
Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Meeting Date: 1/7/2025

Title: Contract with Press Publications, Inc for 2025 Newspaper Publications

File Number: 2025-004

Background and Rationale:

Annually, a competitive solicitation is released for official publication services required of Ramsey County for the subsequent year. The awarding of the contract is to be at the county board's first regular session each year.

Minnesota Statutes require various official publications of Ramsey County. Minnesota Statutes 331A.02 define the requirements for a qualified newspaper.

Minnesota Statutes 375.17 requires Ramsey County's 2025 Financial Statement to be published in the newspaper designated by the Ramsey County board as the Official Newspaper for such publication, and in a newspaper of general circulation located in a different municipality in the county than the Official Newspaper.

Minnesota Statutes 279.09-279.10 and 279.13 as amended requires publication in the newspaper designated annually by the Ramsey County board the List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent on the first day of January.

Minnesota Statutes 281.23 as amended requires publication of the Notice of Expiration of Redemption for the County of Ramsey.

For the year 2025, two proposals were received in response to the Request for Bids. The awards are required to be given to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder - based on the lowest bid per publication type included in the solicitation, the award being given to the one proposer:

- Press Publications, Inc., 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, designated as the Official Newspaper for the following Ramsey County publications:
 - Official proceedings and other public notices; 2023 Financial Statement; and Notice of Expiration of Redemption in the Vadnais Heights Press in the amount of \$6.47 per column inch for the first insertion, and \$6.47 for subsequent insertions.
 - 2023 Financial Statement in the White Bear Press as the other newspaper of general circulation located in a different municipality in the county than the Official Newspaper in the amount of \$16.27 per column inch and \$16.27 per column inch for subsequent insertions.
 - Official Newspaper for publication of Ramsey County's List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent on the first day of January 2024 in the Vadnais Heights Press in the amount of \$6.47 per column inch and \$6.47 per column inch for subsequent insertions.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Award a contract to Press Publications, Inc., 4779 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, as the designated Official Newspaper for the following Ramsey County publications:
 - A. Official proceedings of the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners and all notices for the year 2025; the 2024 Financial Statement; and the Notice of Expiration of Redemption in the Vadnais Heights Press in the amount of \$6.47 per column inch for the first insertion, and \$6.47 for subsequent insertions.
 - B. 2024 Financial Statement in the White Bear Press as the other newspaper of general circulation located in a different municipality in the county than the Official Newspaper, in the amount of \$16.27 per column inch and \$16.27 per column inch for subsequent insertions.
 - C. Official Newspaper for publication of Ramsey County's List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent on the first day of January 2025 in the Vadnais Heights Press in the amount of \$6.47 per column inch and \$6.47 per column inch for subsequent insertions.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the contract with Press Publications, Inc.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner McGuire.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: 

Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County Board