

Resolution

Board of

Ramsey County Commissioners

Presented By: Commissioner Rettman Date: June 17, 2014 No. 2014-201

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WHEREAS, In 2010, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation with the direction to develop standard performance measures and comprehensive performance measurement systems for cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the Minnesota State Auditor Performance Measurement Program for Local Governments ("Program") is to "aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficiency and effectiveness of counties and cities in providing services, and measure residents' opinions of those services" (Laws 2010, Chapter 389, Article 2, Section 1, Subd. 2.); and

WHEREAS, Each participating county is required to select at least ten measures from the twenty-five items identified in the "Standard Measures for Counties" prepared by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, implement a system for measuring them, and report the results to residents by the end of the year and to the Office of the State Auditor by July 1 of the following year; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County staff examined the items included in the Standard Measures and selected ten measures that provide a brief, high-level view of the County; most of the measures are also included in the current County Budget Performance Measures; and

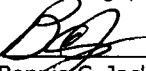
WHEREAS, On June 25, 2013, by Resolution 2013-182, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved County participation in the Program; and

WHEREAS, The first, baseline, report was prepared in 2013 according to the Program requirements; and

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	YEA	NAY	OTHER
Toni Carter			Absent
Blake Huffman	X		
Mary Jo McGuire	X		
Rafael Ortega	X		
Victoria Reinhardt	X		
Janice Rettman	X		
Jim McDonough	X		

Jim McDonough, Chair

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WHEREAS, The Program requires that the measures be reported to its residents before the end of the calendar year through publication, direct mailing, website posting or at a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input allowed; and

WHEREAS, The *2013 Ramsey County and the Minnesota Local Government Performance Measures Report* was distributed at the 2013 Public Hearing\Open House Meeting on November 25, 2013, and is posted on the County website; and

WHEREAS, One of the benefits of participating in the Program is the ability to receive a reimbursement of up to \$25,000, and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County will use these funds to begin an internship program consistent with the Internal Action Items discussed at the March 25, 2014 County Board meeting; and the internship will be developed in accordance with the County's existing internship rules and practices and be under the direction of the County Director of Policy Analysis and Planning; and

WHEREAS, In order to participate in this voluntary program, a county must submit a resolution by July 1 declaring its adoption and implementation of a local performance measurement system that meets the minimum standards of the Program, as well as the report of the results; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves continuation of Ramsey County's participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program, including reporting the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year through publication, direct mailing, posting on the county's website, or at a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input allowed; and Be It Further

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RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to submit the actual results of the performance measures adopted by Ramsey County to the State Auditor; and Be It Further

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments including increasing estimated revenues and appropriations to use these funds to begin an internship program consistent with the Internal Action Items discussed at the March 25, 2014 County Board meeting.

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2013 Ramsey County and the Minnesota Local Government Performance Measures Report

In 2012, the MN Council on Local Results and Innovation created a comprehensive performance measurement system for cities and counties in order to encourage the publishing of more information for comparing local government activities. Many of the items in the State system are included in the performance measurement process which the County began in the 1990s.

In June 2013, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners agreed to participate in the State program. This is the County's initial report with first year of data. It includes ten items from the State's list with brief descriptions and the County's most recent measure, usually 2012.

Public Safety: 2012 Crime Rates per 100,000 people

Part I Crimes (Serious Crimes)	4,298
Part II Crimes (Other Crimes)	2,033
Total Crimes	6,331

This is a measure of crimes occurring in the County that have been reported to Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. These rates allow comparisons across many jurisdictions because it is used by the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the FBI.

Public Works: Pavement Conditions

2012 Average pavement condition rating for county roads 58 (out of 100)

Pavement conditions affect driver safety and convenience. Every segment of roads is examined and rated regularly using a standardized system developed by MnDOT. The results are used to plan and implement county maintenance operations efficiently.

Public Health, Social Services: Low Birth Weights, Single Births

2011 % of low birth weight births, countywide 4.7%

Reducing poor birth outcomes will reduce health care costs, decrease use of social services programs, and increase family well being. Babies born weighing less than 5 lb. 8 oz. have greater health risks than babies born at a higher birth weight for a range of poor health outcomes, including death before their first birthday.

Property Records, Evaluation, Assessment: Assessment Ratios

2012 Residential Assessment Ratio	99.3
2012 Apartment Assessment Ratio	103.7
2012 Commercial Assessment Ratio	100.0

Assessment ratios are part of the MN Dept of Revenue annual analysis of the accuracy of property value assessments. The ratios compare assessed values to market sales. Assessors are required to have ratios between 90% and 105%.

Elections: Accuracy of post election audit

2012 % of ballots counted accurately in the post-election review 99.8%

After elections, the results of ballot counting are reviewed to determine the accuracy of the counting process. 99.5% is the minimum accuracy required by the state.

Veterans Services: Dollars brought into county for veterans' benefits

2012 Federal pension and disability benefits for veterans and survivor \$52,620,000

Veterans Services provides assistance, counseling and acts as an advocate for veterans, their dependents and survivors who are entitled to federal and state benefits

Parks and Recreation: Visits per 1,000 residents, annually

2011 Visits to Ramsey County Regional Parks per 1,000 population 18,034

Economics, such as changing gas prices and cautious household spending patterns, and changing demographics have resulted in more people recreating closer to home. This includes increased use of parks and recreational facilities.

Libraries: Visits per 1,000 residents annually

2012 Physical visits to library facilities per 1,000 population 7,869

2012 Virtual/digital visits per 1,000 population 8,626

Traditionally, physical visits to a library was a measure of services. Virtual visits to use library materials is becoming more common. The number of times the library website is accessed is used to count virtual visits.

Budget, Financial: Bond ratings

2012 Standard & Poor's Ratings Services-AAA

2012 Moody's Investor Services--Aaa

Rating agencies examine a county's financial and management characteristics in order to rate whether the their bonds will be safe investments.

Environment: Recycling percentage

2012 % Mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) recycled 41.1%

Recycling is critical for reducing the impact of waste on the environment.

More information:

- MN Office of the State Auditor Performance Measures Program:
<http://www.osa.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20130731.000>
- Ramsey County's Proposed Budget: <http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/home/index.htm>

Data Sources:

- *Crime Rates: Minnesota Uniform Crime Reports 2012, Table 46*
- *Low Birth Rate Births: 2011 MN dept health, County Health Tables, Natality Table 2*
- *All other measures: Ramsey County Critical Success Indicators reported in the County Manager's 2014-15 Proposed Budget*