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**Sponsor:** Public Health

**Meeting Date:** 8/2/2022

**Title:** Second Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board

**File Number:** 2022-407

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy (R&E) Board is recommending changes to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between Ramsey and Washington counties to legally change the Principal Place of Business for the R&E Board, change the membership of the Joint Leadership Team and define the role of the Ramsey/Washington Financial Advisory Work Group as it relates to R&E financial matters.

An amendment to R&E Board's legal mailing address is required to change the mailing address for government agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on the Solid Waste Facility Permit. Currently, all correspondence is being mailed to the Ramsey County Environmental Health office in Maplewood and must be forwarded. This amendment would allow all R&E business-related U.S. mail to be sent to the Recycling & Energy Center at 100 Red Rock Road, Newport, MN 55055.

Currently, the Joint Leadership Team (JLT) membership is comprised of one staff member each from Washington County Public Health and Environment department, Saint Paul - Ramsey County Public Health and the Ramsey County Finance department. The Ramsey County Finance JLT staff member role has been as a liaison between the JLT and Ramsey County on finance matters. The current structure does not allow for direct involvement in financial matters from Washington County. In an effort to have direct input on financial matters from both Ramsey and Washington counties, JLT has created the Ramsey/Washington Financial Advisory Work Group designated to advise the JLT and consult on Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy financial matters.

On May 26, 2022, the R&E Board approved Resolution B2022-11 recommending approval of the second amendment to the JPA. Washington County passed the JPA amendment at their full board meeting on July 26, 2022.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Second Amendment.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, and Ortega

Absent: - 1: Reinhardt

