
Sponsor: Finance

Meeting Date: 12/21/2021

Title: Approval of the 2022 Tax Levy

File Number: 2021-754

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 hearing 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 Tax Levy:

1. Approve and adopt the 2022 total tax levy of \$338,743,612, a 1.55% increase over the 2021 tax levy of \$333,577,720. Tax levy statement attached.
2. Adopt a countywide levy on all taxable property of \$323,876,112 and a suburban-only levy for Libraries of \$14,867,500 on all taxable property in Ramsey County outside of the city of Saint Paul, to be levied in the year 2021 and to be collected in the year 2022.
3. Approve and adopt the 2022 tax levy of \$14,867,500 on suburban properties for libraries to be a separate line on the property tax statement.

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

Motion passed.

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

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board