

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**APRIL 17, 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, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Kriesel presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Rich Malloy, HRA Deputy Executive Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jennifer Wagenius, Division Manager; Jody Moran, Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kristin Tuenge, Community Corrections Deputy Director; 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 Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the April 3 and 10, 2007 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of county comments on the City of Cottage Grove's proposed modification to the development program for Development District No. 1 to establish Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-14.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-043** as follows:

Resolution Approving the 2008 Qualified Allocation Plan  
for Housing Tax Credits

WHEREAS, Congress has permanently extended the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program by enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993;

WHEREAS, Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations") require allocators of low income housing credits, including the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") which allocates such credits on behalf of Washington County (the "County"), to provide procedures to

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allocate low income housing tax credits and monitor compliance of projects to which it has allocated low income housing tax credits pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined it is necessary and appropriate to modify the Authority's previously adopted Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has adopted the Plan, as amended, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A following a public hearing regarding the revision of the Plan for which not less than 14 days notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, that the amended Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan previously adopted by the Authority and attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and approved.

4. Approval of the plat of Raspberry Ridge located in Baytown Township.
5. Approval to accept a Heart Start Automated External Defibrillator from Wal-Mart, located in Oak Park Heights.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-044** as follows:

2007 Federal Boating Enforcement  
Supplemental Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County desires to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the 2007 Federal Boating Enforcement Supplemental Grant.

Sheriff William M. Hutton is authorized to execute and sign such grant documents, and amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the grant on behalf of Washington County.

7. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for CSAH 8 road construction to add excavated material to original contract quantities.

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

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

**County Volunteers**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-045** as follows:

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Washington County Volunteers  
National Volunteer Week  
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WHEREAS, Washington County citizens are among the millions of people worldwide who work together as volunteers to help other citizens and support local services and communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington County welcomes the participation of its citizens in forming partnerships that improve our community; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners actively involves citizens on county advisory boards, commissions, and committees and depends upon their participation for recommendations and ongoing review of county services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners greatly appreciates the approximately 165 advisory committee volunteers who currently provide their assistance, dedication, and service to the County Board, departments, and residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many county citizens who contribute their time, talents, and knowledge as volunteers in local government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends all citizen volunteers and hereby proclaims the week of April 15-21, 2007, as “National Volunteer Week in Washington County.”

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

**Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers**

Valerie Jones, Executive Director, and Keith Paul, President of the Board of Directors, Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers, presented the 2007 Community Involvement Awards as follows:

Youth Volunteer Award – Briana Gruenwald volunteers as a Sunday School Assistant Teacher with her church, is a Leader in Training for the City of Woodbury’s Summer Childcare program, a respite childcare provider for a family in crisis, and coordinates volunteer promotions for the Volunteer Center program at Community Volunteer Service. She is also active in her School’s Key Club and National Honor Society.

Outstanding Volunteer Award – Mary Bridges has volunteered with Lakeview Hospital, Courage St. Croix, and the Family Violence Center.

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Outstanding Group Volunteer Award – The Cottage Grove Peacekeeping Circle uses a restorative practice called Sentencing Circles. The Group works in partnership with the Criminal Justice system, the Cottage Grove prosecutor, and Tubman Family Alliance to heal the harm to victims of Domestic Assault and to offer offenders support to change their behavior.

Lifetime Volunteer Award – Sherrill Reid works with the Washington County Guardian Ad Litem program. She has also volunteered for 26 years as an Emergency Medical Technician with the Marine Ambulance, and 22 years as an animal control officer with the May, Scandia, and Marine communities.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-046** as follows:

Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers  
National Volunteer Week  
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WHEREAS, the volunteers of Washington County “Inspire by Example,” working together to help others and support community projects; and

WHEREAS, volunteer organizations, such as the Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers, provide vital services in Washington County including volunteer coordination, volunteer service programs, and recognition for volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Community Volunteer Service and Senior Center’s 956 volunteers provided an estimated \$3 million in service to community organizations in the St. Croix Valley during 2006; and

WHEREAS, as an example of volunteer recruitment for Washington County, Community Volunteer Services and Senior Centers increased the Washington County Medical Reserve Corps from 60 volunteers in 2005 to 194 volunteers in 2006; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many volunteers who contribute their skills, experience, and time for the benefit of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends the Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers and its volunteers for their public service since 1967 and hereby proclaims the week of April 15 - 21, 2007, as “National Volunteer Week in Washington County.”

Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

**TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve Change Order #6 with Gephart Electric in the amount of \$105,428 at the Service Center/Library in Forest Lake; and Change Order #6 with Master Mechanical, Inc.

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for \$27, 212 at the Service Center/Library in Forest Lake. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that staff moved into the Service Center in Cottage Grove this past weekend. Yesterday morning they opened for business and customers have been there already receiving services. The grand opening will take place in June.

Mr. Schug presented a brief legislative update on the following items: Ability for counties to charge corporate foster care providers during the licensing process is moving forward; the House and Senate have both passed comprehensive transportation funding bills; and the Association of Minnesota Counties metro group met yesterday to discuss the transportation funding bill and strategize on what steps to take next; it was felt that it is important to maintain a general support of the bill until the conference committee meets.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Locate Meeting she attended yesterday to discuss the Union Depot. A Minnesota Department of Transportation representative talked about passenger rail service; they were given a report that the Union Depot is in the second draft of the purchase agreement and they expect that Ramsey County will be owning that fairly soon; and she will be meeting with a representative from AMTRAK and representatives from the Canadian-Pacific to discuss the high speed rail line from St. Paul to Chicago. The AMC metro sales tax meeting was interesting, and she learned that Carver and Scott Counties are now interested in being a part of the seven metro counties ½ cent sales tax.

Commissioner Peterson discussed the transportation rally that took place last Thursday. She felt it was an exiting event and well attended. There were signs from all avenues of transportation including commuter rail, high speed rail, and biking encouraging more funding for transportation.

Commissioner Peterson stated she feels it is unwise to be bonding for the future and to be looking at the younger people and their children to pay for our transportation needs today. The transportation proposals in front of the legislature are pay-as-you-go programs. The program is a tool bag that allows us to take care of the transportation needs of today and for tomorrow.

Commissioner Orth reported he attended the transportation rally also. The information he has been getting is that after the fund rally there has been a little more support in the Senate and House and it seems like the Governor's veto could be overridden. This afternoon, he and Commissioner Peterson will tape the County Insight to discuss emergency services, libraries and roundabouts.

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Commissioner Peterson mentioned a newspaper article in the Star Tribune giving a history of the gas tax. She thought it was well done and encouraged everyone to read it.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Afton City Hall open house for the 800 MHz tower he attended last evening. He commended Captain Steve Pott for his great presentation. The citizens asked good questions.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

### **EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Board met in Executive Session at 10:08 a.m. with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to discuss the acquisition of an office/warehouse property in Oakdale. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Doug Johnson, and Patricia Raddatz.

The County Board reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss 2008 budget guidelines. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Marilyn Akey, Kevin Corbid, Mjyke Nelson, Dan Papin, Tom Adkins, Lowell Johnson, Pat Conley, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

Gary Kriesel, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator