

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

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, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Stafford, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Sue Harris, First Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Mike Rogers, Transportation Planner; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Sheriff Steve Pott; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sandy Cullen, 877 Lake Ridge Avenue, Woodbury, thanked the Board for its support of transportation projects during the 10 ½ years she worked in Washington County. She also announced that she is running for County Commissioner in District 2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the September 5 and 12, 2006 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint Rick Vanzwol, Grant, and Gerald Johnson, Stillwater, to the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of Managers to terms expiring October 21, 2009.
3. Approval of County Board response to Independent Auditor's findings and recommendations contained in the draft report on the internal control structure and compliance for the year ending December 31, 2005 and authorize the County Board Chair to sign the response.
4. Approval to appoint Danisa Farley, Cottage Grove, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board, to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2007.

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5. Approval of two subgrantee agreement amendments with Two Rivers Community Land Trust to change the original Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding totals for the acquisition and rehabilitation program.
6. Approval of the 2006-2007 subgrantee agreement with Human Services, Inc. to rehabilitate an existing property in order to create affordable rental housing for low-income individuals.
7. Approval of the HUD HOME subgrantee agreement with Human Services, Incorporated for the SHARE Supportive Housing Program.
8. Approval to set the Truth-in-Taxation public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2006 and a continuation hearing for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2006.
9. Approval and execution by Board Chair and County Administrator of recycling grant agreement with the City of Hugo for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
10. Approval to enter into a formal agreement with Northern States Power d/b/a Xcel Energy to provide natural gas services to the South Service Center located in Cottage Grove and the North Service Center located in Forest Lake.
11. Approval and execution of cooperative agreement with the City of Woodbury for Valley Creek Road landscape cost reimbursement.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Amendment to County Prioritized Bridge Replacement List, Bridge 5600

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-130** as follows:

Amendment of the Washington County Prioritized Bridge Replacement List

WHEREAS, Washington County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal supplied by local citizenry and local units of government, and the metropolitan council; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has identified those bridges that are high priority and has previously established a list of those that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal; and

WHEREAS, the following additional bridge has been identified as requiring removal.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridge is added to the list of high priority bridges and Washington County intends to remove this bridge as soon as possible when funds are available;

Old Bridge Number	Road Number or Name	Total Project Cost	Township or State Bridge Funds	Federal Funds	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Construction Year
5600	CSAH 38	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	2007

FURTHERMORE, Washington County does hereby request authorization to remove such bridge; and

FURTHERMORE, Washington County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible engineering costs as provided by law.

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Construction of TH 61 and CSAH 2 Intersection in Forest Lake

Mike Rogers, Transportation Planner, stated that the Broadway Avenue (CSAH 2) reconstruction project is scheduled for 2008. The preferred alternative contains seven roundabouts as the main intersection traffic control. An option that recently had been discussed would be to move the Broadway Avenue and TH 61 intersection reconstruction up to 2007 to coincide with the mill and overlay of TH 61, which is a Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) project, which would limit downtown construction to one year. Other positive reasons to proceed are: potential to detour traffic and construct the intersection quicker, possibly six to eight weeks; staging of project allows drivers to become familiar with one roundabout prior to six more being constructed; less inconvenience to motorists in 2008; allows TH 61 to be construction free in 2008; easier to complete the six remaining roundabouts in 2008; and allows community to gain a level of comfort with a roundabout.

Mr. Rogers indicated that after discussion with their consultants they feel they can make this shorter time frame work. The cost of doing this project in 2007 is \$800,000 to construct the project and about \$1.7 million for right-of-way. The \$2.5 million would be split between the County and the City of Forest Lake at 50% each. They will also be working with Mn/DOT to see if there are any cooperative agreement dollars to reduce the cost. He discussed this proposal with the Forest Lake City Council last week and they felt it was a good idea to move forward into final design on this project.

Commissioner Peterson moved to advance the construction of the Broadway Avenue (CSAH 2) and TH 61 roundabout in 2007 and build the remainder of the roundabouts in this corridor in 2008. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Proclamation of Appreciation for Gerald Peterson, West Lakeland Township**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-131** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation
Gerald Peterson
West Lakeland Township Board Member
in Recognition of his Service to the Citizens
of West Lakeland Township and Washington County

WHEREAS, Gerald Peterson retired on September 11, 2006, after serving as a Supervisor on the West Lakeland Township Board since June 1993; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Peterson has provided exceptional public service for the citizens of West Lakeland Township through his active participation as the Board representative on the West Lakeland Planning Commission and Lower St. Croix Partnership Team, and as assistant fire warden and animal control officer; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Peterson devoted his time and expertise during the development of the West Lakeland Township Comprehensive Plan and the update of the West Lakeland Township ordinances. He has been an avid planter of trees, golfer, hunter, and carpenter with the Carlson Companies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation Gerald Peterson's public service to the citizens of West Lakeland Township and Washington County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily commends Gerald Peterson for his dedication during more than 13 years of public service.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson announced that she will be having a fund raiser for local charities on October 1 at River Oaks from 4:00 to 6:00 and all proceeds will go to the HSI, Youth Service Bureau, Friends in Need Food Shelf and Stone Soup Thrift Shop.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the AMC Transportation Committee she attended in Willmar last week. She indicated that the counties reaffirmed their position for funding of transportation. They also reaffirmed their support for the Vote Minnesota constitutional amendment.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that the cable broadcast he taped last week with Commissioner Peter McLaughlin of Hennepin County and Commissioner Jack Keers of Pipestone County regarding wind turbine energy will be broadcast on Channel 6 in this area next Thursday.

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Commissioner Kriesel also reported that he will meet with the Manning Avenue Design Review Committee and attend an open house in Afton for the CR 18 project on Wednesday.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on a Rush Line Corridor meeting he attended last week. They discussed funding of a study on commuter rail and passenger rail. There was some discussion on who would pay for what as Rush Line is right on the edge between Anoka and Washington Counties. He feels the study should be done.

Commissioner Stafford reported on the Metropolitan Inter-County Association meeting he attended last week. They are considering changing their name because of some of the reaction they receive at the legislature to anything called metropolitan. It may be called the Minnesota Inter-County Association.

Commissioner Stafford applauded Commissioner Peterson for diverting her campaign energies to some charitable needs. He wished her good luck on her project.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Stafford moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to discuss Campus 2025 improvements. No business was transacted and public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Stafford, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Keith Potter, Amy Staudinger, Tom Adkins, Judge Garry Schurrer, Chris Volkens, Sheriff Steve Pott, Sue Harris, Ann Pung Terwedo, Nance Brase, Milon Tomsca, Steve Nelson, Michael Cox, Wold Architects, Lindsay Wright, Wold Architects, Erick Bjourn, Wold Architects, Joel Dunning, Wold Architects, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug

County Administrator

