



# Criminal Justice Network Joint Powers Agreement

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Request Board Consideration of Criminal Justice Network (CJN) Joint Powers Agreement which transitions CJN services, including Records Management System (RMS) and CJN Operations from a County department to an independent Joint Powers Organization (JPO).

## **CJN History:**

- 2001 – 2005 CJN project supported by grants
- 2006 – CJN became County department

**CJN Purpose:** Use the latest technology to make information sharing and integration easier through automating and consolidating forms, leveraging knowledge, dollars and resources by promoting conversation, discussion, and information sharing across jurisdictional boundaries. CJN makes timely, accurate, and relevant information available to the police officers, prosecutors, judges, probation officers and even social service providers who work together to make our communities safer.

**Membership:** 9 of 13 Dakota County Public Safety Organizations (includes Sheriff)

# Negotiating approach



Negotiations subgroup with members. Membership:

- 2 member Police Chiefs,
- 2 member City manager/administrators
- Sheriff
- County Attorney

Purpose:

Negotiate, with County Administration, proposal for transition of CJN to an independent JPO with limited term County financial support and provision of in-kind services

	JPA Elements
<b>Term</b>	5 years
<b>County Subsidy</b>	Years 1 – 5 \$472,642 annually
<b>Fund Balance Allocation</b>	Entire RMS and Operations FB to JPO (2020 -- \$1,157,014)
<b>Governance</b>	CJN Board of Directors will be comprised of: (1) the police chief of each member city (or his/her designee); the Dakota County Sheriff (or his/her designee); and one member appointed by the Dakota County Board of Commissioners for the initial 5-year term of the JPA
<b>County In-Kind Services</b>	Years 1 – 5: Payroll, Benefits Administration, Legal Services. Years 1-2: Fiscal Agent, IT Desktop Support, Risk Management assistance with insurances Year 1: Employee Relations (SuccessFactors and Learning Management System)

# Staff Recommendation



- Approve Joint Powers Agreement effective January 1, 2022

# Next steps

- Approval of JPA by member City Councils
- Development of contracts for in-kind services to take effect January 1, 2022

*Questions?*