

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 5, 2008

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, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Carol Peterson, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Mike Rogers, Senior Planner; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Cathy Ellis, Community Services Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

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 Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Stafford to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the July 15, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Laura Stevenson, Forest Lake, to the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Citizen Advisory Committee representing District 1, to a first term expiring June 30, 2010.
3. Approval of a new detoxification fee schedule for Community Services effective August 1, 2008.
4. Approval of Amendment No. 14 to the contract with the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation of the Twin Cities to provide additional Community Development Block Grant funds to the Washington County Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program.
5. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the 2008 contract with Human Services, Inc.
6. Approval of the 2008-2009 contract with Capstone Services, LLC to provide home and community-based services for persons on medical assistance "waivers".

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7. Approval of the Joint Powers Agreement between Washington County Elections and the City of Woodbury to provide election administration services.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Increase to Assessment Fee Schedule

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve a 4% increase in the Assessment Fee Schedule for 2009. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Establishment of an Absentee Ballot Board

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-097** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Washington County Elections to Establish an
Absentee Ballot Board to Accept and Reject Absentee Ballots for
Elections held within Washington County

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 203B.13 Absentee Ballot Boards, authorizes the Washington County Board to establish an absentee ballot board by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the absentee ballot board shall consist of a sufficient number of election judges as provided in Minnesota Stat. Sections 204B.19 to 204B.22; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the absentee ballot board are set forth in Section 203B.13 subd. 2; and

WHEREAS, Section 203B.13 subd. 3 allows each member of the absentee ballot board to be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during each election; and

WHEREAS, election judges performing this acceptance and rejection function can be trained specifically on this task and allows for greater consistency in the acceptance and rejection process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County hereby establishes an absentee ballot board to perform the duties set forth in Minnesota Statute Section 203B.13 subd.2 for elections held within Washington County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services is hereby delegated the authority to appoint members to the absentee ballot board by appointing a sufficient

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number of election judges appointed under Sections 204B.19 to 204B.22 and to pay each member reasonable compensation for services rendered during each election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services shall appoint an absentee ballot board pursuant to this resolution each even-year election beginning with the 2008 election.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Radio Drive Road Construction Change Order #6

Commissioner Stafford moved to approve Change Order #6 to the Radio Drive road construction project contract with CS McCrossan for additional bituminous milling. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson asked when Radio Drive south would be going to four lanes. Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager, stated it is in the Capital Improvement Program for 2013, 2014, or 2015. There is no federal funding on that section of pavement.

Commissioner Peterson feels that there will be greater usage of that road with the new high school being built and Harvest Drive coming out to CR 13. She asked if school safety funds were available. Mr. Slagle stated they have been pursuing federal funding on this and they will look for as many alternatives as they can for funding sources. Currently, there are not high volumes on this section of roadway south of Bailey and that hurts the county in the federal funding application. There are also not a lot of crashes which is another criteria they look at in federal funding.

Reconstruction of CSAH 25 and CSAH 16 Bid Award

Bids were received for reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 25 and CSAH 16 as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total</u>
Danner, Inc.	\$12,647,701.32
Carl Bolander & Sons Co.	\$12,965,000.00
Palda & Sons, Inc.	\$13,159,834.16
Eureka Construction, Inc.	\$13,280,440.58
Frattalone Companies, Inc.	\$13,435,367.02
Forest Lake Contracting Inc.	\$13,762,301.15

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Commissioner Stafford moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-098** as follows:

Bid Award for CSAH 25 and CSAH 16 Reconstruction to
Danner, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road reconstruction, Ramsey County solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened by Ramsey County on July 10, 2008 with Danner, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County concurs in the bid award by Ramsey County to Danner, Inc. for \$12,647,701.32.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Proposed Metro Transit Fare Increases

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-099** as follows:

Resolution in Support of the Metro Transit Fare Increase

WHEREAS, in an era of high gas prices and increasing congestion, Washington County residents are increasingly turning to transit as an alternative; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit, the largest transit provider in the region, saw its ridership increase 4.7% from 2006 to 2007 resulting in 77 million rides being given; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit ridership is up 8.6% through the first five months of 2008 in part due to high fuel prices; and

WHEREAS, since 2005 the average cost of a gallon of gas has increased by \$1.41 or 61%; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit has also seen its fuel costs more than double since 2005; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit has a projected shortfall of \$15 million 2009; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit has proposed a \$.25 fare increase to make up some of this shortfall; and

WHEREAS, this fare increase will bring system wide farebox recovery closer to their historical average of 30%; and

WHEREAS, a fare increase is preferable to cutting transit service.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports a \$.25 increase in transit fares in 2008, and up to an additional \$.50 in 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board supports future increases that are necessary to maintain the historical farebox recovery average of 30%.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Resolution of Appreciation

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-100** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation of Derek Olson
for his Exceptional Accomplishments as a
Teacher at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School

WHEREAS, since joining the faculty at Afton-Lakeland Elementary School in the Stillwater Area School District in 2000, Derek Olson has provided his 6th grade students an outstanding education and academic experience that has included a focus on engaging, hands-on learning; individual student growth; and a continued drive to refine his curriculum; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Olson has continued to go out of his way to listen to his students, engage them, challenge them, and encourage them to pay attention to their personal progress rather than comparing themselves to others; and

WHEREAS, as an example, Olson, and the team of teachers with whom he works, has had each student write a letter to themselves at the end of their 6th grade year that he sends to them upon their high school graduation to remind them of where they have been, how they have grown, and that they are valued; and

WHEREAS, Olson's powerful commitment and dedication to his profession and his community has resulted in a significant impact on the lives of many of his students in positive and meaningful ways; and

WHEREAS, Olson was awarded the Minnesota Education Association's highest honor as Teacher of the Year on July 22, 2008, for his leadership, dedication, and passion for teaching children; and

WHEREAS, as the state's Teacher of the Year, Olson will serve as spokesperson for approximately 70,000 teachers in Minnesota and will be the state's nominee for the 2009 National Teacher of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its deep appreciation to Derek Olson for his exemplary work as a teacher, mentor, and role model to the students of the Stillwater Area School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners wishes to acknowledge and express its appreciation for the powerful contributions that Derek Olson has made to this community, both now and for its future.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Peterson moved to go into Executive Session with Human Resources to discuss negotiation strategy for 2009 health insurance. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; the time being 9:50 a.m. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kay McAloney, Frank Madden, Vicki DeFord, and Patricia Raddatz.

The Board reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Association of Minnesota Counties Policy Committee meeting held last Thursday and Friday. She has handouts on the breakdown of the federal fuel tax. She also has additional information on transportation rural road safety projects, and a Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) policy and responsibility for the control of vegetation and mowing. Yesterday she met with Senator Sieben's Office, Ramsey County, and MN/DOT staff to discuss highspeed rail. Tonight is National Night Out and Commissioner Peterson encouraged everyone to participate and get to know their neighbors. She reported that Don Drigans was one of the outstanding senior citizens from Washington County. He has served as the county's representative on the Veteran's Rest Camp and continues to serve on that Board as a Disabled Veteran's representative. On August 20 through 22 AMC is having a Leadership Development Summit in Rochester which will look at a strategic outreach plan to communicate with the legislature and public about unfunded mandates and maintenance of effort. She encouraged everyone to go.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Association of Minnesota Counties Policy Committee meetings held last week. He attended a session about Metro Family Alliance which discussed targeted case management and trying to get funding throughout the state on that issue. The environment committee discussed a proposal that would ask for an additional tax on real estate for watershed basins. Their legislation will request \$1 million for each basin and there were eight or nine basins. He spoke against that because he does not feel that another \$1 million should be put on the real estate taxes and should be the responsibility of the Board of Soil and Resources.

Commissioner Hegberg also reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting that was held. They discussed definitions of the transitway. Discussion will be brought back to the County Board. Because Washington County does not have any rail or transitways, he has asked to change that definition and have a Board resolution asking that they consider the county as a special circumstance. Metropolitan

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Council reported on transitways and their 2030 plan. It was mostly toward the west part of the metropolitan area. Washington County's growth areas are Cottage Grove, the I-94 corridor, Hugo and Forest Lake. Washington County has always tried to maintain a large lot area so the development could be planned and it waited until the infrastructure was there. The west side of the Twin Cities has built as fast as it can on small unsewered lots. Now the west side has the numbers for the transit and Washington County doesn't, but is now doing the development. He asked that a letter be sent to the Metropolitan Council indicating that now that Washington County is doing the development, it has the sewer in place and is doing what the Sustainable Communities goals of the Met Council were back 10 or 15 years ago, Washington County should have some consideration of the development that is taking place and the transitways should be considered because of that conscientious effort on Washington County's part.

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 Stafford and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the advancement of the I-94 Corridor. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Mike Rogers, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Clint Gridley, City of Woodbury, Greg Watson, Woodbury Chamber of Commerce, State Representative Julie Bunn, State Senator Kathy Saltzman, Mayor Dean Johnston, City of Lake Elmo, and Mary Hauser.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Parks and Open Space and Natural Resource sections of the Comprehensive Plan Update 2030. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Mike Rogers, Peter Mott, Joe Lux, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Dennis O'Donnell, Josh Beck, Amanda Strommer, Sue Hedlund, and Judy Hunter.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration for a status report on the Land and Water Legacy Program. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Dennis O'Donnell, John Elholm, Jay Riggs, Randy Ferrin, and Mary Hauser.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator