

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 24, 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, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; John Haugen, Assistant Jail Administrator; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sue Fennern, Sr. Human Resources Representative; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; 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 public; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the November 10, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to establish December 15, 2009 for public hearing to approve the final 2010-2014 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-137** as follows:

Authorizing Submission of Request for State Bonding Funds for the Design and Construction of a Regional Firefighter Training Facility

WHEREAS, a coalition of fire departments from the East Metro Counties of Ramsey and Washington are planning to build a regional command and training center in the near future that will provide a state-of-the-art East Metro Regional Fire Training Facility for fire-safety training/management and meet the needs of other public safety disciplines that will benefit all cities and other municipalities; and

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WHEREAS, the fire departments are seeking support and funding from the state and others to see this project come to full fruition; and

WHEREAS, the fire departments are seeking support from all communities in Ramsey and Washington counties due to the interest in state funding for the facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby support and recommend the concept of the East Metro Regional Fire Training Facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners expects and anticipates that it will benefit generally and possibly directly with the addition of this facility to the East Metro for training and management purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners therefore supports the consideration and subsequent award of any grant by the state or their designee for the purposes of planning, building or mobilizing such a facility.

4. Approval to convert a Senior Social Worker position to a Community Services Supervisor to manage the new Chemical Health Unit in the Community Services Department.
5. Approval to renew the annual software maintenance agreement with Oracle Services for the JD Edwards Financial system.
6. Approval for the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign on behalf of the county the Minnesota Department of Health's acknowledgement letter, which would permit construction of the new well in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve primitive campground.
7. Bids were received for the Government Center South Wing window replacement as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
W.L. Hall Co.	\$412,225
Empirehouse, Inc.	\$433,000
United Glass, Inc.	\$435,315
Northern Glass & Glazing, Inc.	\$439,000
Val Pro Glass, Inc.	\$477,122
All Metro Glass	\$523,738
Capital City Glass, Inc.	\$497,365
National Window Associates, Inc.	\$549,630

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-138** as follows:

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Bid Award for Government Center South Wing
Window Replacement to W.L. Hall Co.

WHEREAS, in order to replace the Government Center South Wing windows, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on October 29, 2009 with bids accepted for Division 01A; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of W.L. Hall Co. be accepted for Bid Division 01A and the county enter into a contract with W.L. Hall Co. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and W.L. Hall Co. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, none.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve an increase of jail booking fees from \$10.00 to \$25.00 for individuals booked for confinement. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Public Health Emergency Response III – Vaccination Campaign Amendment

Commissioner Hegberg moved to authorize the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into a Public Health Emergency Response III-Vaccination Campaign Amendment-Community Health Boards agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health to receive funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Update on Recent H1N1 Vaccination Clinic

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, reported that the three H1N1 vaccination clinics held in Washington County this past Saturday went well. They vaccinated 1,993 school-aged children. He stated that most wait times were reasonable with the busiest point of a 45 to 50 minute

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wait. He thanked all of the Public Health and Environment staff, as well as the Public Works Department, the Sheriff's Office and other county employees who volunteered. Also, 31 of the county's Medical Reserve Corps volunteered.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a contract with Qwest Corporation for the relocation of Qwest owned and operated facilities within the public right-of-way and project limits of the County Road 83 overpass project in the City of Forest Lake. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Policy and Partners event held on Saturday for individuals who have children with physical and mental handicaps. An issue discussed was if a family has a child with Down syndrome, every year social workers call them to redo the paperwork to see if the child has improved. They feel that is a waste of a social worker's time and efforts. He asked staff to see if that can be changed at the federal or state level. Another issue was the cost of technology for children who are unable to communicate. Today's technology allows a child to push a button and the machine will say what the child is in need of. Those items cost \$10,000 and many cannot afford it. The allotment is only \$700. Transportation and housing are also issues with many. He attended a Rush Line Corridor meeting last week and they have completed their Alternative Analysis Study and it indicates that commuter rail would go to White Bear Lake and bus service to Forest Lake. Bus services from Forest Lake to St. Paul are going out to bids. It has been delayed and they probably won't start service until March.

Commissioner Hegberg asked what time the December 8 Board meeting will be held. Jim Schug, County Administrator, stated that the public meeting for the proposed 2010 budget will be held at 6:00 p.m. The regular County Board meeting will be held prior to that time at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Minnesota Extension meeting he attended last week. They intend on bringing their budget forward and were pleased with the county's action. He would like to recognize Oak Park Heights Councilwoman Mary McComber who serves on the National League of Cities.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Library Board meeting she attended last evening. She noted that it was the last meeting for two of the members, Pauline Schottmuller, Newport, who has reached her six year term limit and Paul Ryberg, Lake Elmo, who is resigning to focus on Yellow Ribbon Network efforts. She thanked both for their services. She attended the Victorian Christmas at the Historic Courthouse on Saturday. It was a busy Saturday afternoon and she enjoyed seeing all of the vendors.

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She attended the Board and Water Soil Resources (BWSR) Board meeting in Cottage Grove on November 17. That group is reconsidering the Watershed boundary via a citizen petition. The BWSR Board indicated they would have a decision by December 16. The Minnesota Inter-County Association met last week and they adopted their legislative recommendations. Another topic of discussion was the state budget crisis. She visited the P.L.A.C.E. North program for their Thanksgiving open house last Thursday. The students did a lot of cooking and put together a nice program. Their art exhibits were on display and they are very talented. She thanked everyone who put that luncheon and open house together.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting held last week. They awarded Washington County's 3% guarantee. She attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Executive Committee. She reported that the Minnesota Department of Health reported three West Nile Virus illnesses in three Minnesota counties, Hubbard, Redwood, and Stevens. No cases were reported in the metro area. No La Crosse encephalitis cases were reported in Minnesota this year. There is a new species of mosquito spreading its way through the metro area. There is also an increase in Lyme disease. Commissioner Peterson announced that on Thursday, December 10 at the Dellwood Hills Country Club, former Commissioner Mary Hauser will be awarded a 2009 Women of Distinction Award as well as Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Mary Steiner-Whelan, Director and co-founder of Give Us Wings, and Bonnie Watkins, Executive Director of Minnesota Women's Consortium. She asked that a letter be sent to former Commissioner Mary Hauser and Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt thanking them for their leadership efforts.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in Executive (Closed) Session with the Department of Public Works at 10:26 a.m. to discuss a possible purchase of 2222 Maxwell Avenue (known as the Knox Site) in the City of Newport for a potential transit site. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Andy Gitzlaff, Sharon Price, George Kuprian, and Patricia Raddatz.

The Board reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Board met in workshop session with the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to discuss HRA's affordable housing portfolio. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Harley Will, Jennifer Wagenius, Melinda Kirk, Barbara Dacy, HRA, Jerry Fox, HRA, Andrea Brennan, HRA, and the following members from the HRA Board of Directors: Tom Triplett, Rick Hammero, and Kuchen Meyer.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator