

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, and Hegberg. Commissioner Stafford absent. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Public Health and Environment Deputy Director; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Sheriff Steve Pott; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board Chair welcomed Mrs. Ferguson's Social Studies class from the Stillwater Area High School that is attending this morning's Board meeting and viewing the County video after the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board Chair asked for comments from the public; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to amend Washington County's 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2006 Annual Action Plan related to Community Development Block Grant funds allocated to the City of Cottage Grove.
2. Approval to continue an open support contract with Midwave Corporation for network security and server support.
3. Approval of amendment #5 to the Library's contract with the Dynix Corporation for the purchase of three 3M self-check machines.
4. Approval of amendment to the Cities Readiness Initiative Project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health and authorization for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into the agreement.

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5. Approval of amendment to the Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health and authorization for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into the agreement.
6. Approval and execution of Amendment No. 1 to landscape maintenance service contract with Brickman Group for 2007.
7. Approval of amendment to agricultural lease agreement and management contract with Gordon and Myron Tank for farmland in the Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park.
8. Approval of final payment to Collins Electrical Construction in the amount of \$11,366.60 for the installation of traffic signal systems at the intersection of CSAH 12/CSAH 15 and CSAH 19/Lake Road.
9. Approval of final payment to Jay Bros., Inc. in the amount of \$9,292.81 for the intersection modification project at CSAH 12 and CSAH 17.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a lease agreement with David Kellerman for county owned property located at 9941 Stillwater Boulevard in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Mutual Aid Agreement

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, presented a brief overview of the Public Health Mutual Aid Agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to strengthen the preparedness of the metropolitan area public health system. It provides a mechanism for public health agencies to come to the aid and assistance of other local public health agencies in the event of an emergency or in trainings or exercises.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the Public Health Mutual Aid Agreement with the metropolitan area counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Scott, Ramsey, and the cities of Minneapolis and Bloomington. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent.

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Sunrise River Sub-Basin Feasibility Phase Study

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a letter of support for the United States Army Corp of Engineers Feasibility Phase Study focusing on integrated watershed analysis and study for the Sunrise River Sub-basin in the City of Forest Lake and New Scandia Township. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**December 5, 2006 Board Meeting**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that the Association of Minnesota Counties annual conference will be held December 4-6, 2006. Because a number of Commissioners will be attending that conference in Rochester, Minnesota, he recommended that the December 5, 2006 Board meeting be canceled. A short Board meeting could be held on December 7 prior to the Truth-in-Taxation hearing if there are agenda items that need to be acted on.

Commissioner Peterson moved to cancel the December 5, 2006 Board meeting. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent.

Mr. Schug also asked that the Board keep the evening of November 30 open for a meeting with local municipalities to discuss economic development strategies, and November 29 for a County Board and Department Head retreat to discuss the 2007 work plan.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported that Minnesota Extension will be submitting proposals for services for 4-H and the Master Gardener program.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the AMC policy meeting she attended and an issue that came up addressing changes in the Board of Water and Soil Resources for wetland restoration and wildlife exemptions. She's given a copy of the exemptions to Transportation and Public Health and Environment for their review.

Commissioner Peterson reported that county staff have attended meetings at her church the past two Sundays to discuss changing demographics that are occurring in her community and knowing your neighbor who may have made bad choices. She thanked Dan Papin, Community Services Director, Judge Gary Schurrer, Sheriff Pott, and Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director for their insights. She stated that

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those meetings were very well received and encouraged the other Board members to have public forums in their districts.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE COUNTY LIBRARY

The Board met in workshop session with the County Library to discuss the 2007 statement on library issues. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Patricia Conley, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator