

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

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 Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Jim Lindner, Assistant Building Services Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager; Patrick Waletzko, Emergency Management Specialist; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Ron Johnson, Internal Auditor; Jane Harper, Principal Planner; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jim Martin, candidate for Representative for District 56A, introduced himself to the County Board.

**COMMISSIONER'S AWARD**

Commissioner Hegberg presented a Commissioner's Award to Katie Miron, Hugo, who is the reigning Princess Kay of the Milky Way. Katie's sister Ann was also named Princess Kay of the Milky Way in 2007.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the August 17 and 24, 2010 Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-122A** as follows:

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Resolution Authorizing Facilitation and Participation in  
Hazard Mitigation Planning Process

WHEREAS, the County of Washington is participating in a hazard mitigation planning process per the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 which provides for States, Tribes, and local governments to undertake a risk-based approach to reducing risks to natural hazards through mitigation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the approval of the all hazard mitigation plan every five years for local jurisdictions to remain eligible to receive Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs grants and other funding sources; and

WHEREAS, Washington County currently has an approved multi-jurisdiction all-hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, all sections of the current approved plan will be reviewed and updated as needed to meet current requirements; and

WHEREAS, the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and business; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan will be shared with the State of Minnesota and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for coordination of state and federal review and comment on the draft with the goal of being approved by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, cities will have one year to adopt the plan after the county adopts the plan to be eligible for funding under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance program, with townships becoming eligible upon adoption by the county.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved that Washington County will facilitate and participate in the five year review of the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

3. Approval of Change Order #12 to contract with Gresser Companies, Inc. as part of the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvement Project, in the amount of \$35,786.86.
4. Approval of Change Orders #12 and #13 to contract with Glewwe Doors, Inc., as part of the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvement Project, in the amounts of \$5,771 and \$1,210 respectively.
5. Approval of Change Orders #10 and #11 to contract with Wasche Commercial Finishes, Inc. as part of the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvement Project, in the amounts of \$9,673 and \$2,547 respectively.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-122B** as follows:

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Resolution Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement  
with the Minnesota Institute of Public Health

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement between the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota Institute of Public Health (MIPH) for the program entitled 2010 Alcohol Compliance Checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute and sign the grant and any amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the program on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

7. Approval to accept a donation from the Schultz family, Eagan, Minnesota, in the amount of \$50 to support the operations of the Sheriff's Honor Guard Unit.
8. Approval of a Joint Powers Agreement with the National Park Services, United States Office of the Interior, acting through the Superintendent of St. Croix National Scenic Riverway to provide mutual aid assistance in responding to emergency law enforcement, emergency search and rescue and other cooperative assistance incidents in and near the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway.

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.

**PUBLIC HEARING – OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan and Approval of Resolution Adopting Ordinance No. 184 and Repealing the 2020 Comprehensive Plan**

The Board Chair gave a brief overview of today's public hearing to receive comments on the proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan, approving a resolution adopting Ordinance No. 184 and repealing the 2020 Comprehensive Plan, and adopting the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Board Secretary indicated that the notice of public hearing was published and the affidavit of publication was included in the record.

Jane Harper, Principal Planner, reviewed the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. She indicated that this process started in 2007. On July 14, 2010, the Metropolitan Council approved the plan; and on July 27, 2010 the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing and recommended approval of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan to the County Board. The new plan incorporates policies, strategies and actions from a decade of planning since adoption of the last plan. It addresses new issues such as sustainability, healthy communities, transit, and transit-oriented development. The Metropolitan Council projects that in 2030 the Washington County population will increase by 128,842; there will be 57,638 more households; and, there will be 62,971 more jobs. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan vision is

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to accommodate the county's projected population growth of 128,842 between 2008 and 2030 while incorporating sustainable growth and preserving the natural, cultural, and historic characteristics of the county.

Ms. Harper outlined the plan framework as follows:

Land Use Regulation – The county has three fewer townships and new flood insurance rate maps.

Transportation Tools and Studies – Cost Participation Policy; Access Management Policy; Pavement Condition Index; Intersection Control Ranking System; and Transitway Studies.

Park and Open Space – New facilities include: St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park; Big Marine Park Reserve; Hardwood Creek Regional Trail; and the Mississippi River Regional Trail.

Natural Resources Programs and Projects – Ground Water Program; Water Governance; Water Consortium; Land and Water Legacy Program; Solid Waste Master Plan Update; and Impaired Water Bodies and Total Maximum Daily Load Studies.

Housing Program – Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs; Owner-Occupied Rehab Program; and Foreclosed Housing Response.

Facilities – 2025 Strategic Plan and Construction; Transit Center Construction; and Sustainable Building Policies.

Historical Resources – Historic Courthouse Vision and Work Plan; and County Role and Historic Contexts Study.

Ms. Harper reviewed the priority actions of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan:

Land Use – Amend ordinances: Shoreland Ordinance; Lower St. Croix River Bluffland and Shoreland Ordinance; Floodplain Ordinance based on updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps; and Zoning Ordinance to provide for wind energy conversion system, solar access, and telecommunication services. Revise zoning district maps; Encourage cities to revise their land use plans to be compatible with the county's policies and plans; and the Planning Advisory Commission will continue monitoring land use policies.

Transportation – Complete bus feasibility study for the Red Rock Corridor; Conduct station area planning and design for the Red Rock Corridor; Participate in the development of the Alternative Analysis for the I-94 Corridor; Participate in transitway corridor alternatives analysis for the I-94 Corridor; Develop formalized process for jurisdictional transfers; Coordinate with communities on

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development proposals adjacent to county roadways; Develop an access management plan for specific community roadways; Participate in Washington County Safe Community Coalition; Update cost participation policy for funding highway improvements; and Revise Intersection Control Ranking System to better prioritize intersections in need of increased traffic control.

Parks and Open Space – Update Master Plans; Prioritize areas for acquisition, development and restoration; Acquire areas designated in master plans; Maintain staff and equipment to ensure high level of maintenance and control; and Seek funding to supplement county funding.

Natural Resources – Implement Ground Water Plan; Implement Solid Waste Master Plan; Develop sustainability implementation plan for county; and Participate in the Lake St. Croix Total Maximum Daily Load study.

Housing – Continue work with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority on addressing foreclosure issues; Request more housing choice vouchers from the United States Housing and Urban Development; and Continue funding county’s rehab program.

Facilities – Update the strategic plan to 2030; Develop “green” operating policy; Establish “green” team to implement sustainable practices; and use more sustainable materials, techniques and systems.

Historic Resources – Develop strategies to increase public spaces and use of Historic Courthouse facility; Increase number of public events; Develop stronger coordinated marketing activities and program partnerships with local historical organizations; and Establish permanent exhibit and enhance diversity of seasonal exhibits.

Ms. Harper stated that one public comment was received regarding Linear Park Plan and Scenic Road System. The comment requests that the county’s officially adopted Linear Park Plan be recognized and referenced in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Staff feels that there are components of that Scenic Road portion of the Linear Park Plan and are adequately addressed in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, mainly in the Transportation Chapter.

Commissioner Weik noted that aviation is included in the transportation policy plan; but she noticed that there are not any set goals for aviation. Also, how many airports are in Washington County? Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager, indicated there are two airports—one in Lake Elmo/Baytown Township and one in Forest Lake. Airports are addressed in the Comp Plan as to what is Washington County’s role in these airports and that the county will work with the airports on transportation type issues.

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Commissioner Weik asked if there are any plans for additional airports in Washington County. Mr. Schoenecker indicated there is nothing in the Plan that indicates the county is looking at expanding that.

Commissioner Peterson stated that airport expansion and location is a function of the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

Commissioner Weik asked if they have any plans to expand airport capacity in Washington County. Commissioner Peterson indicated they do not.

Commissioner Hegberg asked that under Housing Priority Actions wording be added to funding for affordable housing to include life-cycle housing. He feels that over the next 20 years the senior population will increase substantially and that affordable housing is currently being addressed.

Commissioner Peterson stated that it is not only life-cycle housing, but should include handicapped. It should include both seniors and handicapped or special need individuals. She feels it is important that seniors and special needs should be used rather than life-cycle. Also, the transit system should recognize those two needs.

Ms. Harper stated that language could be added in the housing section, and look in the transit section to make sure it is listed appropriately.

Commissioner Kriesel discussed the transit section. If this plan reaches out to 2030, he hopes that the focus goes beyond the Red Rock and I-94 corridors. He would hope that between now and 2030 the county would be looking at additional needs. Mr. Schoenecker stated that a better place to look is in the goals and strategies section. That highlights more of what the county's role will be—what it is now and working out into the future. What it will be within Washington County and working with other communities and other counties, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Council and other federal agencies.

The Board Chair asked for comments from the public; none were heard. The Board Secretary noted that she had received all documentary evidence.

Commissioner Peterson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 9:27 a.m.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-123** as follows:

Resolution Adopting the  
Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan  
Ordinance No. 184

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WHEREAS, MINN. STAT. CHAPTER 394 authorizes Washington County to carry on planning activities in the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, MINN. STAT. 473.851, *et seq.*, Metropolitan Land Planning Act, requires the county's planning and zoning activities to be consistent with the Metropolitan System Plans and the Regional Development Framework; and

WHEREAS, Washington County determined that its 2020 Comprehensive Plan was in need of updating so as to be consistent with the most recent Metropolitan Systems Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, on May 26, 2009 approved the proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan and on March 16, 2010 approved changes to the said plan and directed staff to submit the plan and its changes to the Metropolitan Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council, on July 14, 2010, found that the county's plan meets all Metropolitan Land Planning Act requirements; conforms to the regional system plans; is consistent with the 2030 Regional Development Framework; and is compatible with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions and authorized the county to put the 2030 Comprehensive Plan into effect; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Development Code requires the Washington County Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and to recommend changes to the comprehensive plan prior to the County Board taking action; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2010, the Washington County Planning Commission held a public hearing and recommended that the County Board adopt, without changes, the 2030 Comprehensive Plan as approved by the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2010, the Washington County Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan, as required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the purposes of guiding the physical development of the county and for the reasons set forth in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan dated September 7, 2010, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts Ordinance No. 184 repealing the 2020 Comprehensive Plan and adopting the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and ordains that said plan will take full force and effect from and after publication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Office of Administration is directed to cause the plan and Ordinance No. 184 to be published and codified according to law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 184 supersedes and repeals all affected provisions of Ordinance No. 160 immediately upon adoption.

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Ordinance No. 184  
An Ordinance Repealing the 2020 Comprehensive Plan  
and Adopting the 2030 Comprehensive Plan

The Board of Commissioners of Washington County ordains:

Section 1. The 2020 Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Washington County Board by Ordinance No. 160 on March 25, 2002 is repealed and is substituted by the 2030 Comprehensive Plan dated September 7, 2010 attached hereto and adopted in its entirety.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance and the 2030 Comprehensive Plan shall be and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect from and after September 7, 2010 and after is publication according to law.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Award of Bid for Construction of Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Overpass**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-124** as follows:

Bid Award for Construction of Hardwood Creek Regional Trail  
Pedestrian Bridge Over County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 2 in the City of Forest Lake

WHEREAS, in order to complete construction of a pedestrian bridge over CSAH 2 in the City of Forest Lake, the county solicited bids for the project; and,

WHEREAS, bids were opened on August 17, 2010, with S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. be accepted and the county enter into a contract with S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

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

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**Contract with Bonestroo, Inc. – Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Overpass**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a contract with Bonestroo, Inc. to provide construction inspection and administrative services necessary to construct the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Overpass at Broadway Avenue (County State Aid Highway 2) in the City of Forest Lake with a cost not to exceed \$109,118. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Kriesel left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

**Award of Bid for Bituminous Reclamation and Paving on County State Aid Highway 8**

Bids were received for bituminous reclamation and paving on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 8 in the City of Hugo as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Hardrives, Inc.	\$1,786,429.02
North Valley, Inc.	\$1,839,813.00
Knife River Corp.	\$1,966,931.09
T.A. Schifsky & Sons, Inc.	\$2,315,016.00

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-125** as follows:

Bid Award for Bituminous Reclamation and Paving on  
County State Aid Highway 8 in the City of Hugo to Hardrives, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete bituminous reclamation and bituminous paving on County State Aid Highway 8, the county solicited bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on August 30, 2010, with Hardrives, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Hardrives, Inc. be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Hardrives, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Hardrives, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney’s office.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

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**Cooperative Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Hugo**

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve a cooperative construction and maintenance agreement between Washington County and the City of Hugo for construction on County State Aid Highway 8. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

Commissioner Kriesel returned at 9:53 a.m.

**Resolutions of Support for Grant Applications to the Counties Transit Improvement Board**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-126** as follows:

Resolution Supporting the Submittal of an Application to the  
Counties Transit Improvement Board for Grants Payable in  
Fiscal Year 2011 for a Local Match to the  
Red Rock Corridor Station Area Planning Study

WHEREAS, the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) has authorized the 2010 Grant Solicitation Process for Grants Payable in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the CTIB will make available \$132 million for grants to meet its operating and capital funding commitments in 2011 and up to a maximum of \$18 million for capital grants to specific corridors to accelerate transitway development; and,

WHEREAS, the CTIB has estimated that \$88,700,000 in revenue will be generated for 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County has been a member of the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) since 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County is guaranteed three percent of the total estimated revenue generated for each of the years 2010-2013; and is eligible to receive an estimated \$2,661,000 through the 2010 Grant Solicitation Process for Grants Payable in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the CTIB has identified the Red Rock Corridor as transitway that is eligible for funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Corridor is included in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan as a transitway; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Corridor Commission (RRCC) is leading a study to complete a Station Area Planning study for the Southeast Stations of the Red Rock Corridor; and,

WHEREAS, 80 percent of the funding for the study is being provided by federal funds and the remaining 20 percent is the local match, of which Washington County is responsible for \$119,000. The remainder of the local match will be provided by Dakota and Ramsey Counties; and,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the submittal of an application to the CTIB for Grants Payable in 2011 for a local matching grant to federal funds for the Red Rock Corridor Station Area Planning Study in the amount of \$107,000.

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.

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-127** as follows:

Resolution Supporting the Submittal of an Application to the  
Counties Transit Improvement Board for Grants Payable in  
2011 for the Newport Transit Station

WHEREAS, the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) has authorized the 2010 Grant Solicitation Process for Grants Payable in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the CTIB will make available \$132 million for grants to meet its operating and capital funding commitments in 2011 and up to a maximum of \$18 million for capital grants to specific corridors to accelerate transitway development; and,

WHEREAS, the CTIB has estimated that \$88,700,000 in revenue will be generated for 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County has been a member of the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) since 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County is guaranteed three percent of the total estimated revenue generated for each of the years 2010-2013; and is eligible to receive an estimated \$2,661,000 through the 2010 Grant Solicitation Process for Grants Payable in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the CTIB has identified the Red Rock Corridor as transitway that is eligible for funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Corridor is included in the 2030 Transportation Policy Plan as a transitway; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rock Corridor Commission completed an Alternatives Analysis in 2007 that included the development of a future transit station in Newport and that the ultimate transit mode for the corridor would be commuter rail; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA) purchased a site in Newport in 2010 for the Newport Transit Station; and,

WHEREAS, the WCRRA intends to begin environmental assessment, preliminary and final engineering, and site improvement work in 2011 for the Newport Transit Station; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the submittal of an application to the CTIB for Grants Payable in 2011 for the Newport Transit Station in the amount of \$225,000.

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.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-128** as follows:

Resolution Supporting the Submittal of an Application  
to the Counties Transit Improvement Board for Grants  
Payable in Fiscal Year 2011 for use on 2012  
Washington County Priority Transit Projects

WHEREAS, the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) has authorized the 2010 Grant Solicitation Process for Grants Payable in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the CTIB will make available \$132 million for grants to meet its operating and capital funding commitments in 2011 and up to a maximum of \$18 million for capital grants to specific corridors to accelerate transitway development; and,

WHEREAS, the CTIB has estimated that \$88,700,000 in revenue will be generated for 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County has been a member of the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) since 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County is guaranteed three percent of the total estimated revenue generated for each of the years 2010-2013; and is eligible to receive an estimated \$2,661,000 through the 2010 Grant Solicitation Process for Grants Payable in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County is submitting two other applications through this solicitation that will utilize \$332,000 of the guaranteed funding; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the submittal of a grant application to the CTIB for Grants Payable in 2011 for deferral of the remaining 2010 three percent guaranteed funding for use on future Washington County priority transit projects in 2012 in the amount of \$2,329,000.

Commissioner Peterson 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.

Commissioner Peterson asked that staff keep the Board apprised of how much Counties Transit Improvement Board quarter cent sales tax funds, and the amount of federal dollars that the county has received to implement projects in Washington County. She asked that a running total be kept and update the Board periodically.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, noted that immediately following the County Board meeting today, the Board will hear 2011 budget presentations from the Departments of Community Corrections, Community Services, and Public Health and Environment. Next Tuesday, the Board will finish up with 2011 budget presentations from Property Records and Taxpayer Services, County Attorney's Office; Administration, Human Resources, Information Technology, Accounting and Finance, and General Operations. Following those presentations, the Board will establish a preliminary levy. At that time the maximum levy will be established and then the final levy will be decided on December 14. At the December 14 meeting the levy can be modified downward but cannot be increased.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Hegberg stated that the Rush Line Corridor will meet on September 8 at 3:30 p.m. in White Bear Lake. They will finalize the bus transit from Forest Lake to St. Paul, with bus service starting on October 15. He also has Community Action Program special sub-committee and finance meetings this week.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Metro Energy Policy Coalition meeting. They discussed energy savings on lighting. They also discussed issues coming before the legislature next year such as removing the moratorium on nuclear energy and wind energy. He reported on the Commissioner and Department Head retreat held last Tuesday at the Hardwood Creek Service Center. It was a great opportunity to sit down with staff to discuss priorities moving into the future. He attended the Audit Committee meeting and everything is good there. Last Friday there was a small airplane crash at the Lake Elmo Airport. He thanked the Sheriff's Office for their quick response.

Commissioner Peterson reported that the City of Cottage Grove held their first Yellow Ribbon meeting and they rolled out the action plan. She reported on the Metropolitan Mosquito Control meeting where they are holding the preliminary levy flat for 2011 flat. The Mosquito Control staff has been asked to reduce their budgets 10 percent. Because of the recent wet weather conditions they have had to go into reserves for mosquito treatment this last month. She also reported that the first cases of West Nile and Encephalitis have been reported.

Commissioner Weik congratulated all of the organizers for the Woodbury Days annual event. It was spectacular as always. She volunteered handing out event guides. She met briefly with 4-H leadership, David Olson, and contributed ideas for improvements to strengthen the already good relationship with 4-H. She will be bringing some of those ideas to the next Extension Committee meeting. She thanked the Department Heads and Administration for a very well run retreat last week. She thought it was productive and she appreciated the skills of the moderator.

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Commissioner Kriesel brought up Commissioner Weik's article on trucks. He thought it was an interesting and good article.

Commissioner Weik stated that the Sunday Star Tribune ran an article by Kevin Giles on truck only lanes in the United States. An individual in the article noted that in California rather than trucks only lanes, they build car only lanes. They are cheaper to build because cars are lighter weight and cars can merge into traffic easier than trucks. She thought it was prudent to discuss this with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to capture this data as they are doing a highway study at the present time. She will also be attending the Woodbury Development tour on Thursday evening.

Commissioner Peterson reported that next Wednesday the Wakota Bridge will hold its last meeting. She believes she attended her first meeting in 1993. Commissioner Kriesel stated that he and the Stillwater Chamber will be pulling her into new St. Croix Bridge Crossing project. They have asked that Commissioner Peterson attend their next meeting and give insight as to why the Wakota Bridge was so successful.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he also attended the Woodbury Days event.

#### **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 Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

#### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY CORRECITONS, COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

The Board met in workshop session with the Departments of Community Corrections, Community Services, and Public Health and Environment to discuss their proposed 2011 budgets. 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, Melinda Kirk, Yvonne Klinnert, Dan Papin, Cindy Rupp, Patrick Singel, Rick Backman, Robby Robinson, Robert Crawford, Michele Kemper, Lowell Johnson, Sue Hedlund, Judy Hunter, Jeff Travis, Twyla Pennel, Deb Paige, Maureen Trost, Jessica Collin-Pilarski, Adam Frederick, Jessica Quaderer, Connie Waldera, Pat Morreim, Don Dolan, Amanda Strommer, Jean Streeter, Chief Deputy Sheriff

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Mike Johnson, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Harley Will, Tom Adkins, Sandy Hahn, Terry Thomas, Barb McGinnis, Mjyke Nelson, Doug Johnson, Susan Harris, Kevin Corbid, Steve Anderson, Mary Duncan, Ann Churchill, and Scott Wentz, Woodbury Bulletin.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator

