the Technical Operations Committees of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board during the term of the agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McDonough, seconded by Commissioner MatasCastillo.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

