

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

LAW, SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025
1:30 PM

Chair: Jeff Lunde, District 1
ViceChair: Heather Edelson, District 6
Members: Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Debbie Goettel, District 5
Kevin Anderson, District 7

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. November 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [LSJ-COMMITTEEMINUTES-13-Nov-2025](#)

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0490](#)

Nine Agmts with local government agencies to provide work crews from the Sentencing to Service Program, various contract dates, total recv \$1,027,481.76

2.B. [25-0491](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00006706 with Wren Collective to provide complex legal communication services, ext end date 12/31/26 and incr NTE by \$60,000 for a new total NTE of \$210,000

2.C. [25-0492](#)

Amd 5 to Agmt PR00002848 with CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center for assessments of child sexual abuse victims and expert witness testimony, ext end date 06/30/26 and incr NTE by \$133,055 for new total NTE of \$1,346,319

2.D. [25-0493](#)

Amds to six Agmts with local agencies to provide victim advocacy, legal representation, and intervention and prevention services for cases handled by the Domestic Abuse Service Center in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, ext end dates to 12/31/26 and incr combined NTE to \$2,326,274

2.E. [25-0494](#)

Amds to two Agmts with local agencies to provide adult diversion services to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, ext end dates to 06/30/26 and incr combined NTE to \$2,411,307

Addendum2.F. [25-0503](#)

Amendments and Agreements with eight (8) Adult Representation Services (ARS) legal representation contracts for 2026

2.G. [25-0504](#)

Amd 1 to Agmts A140783 and A140791 with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, Allina Health Systems, Hennepin Healthcare System, City of Edina, City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County establishing the relationship between and among the Parties for the procurement of components to support shared emergency communications services

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Board Action Request

TMP-25-1001

Item Description:

November 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025
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Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Chair, called the meeting of the Law, Safety and Justice Committee for Thursday, November 13, 2025 to order at 3:33 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Jeff Lunde and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Heather Edelson and Commissioner Debbie Goettel

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. September 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0448](#)

Agmt PR00007840 with MN State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Hennepin Technical College, 01/01/26-12/31/27, NTE \$18,400

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

2.B. [25-0449](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00005862 with MFAM Capital, LLC to provide program services to Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation clients, no change to dates, incr the NTE by \$127,360 for a new total NTE of \$316,320

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

2.C. [25-0450](#)

Amd 9 to Agmt A153963 with Securus Technologies, LLC to provide resident phone and video visitation services at the Adult Detention Center, the Adult Correctional Facility and Juvenile Detention Center, ext end date to 12/31/28, incr NTE by \$1,000,000 for a new NTE of \$2,500,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

2.D. [25-0451](#)

Agmt PR00007305 with Community Growth Solutions Inc. to provide mental health counseling for Sheriff's Office personnel, 04/01/24-06/30/26, NTE \$150,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

2.E. [25-0452](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt A2412704 between Hennepin County and the City of Golden Valley to provide law enforcement and related services to the City of Golden Valley, ext end date to 12/31/26

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin

Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

2.F. [25-0453](#)

Agmt PR00005781 with Independent Emergency Services LLC and Hennepin County as a member of a consortium agreement facilitated by the MESB, to support and maintain the Next Generation 9-1-1 call handling system, 01/01/24-12/31/28, incr NTE by \$244,782.91 for a new total NTE of \$1,130,815.91

CONSENT**Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.**

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

2.G. [25-0454](#)

JPA A2513163 between Hennepin County and the State of MN for the coordination and implementation of network circuit upgrades, 12/01/25-11/30/27

CONSENT**Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.**

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

Items for Discussion and Action2.H. [25-0455](#)

JPA A2513167 between Hennepin County, the State of MN, and the cities of Brooklyn Park, Champlin, and New Hope for the provision of an After-Action Review of the response to a public safety incident by responding law enforcement agencies, period 12/01/25-10/30/26, NTE \$165,000

CONSENT**Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.**

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

Addendum

2.I. [25-0478](#)

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00001472 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for public safety technology equipment and maintenance of a software platform, 10/22/19-12/31/34, NTE \$39,885,818

CONSENT

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Edelson and Commissioner Goettel

There being no further business, the Law, Safety and Justice Committee for Thursday, November 13, 2025 was declared adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

25-0490

Item Description:

Nine Agmts with local government agencies to provide work crews from the Sentencing to Service Program, various contract dates, total recv \$1,027,481.76

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Agreements to provide work crews from the Sentencing to Service Program be approved:

- A2513162 with City of Bloomington in the receivable amount of \$129,055.68 during January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027;
 - A2513149 with City of Brooklyn Park in the receivable amount of \$34,745.76 during January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026;
 - A2513150 with the City of Brooklyn Park in the receivable amount of \$21,509.28 during January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026;
 - A2513151 with the City of Golden Valley in the receivable amount of \$215,092.80 during January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027;
 - A2513176 with the City of Mound in the receivable amount of \$12,409.20 during January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026;
 - A2513152 with the City of New Hope in the receivable amount of \$98,446.32 during January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027;
 - A2513153 with the City of Richfield in the receivable amount of \$172,074.24 during January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027;
 - A2513164 with the City of Robbinsdale in the receivable amount of \$172,074.24 during January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027;
 - A2513179 with Three Rivers Park District in the receivable amount of \$172,074.24 during January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026; and
- that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the County; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Sentencing to Service (STS) is a community work service program managed by the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR). Clients may be court ordered to participate in STS as part of their sentence, a condition of pretrial diversion or in lieu of paying traffic fines. For several years, DOCCR has enhanced the STS Program to provide participants with opportunities to develop marketable skills, such as landscaping and hands-on trades.

Hennepin County, through DOCCR, has partnered with a variety of local agencies to fund work opportunities for STS participants. The participants serve on work crews that provide labor supporting the operations of partner agencies. The number of work days and assigned crews varies depending on the specific needs and capacity of each agency.

This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity elimination efforts by providing an alternative

to paying traffic fines and an opportunity to learn marketable skills for justice involved populations who are disproportionately people of color.

The following provides a brief description of the services to be provided under each of the Agreements.

A2513162 with City of Bloomington - (\$129,055.68)

For the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027, STS program participants will provide park maintenance services, based on the terms specified in the Agreement. STS crews will provide services at a rate of \$413.64 per crew day.

A2513149 with City of Brooklyn Park - (\$34,745.76)

For the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026, STS program participants will provide park landscape maintenance, based on the terms specified in the Agreement. STS crews will provide services at a rate of \$413.64 per crew day.

A2513150 with the City of Brooklyn Park - (\$21,509.28)

For the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026, STS program participants will provide landscape maintenance services on city streets, based on the terms specified in the Agreement. STS crews will provide services at a rate of \$413.64 per crew day.

A2513151 with the City of Golden Valley - (\$215,092.80)

For the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027, STS program participants will provide forestry and general landscape services, based on the terms specified in the Agreement. STS crews will provide services at a rate of \$413.64 per crew day.

A2513176 with the City of Mound - (\$12,409.20)

For the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026, STS program participants will provide general landscape services, based on the terms specified in the Agreement. STS crews will provide services at a rate of \$413.64 per crew day.

A2513152 with the City of New Hope - (\$98,446.32)

For the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027, STS program will provide forestry and park maintenance services, based on the terms specified in the Agreement. STS crews will provide services at a rate of \$413.64 per crew day.

A2513153 with the City of Richfield - (\$172,074.24)

For the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027, STS program participants will provide forestry and park maintenance, based on the terms specified in the Agreement. STS crews will provide services at a rate of \$413.64 per crew day.

A2513164 City of Robbinsdale - (\$172,074.24)

For the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027, STS program participants will provide forestry and park maintenance, based on the terms specified in the Agreement. STS crews will provide services at a rate of \$413.64 per crew day.

A2513179 Three Rivers Park District - (\$172,074.24)

For the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026, STS program participants will provide forestry and park maintenance, based on the terms specified in the Agreement. The County will be paid at the rate of \$413.64 per crew day.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0491

Item Description:

Amd 2 to Agmt PR00006706 with Wren Collective to provide complex legal communication services, ext end date 12/31/26 and incr NTE by \$60,000 for a new total NTE of \$210,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00006706 with Wren Collective to provide complex legal communication services, extending the contract end date to December 31, 2026 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$60,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$210,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The Wren Collective supports the Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO) communication of complex criminal justice information to the public in an understandable and digestible manner. This is critical to HCAO's goal of actively engaging and partnering with Hennepin County communities in a way that is accessible, transparent and accountable. HCAO's legal work is incredibly broad and complex and at a time of broad public misinformation campaigns, it is critical that HCAO fosters community understanding of what we do and how we do it.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0492

Item Description:

Amd 5 to Agmt PR00002848 with CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center for assessments of child sexual abuse victims and expert witness testimony, ext end date 06/30/26 and incr NTE by \$133,055 for new total NTE of \$1,346,319

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 5 to Agreement PR00002848 with CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center to provide assessments of child abuse victims and expert witness testimony, extending the contract through June 30, 2026 and increasing the not to exceed amount by \$133,055 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$1,346,319 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disperse the funds as directed.

Background:

CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center was founded in 1989 as an innovative way for Hennepin County to meet the needs of sexually abused children and vulnerable adults referred to Hennepin County Child Protection and the Minneapolis Police Department. The program:

- Provides prompt, objective, culturally sensitive and age-appropriate interviews and medical examinations by experienced professionals
- Centralizes and limits the number of interviews of children as much as possible in an environment which is child-friendly for young victims and their families
- Coordinates investigations among agencies mandated to respond to child sexual abuse
- Provides expert witness consultation and testimony as needed for cases being prosecuted by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office

CornerHouse has been jointly sponsored by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin Healthcare, the Minneapolis Police Department and the Minneapolis Children's Medical Center. An interagency case team comprised of the investigating police officers, prosecutors, examining pediatricians and interviewers review the completed interviews and coordinate the investigation and follow-up activities.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0493

Item Description:

Amds to six Agmts with local agencies to provide victim advocacy, legal representation, and intervention and prevention services for cases handled by the Domestic Abuse Service Center in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, ext end dates to 12/31/26 and incr combined NTE to \$2,326,274

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendments to the following Agreements to provide victim advocacy, legal representation, and intervention and prevention services for cases handled by the Domestic Abuse Service Center in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office extending the contracts dates to December 31, 2026, and increasing the combined not to exceed amounts to \$2,326,274 be approved:

- PR00002843 with Asian Women United of MN, Amendment 5 increasing the not to exceed from \$242,501 to \$297,134
- PR00002798 with Central Minnesota Legal Services (CMLS), Amendment 6 increasing the not to exceed from \$544,421 to \$660,941
- PR00002839 with Division of Indian Work (DIW), Amendment 5 increasing the not to exceed amount from \$242,501 to \$297,134
- PR00004276 with Domestic Abuse Project (DAP), Amendment 4 increasing the not to exceed amount from \$179,298 to \$233,931
- PR00002797 with Esperanza United, Amendment 5 increasing the not to exceed amount from \$465,000 to \$540,000
- PR00002842 with SEWA-AIFW, Amendment 6 increasing the not to exceed amount by from \$242,501 to \$297,134; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total combined funding available for the six contracts shall not exceed \$2,326,274; that the department will manage contract expenditures with this funding allocation; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendments on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse the funds as directed.

Background:

The Domestic Abuse Services Center (DASC) serves as a place where victims of domestic violence can receive multiple services in one centralized location. DASC may provide services such as advocacy, filing orders for protection, connecting with a prosecution team, and legal consultation and representation from pro-bono attorneys. Additionally, DASC provides intervention and prevention services for those who use abusive behaviors.

Asian Women United of MN and SEWA-AIFW provide culturally specific services focused on the Asian and Southeast Asian communities. Staff provide advocacy, assist with safety planning and filing Orders for Protection, accompany victims to court, help clients navigate the criminal justice system, and provide referrals to pro-bono attorneys.

CMLS provides legal consultation and representation to victims of domestic violence. CMLS strives to provide

culturally responsive and trauma-informed lawyering. Referrals for representation are made by advocates located at DASC with priority given to cases where a respondent is represented by an attorney, where children have been abused, where the petitioner has language and cultural barriers, or the petitioner has other highrisk factors in their case. This resource is offered to all clients regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, income or creed. The collaboration provides equal access to justice under the law.

DIW provides vendor advocacy services focused on the local Native American community. Staff from DIW provide advocacy, assist with safety planning and filing Orders for Protection, accompany victims to court, help clients navigate the criminal justice system, and provide referrals to pro-bono attorneys. In addition, DIW provides health services (doula care, etc.), teen pregnancy prevention and sexuality education, food shelf resources, senior services programing, and domestic violence counseling services.

DAP provides supportive services to end the domestic violence cycle, reduce disparities, and promote healthy families, partners, and parents. Supportive services include creation of non-violence plans and providing education on the negative impact domestic violence and a felony conviction can have on housing, employment, student loans, finances, voting, etc., for themselves, their family and their community. In addition, DAP provides community outreach, engagement, and education regarding domestic violence as well as resource referrals.

Esperanza United is one of four culturally specific and bilingual, bicultural service providers housed at DASC. Vendor advocacy services are focused on serving the Latina and Spanish speaking community. Staff from Esperanza United provide advocacy, assist with safety planning and filing Orders for Protection, accompany victims to court, and help clients navigate the criminal justice system. In addition, they provide referrals to probono attorneys and community resources for programming, basic needs and financial assistance.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0494

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendments to the following Agreements to provide adult diversion services to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office extending the contract end dates to June 30, 2026 and increasing the combined not to exceed amount to \$2,411,307 be approved:

- PR00002795 with Diversion Solutions, Amendment 6 increasing the not to exceed amount from \$1,748,770 to \$1,936,307
- PR00002796 with Restorative Justice Community Action, Amendment 5 increasing the not to exceed amount from \$420,000 to \$475,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the total combined funding available for the two contracts above shall not exceed \$2,411,307; that the department will manage the contract expenditures within this funding allocation; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Amendments on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse the funds as directed.

Background:

The Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO) is committed to diverting certain criminal cases out of the justice system so as to address the underlying reasons behind the defendant's actions and behavior and prevent future harm. Diversion Solutions and Restorative Justice Community Action (RJCA) are the current adult diversion providers. The HCAO plans to issue an RFP in late 2025, with the goal of increasing the use of restorative justice, expanding diversion criteria, and shifting to individualized diversion programming.

Diversion Solutions provides services for participants in pre- and post-charge diversion services. Most referrals currently involve drug and/or property felony charges. The diversion program involves community service, referral to treatment and community supports, and the collection of restitution.

RJCA brings a restorative justice approach to diversion cases. Their program involves community reparative panels and outreach to crime victims. Program outcomes include: offender accountability, community and victim empowerment, community satisfaction, and reduced criminal behavior.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

25-0503

Item Description:

Amendments and Agreements with eight (8) Adult Representation Services (ARS) legal representation contracts for 2026

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00005648 with Buettner Law Group, LLC to provide legal services to individuals experiencing poverty in the Hennepin County Fourth Judicial District Court, extending the contract end date to December 31, 2026 and increasing the contract amount by \$156,000 to a new not to exceed total of \$436,800 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00005646 with Anne M. Carlson Law Office, LLC to provide legal services to individuals experiencing poverty in the Hennepin County Fourth Judicial District Court, extending the contract end date to December 31, 2026 and increasing the contract amount by \$104,000 to a new not to exceed total of \$291,200 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00005649 with Colich & Associates to provide legal services to individuals experiencing poverty in the Hennepin County Fourth Judicial District Court, extending the contract end date to December 31, 2026 and increasing the contract amount by \$104,000 to a new not to exceed total of \$291,200 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00005647 with E Murphy Law Offices, PLLC to provide legal services to individuals experiencing poverty in the Hennepin County Fourth Judicial District Court, extending the contract end date to December 31, 2026 and increasing the contract amount by \$104,000 to a new not to exceed total of \$291,200 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amendment 2 to Agreement PR00005645 with Solution-Focused Family Law, LLC to provide legal services to individuals experiencing poverty in the Hennepin County Fourth Judicial District Court, extending the contract end date to December 31, 2026 and increasing the contract amount by \$156,000 to a new not to exceed total of \$436,800 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00006788 with Douglas F. McGuire Law Office to provide legal services to individuals experiencing poverty in the Hennepin County Fourth Judicial District Court, extending the contract date through December 31, 2026 and increasing the contract amount by \$52,000 in an amount not to exceed \$156,000 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Agreement PR00007921 with Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance to provide immigration representation to Hennepin County residents who qualify and are facing deportation proceedings during January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Agreement PR00007884 with Indian Child Welfare Law Center to provide legal services to individuals experiencing poverty in the Hennepin County Fourth Judicial District Court who are entitled to legal representation at public expense, during January 1, 2026 through to December 31, 2026 for \$144,000 be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign these Agreements and Amendments on behalf of the County, and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

ARS provides legal representation to parents in child protection and family court proceedings, and individuals facing guardianship and civil commitment actions. When more than one person is a party to the proceeding or other issues arise that create a legal conflict of interest, the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct require that those cases be sent to outside counsel if an internal conflicts panel is not otherwise established. ARS does not currently have an internal conflicts panel. The contractors noted in resolution clauses 1-6 are outside independent conflict attorneys with expertise in representing parents in child protection and mental health commitment matters.

Regarding resolution clause 7, Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (MMLA) has been the contracted vendor to provide quality immigration legal representation to Hennepin County residents that qualify and are facing deportation proceedings. MMLA has strong expertise and credentialing in immigration law and demonstrates excellent collaboration with other community-based organizations.

Regarding resolution clause 8, Hennepin County has a long-standing contract history with the Indian Child Welfare Law Center (ICWLC) to provide culturally specific representation to Native American parents in child protection proceedings to further the goals of the Federal Indian Welfare Act. ARS manages the contract with ICWLC and partners with the center on initiatives impacting Native American families in child protection cases.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

Board Action Request

25-0504

Item Description:

Amd 1 to Agmts A140783 and A140791 with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, Allina Health Systems, Hennepin Healthcare System, City of Edina, City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County establishing the relationship between and among the Parties for the procurement of components to support shared emergency communications services

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreements A140783 and A140791 with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, Allina Health Systems, Hennepin Healthcare System, City of Edina, City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County establishing the relationship between and among the Parties for the procurement of a Shared 9-1-1 Call Handling System, shared Wide Area Network connectivity, and shared Data Center usage to support emergency communications services be approved; that the inclusion of the Cities of Bloomington and Eden Prairie as additional participating members be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the County.

Background:

In 2014, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 14-0216, approving Agreements A140783 and A140791 between Allina Health Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the City of Edina, the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Hennepin EMS and the Metropolitan emergency Services Board (MESB). These entities, collectively referred to as the Original Parties, are represented by their respective Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

Joint Powers Agreement A140783, established under Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, is known as the Master Cooperative Agreement. It provides a framework for governance, planning, and coordination related to the procurement of emergency communications services, including Enhanced 9-1-1 (E911) and emerging technologies such as the Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) call handling system, referred to as Call Handling System 1 (CHS-1). Pursuant to the procurement and implementation of CHS-1, Agreement A140791 was established as the "Ancillary Agreement" outlining the operational and maintenance responsibilities of the Original Parties.

Both agreements authorize the addition of new parties through formal amendment. This proposal seeks to amend both agreements to include the Cities of Bloomington and Eden Prairie as additional participating members. Each city operates a PSAP and has identified the need to replace its existing call handling equipment.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval