

Board of Commissioners Resolution

B2020-241

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Sponsor: Information and Public Records Administration

Meeting Date: 12/1/2020

Item Number: 2020-504

Title: Agreements with Cities and Independent School District 621 for Voting Equipment and Elections Services

Background:

Ramsey County has been a statewide leader in developing and implementing contracts with municipalities and school districts in the County for administration of elections. These contracts have had the following benefits:

- 1) Facilitated more uniformity in the administration of elections in the County.
- 2) Reduced administrative costs through standardization of election materials and administrative processes.
- 3) Improved the quality and accuracy of administration through increased specialization and development of expert knowledge by the Ramsey County Elections Office staff.

The Ramsey County Elections Office has provided voting equipment and services to cities of Arden Hills, Gem Lake, Mounds View, North Oaks, White Bear Lake, White Bear Township and Mounds View Independent School District 621, since January 1, 2013 under joint powers agreements. The current agreements are expiring December 31, 2020. New agreements are necessary in order to continue providing elections equipment and services to these entities.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve agreements with the cities of Arden Hills, Gem Lake, Little Canada, Mounds View, North Oaks, White Bear Lake (Ramsey County portion), White Bear Township and Mounds View Independent School District 621 for the use of voting systems from the date of final execution by all parties through December 31, 2026.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreements.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments and change orders to the agreement in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Ayes – 7: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, Reinhardt, Carter. Motion passed.

By: _____
Janet M. Guthrie, Chief Clerk – County Board