



Board of Commissioners

Resolution

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Sponsor: Finance

Meeting Date: 12/21/2021

Title: Approval of the 2022-23 Ramsey County Operating Budget

File Number: 2021-661

Background and Rationale:

The Home Rule Charter for Ramsey County, Chapter 3, Section 3.02 F states that the County Manager shall prepare and submit the annual budget proposal to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners. Along with the Home Rule Charter, the Minnesota Statutes, Sections 134.07 and 134.34 authorizes the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners to levy a tax to establish and maintain a public library on taxable property in Ramsey County, outside of any city or village where a free public library is located, or which is not already taxed for the support of any free library.

The County Manager presented the 2022 proposed biennial budget to the Ramsey County Board on August 24, 2021.

The Ramsey County Budget Committee of the Whole met with county service teams to discuss their proposed budgets on September 9, 10, 13 and 14, 2021.

The Ramsey County Budget Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on September 14, 2021 to receive public input on the 2022-23 Budget. The Ramsey County Board also held a public meeting on November 29, 2021 to hear additional comments on the proposed 2022-23 Budget.

The Truth in Taxation Law requires the county to certify a proposed levy each year to the County Auditor on or before September 30. On September 21, 2021, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners certified a proposed maximum tax levy of \$338,743,612 to finance the 2022 budget, which was a 1.55% increase over the 2021 tax levy of \$333,577,720.

Staff are now requesting the approval and adoption of the 2022-23 Biennial Budget and the 2022 Tax Levy based on the County Manager's 2022-23 proposed biennial budget as amended by addenda presented to the Budget Committee of the Whole, and with additional changes approved by the Ramsey County Board during board meetings in 2021.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Approve the 2022-23 Ramsey County Operating Budget and the 2022 Tax Levy:

1. Approve the 2022 budget of \$774,095,817 and the 2023 budget of \$783,166,239 with all the changes noted in the attached budget addenda. The 2022 budget is an increase of \$25,257,019 or 3.4% increase over the 2021 adjusted budget of \$748,838,798, and the 2023 budget is an increase of \$9,070,422 or 1.2% over the 2022 proposed budget.
2. Approve the 2022-23 Fee Schedule, as amended.
3. Authorize the County Manager to continue to fund Internal Services Fund for Employee Health and Dental Insurance to account for health and dental premiums.
4. Authorize the County Manager to move, transfer, or reallocate existing Full Time Equivalents and budget resources within and between the service teams to support the service teams in their ability to achieve and implement the Ramsey County Board's vision, mission, goals and strategic plan.
5. Authorize the County Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments, including transfers and increasing estimated revenues and expenditures to implement Request for Board Actions that have been approved by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners.

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

Motion passed.

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

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board