

**ANOKA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA  
and Meeting of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners\*\***

Commissioners Julie Braastad (Chair), Schulte, and West

**November 8, 2022 – 10:15 A.M., or Immediately Following the  
Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Management Committee Meeting,  
Whichever is Later  
Rum River Room #710 - Government Center**

1. Public Comment: Public comments are welcome at this time. In consideration of others wishing to speak, please limit comments to 2 minutes. Questions directed to the committee will not be answered immediately; however, whenever possible, all appropriate questions will be responded to in a timely and effective manner by county staff.

**INFORMATION**

**Sheriff**

2. Consider information regarding the Anoka County Security Fencing Project.
3. Consider for informational purposes that the Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory is awarded funding from the Office of Justice Programs, the 2022 FY 22 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program (Formula) in the amount of \$226,000 (#C0009626.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Attorney's Office**

4. Consider a 2023 Legislative Proposal regarding the Public Safety Levy pursuant to M.S. 383E.21. **See attached** PSC Worksheet.

**Sheriff**

5. Consider recommending approval and execution of the 2023 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Nowthen (Contract #C0009435) for a term of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$422,923. **See attached** PSC Worksheet.
6. Consider recommending adoption of Resolution #2022-PS09, Accepting Dedicated Donation from the Love Family Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. **See attached** PSC Worksheet and resolution.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

7. Other

*\*\* Actions taken by this Committee do not bind the County Board. In addition to the County Commissioners appointed to this committee, additional County Commissioners may attend. Non-committee Commissioners may choose to participate in the discussions and/or ask questions, but they will not vote on any item, nor will they agree to take a specific action on business conducted by the committee. If their attendance and limited participation in the committee meeting is considered a meeting of the County Board, this shall serve as notice of a County Board meeting. This shall also serve as notice of a County Board Meeting for any committee comprised of four or more members of the board.*



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

November 8, 2022

Attorney's Office

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| ACTION REQUESTED | Consider, and then recommend, referral of the amendments to Minn. Stat. 383E.21 to the Intergovernmental Committee for its review for inclusion in the County's legislative priorities.  |
| BACKGROUND       | The current statute authorized the County to impose a public safety levy for projects that are recommended by the Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council (JLEC). The amount of this levy is included in the County's certified levy each year. The current levy authority under this statute expires on Dec. 31, 2023. |
| SOLUTIONS        | The proposed amended statute would remove the amount of the public safety levy from the County's certified tax levy, and would extend the time period in which the levy may be imposed to Dec. 31, 2033.   |
| CONCLUSION       | JLEC is requesting that the County include this proposed amendment in its legislative priority list.   |
| RECOMMENDATIONS  | That the Public safety committee approve this amendment and refer it to the Intergovernmental Committee for their consideration of inclusion in the County's legislative priorities.   |

## 2023 Legislative Proposal for Anoka County

Anoka County employees are encouraged to submit ideas to make government more efficient – such as law-changing proposals to improve services, eliminate outdated State rules, and undo anything else that gets in the way of making government better, faster and smarter.

*Each proposal should be submitted to the committee of jurisdiction during the September committee meetings.*

**Submitted by:** Tony Palumbo, County Attorney and JLEC Chair

**1. Brief proposal description:**

Amend current statute, M.S. 383E.21 to extend Anoka County's ability to levy for a public safety project until Dec. 31, 2033; and to exclude the levy imposed under this statute from the county's certified levy.

**2. What do you want to accomplish?**

Allowing an independent public safety levy outside of the county's budgeted levy for a special, JLEC, project.

**3. What statute needs to be amended or is impacted.**

M.S. 383E.21

**4. What is the cost savings/fiscal impact to Anoka County's budget?**

**5. What would be the time savings/efficiencies for Anoka County?**

**6. What are the downsides of supporting this issue?**

**7. Who, or what organization would oppose this issue?**

Some organizations may oppose the imposition of any additional taxes.

**8. Is there a county-related/state-related organization which might support this issue?**

The Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council; possibly some or all of city councils in the county.

**9. What would be the likelihood of success for this issue in the current legislative environment?**

Unknown.

**10. How else could this issue be addressed?**

Setting up a separate taxing district for the public safety levy.

**11. Other information concerning this issue:**

MINNESOTA STATUTES 2021      383E.21

**383E.21 COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT; BONDING AND TAX LEVIES.**

Subdivision 1. **Authority to levy property taxes and incur debt.** (a) To finance the cost of designing, constructing, and acquiring countywide public safety improvements and equipment, including personal property, benefiting both Anoka County and the municipalities located within Anoka County, the governing body of Anoka County may levy property taxes for public safety improvements and equipment, and issue:

(1) capital improvement bonds under the provisions of section 373.40 as if the infrastructure and equipment qualified as a "capital improvement" within the meaning of section 373.40, subdivision 1, paragraph (b); and

(2) capital notes under the provisions of section 373.01, subdivision 3, as if the equipment qualified as "capital equipment" within the meaning of section 373.01, subdivision 3. Personal property acquired with the proceeds of the bonds or capital notes issued under this section must have an expected useful life at least as long as the term of debt.

(b) The outstanding principal amount of the bonds and the capital notes issued under this section may not exceed \$8,000,000 at any time. Any bonds or notes issued pursuant to this section must only be issued after approval by a majority vote of the Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council, a joint powers board.

Subd. 2. **Treatment of levy.** Notwithstanding sections 275.065, subdivision 3, and 276.04, the county may report the tax attributable to any levy to fund public safety capital improvements or equipment projects approved by the Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council or pay principal and interest on bonds or notes issued under this section as a separate line item on the proposed property tax notice and the property tax statement.

Subd. 3. Any levy issued pursuant to this section shall not be included within the certified levy of the county.

Subd. ~~3~~ 4. **Expiration.** This section expires on December 31, ~~2023~~ 2033. The county may not issue a bond or note under this section with a maturity or payment date after the expiration date of this section. No property tax may be levied under this section for taxes payable in a calendar year after the calendar year in which this section expires. Expiration of this section does not affect the obligation to pay or the authority to collect taxes levied under this section before its expiration.

**History:** 2002 c 390 s 27; 2005 c 28 s 1; 2011 c 112 art 11 s 12; 2014 c 308 art 2 s 14,15



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

November 8, 2022  
Anoka County Sheriff's Office

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| ACTION REQUESTED  | Approval and execution of the 2023 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Nowthen.   |
| BACKGROUND  | The City of Nowthen has contracted with the Sheriff's Office for the performance of law enforcement services since July 1, 2012. This contract is the annual renewal.   |
| Contract Number<br><br>Amount of Contract   | C0009435<br><br>The city agrees to pay the county the sum of \$422,923. Contract services include but are not limited to:<br>a. 12 hours per day of patrol service; and<br>b. 24-hour call and general services.<br><br>The term of the contract is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. |
| FUNDING SOURCE<br>(Levy dollars, IT fund, building fund, asset preservation, carryover dollars, etc.) | N/A   |
| CONCLUSION  | The continuation of services provided by the Anoka County Sheriff's Office to the City of Nowthen enhances the public safety of county residents and is a service that has been in place since July 1, 2012.  |
| RECOMMENDATIONS   | Approval and execution of the 2023 Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Nowthen.   |



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

November 8, 2022

Anoka County Sheriff's Office

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| ACTION REQUESTED  | Recommend adoption of Resolution #2022-PS09, Accepting Dedicated Donation from Love Family Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation in accordance with the donor's terms.  |
| BACKGROUND  | Love's Travel Stops & Country Store has opened a new store in Columbus and wishes to provide support to its local law enforcement. Love Family Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has donated \$2,000 to Anoka County for Anoka County Sheriff's Office peace officer safety purposes. |
| Contract Number<br><br>Amount of Contract   | NA  |
| FUNDING SOURCE<br>(Levy dollars, IT fund, building fund, asset preservation, carryover dollars, etc.) | NA  |
| CONCLUSION  |   |
| RECOMMENDATIONS   | Recommend adoption of the resolution accepting the dedicated donation from Love Family Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.   |

**RESOLUTION #2022-PS09**

**ACCEPTING DEDICATED DONATION  
FROM LOVE FAMILY AFFILIATED FUND  
AT THE OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Anoka on behalf of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office has received a donation from Love Family Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, Love Family Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has donated funds in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for Anoka County Sheriff's Office peace officer safety purposes; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 465.03 requires a county to accept the funds by resolution expressed in terms prescribed by the donor in full; and,

WHEREAS, acceptance of the funds in accordance with the donor's terms is in the best interest of the County of Anoka:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners accepts the above-described funds from Love Family Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and extends its grateful appreciation.