



# Dakota County

## Legislation Text

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**DEPARTMENT:** Enterprise Finance and Information Services Administration

**FILE TYPE:** Consent Action

### TITLE

**Authorization To Amend Joint Powers Agreement Establishing The Criminal Justice Network**

### PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director to amend the joint powers agreement establishing the Criminal Justice Network to allow for amendment of the budget funding structure in 2026 and add the City of Plymouth as a party to the agreement and member of the Criminal Justice Network Board of Directors.

### SUMMARY

Dakota County entered into a five-year joint powers agreement effective January 1, 2022, with the cities of Burnsville, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South Saint Paul, and West Saint Paul forming the Criminal Justice Network (CJN). CJN's role is to provide applications and services focused on information sharing and integration among Dakota County law enforcement agencies, the County Sheriff, the County Attorney, departments within County government, Dakota County District Court, and law enforcement agencies across the state.

The CJN Board of Directors desires to amend the joint powers agreement to address three issues. The first amendment changes include:

1. Amend the annual budget funding structure in fiscal year 2026 and correct a scrivener's error in the Agreement to correctly reflect an initial term of the joint powers agreement as five years. The proposed budget funding structure for the annual budget will change from the current formula of using population percentages to fund the Operations Fund and percentage of total users to fund the Records Management System Fund to 50% population and 50% user count for all funds.
2. Add the City of Plymouth as a party to the Agreement and member of the CJN Board of Directors.
3. Establishes the City of Plymouth's \$400,000 contribution to the current records management system project as well as other ongoing contributions.

All other items in the original joint powers agreement remain in force and effect unless otherwise amended in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director to amend the joint powers agreement establishing the Criminal Justice Network.

### EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

The change in the annual funding formula starting in 2026 does not impact the County's annual subsidy (\$472,642), but it will impact the total amount the Sheriff's Office, as a CJN user, will pay in membership fees. These costs can be accounted for the in 2026 budget.

- None             Current budget             Other  
 Amendment Requested             New FTE(s) requested

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dakota County and the cities of Burnsville, Hastings, Farmington, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, and West St. Paul approved a joint powers agreement in 2022 creating the Criminal Justice Network (CJN); and

WHEREAS, the CJN Board of Directors wishes to amend the joint powers agreement to address the issues of a change to the budget funding structure, add the City of Plymouth as a member to the CJN Board of Directors and establish Plymouth's contribution to the records management system project; and

WHEREAS, the CJN Board of Directors approved the First Amendment to the joint powers agreement establishing the Criminal Justice Network; and

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement states that the joint powers agreement may be amended at any time by agreement of all members that have not previously withdrawn from the organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Enterprise Finance and Information Services Director to sign the First Amendment to the joint powers agreement establishing the Criminal Justice Network.

### PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

21-417; 08/24/21

### ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: CJN JPA

Attachment: CJN JPA First Amendment

### BOARD GOALS

- A Great Place to Live             A Healthy Environment  
 A Successful Place for Business and Jobs             Excellence in Public Service

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