

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 24, 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, and Kriesel. Commissioner Stafford absent. Board Chair Hegberg 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; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Rebecca Ault, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Mike Rogers, Senior Planner; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; and Maggie Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Senator Katie Sieben, District 57, reported on a recent trip to Washington D.C. to lobby for Midwest Regional Rail which consists of high-speed passenger rail. She indicated that many other states are already operating high-speed rail throughout the Midwest region. She feels it is time that Minnesota get on board and invest in high-speed rail. It is estimated that this project would bring over 1,500 permanent new jobs to Minnesota and have \$145 million of development potential. There is a concerted effort by other counties in Minnesota to have the proposed route come through Rochester and up into Minneapolis. She feels it is important to maintain the route up along the Mississippi River and up into the Twin Cities. She will be happy to work with the County Board to do whatever she can to assure that when high-speed rail does happen, that it will come through Washington County to benefit its residents.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to appoint Kristine Jarchow, Cottage Grove, to the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Citizen Advisory Committee to a first term expiring June 30, 2010.
2. Approval to enter an agreement with Zix Corporation to provide an email encryption solution.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-086** as follows:

Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo by the
St. Paul East Park Lions Club

WHEREAS, the St. Paul East Park Lions Club has made an application to Conduct Excluded bingo according to requirements contained in M.S. 349.166 Sub2. The event will be held July 30th thru August 3, 2008, at the Washington County Fair Grounds, 12300 40th St., Baytown, MN during the Washington County Fair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does not oppose issuance of exemption consistent with the application.

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-087** as follows:

Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Property
by Heir of Former Owner

WHEREAS, the tax parcel identified as PID #29.032.20.32.0005 forfeited to the State of Minnesota on July 18, 2007 for nonpayment of property taxes due in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the prior owner's heir has submitted an Application for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Lands as in accordance with M.S. 282.241; and

WHEREAS, a check has been received for the sum of all delinquent and current taxes and assessments together with penalties, interest, and costs that have accrued or would have accrued if the parcel had not forfeited to the state; and

WHEREAS, permitting the repurchase will promote the use of the land that will best serve the public; then

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the repurchase of heir, by former owners, of parcel #29.032.20.32.0005, pursuant to M.S. 282.241.

Entity Requesting Repurchase of Parcel:
Anna Marie Allers
Parcel ID #:29.032.20.32.0005
Repurchase Price: \$1,363.43

5. Approval of contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for construction staking services for the reconstruction of Washington County State Aid Highway 18 (CSAH 18) in Lakeland and Lakeland Shores for a cost not to exceed \$128,116.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-088** as follows:

State of Minnesota Lease
Washington County Woodbury Service Center

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and the State of Minnesota entered into a lease agreement numbered 9838 on January 22, 1992 providing

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common and office space to the Dept. of Employment and Economic Development in the building known as the Washington County Woodbury Service Center, Woodbury, MN; and

WHEREAS, the term of lease agreement numbered 9838 expired on December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has submitted a new lease agreement, numbered 11627; and

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and the State of Minnesota wish to continue the lease of space arrangement through the acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in lease agreement numbered 11627; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lease between the County of Washington and the State of Minnesota 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.

7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-089** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of Amendment No. 1 to
Metropolitan Council Grant Agreement No. SG-2006-71
Transit Center in Forest Lake

WHEREAS, Washington County entered Grant Agreement No. SG-2006-71, with the Metropolitan Council on August 22, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Grant Agreement No. SG-2006-71 covers the local match to federal funds for construction of a property purchase at the transit center in Forest Lake; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Rush Line Corridor Task Force Awarded an additional \$106,000 in funding to Washington County for the completion of the transit center in Forest Lake; and

WHEREAS, federal funds cover 80% of the \$106,000 and state bond funds cover the remaining 20%; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has an existing grant agreement covering the release of state bond funds to Washington County for the transit center in Forest Lake; and

WHEREAS, this agreement needs to be amended so Washington County can receive the \$21,200 needed to match the \$84,800 in federal funds to pay for a portion of the construction costs of the transit center.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County approves entering into Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. SG-2006-71 with the Metropolitan Council to increase the amount of \$20,200 from \$190,328 to \$211,528 and to extend the term of the agreement from June 30, 2008 to December 31, 2008; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned amendment.

