

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 13, 2007

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, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg (Arrived at 9:10 a.m.). Absent none. Board Chair Kriesel presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Captain Steve Pott; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Barb Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; and Steve Nelson, 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 Pulkrabek moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to set December 18, 2007 for a public hearing to consider approving the final 2008-2012 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan.
2. Approval to revise Policy #2506, Petty Cash and Change Funds to increase change fund for certain Washington County Library branches.
3. Approval to revise County Policy #1017, No Smoking in County Facilities and Vehicles.
4. Bids were received for lease of agricultural land within county parks for 2008 as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Lake Elmo</u> <u>278.9 acres</u>	<u>St. Croix Bluffs</u> <u>137.6 acres</u>
Gillis Farms, Inc.		\$141.27
John See	\$122.60	
Gordon Tank	\$121.30	\$139.30
Terry Herman	\$120.20	\$140.20
Craig Meyer		\$100.00
Vermillion Acres, LLC	\$130.00	\$150.00

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Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-140** as follows:

Award of Parks Farm Land Leases for 2008 to
Vermillion Acres, LLC

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the leasing of agricultural land in county parks, the county solicited bids for the use of this land; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on October 23, 2007 with highest bidder being Vermillion Acres, LLC for Lake Elmo Park Reserve and St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bids of Vermillion Acres, LLC be accepted and the county enter into a lease agreement with Vermillion Acres, LLC for the respective parcels of land noted previously in this resolution under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

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

5. Approval of contract with Brickman Group, LTD, to install the irrigation system at the new Cottage Grove Service Center.
6. Approval of Motorola Change Order WC-003 to the 800 MHz Radio System Contract.

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

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to accept a donation in the amount of \$24,000 from Dwight D. Opperman of Key Investment, Inc. to provide the Sheriff's Office with sufficient Tasers for all patrol deputies. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

LIBRARY

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to accept a donation of an original portrait of Justice Rosalie E. Wahl to be placed in the Washington County Library, Rosalie E. Wahl Branch, in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

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(Commissioner Hegberg arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Naming the County Service Centers

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-141**:

Naming the Washington County Service Centers

WHEREAS, in addition to county services being provided at the Government Center in Stillwater, Washington County now has service centers located in the cities of Cottage Grove, Woodbury, and Forest Lake; and

WHEREAS, the county is interested in maintaining a consistent naming process for the individual service centers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the county service centers are officially named as follows:

Washington County Service Center – Cottage Grove (13000 Ravine Parkway)
 Washington County Service Center – Woodbury (2150 Radio Drive)
 Washington County Headwaters Service Center – Forest Lake
 (19955 Forest Road North)

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported on a town hall meeting regarding the Wakota Bridge last Saturday. Staff representing the Minnesota Department of Transportation indicated they will go forward with the bridge. The bid will be in the end of January, 2008. If the bid is over the amount budgeted, they indicated they didn't know what they would do. Comment cards were printed and distributed at the meeting asking that the Wakota Bridge be finished now.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked when will recommendations for Land and Water Legacy properties come back to the Board. County Administrator Jim Schug stated there will be a workshop with the Parks and Open Space Commission on December 11 to discuss the parcel candidates and recommendations. A subcommittee of the Parks and Open Space Commission has viewed all 31 applicant's properties, and the full commission has had two or three meetings to discuss the process. At its next meeting the Parks Commission will review the report and recommendations on all of the properties.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the rail conference he attended two weeks ago in Miami. They traveled on the metro rail and bus system. He also took a four hour bike tour to view all the transportation sites. He met with the city engineers and developers who constructed the lines. He also met with a person who would be the equivalent of Minnesota's Metropolitan Council Chair. He attended a workshop on housing and how that relates to bus and rail lines.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the PERA meeting he attended last Thursday. He feels that the post and active funds will be merged in another year. He will be attending a meeting this afternoon in Hugo concerning a town and city road between Hugo, White Bear, and Grant. That road is a combination of tar and gravel and the discussion will be to tar the entire road. The City of Grant does not appear anxious to pay for the road.

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 Orth and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to discuss proposed 2008 property taxes. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Kevin Corbid, Joanne Helm, Jennifer Wagenius, Harley Will, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Allie Shah, Star Tribune.

Gary Kriesel, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator