

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 15, 2010**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 2:15 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, and Weik. Commissioner Peterson absent. 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; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Greg Wood, Facilities Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; and Yvonne Klinnert, 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 Hegberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the June 1 and 8, 2010 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Timothy Swanson, Woodbury, to the Workforce Center Investment Board representing small business, to a first term expiring June 30, 2012.
3. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement authorizing Washington County Community Services to continue participating in the Fair Housing Implementation Council with Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Dakota County, Hennepin County, Ramsey County, the City of Coon Rapids, the City of Minneapolis, the City of St. Paul, and the City of Woodbury.
4. Approval of application to conduct off-site gambling from Ladies Auxiliary VFW-323 for use at the Washington County Fairgrounds August 3-6, 2010.
5. Approval to change the Public Hearing date for Lodging, Manufactured Home Park/Recreational Camping Area/Youth Camp, and Public Pool Ordinances to Tuesday, July 6, 2010 and authorize publication of notice according to law.

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6. Bids were received for bituminous reclamation for CSAH 7 in May Township as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Hardrives, Inc.	\$541,094.99
Valley Paving, Inc.	\$547,147.93
North Valley	\$552,961.76
CS McCrossan	\$625,160.40

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-091** as follows:

Bid Award for Bituminous Reclamation on County
State Aid Highway 7 to Hardrives, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete bituminous reclamation and bituminous paving on County State Aid Highway 7, the county solicited bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on June 1, 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 Chairman 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.

7. Approval to enter into a 9-1-1 Telephone Software Maintenance and Support Agreement with Independent Emergency Services, LLC.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Commissioner Peterson arrived at 2:30 p.m.

MINNESOTA INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Keith Carlson, Executive Director of the Minnesota Inter-County Association along with Nancy Silesky, John Tuma and Bob Vanasek, contracted lobbyists, presented a report to the County Board on the actions of the 2010 legislature.

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GENEAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, presented a recommended 2010 budget reduction plan. The proposed expenditure reductions include: Staffing costs reduced, \$1,400,000; Non-staffing reductions, \$500,000; and an increase of non-levy revenue, \$800,000. Impacts of the proposed reductions are: limit to services/resources available to residents and various client groups; increase wait lines and response times for external customers; reduce frequency of payments to vendors; reduce internal services; reduce collections efforts; postpone funding of services and items which are not sustainable at reduced levels; reduced communications with employees; consolidate the PLACE programs into one location; and merge the Facilities and Central Services divisions.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the recommended 2010 budget reduction plan as presented. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Hegberg complimented staff on its due diligence and work in this area. They have continued to contain the costs. Every cost reduction now is starting to have other costs to it. It is with regret that he had to vote for this because there is not much else they can do. He wanted to thank the Youth Service Bureaus and those direct payments the county makes to service organizations that provide the service for those individuals.

Commissioner Peterson stated that things will not be pleasant for the next two years and probably for the next four years until the economy turns around. The level of service that the county provides is going to be real hard.

Commissioner Weik stated that for the last ten years Washington County has been running lean and mean, consolidating, leading the way in redesign, and showing other counties how it can be done. The county has been doing more with less for the last ten years, and the public needs to know that the county will be doing less with less as a direct result of the State budget woes. As the Federal and State governments struggle with their budgets it's a trickledown effect.

Commissioner Pulkrabek thanked Administration, Elected Officials, Department Heads and staff. These are decisions that take a lot of deliberation and are not taken lightly. As Commissioner Peterson stated this could take a couple of years, but he has a solid trust in staff.

Commissioner Kriesel agreed with all the comments made. He stated the county is an administrative arm of the state and when they continue to reduce the funding for the programs there is little left for the county to do. The county is very fiscally conservative and there is no question that as these cuts continue from the state it will have a direct impact on the quality of the service the county has been proud to provide in the past. He knows that the county has dedicated employees from the department

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heads down to the lowest level of employees. They are motivated to serve the public. These are tough decisions and it's unfortunate that the state continues to pass the buck.

Commissioner Peterson stated it is imperative that counties bring pressure on the state to examine themselves, reduce and go to core functions. They need to look at how they can reduce state government to become as efficient as Washington County has become.

Mr. Schug announced that on June 3 the county took part in a rating telephone call with Standard and Poor's which had to do with the fact that the county is providing General Obligation pledge to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority funding of the TrailSide senior housing project in Forest Lake. As a result of that rating call and review by Standard and Poor's, the county was determined to maintain its AAA bond rating with a stable outlook. There was a complimentary report that noted the county has strong polices in all areas including debt management, budget, and it gave the county good marks for working to anticipate funding cuts and adjusting the budget accordingly.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting. She also attended the I-94 Corridor Commission. They voted and approved of Wisconsin being an ex-officio non-voting member, and Commissioner Gary Kriesel was designated to be an ex-officio non-voting member to their coalition.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that as part of the Transportation Alliance he traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with the county's legislative delegation seeking support for the I-94 corridor and other transportation issues.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the juvenile justice meeting in Anoka County last week. He stated that the Joint Powers Agreement will expire soon. There was discussion on whether it should be a long-term or short-term extension. In talking with staff he feels this agreement has worked well for the county and he believes it would be best to go with the long-term extension. He congratulated Deputy Sheriff Patrol Officer Chris Majeski, who provides service in the City of Scandia, on his receipt of the Jim Trudeau Award from the Forest Lake Youth Service Bureau. He attended the Public Employees Retirement Association meeting. He indicated there probably will be a lawsuit stemming from legislation not allowing as large of increases to Cost of Living Adjustments as they have in the past. He also attended the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) which had a contentious discussion about the discontinued coverage for Community Action Programs. On a positive note, MCIT will increase its dividend for next year to \$20 million.

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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 Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Community Services Department to discuss the child support program. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Linda Bixby, Jenna Penfield, Linda Krafthefer, Patrick Singel, and Maura Shuttleworth.

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

The Board convened as the Board of Appeal and Equalization at 5:00 p.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