8. Approval to establish a date for public hearing to consider an amendment to the Washington County Subdivision Ordinance for July 22, 2008.
9. Approval of contract with Harris Stratex in the amount of \$1,254,606 to supply, install, and commission microwave radio systems for the 800 MHz Radio System.
10. Approval of contract with PSC Alliance, Inc. in the amount of \$185,000 for consulting services to complete the 800 MHz Radio System.
11. Approval to amend contract with Vinco, Inc. for construction services for five 800 MHz Radio Sites, to extend the contract to July 31, 2008.

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

MINNESOTA INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Keith Carlson, Executive Director, Minnesota Inter-County Association, and Bob Vanasek and John Tuma, MICA Lobbyists, presented a report on the actions of the 2008 State Legislature and the impact on MICA county members. Mr. Carlson described how the legislature solved the State's budget deficit by raising tax revenues, raised non-tax revenues, had minor transfers from other funds, and the largest part of the solution was drawing down the State's budget reserve.

(Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.)

WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

John Kaul, Washington County Lobbyist, reviewed the 2008 State Legislative Session and its impact on Washington County.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Wayland Campbell, Department of Human Services Director, Child Support Enforcement Division, presented a brief overview of the federally mandated review to measure and evaluate compliance with child support enforcement program requirements. Compliance with policy requirements in nine areas was examined during the review process, and Washington County achieved compliance in all areas. Mr.

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Campbell presented the County Board Chair with a Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Compliance with State and Federal Child Support Regulations as Measured in the Minnesota Self Assessment Review Process.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Historic Civil War Era Cannon

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-090** as follows:

Proclamation on the Acceptance and Placement of the Historic Civil War Era Cannon

WHEREAS, the Muller Post, No. 1, of the Grand Army of the Republic of Stillwater donated a Civil War 8” Siege Howitzer to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for placement at the Washington County Courthouse in 1901; and

WHEREAS, in 1917 the Board of Commissioners donated the Siege Howitzer to the World War I scrap drive; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion, Post 48 of Stillwater donated a captured 105 mm German Field Artillery Cannon and carriage to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for placement at the Washington County Courthouse in 1932; and

WHEREAS, in 1942 the Washington County Board of Commissioners donated the German Field Artillery Cannon to the World War II scrap drive; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 a Civil War Flank Howitzer will be donated to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for placement at the Washington County Historic Courthouse.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the donation of this cannon and proclaim its grateful appreciation to the volunteer “Cannon Committee” and the community donors who have made possible the acquisition of this historic cannon as a remembrance of the 1861–1865 Civil War that was fought to preserve the union of the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby order the placement of this Civil War era cannon on the grounds of the Washington County Historic Courthouse in honor and remembrance of the Washington County residents and all Minnesotans who have served their country in all of the wars that have been waged to preserve and protect these United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners places this cannon on this historic site with the hope that no cannon or other weapon will ever again need to be fired to preserve the union of the United States of America.

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Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Stafford and Pulkrabek absent.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that a dedication ceremony unveiling the cannon will be held on July 4, 2008 at the Historic Courthouse beginning at 10:30 a.m.

July 1 County Board Meeting

Commissioner Peterson moved to cancel the July 1, 2008 County Board meeting. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Stafford and Pulkrabek absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson wished Mayor Bill Hargis, City of Woodbury, the best in his upcoming surgery.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Metropolitan Council meeting held in Forest Lake last week. They discussed Section 8 affordable housing, affordable housing in general, transportation issues for the east side of the metropolitan area, and a new sewer station in New Brighton. He announced that the Forest Lake Library usage is up nearly 80% and it was estimated that it would be 30%.

Commissioner Kriesel asked about the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB). He mentioned that the discussion with Metropolitan Council last week sounded like the numbers for the Red Rock Corridor wouldn't justify it. Commissioner Hegberg stated it probably wouldn't justify train traffic, but bus traffic would be best. Train systems need high density housing, and Washington County has tried to keep that rural atmosphere.

Commissioner Kriesel asked when the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee appointments will be made. Commissioner Peterson noted that at the CTIB meeting last week the Association of Metro Cities announced the process for appointment to that. She believes the selection committee will meet at the end of this month.

(Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 10:40 a.m.)

Commissioner Pulkrabek attended the Oakdale Summerfest this past weekend and rode in the parade with former mayors as Grand Marshall's.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 10:45 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Commissioner Stafford absent. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Mike Rogers, Senior Planner; and Maggie Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

