

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MAY 23, 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; Richard Hodsdon, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Transportation and Physical Development Director; Sandy Cullen, Transportation Manager; Sharon Price, Right of Way Specialist; Jim Luger, Parks Director; John Elholm, Parks Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Cindy Koosmann, Recorder; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 9:08 a.m.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss proposed settlement options of compensation and damages for CSAH 8 – Hugo Investments, LLC. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Stafford, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Sandy Cullen, Sharon Price, Richard Hodsdon, and Patricia Raddatz.

The Board reconvened at 9:26 a.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Acceptable Use and Reimbursement of Portable Electronic Equipment Policy.
2. Approval of the Meal, Mileage and Other Authorized Expense Reimbursement Policies for county employees and elected officials.

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3. Approval to reappoint Steven Kronmiller, New Scandia Township, to the Carnelian Marine Watershed District Board of Managers to a term expiring June 21, 2009.
4. Approval to appoint Lou Ella Johnson, Oak Park Heights, to the Workforce Investment Board as a small business representative to a first term expiring June 30, 2008.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-076** as follows:

Authorizing the Execution of Minnesota Department of
Human Services 2006 Civil Rights Assurance Agreement

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services has directed county human service agencies to update their current civil rights plans and to consolidate them into a single plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services seeks assurance of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1993, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Food Stamp Act of 1977; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is committed to providing equal access to programs and services; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Washington County that no otherwise qualified applicant for services or client shall be excluded from participation, be denied benefits or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any manner on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, creed, religion, political beliefs, disability, or status with regard to public assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Community Services Department has prepared a plan consistent with county policy and the requirements of the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board approves the Washington County Community Services Civil Rights Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Community Services Director is authorized to execute the Minnesota Department of Human Services 2006 Civil Rights Assurance Agreement on behalf of Washington County.

6. Approval of banding/grading recommendation for the new job description of Facilities Project Manager at C45-1.
7. Approval to authorize the Parks Division of Transportation and Physical Development to advertise for professional services to prepare a master plan amendment for Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park.

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8. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to complete an overlay of the project area on the CSAH 12 left-turn lane construction project at CSAH 17 in the City of Grant.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Washington County Parks Ordinance

The Board Chair presented a brief overview of today's public hearing to consider the adoption of a new county parks ordinance and repeal of the old Washington County Parks Ordinance. The Board Secretary confirmed that the notice of public hearing was published in the legal newspaper.

Jim Luger, Parks Director, reviewed the proposed changes to the Parks Ordinance: Distinction between Use Permit and Vehicle Permit; Adding Big Marine Park Reserve to list of parks requiring vehicle permits; Drug and Alcohol Use; Tobacco Use; Policy allowing Geocaching in parks; and restrict age of campers under the age of 18 unless accompanied by parent or legal guardian or as part of a sponsored outing where the leader is age 21 or older.

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard. All documents were received and placed on file.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-077** as follows:

Washington County, Minnesota Park Ordinance No. 174

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute section 398.34 authorizes the county to enact ordinance relating to the County Park System; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance may prescribe regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the protection and use of county parks or parks or other units subject to and in accordance with MINN. STAT. §§ 398.31 to 398.36; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is enacted in order to establish rules and regulations for the safe and peaceful use of parklands; the recreation and education of the public; the protection and preservation of property and natural resources; and the general welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance was enacted following a public hearing on the matter; and

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WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to repeal and replace Washington County Parks Ordinance Nos. 93, 129, and 155 which was enacted in May of 1992.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts Washington County Parks Ordinance No. 174 to take effect upon the passage of this resolution and its publication according to law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County Parks Ordinance Nos. 93, 129, and 155 are hereby repealed, said repeal to take effect on the date Washington County Parks Ordinance No. 174 becomes effective.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented an update on the 2006 Legislative Session which concluded this past weekend. Items of county interest were as follows: Targeted case management—the tax bill did not include any property tax relief and did not include any supplemental funding for targeted case management, so the loss of Federal Revenue will be addressed in the county’s 2007 budget process; Bonding bill—the local bridge replacement and rehabilitation allocation of \$55 million included language for the county to apply to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for removal of the J.A.R. bridge in St. Paul Park; the Red Rock Corridor was linked to a St. Louis County commuter rail initiative extending that line from Duluth down to Hastings making it eligible for \$500,000; Public safety funding—the county didn’t receive specific funding, but the Department of Corrections and the Department of Human Services did receive funds to help with care, treatment and security of sex offenders, so some of the county’s concerns about transferring that to the county did not occur; Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust—clarification on single units of government working in collaborative or working in joint powers agreements that only one claim can be brought against a joint powers agreement, but the tort caps were adjusted upwards; Maintenance of Effort Requirements—not successful in eliminating any, but did get a new one that requires counties to keep spending for children and adult mental health services at a level at least equal to the county’s average spending for services in 2004 and 2005; Additional funds for child care; and Eminent Domain—not favorable for county projects, but less restrictive than earlier versions of the bill.

Commissioner Peterson asked what happened to the Minneapolis teacher’s retirement, did that get folded in to PERA? Mr. Schug and Commissioner Hegberg indicated it did.

The Board Chair recognized Senator Brian LeClair and thanked him for attending the County Board meeting.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Extension meeting he attended last week to discuss their budget. They are planning their budget with the county reductions included, but are working on requests for supplementary funds for special projects.

Commissioner Stafford indicated that he will not be able to attend the meeting in Woodbury this evening to discuss Roundabouts. He asked staff to report back on that meeting.

Commissioner Stafford stated that he always thought the role of government was the health and safety of its citizens. He believes that health and safety have now been superseded by sports entertainment for its citizens because the state torpedoed 800 MHz funding and built two stadiums. He will be consulting with Washington County's legislative delegation about how to fund a statewide emergency radio system for the next legislative session.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he agrees with Commissioner Stafford's comments about the stadium issue. He thanked Senator LeClair for attending virtually all of the Lower St. Croix Valley Alliance meetings. He knows the elected officials of those communities appreciate his involvement.

Commissioner Peterson reported that the Transportation Alliance is holding a press conference at the State Office Building on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. to kick off the campaign to approve the MVST constitutional amendment. She hopes there will be some representation from Washington County.

Commissioner Peterson stated that this Thursday is the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Council on Affordable Housing, at the Minnesota Church Center, 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. On Monday, June 5, she reminded the Board that there will be a Transportation meeting at 2:00 at AMC and then Region X will hold its annual meeting from 3:00 to 5:00.

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 Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review the 2006 Washington County residential survey. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Stafford, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jennifer Menke Blanchard, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Lowell Johnson, Kay McAloney, Kevin Corbid, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, and Alex Friedrich, Pioneer Press.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator