

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MARCH 9, 2010**

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Weik, Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Greg Wood, Facilities Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Rose Peterson, Central Services Supervisor; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:20 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Weik, Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Greg Wood, Facilities Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Rose Peterson, Central Services Supervisor; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Dean Johnston, City of Lake Elmo, gave the Board an update on open space preservation in the City of Lake Elmo. There was an article in the Pioneer Press last Saturday reporting that Lake Elmo has been a leader in conservation developments. Twenty-five percent of the conservation developments in the entire State of Minnesota are in the City of Lake Elmo; and 42 percent of the conservation easements in the seven county area are also in Lake Elmo. Out of Lake Elmo's 24 square miles, 25 percent is now in public parks, open water and open space. Mayor Johnston also reported on the parking lot flooding at Sun Fish Lake Park. After last week's Board meeting he did visit Sun Fish Lake Park and observed that

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about 25 percent of the parking lot was under water. He talked to city staff and they took pictures and assured him that the upgrade that is being planned for the park will address this question this summer. Within about three days after his visiting the park Mother Nature took care of the problem, and the water has drained away.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the February 23, 2010 Board meeting minutes as amended.
2. Approval of the Master Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the term of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2015.
3. Approval to renew application for on sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Point, Inc. for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.
4. Approval to renew application of on sale and Sunday Liquor License for Afton Alps, Inc. for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.
5. Approval to renew application of on sale and Sunday Liquor License for Stoneridge Golf Club for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.
6. Approval of the Volunteer Management Services project agreement with the Community Thread and authorization for County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into the agreement.
7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-028** as follows:

Trunk Highway 61 Detour Agreement with Minnesota
Department of Transportation

IT IS RESOLVED that Washington County enter into Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement No. 96023 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the county for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 22 as a detour route during the unbounded concrete overlay and drainage repair construction and other associated construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 61 from U.S. 61/10 South intersection to 70th Street under State Project No. 8201-111(T.H. 61=003).

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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and County Administrator are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

8. Approval of Change Orders #1, #2 and #3 to contract with Twell Environmental in the amounts of \$34,450, \$56,000 and \$2,300 respectively as part of the Campus 2025 project.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-029** as follows:

Trunk Highway 95 Detour Agreement with Minnesota
Department of Transportation

IT IS RESOLVED that Washington County enter into Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement No. 96023 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No.'s 71, 10, 15, and 17 as a detour route during the grading, bituminous surfacing, drainage, signals, TMS, signing and lighting construction and other associated construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 95, located on Hudson Road, from 1,193 feet West of Trunk Highway No. 95 to 1,287 feet East of Trunk Highway No. 95 under State Project No. 8203-33 (T.H. 95=095).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chair and County Administrator are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

10. Approval of amendment No. 1 to Contract #5133 with Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P. (LGN) for federal relations services.
11. Approval and execution of Amendment No. 3 with Bester Brothers to the Campus 2025 improvements moving services contract.
12. Approval of town and road allotments: Baytown Township, \$9,998.84; Denmark Township, \$12,011.51; Grey Cloud Township, \$3,900.95; May Township, \$15,507.61; Stillwater Township, \$13,184.14; and West Lakeland Township, \$18,314.93.
13. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-030** as follows:

Historic Courthouse Office Space Lease Amendments

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and Youth Service Bureau propose to amend three (3) office space lease agreements at the Historic Courthouse to extend the term of each of the leases to December 31, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Washington and Valley Tours, Inc. propose to amend the office space lease agreement at the Historic Courthouse to extend the term of the lease to December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Youth Service Bureau and Valley Tours, Inc. have approved and signed said leases; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the three (3) lease amendments between the County of Washington and Youth Service Bureau, and the one (1) lease amendment between the County and Valley Tours, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all lease specifications, requirements, and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

14. Approval to accept a donation from Lawrence J. Flaherty (retired Deputy) in the amount of \$75 for the Explorer Program.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Weik, Peterson, Kriesel, Hegberg, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-031** as follows:

Picnic Honoring Veterans at Big Marine Park Reserve

WHEREAS, Washington County recognizes the sacrifices that have been made and are currently being made by our country's military personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, Washington County was designated a Yellow Ribbon County by Governor Tim Pawlenty on January 5th, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Washington County fully supports the efforts of the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County to provide support to family members of service personnel during deployments and upon their return home; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon Network plans to honor these veterans with a family picnic at Big Marine Park Reserve on August 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Washington County charges a picnic shelter fee and vehicle permit fee at Big Marine Park Reserve; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, without further action, hereby authorizes the parks division to waive the picnic shelter fee and vehicle permit fees at Big Marine Park Reserve to veterans and their families on August 15, 2010 for this picnic.

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Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Weik, Peterson, Kriesel, Hegberg, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief update on activities at the legislature this week. The General Assistance Medical Care Program has been continued through May with \$28 million coming from the health care access fund. There will be no cuts through GAMC or Minnesota Care eligibility through the end of the biennium. The reduction to providers on the rate they are paid under this program would be 40 percent. The 17 hospitals in the state with the largest GAMC population usage will receive a specific block grant payment to offset the cost of providing that care. One item that is still being discussed is the future funding source for the program and whether or not any of that funding to continue the program will come from counties.

Mr. Schug reported that the bonding bill has not been approved as yet.

Mr. Schug stated that John Kaul reported there is a tax forfeited land issue up on Forest Lake that is part of the county legislative agenda and is being carried by Representative Dettmer. A hearing was held yesterday and it is going well and there is no opposition.

Mr. Schug noted that the vote counting equipment is moving forward. The request is to get some protection in the distribution of excess federal funds to purchase voting equipment.

Commissioner Kriesel asked about the riding stables and horse issue. Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, reported that there are two different things that are happening. One is directly related to the statute on property taxes and Senator Vandever has a bill that would change the definition to include the commercial boarding operations and riding trails, and land use for that type of activity as ag class. That will be heard in the tax committees. A second effort is changing the definition of livestock to include horses.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition. A metro wind energy workshop preceded the meeting. There were a series of presentations including one from Xcel Energy that discussed energy innovation in the Central Corridor with a goal to reduce carbon emissions and grow jobs. Another item was adding electricity to the Metropolitan Council vehicle fleet.

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Commissioner Weik addressed a Middle School class at Lake Middle School in Woodbury. She discussed the importance of reading and she chose to read from "Dear Mr. President: Letters to the Oval Office from the files of the National Archives". The students seemed to enjoy the selections she made, and she was able to walk them through AquaBrowser, the new Washington County Library on line catalog. She also showed the students where they could get homework help on the web site.

Commissioner Weik stated she has a conflict tomorrow afternoon for the Minnesota Inter-County Association and asked if Commissioner Hegberg would be attending. Commissioner Hegberg stated he would. Commissioner Peterson stated she would also attend.

Commissioner Peterson reported on a meeting that she attended with Commissioner Hegberg and Dan Papin, Community Services Director, and the Isaiah Group. They discussed housing and transportation. There will be an East Metro Isaiah dialogue on May 4 she believes.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the MELSA meeting. A state committee that has been working on the expansion of broadband throughout the state and they gave an interesting report. They are seeking legislation that would establish a state broadband committee that would be working at establishing a backbone and tying together the state and increasing the broadband width. For the implementation they are looking at a tax on cell phones. Commissioner Peterson suggested to them, since she sits on the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, that before they start looking at that they would want to make sure that the emergency response system is in fact successful in defining where the emergency phone calls are coming from.

Commissioner Peterson stated that there was a full city hall in Cottage Grove for the 3M incinerator discussion. The community is concerned about it. There were a couple of operators who work at the 3M Center there as well as many former 3M employees.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the mediation meeting last Thursday and there appears to be a solution to the South Washington Watershed expansion.

Commissioner Hegberg attended a legislative breakfast in Forest Lake sponsored by the Forest Lake Chamber. There was a lively discussion on taxes and nuclear power. He agrees with Senator Vandever that the state should be looking at nuclear power.

Commissioner Hegberg, as well as Commissioners Kriesel and Pulkrabek, will be attending the Washington County Republican Women's Organization meeting on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Elmo Inn.

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Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition which discussed the Rural Metro Energy Board in southern Minnesota trying to develop a private/public partnership in promoting wind energy. That initiative has come apart. They are looking at advocating legislative change that will enable structuring tax incentives to help private enterprise develop wind energy.

Commissioner Kriesel noted that Jennifer Peltier was sworn in this morning as a Deputy. She was a former dispatcher with the City of Stillwater, and worked in the 911 call center.

Commissioner Kriesel attended the five city Yellow Ribbon alliance in the lower valley.

Commissioner Pulkrabek read with interest that the University of Minnesota did drop its lawsuit against the Met Council for the Central Corridor. Commissioners Hegberg and Peterson predicted that would happen.

Commissioner Pulkrabek talked with Anoka County Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah about areas of mutual interest.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported that there will be a joint meeting of the Libraries and the Workforce Investment Board on how to create startup business and how they can work together.

Commissioner Pulkrabek was contacted by Congresswoman Betty McCollum's office to testify on some transportation issues and he will discuss that with Commissioner Peterson.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated that he cannot make the Workforce Investment Board meeting next week. Commissioner Kriesel will attend for him.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. with the Office of Administration to discuss a possible joint purchase with the City of Woodbury of property owned by Dale. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Weik, Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Doug Johnson, Sharon Price, Jane Harper, Wayne Sandberg, and Patricia Raddatz.

The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Human Resources to discuss employee recruitment and hiring process and vendor selection process. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Weik, Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kay McAloney, Vicki DeFord, Kevin Corbid, Lowell Johnson, and Mjyke Nelson.

BOARD WORKSKHOKP WITH THE LIBRARY

The Board met in workshop session with the Library to discuss MELSA Arts and Cultural Heritage Programs at the Washington County Libraries. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Weik, Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, and Patricia Conley.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator