

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 25, 2008

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, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Carolyn Phelps, Historic Courthouse Coordinator; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Jon Larson, Veteran's Service Officer; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Barbara Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of amendment to the 2008 Title II Grant with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice, to extend the term of the grant to June 30, 2009.
2. Approval to ratify the 2009 health insurance for Teamsters CO/911 employees.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-151** as follows:

Amend Policy #6006, Advisory Committees, Boards and
 Commissions to Payment of Per Diems to Library Board Members

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. section 375.47 authorizes counties to set a per diem allowance in lieu of expenses to be paid to the members of boards or agencies authorized by statute, and members of advisory boards or committees, performing duties for all or part of the county, when the board

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or agency does not itself have power to make expense allowances for its members; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has approved Administrative Policy #6006 relating to Advisory Committees, Boards and Commissions and provides for the payment of per diems to advisory board members; and

WHEREAS, 2005 Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 13, changed the governance structure of the Washington County Library making the County Board the Governing Board and the Library Board an advisory board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the payment of per diems to members of the Washington County Library Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the amendment of Administrative Policy #6006 to include the Library Board in the listing of advisory bodies for whom per diems may be made to members.

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-152** as follows:

State Cost-Share Assistance Contract with Washington
Conservation District St. Croix Bluffs Regional
Park Buckthorn Treatment

WHEREAS, Washington County Parks requested cost-share assistance from the Washington Conservation District to help defray the cost of buckthorn treatment in St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Conservation District has made available a State Cost-Share Assistance Contract to Washington County for the described project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners to sign on behalf of the County the State Cost-Share Assistance Contract between Washington County and the Washington Conservation District conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grant funds for the described development project be directed to Washington County without further action by the County Board.

5. Bids were received for carpet tile replacement services at the Oakdale Library as follows:

St. Paul Linoleum & Carpet Company	\$43,739.00
Hiller's Flooring America	\$47,234.00

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Approval to award contract for carpet tile replacement services at the Oakdale Library to St. Paul Linoleum and Carpet Company and to authorize execution of the contract through the signatures of the County Board Chair and County Administrator without further action from the County Board.

6. Approval of contract with Bruette Roofing, Inc. to re-roof the North Maintenance Shop small salt storage shed and to authorize execution of the contract through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action from the County Board.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Commissioner Kriesel moved to authorize the receipt of \$175 from the American Legion #491 Auxiliary, Bayport, Minnesota, by Community Services Veterans Services Division for the Emergency Assistance Fund. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

METROPOLITAN MOSQUITO CONTROL

Jim Stark, Director of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Board, and Marty Kirkman, East Region Group Leader, presented an update of the 2008 programs and an overview of the 2009 budget and plans.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-153** as follows:

County Library Hours

WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Laws of Minnesota 2005, gives the Washington County Board of Commissioners the authority to direct, operate and manage the Washington County Library System; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Library desires to provide effective and cost efficient services in all branch libraries within the system; and

WHEREAS, the demand for service in the larger branch libraries is increasing faster than at other branches and there is a need to have more staff available in those locations during open hours, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Library Board reviewed the proposed library schedule and recommended approval to the County Board at its August 2008 board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, effective January 1, 2009, Washington County Library will be open on the following schedule of hours, with the exception of legal holidays and closings approved by the County Board upon recommendation of the Library Board:

DAY	Valley (Lakeland) Newport Wahl (Lake Elmo) Marine	Park Grove (Cottage Grove) Oakdale Wildwood (Mahtomedi)	Stafford (Woodbury) Hardwood Creek (Forest Lake)
Sunday	Closed	1—5 pm	1—5 pm
Monday	10 am—2 pm	9:30 am—8 pm	9:30 am—8 pm
Tuesday	2—6 pm	12:30—8 pm	9:30 am—8 pm
Wednesday	2—6 pm	12:30—8 pm	9:30 am—8 pm
Thursday	2—6 pm	12:30—8 pm	9:30 am—8 pm
Friday	10 am—2 pm	12:30—5 pm	9:30 am—5 pm
Saturday	Closed	9:30 am—5 pm	9:30 am—5 pm
Hours/week	20	49	61

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs the Library Administration to give public notice of this schedule of library hours at least 30 days prior to implementing the schedule.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Weik; No, Commissioner Kriesel.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Sherry Broecker, Metropolitan Council District 12 Representative

Sherry Broecker, Metropolitan Council District 12 Representative introduced herself and distributed a packet of information for the County Board. She looks forward to meeting with the County Board again in early 2009 with other Metropolitan Council staff, to discuss concerns the Commissioners may have.

Update on the J.A.R. Bridge in St. Paul Park

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director, updated the Board about a portion of the J.A.R. Bridge that collapsed last week. After review by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) this week, he expects the State Bridge Engineer will issue an order to Washington and Dakota Counties for the bridge’s immediate removal because of public safety. They have applied for assistance through the state aide disaster account and if they are successful, that could potentially fund 100% of the removal of this bridge currently estimated at between \$2 million and \$3 million. Both counties are unified in removing this bridge immediately and they will pursue doing that this winter after the shipping lanes are closed and they receive a permit from the Coast Guard. The Sheriff has signed and sealed off the perimeter of this bridge; they will be installing a fence to keep people away from this site.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Counties Transportation Improvement Board meeting last week. An item that was informative was Springsted did a financial analysis of the ¼ cent sales tax and what they could potentially build and how it would operate; and, the fact that they probably wouldn't be bonding for four years. She talked about how the economy is affecting the needs of many of the non-profits such as the food shelves and that they are being inundated with people who are in need. The Holiday Train will go through Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park, and Newport on December 12 and their goal is to raise \$30,000 for the food shelf. The Holiday Train is filled with Christmas lights and they have a program and music and it raises money for a non-profit that is serving the county. She will be going to Rochester to talk with Olmsted County about joining the joint powers agreement for high-speed rail along the Red Rock Corridor and they are looking at establishing a Regional Rail Authority. On the 8th of December she has been asked to participate in the Passenger Rail Plan and Comprehensive Freight Plan. She cannot attend on that day and she wondered if someone from Public Works could attend for her. She will be in Duluth for the Association of Minnesota Counties and will be attending another joint powers meeting of the Red Rock Corridor. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported that he attended the State Senate recount last week as a representative of the Coleman campaign. He thanked Kevin Corbid and Carol Peterson for a very smooth, professional process.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Mental Health Advisory Committee he attended last week. Cameron Winter, a member of that committee, will be leaving for Iraq as a helicopter pilot. He will leave soon after the birth of his child and will be in Iraq from 12 to 18 months.

Commissioner Weik reported that she attended a workshop at Woodbury City Hall regarding the I-94 corridor coalition. Last week she attended the Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting which discussed the role played by the county in the Hugo tornado last May. Next week she and Commissioner Peterson will co-host the County Insight program with Commissioner Peter McLaughlin from Hennepin County. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Counties Transportation Improvement Board meeting last week. Dave Christenson from the Minnesota Department of Transportation talked about high-speed rail and that Wisconsin's high-speed rail will reach La Crosse in 2012. He wasn't aware that Wisconsin was that far ahead. He attended the Rush Line Corridor meeting and they are anxious to find out where Washington County stands on the 288 bus. He reported on a meeting he attended on Saturday involving persons with disabilities and it is a reminder that some people have challenges in life and that fetal alcohol syndrome is still a problem. Metro Family Alliance met and discussed funding. He suggested talking with the state and federal lobbyists to see if targeted funds are available.

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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 Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to discuss the proposed 2009 property taxes. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Kevin Corbid, Joanne Helm, Jennifer Wagenius, Harley Will, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works for an update on park and trail acquisitions and a Historic Courthouse update. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop sessions were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, John Elholm, Carolyn Phelps, Peter Mott, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator