RAMSEY COUNTY

Board of Commissioners Resolution

B2026-125

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Saint Paul, MN 55102
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Sponsor: Finance

Meeting Date: 9/22/2026

Title: Certification of the Maximum Tax Levy for the Proposed 2027 Property Tax Notices

File Number: 2026-353

Background and Rationale:
Because the property tax levy makes up almost half of county revenue, it plays an essential role in allowing the county to carry out its strategic priorities. Minnesota Statutes 275.065 requires the County to certify a proposed maximum tax levy to the County Auditor by September 30, 2026.

The proposed maximum levy is set at the level required to support the Proposed 2027 Supplemental Budget which was presented to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners on August 25, 2026. This includes the increases associated with the expanded work and eligibility requirements for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid as well as the increase for the Adult Detention Center at the Sheriff ‘s Office. More information on the supplemental budget and what the property tax levy goes to support can be found on the Ramsey County Budget and Finance website <https://www.ramseycountymn.gov/your-government/departments/finance/budget-finance> .

An important provision of the property tax law is that the approved tax levy for the 2027 budget cannot be more than the proposed maximum tax levy that is certified.

On September 21, 2026, the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee (JPTAC) met to adopt a maximum joint levy amount. JPTAC consists of elected or appointed officials from the City of Saint Paul, Ramsey County, and School Independent School District 625. JPTAC meets to make appropriate recommendations for the efficient and effective use of property tax dollars raised by each jurisdiction for programs, buildings, and operations. The main purpose of JPTAC is to coordinate setting policies on budgets and taxation that jointly affect the citizens and taxpayers in the City of Saint Paul who are served and taxed by the three units of government.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will approve the final 2027 Supplemental Budget and Property Tax Levy in December 2026.

Recommendation:
The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Approve the proposed maximum tax levy to finance the 2027 budget in the amount of $463,988,946. The breakdown between the General County and Library levy is as follows:

General County	$445,943,527
Library	$18,045,419
Total	$463,988,946

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Miller.
Motion passed.
Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By:

Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board