

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

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, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Commissioner Kriesel absent. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director, Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jennifer Wagenius, Division Manager; Carol Peterson, Elections Supervisor; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Pat Conley, Library Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Melinda Kirk, Budget/Finance Analyst; Marilyn Akey, Administrative Specialist; 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 audience; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the agreement with Salvation Army to provide homeless prevention services with Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program funds.
2. Approval of plat of Baytown Hidden Prairie 2nd Addition, Baytown Township.
3. Approval of amendment to the Public Health Preparedness and Cities Readiness Initiatives project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health and authorization for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into the agreement.
4. Approval of comments on the City of Bayport Comprehensive Plan.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-098** as follows:

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Request Funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation
Through the Municipal Agreement Program for
Interstate I-94 North and South Exit Ramps/CSAH 18 Intersections

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is currently accepting candidate projects for the FY 2011 Municipal Agreement Program; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County is proposing to submit an application for removal of the free-right turn lane at the south exit ramp with CSAH 18 and reconfiguration of the timing of traffic signals at the north and south exit ramps, and other minor design modifications in the City of Lakeland; and

WHEREAS, the project will be of mutual benefit to Mn/DOT and Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is committed to providing the county share of the costs if the project is selected as part of the FY 2011 Municipal Agreement Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$475,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County is requesting funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation for removal of the free-right turn lane at the south exit ramp with CSAH 18 and reconfiguration of the timing of traffic signals at the north and south exit ramps along with other minor design modifications in the City of Lakeland; and the county is committed to completing such project and providing the county share of funding.

6. Approval of Change Order #17 to the contract with People's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$118,901.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve amendment of Campus 2025 budget to include replacement of Government Center South Wing windows and authorization to request bids for this project. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, presented the Board Chair with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 2009 budget document. Ms. O'Rourke thanked the Board, the Department Heads, Melinda Kirk and Marilyn Akey.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on his trip to Washington D.C. last week to meet with the county's congressional delegation. He believes it was a successful trip. It appears that the transportation bill will be an extension bill and will not be finalized until the later part of 2010 or early 2011. They discussed the Stillwater Bridge, the I-94 Corridor, and the High Speed Rail corridor. He will be meeting with the Department of Natural Resources this evening concerning the County Road 83 overpass.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board she attended last week. Peter Bell, Met Council Executive Director, reported that four or five park and rides were over capacity and one is in Maplewood. They discussed having a GEARS committee member sit at CTIB as a non-voting member, but more discussion needs to take place on that. She taped County Insight last week which discussed the proposed 2010 budget. Woodbury will hold an Eco-Fair on Saturday in Central Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The county library will have a display of books on environmental topics. She reported on the Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting which discussed the H1N1 flu and seasonal flu outbreak and the county is prepared to handle those. Tomorrow she will be making a presentation on the new county Environment Center at the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board meeting. On September 28 she will be attending the Woodbury city-wide kickoff for the Yellow Ribbon Network at East Ridge High School and will not be able to attend the Library Board meeting. This weekend she will be at the University of Minnesota Itasca Biological Station and Laboratory which is celebrating its centennial. She is an alumna and past president of this organization.

Commissioner Peterson noted that the county received a letter from the Stillwater Township Police Department thanking Tom Adkins and the Sentence to Service crew leaders for their buckthorn removal project. She announced that on November 5 the Transportation Alliance will have their annual meeting and will also be featuring the construction forecast. She also announced that the North Star Commuter Service begins November 16. There will be a forum on Thursday, September 24 entitled "Local Impacts of State Budget Cuts" that will be held at the auditorium at Boutwells Landing Care Center, 13575 58th Street North, Oak Park Heights, beginning at 7:00. The AMC Board of Director's meeting is on Friday from 10:00 to 2:00. The Transportation Alliance Board of Director's meeting is on Monday, September 28.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported that he and Commissioner Weik met with Brian LeClair yesterday. He has a new position with the Governor, the Senior Policy Advisor on health care issues. He talked with an attorney friend of his who does business in Washington County, and he went out of his way to say how good, courteous, and professional the county's court staff is.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the proposed 2010 Budget with the following departments: Library/Law Library and Property Records and Taxpayer Services. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Kevin Corbid, Jennifer Wagenius, Carol Peterson, Doug Johnson, Mjyke Nelson, Tom Adkins, Pat Conley, and Joe Manion.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works on the status of the FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Ted Schoenecker, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Dennis O'Donnell, John Baer, Marc Senjem, Robin Shim and Ceil Strauss.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to review the Draft Rush Line Alternative Analysis Report. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Ted Schoenecker, Andy Gitzlaff, and Chip Robinson, Forest Lake City Administrator.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator