# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
# WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
# APRIL 20, 2010

## WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (RRA) met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Greg Wood, Facilities Manager; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager; Sandy Hahn, Deputy Community Corrections Director; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:05 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Greg Wood, Facilities Manager; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager; Sandy Hahn, Deputy Community Corrections Director; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

## CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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1. Approval of the April 6, 2010 Board meeting minutes.

2. Approval to reappoint Dennis Hanna, St. Paul Park, and Brian Johnson, Woodbury, to the South Washington Watershed District Board of Managers, to terms expiring May 1, 2013.

3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-053** as follows:

Premises Permit Application for the
Climb Theatre, Inc.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2010, the Climb Theatre Inc. has made application pursuant to the statutes of the State of Minnesota authorizing lawful gambling; and

WHEREAS, the premises involved is The Point, located at 12378 Pt. Douglas Rd., Denmark Township, Hastings, MN.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve to approve the granting of a Premises Permit for the above described location subject to the terms of Washington County.

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-054** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption for
the Hastings Duck Unlimited

WHEREAS, the Hastings Duck Unlimited, has made application to the Gambling Control Board for the exemption from certain requirements contained in M.S. 349.166 sub 2 in order to conduct a raffle at The Point, 12378 Point Douglas Dr. Hastings (Denmark Township), 55033. The event will take place on June 14, 2010.

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

5. Approval to renew application of On Sale Liquor and Sunday Liquor License, for Withrow Ballroom Catering Services, LLC dba Bergmann Withrow Ballroom and Event Center for the period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.

6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-055** as follows:

Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program
Star Trail Association

WHEREAS, the Washington County Star Trail Association has developed a snowmobile trail system in Washington County; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that any State Grants in Aid for the described trails be directed to Washington County for disbursal to the Washington County Star Trail Association and application made therefore by said county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program application and the Minnesota Trail Association Agreement be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the County Board and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon the compliance with all specified requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

7. Approval to increase the fee for firewood sold in Parks Division facilities from $4.00 per bundle to $5.00 per bundle, and amend Policy #1032 to reflect the change.

8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-056** as follows:

Elevator Preventative Maintenance Services Amendment #1
with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the full service elevator maintenance at the various facilities, the county requested proposals for this service and awarded Contract 4073 to ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation on April 9, 2007; and

WHEREA, subsequently, Contract 4073 with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation was voided and superseded by Contract 4984; and

WHEREAS, Contract 4984 with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation is eligible to be renewed an additional one year term upon agreement by both parties; and

WHEREAS, the term of Contract 4984 with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation expired on April 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the County of Washington wishes to continue Contract 4984 to April 1, 2011 with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation for elevator preventative maintenance services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment #1 to Contract 4984 with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation is approved and the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator are authorized to execute said amendment on behalf of Washington County.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**Proclaim April 18-24, 2010 as National Volunteer Week in Washington County**

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-057** as follows:

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Washington County Board of Commissioners Volunteers
National Volunteer Week
April 18 - 24, 2010

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week offers the opportunity to thank the Washington County Board of Commissioners' volunteers who participate on the county's advisory committees, commissions, and boards; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 when President Richard M. Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Celebrating People in Action" acknowledges that, by itself, that government cannot solve or direct all of the county's needs without the support of citizen volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners greatly appreciates the approximately 200 advisory committee volunteers who currently provide their assistance, knowledge, dedication, and service to the County Board and to county departments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many county citizens who effect positive change through their volunteer actions; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends all citizen volunteers for their participation and positive contributions to Washington County.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

**Community Thread Volunteers**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-058** as follows:

Community Thread
National Volunteer Week
April 18 – April 24, 2010

WHEREAS, the volunteers of Washington County are "Celebrating People in Action," by working together to help others and support community projects; and

WHEREAS, volunteer organizations, such as Community Thread provide vital services in Washington County including volunteer coordination, volunteer service programs, and recognition for volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Community Thread's 750 volunteers provided 13,113 hours with a savings value estimated at $265,538 using the standard $20.25 per

volunteer hour in service to community organizations in the St. Croix Valley during 2009; and

WHEREAS, Community Thread recognizes the following exemplary volunteer services with awards to Cub and Judy Davis of Stillwater with the co-Lifetime Volunteer Award; Michelle Witte of Woodbury with the Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award; Andrew Lee of Woodbury with the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award; and both Family Means "Power of the Purse" team and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) TaxAide Program of Community Thread as co-recipients with the Outstanding Group Volunteer Award; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many volunteers who contribute their skills, experience, and time for the benefit of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends Community Thread and its volunteers for their public service since 1967 and hereby proclaims the week of April 18 – April 24, as "National Volunteer Week in Washington County."

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, Weik and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

Valerie Jones, Executive Director, Community Thread, presented the following outstanding volunteers awards: Lifetime Volunteer Award – co-winners Cub and Judy Davis of Stillwater; Outstanding Adult Volunteer Award – Michelle Witte of Woodbury; Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award – Andrew Lee of Woodbury; Outstanding Group Volunteer Award – co winners FamilyMeans "Power of the Purse" team and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) TaxAide Program of Community Thread.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager, presented an overview of a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Funds will be used to increase the metropolitan region's capabilities in the areas of:

- Enhancing collaborative planning and assists all jurisdictions to achieve situational awareness;
- Strengthening Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Detection/Response Capabilities;
- Strengthening Preparedness Planning;
- Strengthening Interoperable Communications (such as 800 MHz Radio Systems).

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to receive funding through the

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Federal Department of Homeland Security, State Homeland Security Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 on behalf of the Metro Region Homeland Security and Emergency Management Joint Powers Agreement. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

### National County Government Month

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-059** as follows:

Washington County Employees
National County Government Month
April 2010

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has proclaimed April 2010 as National County Government Month in appreciation of county government employees who are instrumental in providing services for citizens across the nation; and

WHEREAS, there are 3,066 counties in the United States of America that serve more than 308 million citizens as an essential component of local government; and

WHEREAS, Washington County provides health-related services and programs for more than 234,000 citizens and through partnerships with communities within the state and county; and

WHEREAS, the National County Government Month theme for 2010 is "Healthy Counties" in order to recognize all county employees who provide health-related services and programs to serve a multitude of needs by county residents; and

WHEREAS, Washington County values its employees who plan, administer, and deliver county services that address present and future health-related needs and priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognizes and congratulates all county employees who provide quality services in a cost-effective manner through innovation, leadership, and the cooperation of dedicated people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 2010 as "National County Government Month in Washington County."

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

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**Legislative Update**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update on the following items: The Health and Human Services budget bill for next year still needs to be addressed, they are considering an early implementation of the expanded Medicaid Program permitted under the Federal health care reform bill; and the county would benefit by $20,000 under the legislature's proposal to restore some funding for the Sentence-to-Service program.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Weik reported that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency informed the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board that it would extend the term of the funding agreement through December 31, 2010.

Commissioner Weik attended the Woodbury Citizen's academy graduation last week. She congratulated them on learning how to become engaged citizens and volunteers.

Commissioner Weik attended the Woodbury City Council meeting last week. They adopted the resolution for the Dale Property open space acquisition and authorized acceptance of a grant from Washington County.

Commissioner Weik noted the passing of Lucille Cargill. She had been one of the founding families in Woodbury and a park was named after her on Tamarack Road.

Commissioner Weik attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting last week. They discussed a number of items including the Sentence-to-Service reduction. They also mentioned the mandate relief under Human Services and pointed out that Senator Lynch and Representative Julie Bunn have done a lot in trying to put mandate relief through the legislature. Both have been friends to counties and she thanked them for trying to get the ball rolling on redesign.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Board of Directors meeting last week. She noted that Paul Wilson from Olmsted County was elected to be the NACo twelfth large state representative. The AMC Board approved Springsted for the search firm for the selection of the new AMC Executive Director. In regards to AMC redesign, they will add a link to the AMC web site to gather more input from all 87 counties. There are eight new policy initiatives that will be put through policy committees. A briefing about each policy initiative and a request for member participation during the summer will occur during the district meetings. A new initiative is the refinement of waters governance. There will be a water summit on July 12 and they are suggesting that counties send a commissioner. They are also talking about pulling in cities on that initiative.

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Commissioner Kriesel asked about the AMC redesign and whether the ½ percent sales tax was still a part of the redesign.

Commissioner Weik stated there is a policy initiative on revenue diversification. The AMC Board is trying to have all eight on the AMC policy radar. They realized it is necessary to go through the proper channels.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that the one priority is the water governance, and Washington County has been a leader in that for a number of years. He might join that. There will also be a subcommittee on revenue and that is concerned about diversification and different ways to pay for things other than property taxes.

Commissioner Peterson asked in regards to the revenue committee if the AMC Board was looking at just counties participating or inviting some legislative revenue committee members. She feels it might be good to have input from the legislators who serve on those committees. She also suggested for the water governance that AMC start a dialog with the legislators who serve on the environmental committees. Committee Peterson stated she would like to go to the water governance committee this summer.

Commissioner Peterson will be attending the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for Commissioner Hegberg today and may not make the Volunteer Recognition event this evening. Earth Day will be celebrated in Cottage Grove on April 24.

Commissioner Hegberg stated if Commissioner Peterson took the AMC water governance, he will take the revenue committee.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that he, Mayor Hargis and staff met with Senator Al Franken's staff regarding the I-94 corridor and sought his support for that.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to discuss the final 2010 property taxes. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Joanne Helm, Harley Will, Peter Cox, Stillwater Gazette, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Mark Nicklewske, Forest Lake Press, and Yvonne Klinnert.

**REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Regional Railroad Authority met in workshop session with the Public Works Department for an update on the Counties Transit Improvement Board April 21 meeting. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Harley Will, Peter Cox, Stillwater Gazette, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Mark Nicklewske, Forest Lake Press, and Yvonne Klinnert.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Public Works Department to review options to utilize County State Aid funding for pavement rehabilitation work in 2010. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Roger Tomten, Peter Cox, Stillwater Gazette, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Mark Nicklewske, Forest Lake Press, and Yvonne Klinnert.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration for a status report on the Land and Water Legacy Program projects and related parkland acquisitions. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Jane Harper, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, John Elholm, Sharon Price, Mary Hauser, Roger Tomten, and Liz Mohr, Pioneer Press.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator