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**Sponsor:** County Attorney's Office

**Meeting Date:** 5/3/2022

**Title:** County Attorney Report on 2021 Civil Asset Forfeiture Funds

**File Number:** 2022-236

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**Background and Rationale:**

Minnesota law provides for judicial forfeiture of personal property used or intended for use to commit or facilitate the commission of a designated offense, or real or personal property representing the proceeds of a designated offense.

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**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Accept the County Attorney Report on Civil Asset Forfeitures for County Attorney 2021 Activity.

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

Aye: - 5: Carter, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: - 2: Frethem, and MatasCastillo

By:   
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Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board