

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 12, 2007

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 11:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Kriesel presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Jeneen Johnson, Human Resources Coordinator; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jody Moran, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Supervisor; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Mike Johnson; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology 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 Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-074** as follows:

Appointments to the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2007, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources acted on a petition by local communities to enlarge the Carnelian-Marine Watershed District boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Order also increases the number of managers to seven, and results in renaming the watershed the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, the Order issued by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources cannot be fulfilled until the Joint Powers Agreement is dissolved which is projected to occur later this month; and

WHEREAS, in order to prepare for the implementation of the enlarged watershed district, the County Board solicited nominations from the communities within the enlarged watershed district.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners reappoint John Bower, May Township, and appoint James Shaver, Marine

on St. Croix, Rick Markwardt, May Township, and Douglas Pratt, Scandia, to the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointments of James Shaver, Rick Markwardt, and Douglas Pratt are conditional upon filing of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Order with the Secretary of State increasing the number of managers.

- 2. Approval to ratify the 2007-2009 bargaining unit agreement with the Probation Officers as follows:

Duration:

Three year contract effective January 14, 2007 through January 9, 2010.

Wages:

Effective 1/14/07, 2.75% general adjustment

Effective 1/13/08, 3.0% general adjustment

Effective 1/11/09, 3.0% general adjustment

Health Insurance:

2007	Open Access \$10 OV Copay	
	Single	\$433/month
	Single + Child(ren)	\$433/month
	Single + Spouse	\$589/month
	Family	\$619/month

Open Access \$25, \$30 and Classic \$30 OV Copay

	Single	\$465/month
	Single + Child(ren)	\$509/month
	Single + Spouse	\$693/month
	Family	\$814/month

Increase flex credits to \$50/month effective January 2007

Insurance reopens in 2008 and 2009

Program Manager or Intensive Supervision Unit Probation Officer

Increase from \$75 to \$77 per pay period

- 3. Approval of abatement on City of Forest Lake parcels in the Deonti Addition: 20.032.21.23.0002, 20.032.21.24.0001, 20.032.21.32.0003, and 29.032.21.11.0003.
- 4. Approval of Plat of Cote Estates, May Township.
- 5. Approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$400 from the children and parents at Lake Elmo Elementary School to be used as needed to support the K-9 unit.
- 6. Approval to accept a donation of a \$25 PetSmart gift card from James Pitts to be used by the Sheriff's Office K-9 unit for needed supplies.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dan Papin, Community Services Director, announced that Washington County is one of three counties selected by the Federal government to be reviewed under the Minnesota Child and Family review process. Carlton and Hennepin are the other two counties in Minnesota. The review will take place during the week of September 24-28. In February, 2005 the State reviewed the county for seven child safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes along with twenty-three performance items. The results of that review were mixed. The county discovered through that process that there were several areas for improvement. He believes it is the county's positive response to that review that drew the State of Minnesota's attention to the county. Staff for the child service area has spent quite a bit of time developing a performance improvement plan to address the areas where they came up short. They also looked at areas that although they passed, they felt could be strengthened. The review team will be made up of Federal, State, community people from other counties, and provider agencies. This team will intensively review fifteen of the county's child welfare cases. The team will talk to judges, foster parents, community providers, and perhaps members of the County Board, to find out what these individuals feel about the system, how it's working or things that could be improved.

Commissioners Peterson and Orth indicated that this might be a good time to address Federal and State funding cuts and the impact it has on the county.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Orth moved to approve Amendment #5 to the HR Green contract for additional inspection and design services in the amount of \$59,116 for the Radio Drive Safety and Mobility Project. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, announced that the I-94 Coalition meeting will take place on June 13 at 4:00 p.m. and not June 14 as listed on the agenda.

Ms. O'Rourke informed the Board that next week the Board of Equalization will start at 9:00 a.m. to be followed by the County Board meeting.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, announced that at a recent conference, the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MCCC) recognized the work of a number of Washington

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County employees. Individuals recognized for their outstanding technical service included: Tom Norve, Laurie Evans, Pat VanLue, and Joanne Helm. Joanne Helm was also recognized for her outstanding dedication and services to MCCC and her extensive participation in MCCC activities

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the Operation Lifesaver train that he and Commissioner Kriesel took this past Sunday. It was a train ride from St. Paul to Roberts, Wisconsin. A short program was presented on the need for train safety. He felt it was worth attending and the program was informative.

Commissioner Orth reported on the Metro Energy Task Force meeting he attended last week. He indicated that Xcel Energy will be providing \$1.9 million for new conservation efforts. More information will be coming out on that.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit to prevent or delay the Stillwater Bridge from being constructed. He was disappointed with their decision. The Sierra Club talked about the sprawl they feel will occur in Wisconsin, and Commissioner Kriesel believes that sprawl has already occurred. He believes there is more environmental damage happening to historic downtown Stillwater and the neighborhoods from not building the bridge.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The County Board convened as the Board of Equalization at 1:00 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center.

Attest:

Molly F. O'Rourke
Deputy Administrator

Gary Kriesel, Chair
County Board