

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 16, 2007

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, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Kriesel 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; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Mike Rogers, Transportation Planner; Ginny Chace, Administrative Services Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Amanda Goebel, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Nancy Brase, Administrative Services Manager; Rose Peterson, Central Services Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Barbara Fritsche, I.T. Supervisor; 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 Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the January 2, 2007 Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-004** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation
Nancy Pollock, Executive Director
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board

WHEREAS, Nancy Pollock will retire as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Metropolitan Emergency Services Board on January 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Pollock began her duties as Executive Director in 1995 and she has provided 11 years of professional leadership and innovation during her tenure; and

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WHEREAS, Nancy Pollock has accomplished many goals, including the merger of the former Metropolitan 911 Board with the Radio Board to become the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board; the change to the voice over internet protocol network (VOIP); and the adoption of wireless communications; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Pollock has also served with national emergency communications organizations such as the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the Association of Public Service Communications Officials (APCO) to foster the technological advancement, availability, and implementation of 911; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation and respect, Nancy Pollock's leadership of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily commends Nancy Pollock for her work in increasing public safety through an efficient and coordinated 911 system and extends its best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

3. Approval of purchase of service agreement with Tubman Family Alliance to provide services to victims/families of domestic abuse.
4. Approval to amend the dollar amount on an existing service agreement with Jean Kubitschek to provide custody and parenting time evaluations.
5. Approval of purchase of service agreement with Human Services, Inc. for domestic abuse assessment and treatment, for the P.L.A.C.E. program in Stillwater, the Community Options program, and the VOICES program.
6. Approval to renew contracts for Multi Systemic Therapy (MST) a juvenile placement alternative intensive in-home therapy program with the following: Penticoff Community Counseling; Meketarian, Inc.; and, the Van Group, Inc.
7. Approval of amendment to SirsiDynix Corporation for maintenance of the HORIZON integrated library system database.
8. Approval and authorization for the County Board Chair and the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Mary Hanf, for onsite county employee wellness activities.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-005** as follows:

Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety,
State Patrol Division for the Operation NightCAP Grant

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, authorizes the Washington County Sheriff's Office, to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Patrol Division for the project entitled: Operation NightCAP, during the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sheriff, Bill 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 unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg moved to renew purchase of service agreements to provide diversion, community work service, education and early intervention services with the following: Children's Home Society and Family Services; White Bear Lake Community Counseling Center; Forest Lake Youth Service Bureau; and Youth Service Bureau, Inc. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson abstained.

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS

Ron Cox, Section Vice President of the Association of Government Accounts, presented the County Board with a Certificate of Achievement in Service Efforts and Accomplishments Reporting for the 2005 Washington County Annual Performance Report.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Mike Rogers, Transportation Planner, reviewed action taken regarding a proposed I-94 corridor study. In meeting with staff from Ramsey County it was determined to model the I-94 corridor coalition after the Red Rock and Rush Line corridors to include elected representatives and staff from each agency or municipality who would meet and make decisions for the corridor. They have not decided whether there will be a joint powers agreement for this corridor. A cost estimate of \$1 million to perform a transportation study for the Lake St. Croix Corridor has been discussed: \$350,000 for the I-94 Interregional Corridor Study, and \$650,000 for the I-94 Transit Feasibility Study. Mr. Rogers stated that they will be working on draft language requesting the \$1 million for the study through the Minnesota Legislature. Senator Saltzman's staff will be working on this language with the counties. They will also be working on information about the corridor including what are the transportation numbers, what kind of growth is happening in the corridor, and developing a corridor map. They will continue to work on the 36 corridor improvement options.

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Commissioner Peterson suggested that the businesses along I-94 be included in this process. Mr. Rogers stated that the business community has been discussed including the local Chambers of Commerce along the corridor.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Transfer of Responsibilities for the Boomsite Wayside to the DNR

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-006** as follows:

Support Senate File No. 18 Transfer Responsibility for Re-Opening
and Operating the Boomsite Historical Wayside to the Department of Natural Resources

BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby supports Senate File 18 of the 2007 Minnesota Legislative Session which, if enacted into law, will transfer the responsibility for re-opening and operating the Boomsite Historical Wayside located 1.2 miles north of the junction of Trunk Highways 95 and 96 in Washington County to the commissioner of natural resources for use as a historic wayside.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners also supports an appropriation to the commissioner of natural resources for the operation and maintenance of the Boomsite Historical Wayside.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Legislative Reception

Jim Schug reminded the Board that there will be a reception with the county legislative delegation this evening at the Oak Marsh Golf Club in Oakdale at 4:45 p.m.

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Appointment

Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint Wayne Moe, Scandia, to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Board of Managers to fill an unexpired term to September 22, 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported that Lake County Commissioner Clair Nelson was killed this past weekend while working on his car. Services will be held on Wednesday, January 17. He was an active county commissioner and will be missed.

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Commissioner Peterson reported they met with the two finalist for the executive director position of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB). They hope to have someone on Board by the first of March. They also met with six lobbying firms and have reduced them to three. The MESB will be meeting with each of the three and then make a decision.

Commissioner Peterson announced that the Minnesota Inter-County Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday in Faribault. She will be attending the Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) so she may be late for the meeting. The TAB will be discussing the extension of the Metropolitan Transit taxing authority to include the entire seven county metropolitan area.

Commissioner Peterson reported that there are funds in jeopardy at the federal level regarding transportation. She suggested that the Board lobby the federal delegation to retain those funds. She also reported that the primary seatbelt law is moving through the committees. Finally, the \$800 million in bonding for road and bridge projects that was approved last year, when the new state fiscal year begins on July 1 that number will drop to \$450 million because of inflation. Prices for construction are going up.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated that the Finance Committee will meet following the Board meeting. One item for discussion includes the Whispering Oaks redevelopment. He is in support of the project, but will be asking two questions: 1) How affordable will the affordable houses be; and 2) Will Washington County residents have priority to this housing.

Commissioner Orth reported that the Metro Energy Task Force will be meeting more frequently, and will meet on January 26 in Mankato. This week he will be attending the County Government 101 sessions at the Association of Minnesota Counties.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that the Rush Line Corridor is requesting more funds at the federal level for bus lanes on Highway 61. He also attended the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust meeting.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Metro Energy Task Force meeting he attended last week. A meeting is scheduled for January 26 in Mankato between members of the Metro Energy Task Force and the Rural Energy Board of Counties to discuss governance of a possible wind energy project. They were also updated on the Governor's energy initiatives which call for 25% more renewable energies by 2025, energy conservation, and less carbon emissions in the state. They also heard about the CAP-X 2020 a transmission project.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed into Executive Session to discuss litigation strategy regarding Hilyar vs. State of Minnesota and Washington County whereby Ms. Hilyar is challenging the tax forfeiture of her two properties located in Washington County. Her basic challenge is predicated on the constitutionality of the forfeiture statutes. The parties met in court ordered mediation and a tentative settlement was negotiated. The settlement will be presented to the County Board in order to discuss the pros and cons of the settlement and how these impact the lawsuit. The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:52 a.m. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Doug Johnson, George Kuprian, Kevin Corbid, Tom Carlson, Carlson & Soldo, John Stein, MCIT, and Patricia Raddatz, Board Secretary. The Executive Session concluded at 10:21 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the formulation of a comprehensive economic development strategy. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Wayne Sandberg, Steve Nelson, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

Gary Kriesel, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator