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**Sponsor:** Public Health**Meeting Date:** 9/21/2021**Title:** 2022-2023 Recycling & Energy Board Joint Activities Budget**File Number:** 2021-492

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Joint Powers Agreement creating the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board ("R&E Board") provides that the two county boards retain authority to approve the Joint Activities Budget of the R&E Board. That budget is used to administer and carry out joint waste management activities and includes non-R&E Center related activities of the R&E Board. Joint waste management activities are derived from the counties' respective solid waste management master plans where policies and strategies have intentionally been aligned.

On July 22, 2021, the R&E Board approved and recommended that the county boards approve the 2022-2023 Joint Activities Budget. The attached documentation from the R&E Board includes information about the Joint Activities Budget.

In 2020 and 2021, there were several programs that operated in Ramsey County funded solely by the county. This was a result of a decision by Washington County to reduce funding for the biennium to be able to support Washington County programming needs. There are unspent funds from the Ramsey-only programs that will carry over into 2022 and reduce Ramsey County's 2022 financial contribution. The Ramsey-only programs, explained in the attached R&E documents, will expand to both counties with joint funding in 2023.

The Joint Activities Budget is summarized below.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
<b>Total Joint Activities Budget</b>			\$10,725,643	\$9,780,831	\$9,053,290	\$9,083,369	\$10,707,727 \$11,609,454
<b>Washington County (27%)</b>			\$2,895,924	\$2,640,824	\$1,914,290	\$1,922,230	\$2,891,086 \$3,134,553
<b>Ramsey County (73%)</b>			\$7,829,729	\$7,140,007	\$5,175,674	\$5,197,139	\$7,016,641 \$8,474,901
<b>Ramsey-Only Funds</b>			N/A	N/A	\$1,964,000	\$1,964,000	\$800,000*

\*Anticipated carryover Ramsey-only funds from 2021

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Accept and approve the 2022-2023 Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board Joint Activities Budget as recommended by the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board.

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

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: - 1: Carter

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board