

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 25-300

Pertaining to a lease agreement with Ramsey County allowing for the continuation of Public Safety Communication equipment at the Sterling Water Tower located at 645 South Sterling Street in Maplewood.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: Stakeholder Understanding and Support

Staff is seeking approval of a lease with Ramsey County, which would allow for the continued operation of an 800 MHz wireless Public Safety Communication System (System) at the Board's Sterling Water Tower located at 645 Sterling St. S. in Maplewood.

Ramsey County uses this site along with several other locations for the System which allows local, regional, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as emergency services and other public safety agencies to communicate with each other more efficiently during local, regional, state, or national emergencies.

Ramsey County installed the System in 2005. Since that time, the following agencies and divisions within agencies joined the System: Ramsey County, Arden Hills, Lauderdale, Little Canada, Lake Johanna, Regions Hospital, Mounds View, Maplewood, New Brighton, North Oaks, North Saint Paul, Roseville, Saint Paul, Minnesota State Fair, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Lake.

Ramsey County is open to additional agencies using the System. In the event the utility joins the System, benefits could include a radio signal that allows staff to maintain communication while inside structures and provides improved communication with other agencies utilizing the System. Possible drawbacks could be utility communications being squeezed out during times of widespread catastrophe. At this time, however, the utility utilizes alternative communication equipment and joining the System is not being considered.

See attached Location Map and proposed Lease.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval