

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 21, 2008**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 10:30 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Susan Harris, First Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Commander Steve Pott; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; and Maggie Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to submit an application for a Department of Natural Resources Community Assistance Grant to use to develop a targeted conservation plan to guide the implementation of the Land and Water Legacy Program.
2. Approval to reappoint Don Scheel, Afton, and David Bucheck, Lake Elmo, to the Valley Branch Watershed District Board of Managers to three-year terms expiring November 13, 2011.
3. Approval to appoint Joe Moore, Denmark Township, to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to a first term expiring December 31, 2009.
4. Approval of Washington County Library holiday and training closings for 2009.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-135** as follows:

Approval of Minnesota Department of
Transportation Agreement Number 91871

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Washington enter into an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the Commissioner of the Transportation for the installation and maintenance of railroad crossing signals at the intersection of Lake Elmo Avenue (CSAH 17) with the tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Lake Elmo, Minnesota, and appointing the Commissioner of Transportation agent for the county to supervise said project and administer available Federal Funds in accordance with Minnesota Statute, Section 161.36. The county's share of the cost shall be 10 percent of the total signal cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chair and County Administrator be and they are hereby authorized to execute said agreement and any amendments thereto for and on behalf of the county.

6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-136** as follows:

Resolution of Support for the Minnesota Department of
Natural Resources Land Purchase – William O'Brien State Park

WHEREAS, William O'Brien State Park is a Minnesota DNR operated park located in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota DNR desires to purchase 48 acres which are included in the statutory boundary of the park from the Parks and Trails Council; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota DNR is interested in utilizing available Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) funding to purchase the property; and

WHEREAS, to use the RIM funding a Resolution of Support approved by the Washington County Board of Commissioners is required; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 84.944, Subd. 3 and 97A.145, Subd. 2, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on October 21, 2008, provided the County Board with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for William O'Brien State Park purposes; and

WHEREAS, lands to be acquired are described as follows: The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 32 North, Range 20 West, Washington County, Minnesota; and, all that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 32 North of Range 20 West, Washington County, Minnesota, lying north of the so-called Chisago City and Marine Mills Road.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the State's proposed acquisition of the aforementioned property for William O'Brien State Park purposes.

7. Approval of Work Orders 2-6 to the CSAH 15 road construction project contract with Tower Asphalt.
8. Approval of Change Order #004 to Frerichs Construction Company for the Disaster Recovery Center located at the R.H. Stafford Library and adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-137** as follows:

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Final Payment to Frerichs Construction Company for
the Disaster Recovery Center

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners on September 4, 2007 approved a bid award to Frerichs Construction Company for provision of product, labor and equipment to construct the Disaster Recovery Center located at the R.H. Stafford Library; and

WHEREAS, Frerichs Construction Company has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Frerichs Construction Company be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

9. Approval of Amendment #3 to Contract #4202 with SRF Consulting Group for completion of the 2008 Washington County Comprehensive Plan for a not to exceed cost of \$49,900.
10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-138** as follows:

Metropolitan Council Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant Agreement
Partial Reimbursement for Grundhofer Parcel Purchase

WHEREAS, Washington County Parks applied to the Metropolitan Council for a Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant to partially finance the purchase of the Grundhofer parcel for inclusion into the Big Marine Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has made available a Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant to Washington County for the described parcel purchase; 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 for grant Agreement SG2008-094 between Washington County and the Metropolitan Council 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 parcel purchase be directed to Washington County without further action by the County Board.

11. Approval to authorize the County Board Chair and Administrator to execute the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Stillwater for CSAH 15 construction cost reimbursement and maintenance.
12. Approval of comments on the City of Woodbury draft comprehensive plans.

13. Approval of Cooperative Agreement with the City of Lakeland for the sale of two county owned trucks.
14. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-139** as follows

Agency Agreement for Cultural Resources/Architectural
History Investigation for CSAH 18 Reconstruction

WHEREAS, Washington County is undertaking the reconstruction of CSAH 18 in the City of Afton; and

WHEREAS, Washington County will secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Mn/DOT Cultural Resources Unit has identified the need for an architectural history investigation to identify whether any properties within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in order to assess impacts and to complete environmental documentation for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget amount for aforementioned architectural history investigation is \$32,238; and

WHEREAS, the local share of subject budget is 20%.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County does hereby agree to provide the local share of the proposed budget for the stated architectural history investigation, currently estimated at \$6,447.60.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman and the Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the county to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation.

15. Approval of Xybix Systems, Inc. Change Order #1 to the furniture purchase agreement.
16. Approval of Amendment #1 to lease agreement with the City of Woodbury for 800 MHz antennas and equipment located at the Woodbury water tower on Hudson Road.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reported that the County Commissioners hosted a recognition breakfast for employees with 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. He stated these employees are an example of the high quality people that the county has had working for it throughout the years.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson announced that tomorrow evening the Metropolitan Council will hold a hearing to receive comments of their 2030 Transportation Plan. She urged all the Commissioners to attend. They will take additional comments until the first week in November. She attended the transportation reauthorization meeting which is putting together a coalition to examine and make suggestions to the federal delegation about the reauthorization of transportation projects. She attended the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee last Wednesday. The first awards will be recommended to the Counties Transit Improvement Board on October 29. Next week the Association of Minnesota Counties will hold its District X meeting and she hoped that all the Commissioners could attend. They will be discussing the redesign of county government and the various county legislative packages.

Commissioner Peterson commented that she has been watching the candidate debates and is amazed at the amount of misinformation that is out there on all levels of candidates seeking office regarding the county.

Commissioner Pulkrabek attended the Oakdale Business Professional Association Candidate Forum last evening. It was interesting to hear first time candidates' perception of how the government is performing or not performing. He thought the employee recognition breakfast went very well this morning.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he has also been attending several of the debates and forums. He attended the school district forum and there are some great candidates.

Commissioner Stafford reported on the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee meeting he attended. He stated that the GEARS Committee recommended to the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) the approval of appropriations for projects that have been planned and were pretty much underway such as the Northstar and Central Corridors. He raised two questions: 1) The Northstar Stations along the route do not have any restrooms; and 2) Part of the rules call for up to 50% CTIB funding for operational costs. He questioned if it is 50% mandatory or up to 50%. His concern is that when other people are setting a budget and they know that you are going to match 50%, it might encourage loose budgeting. The group didn't have an answer and they were going to look into it. Also, Woodbury Mayor Hargis suggested that for future projects there should be a more definitive check list as these projects come in for approval. Commissioner Stafford had hoped that today's workshop on the budget review would be done on camera, but this will be reviewed again in December. He feels there is so much misinformation, and he thought a public dialogue about this today would be suitable.

Commissioner Kriesel asked for information on what projects the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee recommended to the Counties Transit Improvement Board.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Metro Family Alliance meeting he attended yesterday which discussed how the system is coming together and how targeted case management is being looked at. They will also have a meeting on October 30 with the various stakeholders of that organization for funding.

Commissioner Peterson recommended a show she saw on PBS called "Roads, Trains and Change". It talks about the metropolitan area and the history of the design of the roadway system. One of the commentators of the presentation was Curt Johnson the former Met Council Chair. She suggested that he would make a good speaker at the League of Local Governments.

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. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss possible changes to the county's preliminary 2009 budget and property tax levy. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Dan Papin, Patrick Singel, Barbara Dacy, Harley Will, Tom Adkins, Susan Harris, Kay McAloney, and Kevin Corbid.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator