

RESOLUTION

Board of Ramsey County Commissioners

Presented By: Commissioner Ortega Date: July 12, 2016 No. B2016-179

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" (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 calendar 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 originally examined the items listed in the "Standard Measures for Counties" and selected ten measures that provide a brief, high-level view of the County, and these are the same measures that are proposed for submission this publishing year; and

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

WHEREAS, Many of the measures are also included in the County Budget Performance Measures which is incorporated within the county's budget book https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/budget-finance; and

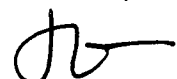
WHEREAS, The county has continued to participate in the program; and

WHEREAS, The 2015 Ramsey County Minnesota Local Government Performance Measures Report (Attachment 2) was prepared last year according to the Program requirements, and it was posted on the county website and distributed at the major budget hearing on November 30, 2015 at the Ramsey County Library in Roseville, and the same process for publishing and making the report available will be followed in 2016; and

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

Victoria Reinhardt, Chair

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

WHEREAS, These funds will continue to be used to fund a portion of the Ramsey County Progressive Internship Program that was established in 2014 in partnership with Saint Paul College and Metropolitan State University; 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; and

WHEREAS, The report was submitted to the Program by July 1 but it was not possible to complete a resolution by that date, and the Office of the State Auditor provided the county an extension to July 12 to submit the resolution; 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

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.

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Victoria Reinhardt, Chair

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2015 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
Part I Crimes (Serious Crimes)	4,298	3,996	3,807
Part II Crimes (Other Crimes)	2,033	3,943	3,800
Total	6,331	7,939	7,607
This is a measure of crimes occurring in the County that have been reported to Bureau of Criminal Apprehension by all law enforcement agencies in the state. Note: the 2013 increase in Part II crimes is the result of changes in reporting practices.			

Public Works: Pavement Conditions	2012	2013	2014
Average pavement condition rating for county roads (out of 100)	58	59	61
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	2012	2013
% of low birth weight births, countywide	4.7%	5.8%	5.5%
Babies born weighing less than 5 lb. 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.			

Property Records, Evaluation, Assessment: Assessment Ratios	2012	2013	2014
Residential Assessment Ratio	99.3	98.1	94.6
Apartment Assessment Ratio	103.7	99.2	95.1
Commercial Assessment Ratio	100.0	96.3	96.3
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.)			

Elections: Accuracy of post-election audit	2012	2013	2014
% of ballots counted accurately in the post-election review	99.8%	99.9%	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.			

Veterans Services: Benefits Received by Veterans	2012	2013	2014
Federal pension and disability benefits for veterans and survivor	\$52.62 million	\$60.852 million	\$70.612 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.	\$61.454 million	\$75.501 million	\$81.607 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
Visits to Ramsey County Regional Parks per 1,000 population	18,812	20,372	20,263
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
Physical visits to library facilities per 1,000 population	7,912	7,464	6,967
Virtual/digital visits per 1,000 population	8,673	8,818	9,020
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	2013	2014
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services	AAA	AAA	AAA
Moody's Investor Services	Aaa	Aaa	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	2013	2014
% Mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) recycled	41.1%	50.4%	52.5
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>

Data Sources:

- Crime Rates: Minnesota Uniform Crime Reports 2014, Table 46
- Low Birth Rate Births: 2012 MN Department of Health, County Health Tables, Natality Table 2
- Visits to Regional Parks, Annual Use Estimates of the Metropolitan Regional Parks System for 2014
- Population Estimates, 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