

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
JANUARY 26, 2010**

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 Weik, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Commissioner Peterson absent. 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; Sue Harris, First Assistant County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Cathy Ellis, Community Services Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Sandy Hahn, Deputy Community Corrections Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Planning Manager; Andy Gitzlaff, Associate Planner; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment; Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager; 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 public; none were heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the January 12, 2010 County Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Terry Smith, Forest Lake, to the Workforce Investment Board, representing the Small Business Sector, to a two year term expiring June 30, 2012.
3. Approval to appoint Scott Dawson as Probation Officer Representative to the Community Corrections Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2010.
4. Approval to renew contracts with Megan L. Sigmon, LGSW, Jane Hurley Johncox, and Penticoff Community Counseling, Inc. for Multi Systemic Therapy, a research-based intensive in-home therapy program and alternative to juvenile placement

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5. Approval of the following 2010-2011 contracts to provide home and community based services to individuals with developmental disabilities on Medical Assistance waivers: Outcomes, Inc. and Owakihi, Inc.
6. Approval of Amendment Number Three to contract with East Suburban Resources, Inc. to provide job skills training, job development, employment counseling, and placement services for individuals enrolled in the Diversionary Work Program and/or the Minnesota Family Investment Program to extend the term of the contract and allocate funds for 2010.
7. Approval to revise Policy #5503 Pre-Employment Background Checks.
8. Approval of Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Woodbury for development of optical fiber network.
9. Approval of data/voice cabling contract with Network Design, Inc. for the period of February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011.
10. Approval of contract with Expedite! Direct Mail for printing and mailing of 2010 and 2011 property tax related documents.
11. Approval to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Scott, and Ramsey Counties to conduct Metro-Area Adult Health Survey.
12. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-016** as follows:

#### 2010 Plumbing and Mechanical Services

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the general repair, remodeling, replacement, installation and maintenance of plumbing systems at the various facilities, the county solicited bids for this service in November 2007 and awarded Contract 4439 to Northern Air Corporation on January 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Contract 4439 with Northern Air Corporation is eligible to be renewed for up to three additional one year terms upon agreement by both parties; and

WHEREAS, the term of Contract 4439 with Northern Air Corporation expired on December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the County of Washington wishes to continue Contract 4439 through 2010 with Northern Air Corporation for plumbing and mechanical services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment #2 to Contract 4439 with Northern Air Corporation is approved and the Chair of

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the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator are authorized to execute said amendment on behalf of Washington County.

13. Approval of supplemental agreement #4 to the CSAH 18 road construction project contract with Forest Lake Contracting.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 4-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Hegberg, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none; Commissioner Peterson absent.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dan Papin, Community Services Director, introduced Lyman M. Robinson for the appointment as Veterans Service Officer for Washington County. Mr. Robinson is currently a Veterans Assistant Supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Veteran's Affairs. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Southern Illinois and has served 21 years in the United States Navy.

Reggie Worlds, Senior Director of Programs and Services for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs addressed the Board regarding Mr. Robinson's appointment. Mr. Worlds has had the opportunity to watch Mr. Robinson grow and feels that Washington County will have a fine employee. He is the State expert on the Soldiers Assistance Program. The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs is very passionate about the mission it has been charged with. They would like to avail any resources that they have to Washington County, as they have to any county in the State of Minnesota, to help the county in its pursuit to perfect delivery of services to the veterans, their spouses, and their family members.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-017** as follows:

#### Appointment of County Veterans Service Officer

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Chapter 197.60 requires county boards to appoint a veterans service officer to assist veterans in the county with securing a broad range of services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Lyman M. Robinson to the position of Veterans Service Officer for a four year term effective February 1, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first twelve months of the term shall be probationary.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Hegberg, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none; Commissioner Peterson absent.

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The Honorable Thomas Armstrong, District Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to Lyman M. Robinson, newly appointed Veterans Service Officer.

Mr. Robinson thanked the County Board and looks forward to assisting and serving the veterans and the people of Washington County and working with the County Board.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager, informed the Board that the Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative grant program will provide funding for Washington County in the amount of \$320,924. These funds will be used to increase the county's capabilities in the following areas: purchase of an Interoperable Communications Vehicle; mass casualty incident equipment to support basic and advanced life support; and training and exercises to support purchased equipment as well as specific exercise funds to support the conduct of a County Continuity of Operations Plan exercise.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to authorize the County Board Chair and Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to receive funding through the Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative grant program. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Capital Grant Agreement with the Counties Transit Improvement Board**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-018**, as follows:

Resolution to Enter into a Capital Grant Agreement with the  
Counties Transit Improvement Board for Land Acquisition for a  
Park-and-Ride/Transit Station in the City of Newport

WHEREAS, Washington County has been a member of the Red Rock Corridor Commission since 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Corridor is included in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan as a transitway; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Corridor commission completed an Alternatives Analysis in 2007 that included the development of a future transit station in Newport and that the ultimate transit mode for the corridor would be commuter rail; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County has been a member of the Counties Transit Improvement Board since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Counties Transit Improvement Board has identified the Red Rock Corridor as transitway that is eligible for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Counties Transit Improvement Board has adopted a Transit Investment Framework and has estimated that \$85,000,000 in revenue will be generated to 2010; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is guaranteed three percent (3%) of the total estimated revenue generated for the years 2010-2013; and

WHEREAS, the Counties Transit Improvement Board has awarded a capital grant agreement in the amount of \$2,550,000 for land acquisition in the City of Newport for a park-and-ride/transit station.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves entering into the Capital Grant Agreement with the Counties Transit Improvement Board for land acquisition for a park-and-ride/transit station in the City of Newport and authorizes the Board Chair and County Administrator to execute the Agreement on behalf of the county.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Hegberg, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none; Commissioner Peterson absent.

#### **Formal Comments on the Draft Comprehensive Statewide Freight and Passenger Rail Plan**

Commissioner Kriesel asked that the following language on Page 3, Chapter 7 – Financial:

“We do expect there to be a negotiated cost participation from the local agencies for certain capital cost items. However, no assumption should be made for cost participation of O&M costs by the local agencies.”

Be changed to:

“We strongly recommend that cost participation by the local agencies for O&M costs should not be considered an option or underlying assumption in the State Rail Plan.”

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the submittal of formal comments from Washington County, as amended, to the Minnesota Department of Transportation on the Draft Comprehensive Statewide Freight and Passenger Rail Plan. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **2009 Minnesota Engineer of the Year**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that Don Theisen, Public Works Director, was named the 2009 Minnesota Engineer of the Year by the Minnesota County Engineer Association at their annual meeting last week.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting he attended last week. Vacancies are doing better, and they are ahead of the budget. At the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting, Commissioner Peterson presented the resolution asking for State bonding for the I-94 corridor. He attended the Minnesota Inter County Association meeting last week and there was no real positive news on the state level. He attended the Community Action Program meeting yesterday with Congressman Obey and Congresswoman McCollum, and they attended the function for Congressman Obey last night.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he testified at the Senate Transportation Committee for Park-and-Ride funding in Woodbury. He attended the Legislative priorities meeting with the county's legislative delegation. He attended Lake Elmo's community event for the Yellow Ribbon initiative. That was well attended. He also participated in the homecoming event at the Stillwater Armory welcoming home the 23 MP's that came back from Iraq. It was a wonderful event. This week he has the Planning Advisory Commission, the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, Community Correction Advisory Committee, the League of Local Governments, and he'll be at the Capitol testifying at the House Transportation on I-94.

Commissioner Weik reported she also attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting as an observer and non-voting member. The Federal Transportation Administrator Ray LaHood is here this week. They discussed whether or not the Central Corridor project is going to be included in President Obama's budget. There are other issues with the Central Corridor with the cost effective index which has been removed by Secretary LaHood so additional stops can be implemented. They were presented with a list of Senate and House bills. The House has a time limit of two minutes to read these bills. Senator Tarryl Clark had introduced a draft bill extending the Northstar Rail to St. Cloud.

Commissioner Weik also attended the Minnesota Inter County Association (MICA) meeting in St. Cloud. Senator Tarryl Clark, Assistant Majority Leader, was a keynote speaker. Senator Clark stated that it was going to be a short bonding session. During the business meeting portion before the dinner, Commissioner Weik thought that Commissioner Hegberg gave a great update on the Public Employee

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Retirement Association. The Board appreciates his expertise. MICA discussed the Governor's capital budget recommendation and the legislative bonding bills. They felt the bridges were in good shape with \$75 million set aside; roads are in line to get \$20 million and that MICA should feel good about those numbers. The legislative leadership is going to fast track the bonding bill and the bills are not going to languish in conference committee.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Library Board meeting she attended last evening. They discussed the Hugo Kiosk and everybody is anxiously awaiting this item. Carver County will also be testing one of these units. They are anticipating that in February the Hugo Kiosk will be up and running. They discussed the Minnesota Historical Society grant where they will be able to purchase books related to Minnesota history and culture. They have a full program of events coming up this year, a big highlight is a look at Civil War history. Washington County Library will receive approximately \$55,000 in legacy funds per state fiscal year for the next two years and they are working on how to best spend that funding. Those funds cannot be used for operating costs or to supplant existing budgeted funds. If residents of the county would like to give input on that, the Library Board is looking for ideas. She presented statistics about library use and loans: Woodbury, 920,251; Forest Lake, almost 500,000; Park Grove, Cottage Grove, approximately 300,000; Oakdale, 212,000; Wildwood, 193,477; then it drops off from there. There is a percent change they look at too. The libraries she just mentioned are all positive; Woodbury is growing by 6.6 percent. The City of Lake Elmo has requested that the hours at the Rosalie Wahl Library be changed. There was detailed discussion and thoughtful analysis. The Library Director had a draft work paper on whether or not to change hours at branches. It was a unanimous vote of the Library Board to recommend not to expand the hours in the Lake Elmo Branch on Saturdays because it was not cost neutral.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he agrees with a lot of what was just said, but he feels this should be discussed at a workshop with the libraries. There was a lot of information given that hasn't come before the County Board.

Commissioner Weik attended the legislative meeting at Oak Marsh and appreciated the Legislative delegates who were able to attend that night. She will also be attending the League of Local Governments meeting this Thursday at the Prom Center.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported he attended the Workforce Investment Board. They discussed updating their marketing material. He attempted to go to the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging. He mistakenly thought it was last Thursday, but it is this week. He had a nice discussion with Gail Hernandez. He will be attending that meeting this week. He attended the Legislative Delegation meeting and thought that went well. On Saturday he did a cable show with Margo Rheinberger and Taco Bealka to discuss county issues. The League of Local Government meeting is this Thursday. He will be meeting with Representative Nora Slawik this afternoon to discuss county issues.

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Commissioner Weik announced that the Met Council's 2010 State of the Region will be held on Monday, February 1 at Silverwood Regional Park in St. Anthony.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator