

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 13, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to appoint Janet Snell, Oakdale, and Margaret Hart, Oak Park Heights, to the Child Protection Citizen Review Panel, to first terms expiring June 30, 2011.
2. Approval to submit the Washington County Biennial Service Agreements for the Minnesota Family Investment Program and the Children and Community Services Act for the period effective January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011.
3. Approval of funding agreement with Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to use \$104,347 in 2009 Community Development Block Grant funds to assist in the purchase and rehabilitation of up to eight foreclosed upon rental units.
4. Approval of agreement with Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to administer a grant and provide reemployment services to laid-off Andersen Windows employees.

5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-104** as follows:

Resolution Recommending Approval to Set
Aside a Portion of the Annual Distribution of
Net Revenue from Tax Forfeited Land Sales

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Chapter 282 gives the County Board the authority to manage tax forfeited property that is located within Washington County, and

WHEREAS, the county auditor is to distribute the net revenue in the county's forfeited tax sale fund to the local taxing districts after payment of county administrative expenses, according to one of two prescribed apportionment plans, and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 282.08 subdivision 4(ii) allows the County Board to set aside up to 20% of net proceeds for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or recreational areas, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners, directs the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to annually set aside 20% of the net proceeds from the tax forfeited sale fund for acquisition and maintenance of county parks and recreational areas.

6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-105** as follows:

Certification of Unpaid County Environmental Charges

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted the Washington County Solid Waste Management Ordinance #178 on October 28, 2008 and the Washington County Solid Waste Management Ordinance #114 on May 23, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Solid Waste Management Ordinance #178 establishes the County Environmental Charge; and

WHEREAS, a solid waste hauler has provided records to the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment (Department) of generators who have unpaid 2006, 2007 and 2008 County Environmental Charges; and

WHEREAS, the solid waste hauler sent bills to generators in July 2009 for 2006, 2007 and 2008 County Environmental Charge; and

WHEREAS, the solid waste hauler sent a reminder notice to any unpaid generators in August 2009 requesting prompt payment for unpaid 2006, 2007 and 2008 County Environmental Charges; and

WHEREAS, Section 14.0, subpart 14.8.1 of the Ordinance #178 provides that on October 15 of each year, the County Board may certify to the County Auditor all unpaid outstanding Charges as reported by the Department, by Haulers and Disposal Facilities and a statement of the description of the lands which were serviced and against the Charges arose; and

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WHEREAS, the Section 14.0, subpart 14.8.1 also provides that it shall be the duty of the County Auditor, upon order of the County Board, to extend the assessments with interest provided for in Section 297.03 subd. 1 upon the tax rolls of the county of the taxes of the year in which the assessment is filed; and

WHEREAS, the properties that have failed to pay the CEC are identified in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Auditor and the Department of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections to extend the unpaid County Environmental Charges on the properties set forth in Exhibit A to this resolution as assessments with interest in accordance with County Ordinance #178.

7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-106** as follows:

Final Payment on CSAH 19 Construction Project to
Valley Paving, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on August 28, 2007 approved a bid award to Valley Paving, Inc. and signed a contract with said company for grading, bituminous paving, bituminous milling and overlay, bituminous trail, concrete paving, signing and striping, traffic control signal and rehabilitation of bridge No. 82844 in the Cities of Lake Elmo and Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, Valley Paving, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Valley Paving, Inc. be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

8. Approval to accept a donation to the Washington County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program from Pinky's Environmental Sewer Service in the amount of \$200.
9. Approval to dispose of the county's two baggage scanners by donating them to the Chisago County Sheriff's Office.
10. Approval of sub-grant agreement with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board which awarded Washington County \$99,588.37 in Public Safety Interoperable Communications System grant funding and authorize the expenditure of up to \$24,897.09 in county funds to meet the match requirement in the sub-grant agreement.
11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-107** as follows:

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Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota for the
Auto Theft Prevention Project

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement between Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Commissioner of Commerce ("state") and the Office of Justice Programs ("state") Auto Theft Prevention Project grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute such agreements that are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, none.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-108** as follows:

Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Understanding for the
County Road 83 Project in Forest Lake, Minnesota

WHEREAS, the County Road 83 project is a high priority; and

WHEREAS, the County Road 83 Memorandum of Understanding properly addresses regional concerns with the project; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding was drafted in conjunction with the following agencies: Washington County, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Rice Creek Watershed District, Anoka County, and the City of Columbus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, that Washington County enters into a Memorandum of Understanding to fully implement the County Road 83 project and other regional solutions.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Applications for Association of Minnesota Counties County Achievement Awards

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-109** as follows:

2009 AMC Achievement Award Applications
Community Correction Summer Urban Boat Project

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WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors has recognized the many valuable innovations and improvements taking place in Minnesota county government through the Minnesota County Achievement Awards program; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota County Achievement Awards are granted annually to those counties that have initiated efforts resulting in one or more of the following criteria: achievement may be utilized by other counties or provide lessons for others to use; achievement is highly innovative; project results in tangible benefits; or the achievement required substantial initiative, leadership and commitment; and

WHEREAS, counties seeking achievement for 2009 must submit a formal application that has been approved by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following application for the 2009 AMC Achievement Award:

Community Corrections Summer Urban Boat Project
Community Corrections

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows:
Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, none.

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-110** as follows:

2009 AMC Achievement Award Applications Public Health
and Environment Environmental Center

WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors has recognized the many valuable innovations and improvements taking place in Minnesota county government through the Minnesota County Achievement Awards program; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota County Achievement Awards are granted annually to those counties that have initiated efforts resulting in one or more of the following criteria: achievement may be utilized by other counties or provide lessons for others to use; achievement is highly innovative; project results in tangible benefits; or the achievement required substantial initiative, leadership and commitment; and

WHEREAS, counties seeking achievement for 2009 must submit a formal application that has been approved by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following application for the 2009 AMC Achievement Award:

Washington County Environmental Center
Public Health and Environment

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows:
Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, none.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported that last week she attended a Woodbury Lion's meeting and heard a great presentation by the City Administrator entitled "Woodbury Goes Green". It dealt with alternative energy system ordinances in the city and sustainable design. She attended the I-94 corridor meeting last week. Washington County was designated as the fiscal agent and they added Baytown Township as an ex-officio non-voting member. Today she will be taping the next segment of County Insight. There are a couple of tentative segments including a Community Corrections Department visit, tour of the new court rooms and an update on the Yellow Ribbon initiative. She announced that this weekend the 4-H youth are partnering with Pampered Chef which will be holding fund raising events that will directly benefit the Washington County 4-H program. The first one is this weekend on Sunday, October 18 at the County Fairgrounds in Houle Hall. Pampered Chef donates a certain percent of sale proceeds directly to qualifying organizations. This Saturday she will be in St. Cloud to attend an annual business network convention for businesswomen.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board. At that meeting the Minnesota Department of Health stated they are setting up a 1-800 number to handle the H1N1 medical calls coming in which is designed to alleviate a lot of those calls going to 911. The cost to implement this program is \$2.5 million. Commissioner Peterson figured that would come to about \$25 per call, which she said she thought was excessive. She asked where the money would come from to pay for this when the State has no money to pay for it.

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, indicated that the funding for this service is coming from the Federal government, from the Center for Disease Control. The 800 number will be established for all callers statewide and it is supposed to relieve those calls that may go to 911 centers, but they are also designed to alert the caller's healthcare provider and will be turned back to them to handle that call.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he and Commissioner Weik met with 4-H and Minnesota Extension to discuss the possibility of looking for state funding for 4-H and other options such as the United Way. He is pleased to announce that he has received a letter from Colonel Kevin Gerdes, Director of Personnel for the National Guard, stating that Washington County has been named the first Yellow Ribbon Network County in the State of Minnesota.

Commissioner Hegberg met with the City of Hugo to discuss business retention. He attended the Public Employee Retirement Association meeting last Thursday. The Association will probably propose an increase to employer contributions of 1/4% of wages and suspend Cost of Living Adjustment increases for a couple of years. He attended the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust meeting last week. At their December meeting they will be considering a name change. They will be concentrating on counties and

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look at not taking on school districts and phasing out some other organizations that they have included over the years, but have now grown to such an extent that they may not fit the counties situation. He will be going to the Association of Government Risk Pools (AGRIP) meeting and will not be at next week's County Board meeting.

Commissioner Peterson stated she will be filming the County Insight today, attending the Wakota Bridge meeting on Wednesday, and the State Rail Plan will be presented at the Union Depot on Wednesday. On Thursday there will be an economic speaker's lunch at the Hyatt Regency, and she encouraged all the Commissioners to attend that as well. Ray LaHood, U.S. Secretary of Transportation will be the speaker. She participated in the Counties Transportation Improvement Board (CTIB) interview for administrative services. They are recommending that Richardson-Reichert and that will be acted upon at the next CTIB meeting.

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, announced that the grand opening for the Washington County Environmental Center will be held on October 19 beginning at 4:00 p.m. with tours taking place until 7:00 p.m.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration for an update on active Land and Water Legacy Program projects. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Don Theisen, and Sharon Price.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

