



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

Presented By: Commissioner Huffman Date: June 20, 2017 No. B2017-152
Attention: County Manager

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" ((Minn. Stat. 6.90, Subd. 2); and

WHEREAS, Each participating county is required to select at least ten measures from the twenty-seven 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

WHEREAS, The report to residents should be distributed 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, In 2013, Ramsey County staff examined the items included in the "Standard Measures for Counties" and selected ten measures that provide a brief, high-level view of the County; these are the same measures that are proposed for submission this publishing year; and

WHEREAS, Many of the measures are also included in the County Budget Performance Measures program which is incorporated with the county's budget book; 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 county has continued to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Ramsey County Minnesota Local Government Performance Measures Report was prepared last year according to the Program requirements, it was distributed at the budget hearing on November 28, 2016 at the Union Depot in St. Paul, and has been posted on the county website; the same process for publishing and making the report available will be followed in 2017; and

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

Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

Table with 3 columns: Name, YEA, NAY, OTHER. Rows include Toni Carter, Blake Huffman, Jim McDonough, Mary Jo McGuire, Rafael Ortega, Janice Rettman, and Victoria Reinhardt.

Victoria Reinhardt, Chair

By: [Signature]
Janet M. Guthrie
Chief Clerk - County Board



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

Presented By: Commissioner Huffman Date: June 20, 2017 No. B2017-152
Attention: County Manager

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 posting it on the county's website or by providing it at a public hearing at which the budget and the levy are discussed and public input is allowed.; and Be It Further

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.

Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

Table with 4 columns: Name, YEA, NAY, OTHER. Rows include Toni Carter, Blake Huffman, Jim McDonough, Mary Jo McGuire, Rafael Ortega, Janice Rettman, and Victoria Reinhardt.

Victoria Reinhardt, Chair

Signature of Janet M. Guthrie
By: Janet M. Guthrie
Chief Clerk - County Board

2016 Ramsey County and the Minnesota Local Government Performance Measures Report

Ramsey County participates in MN Council on Local Results and Innovation’s comprehensive performance measurement system for cities and counties. This program encourages local governments to publish and compare information on their activities. The data items were selected from a list provided by the state. Many of the items in the State system are included in the performance measurement process which the County began in the 1990s.

| Public Safety: Crime Rates (per 100,000 people) | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Part I Crimes (Serious Crimes) | 4,235 | 3,930 | 3,738 | 3,356 |
| Part II Crimes (Other Crimes) | 2,004 | 3,878 | 3,731 | 3,903 |
| Total | 6,239 | 7,808 | 7,469 | 7,259 |
| <p>The uniform crime statistics program is a standard way of comparing crime patterns across jurisdictions. The increase in the Part II crimes between 2012 and 2013 is due to public safety agencies including information on more categories of crime.</p> | | | | |

| Public Works: Pavement Conditions | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average pavement condition rating for county roads | 58 | 59 | 61 | 62 |
| <p>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. (Maximum points=100)</p> | | | | |

| Public Health, Social Services: Low Birth Weights, All Births | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| % low birth weight births, (percent of all live births with weight < 2500 grams) | 7.2% | 7.3% | 7.3% | 7.3% |
| <p>Babies born weighing less than 2500 grams (5lb. 8 oz.) have greater health risks than babies born at a higher birth weight. These risks include a range of poor health outcomes, including death before their first birthday. Reducing poor birth outcomes will reduce health care costs, decrease use of social services programs, and increase family wellbeing.</p> | | | | |

| Environment: Recycling percentage | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| % Mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) recycled | 41.1% | 50.4% | 52.5% | 55.1% |
| <p>Recycling is critical for reducing the impact of waste on the environment.</p> | | | | |

| Property Records, Evaluation, Assessment: Assessment Ratios | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Residential Assessment Ratio | 99.3 | 98.1 | 94.6 | 96.2 |
| Apartment Assessment Ratio | 103.7 | 99.2 | 95.1 | 91.2 |
| Commercial Assessment Ratio | 100 | 96.3 | 96.3 | 101.4 |
| <p>Assessment ratios are part of the MN Dept. of Revenue annual analysis of the accuracy of property value assessments. These are ratios of assessed values to market sales. Assessors are required to have ratios between 90% and 105%. (If values are less than 100, the assessed values tend to be lower than market sales. Values over indicate that assessed values tend to be more than market sales.)</p> | | | | |

| Elections: Accuracy of post-election audit | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| % of ballots counted accurately -- post-election review | 99.80% | ** | 99.94% | ** |
| 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. (** State-county elections are not conducted in odd-numbered years.) | | | | |

| Veterans Services: Benefits Received by Veterans | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Federal pension and disability benefits for veterans and survivor | \$52.62 million | \$60.85 million | \$70.61 million | \$68.63 million |
| Veterans Services provides assistance, counseling and acts as an advocate for veterans, their dependents and survivors who are entitled to federal and state benefits. | | | | |
| Value of VA Medical Care Services which includes state of the art Primary and Specialty Care as well as many programs and services. | \$61.45 million | \$75.50 million | \$81.61 million | \$86.61 million |
| Veterans Services assists veterans with enrollment in the VA Medical Care System. VA Medical Care Veterans Services advocates and refers veterans to programs and services provided within the VA Medical Care System. | | | | |

| Parks & Recreation: Visits (per 1,000 residents) | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ramsey County Regional Parks Visits per 1,000 population | 18,812 | 20,372 | 20,263 | 16,380 |
| Saint Paul Regional Parks Visits per 1,000 population | 33,569 | 31,886 | 31,528 | 31,257 |
| Two regional parks provide services in Ramsey County. Ramsey County and Saint Paul Regional Parks. 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) | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ramsey County Library: Physical visits per 1,000 population | 7,912 | 7,464 | 6,967 | 6,808 |
| Saint Paul Public Library: Physical visits per 1,000 population | 8,021 | 7,120 | 6,514 | 7,194 |
| Ramsey County Library: Virtual visits per 1,000 population | 8,673 | 8,818 | 9,020 | 8,886 |
| Ramsey County is the home to two library systems: Ramsey County and Saint Paul. Traditionally, physical visits to a library is a measure of services. Use of digital library materials is becoming more common and Ramsey County is using a measure of virtual visits to track new patterns. | | | | |

| Budget, Financial: Bond ratings | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Standard & Poor's Ratings Services | AAA | AAA | AAA | AAA |
| Moody's Investor Services | Aaa | Aaa | Aaa | Aaa |
| Rating agencies examine a county's financial and management characteristics in order to rate whether the bonds will be safe investments. | | | | |

More information:

- MN Office of the State Auditor Performance Measures Program: [2016 Performance Measurement Program](#)
- <https://www.ramseycounty.us/communityindicators>

Data sources:

- *Crime Rates: MN DPS, Uniform Crime Reports (2012-Table 46, 2013-Table 46, 2014-Table 48, 2015-Tables 312 & 38); American Community Survey Populations Estimates, 1 year, Table B01003.*
- *Low Birth Rate Births: National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics through the National Health Rankings*
- *Park Use: Visits to Regional Parks, Annual Use Estimates of the Metropolitan Regional Parks System, Metropolitan Council Population Estimates*
- *Library Use: MN Public Library Annual Report Worksheets, Ramsey County Budgets; Metropolitan Council Population Estimates Program*
- *All other measures: Ramsey County Critical Success Indicators reported in the County Manager's 2016-17 Proposed Budget or departmental data*