

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MARCH 6, 2007**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:05 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Commissioners Pulkrabek and Orth absent. Board Chair Kriesel presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Kathy Trombly-Ferrin, Financial Services Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the February 20, 2007 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of contract with East Suburban Resources to provide job skills training, job development and placement, and supported employment services for people enrolled in the Diversionary Work Program and the Minnesota Family Investment Program for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.
3. Approval of amendment to the Financial Advisory Services agreement with Springsted Incorporated.
4. Approval of the Volunteer Management Services project amendment with the Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers and authorization for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into the agreement.
5. Bids were received for demolition of houses located in Stillwater and Denmark Township as follows:

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<u>Bidder</u>	6065 <u>Panama</u>	10301 St. <u>Croix Trail</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Blue Diamond Enterprises	\$12,750	\$8,500	\$21,250
Jay Brothers	\$10,500	\$9,100	\$19,600
Lodahl Demolition	No Bid	\$5,800	\$ 5,800
Max Todo Marine	\$ 9,175	\$6,250	\$15,425
R.S.T. Inc.	\$ 9,720	\$4,925	\$14,645
Ray Anderson & Sons	\$10,200	\$6,200	\$16,400
Rayco Excavating	\$10,800	\$5,200	\$16,000
Roger Peterson Const.	No Bid	\$8,900	\$ 8,900
Rumpca Company	\$19,350	\$8,450	\$27,800
Semple Excavating	\$15,680	\$8,950	\$24,630

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-025** as follows:

Contract Award for Demolition of Buildings on
County Land to R.S.T, Inc.

WHEREAS, bids were requested for the removal or demolition of two houses located on county property; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on February 20, 2007 for houses located at 6065 Panama Street in Stillwater and 10301 St. Croix Trail South in Denmark Township; and

WHEREAS, the bidding process resulted in no bids for removal of the buildings; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for the demolition of the houses is RST, Inc. in the amount of \$14,645; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of R.S.T. Inc. for the demolition of the houses located at 6065 Panama Street in Stillwater and 10301 St. Croix Trail South in Denmark Township be accepted under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the demolition agreement between the county and R.S.T. Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

6. Approval of cooperative construction and maintenance agreement with the City of Woodbury for construction of CSAH 13, CSAH 18, and Lake Road.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Pulkrabek and Orth absent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the agreement between Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and Washington County Community Services Department, Workforce Center

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Division to administer the grant and provide reemployment services to laid-off Andersen Windows employees. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Pulkrabek and Orth absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief update on transportation/transit issues discussed at the legislature last week: an appropriation for studying transportation/transit improvements along Highway 36; appropriation of \$1.5 million for the design and construction of park and ride facilities along the Red Rock Corridor; Senate File 658 which would provide \$1 million in bonding for transportation and transit improvements along the I-94 corridor; the Eastern Transportation Alliance (ETA) is gearing up; and Commissioner Peterson, Don Theisen, and he attended a meeting at the Association of Minnesota Counties and discussed the possibility of a metropolitan wide sales tax of a half cent for transportation and transit and there was agreement to continue to support the AMC transportation bill.

Commissioner Peterson commended county staff for preparing a “coaster” which explains the average daily trips on the road in the east metro compared to the west metro. She feels these are great tools to demonstrate the transportation/transit needs on the east side of the metro.

Mr. Schug discussed a proposed letter to the Washington County Legislative delegation supporting the portion of the Governor’s recommend budget which includes an increase in the Community Corrections Acts subsidy.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to authorize a letter supporting the portion of the Governor’s recommended budget which includes an increase in the Community Corrections Acts subsidy. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Pulkrabek and Orth absent.

Commissioner Peterson requested a news release about this being one of the county’s mandates and the impact it has on the budget. In the same article she would like to see the increase of the dollars the county is putting into the jail because of the short-term offenders from the state. These are mandates the county has no control of and the property taxpayers are picking up the tab.

Mr. Schug also reported that the Senate Health and Human Services Budget division heard the county initiated bill that would provide supplemental funding to the child support program to replace the potential loss of \$8 million in Federal aid that came out of the Deficit Reduction Act. There was also a bill introduced that would require an assessment in discharge planning for jail inmates that have a mental illness. They will have to watch this so it doesn’t become an unfunded mandate on the property tax.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported that the Mosquito Control District now has in place a web site that shows where treatments would be applied, what the treatment is, and the topography. She believes this will be helpful to those who are concerned about the different chemicals.

Commissioner Peterson reported that there will be another meeting of the Eastern Transportation Alliance on March 12 in St. Paul at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hegberg indicated that he will not be at next week's Board meeting because he will be attending an insurance trust conference.

Commissioner Hegberg requested numbers on what the county spent on paint. He learned at last week's Regional Solid Waste Coordinating Board meeting that latex paint is not a hazardous waste, it is an issue of putting it in the garbage and having it leach into the ground. They've never been successful at recycling it.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Pulkrabek and Orth absent. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Gary Kriesel, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator