

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Suzanne Pollack, Community Services Supervisor; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; and Maggie Aitkens, 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 to establish December 16, 2008, for a public hearing to approve the final 2009-2013 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
2. Approval to adopt the Child Foster Care Daily Basic Maintenance Rate, initial clothing allowance, and Difficulty of Care (DOC) rate for 2009.
3. Approval to accept a \$21.25 donation from Stephen Carlson through Community Health Charities Minnesota's fall 2007 giving campaign.
4. Approval of comments on Ramsey County and the cities of Lakeland and Oak Park Heights Draft Comprehensive Plans.
5. Approval to execute the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Grant for CSAH 15 construction cost reimbursement and maintenance.

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6. Approval of Change Order #4 to contract with Ramsey Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$55,056.35 for additional excavation work for Campus 2025 construction.
7. Approval of Change Order #2 to contract with Gresser Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$61,729.69 for additional masonry and concrete work for Campus 2025 construction.
8. Approval of Change Order #1 to contract with Urban Companies in the amount of \$50,952.00 to install retaining walls for Campus 2025 construction.
9. Approval of Change Orders #5 and #6 to contract with Peoples Electric, Inc. in the amounts of \$37,870 and \$56,008 for additional lighting work for Campus 2025 construction.
10. Approval of Changer Order #3 to contract with Commercial Drywall, Inc. in the amount of \$44,549.31 for additional drywall work for the Campus 2025 construction.
11. Approval of rental agreement with St. Andrew's Lutheran Church to hold an information open house on November 17, 2008 for the proposed TH 244 and CSAH 12 intersection reconstruction project.
12. Approval to accept a contract with The Corban Group for consulting services for Phase 1 of the Records Management System/Jail Management System/Computer Aided Dispatch systems for the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-143** as follows:

Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) Joint Powers Agreement

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) was established in 1969 as a joint powers agency pursuant to Minn. Stat. 471.59 to provide support for public library services in the Twin Cities metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, the founding members of MELSA were the Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington and the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul;

WHEREAS, Washington County finds MELSA provides valuable services to the County Library and wishes to continue membership in MELSA;

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WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2008, the City of Minneapolis ceased providing public library service and merged its public library with the County of Hennepin;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Second Revised Agreement adopted February 1, 2003 in order to remove the City of Minneapolis from the agreement and to update some language and statutory references;

WHEREAS, the MELSA Governing Board has recommended to the members that they adopt of the third revision of the joint powers agreement establishing MELSA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the adoption of the Third Amended and Restated Agreement Creating Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) and authorizes the Board Chair and County Administrator to execute said agreement on behalf of Washington County conditioned upon approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the comment letter on the Metropolitan Council's Draft 2030 Transportation Policy Plan. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson reported that the Red Rock Rail Commission met last week and it put together a letter similar to what the county passed today. The City of Minneapolis stated they wanted stronger language about the connectivity of the Red Rock Corridor to Chicago. They took a very strong stand and she was encouraged by their action. She believes this shows there is a commitment of the region to develop a regional system and it may not come from the policy makers at the Met Council, but the policy makers who are elected by the people of the region. She also has the Transportation Alliance comments on the 2030 plan and the Counties Transit Improvement Board interim report to the legislature and will make them available to the other Commissioners.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2009 Legislative Agenda

The Board discussed the transit taxing district section of the 2009 Legislative Agenda. Commissioners Kriesel and Pulkrabek did not support the transit taxing district section if it requires forcing all communities to participate even though there are no plans to receive bus service in their area and are not expected to receive it until 2030.

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Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the 2009 Washington County Legislative positions. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to amend the 2009 Washington County Legislative positions by removing the transit taxing district section. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it failed 3-2 with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Peterson, No; Commissioner Pulkrabek, Yes; Commissioner Hegberg, No; Commissioner Stafford, No; and Commissioner Kriesel, Yes.

The motion to approve the 2009 Washington County Legislative positions as presented was adopted unanimously.

Canvass Board Appointment

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint Commissioner Dick Stafford to the Washington County Canvass Board to be held on November 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, noted that next Tuesday is Veteran's Day and the County Government offices will be closed. So there will not be a County Board meeting next week.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reminded everyone to vote today. She reported that she and Commissioner Stafford will be doing the cable coverage tonight. She updated the Board on the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting which approved the first projects including the funding of Central Corridor, the building of the Fridley station for the North Star Corridor, and the operation of Hiawatha. She attended a meeting on how special buses are funded and that it continue to be a responsibility of Met Council.

Commissioner Stafford distributed a list showing that over the years 13 departments in Washington County are now under the direction of 4 departments. This happened under the direction of the County Administrator and through discussion with the affected department heads. Commissioner Hegberg noted that most of that reorganization has been done since 1990 and he feels the county has done an excellent job of streamlining the process and making it more accountable. Commissioner Peterson also noted that since 1990 the Board has reduced the grants that private agencies assumed they were going to get from the county including the Soil and Water Conservation, the Agricultural Society, the Historical Society, and Minnesota Extension.

Commissioner Stafford noted that next Tuesday, Veteran's Day, at 3:00 p.m. Woodbury will be dedicating its Veteran's Memorial on the city hall campus.

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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 Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

