

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 22, 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; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Joe Lux, Sr. Planner; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff, Mike Johnson; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Maggi Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following individuals addressed the County Board regarding the 7, 8, 9 road project in Hugo, May Township, and Grant: Dr. Phil Gonzales, 13390 Manning Trail North, May Township, presented a petition from residents of May Township supporting the first alternative as presented on March 5, 2008, and replacing CR 8 as it is currently designed; Tom LeMay, 9296 130th Street, Hugo, stated the proposed plans are going right through his property and does not believe it's fair; Phil Watkins, 13345 Homestead, Hugo, feels there has been over communication on this issue, he's concerned about the money that has been spent, and would like the road rebuilt in its present footprint; Clyde Wagner, 8650 136th Street, North, Hugo, is representing a group from Hugo who support the objectives of the county, but want them to consider the costs involved, and would prefer alternative 1, he presented a handout for the Board that summarizes the environmental impacts, a petition from Hugo residents, and an attorney's opinion on what happens during this processes; Michael McAllister, 13829 Isleton Avenue North, Hugo, agreed with all the remarks made so far and presented a summary of a city and county meeting held in 2003 regarding the CSAH 8/14 project, and asked that the existing roads be fixed and forget the grandiose schemes; and, Gene Anderson, 8272 114th Street North, Grant, presented a petition from residents of Grant and letters from homeowners supporting the first alternative as presented on March 5, 2008, and replacing CR 8 as it is currently designed.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, advised the audience that staff from the Public Works Department will meet with interested individuals in the cafeteria to discuss the 7, 8, 9 road project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to appoint Alice Smith, Mahtomedi, to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2008.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-056** as follows:

Resolution Approving the 2009 Qualified Allocation Plan
for Low Income 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 tax 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 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 Low Income 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.

3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-057** as follows:

Authorizing Parking Restrictions on CSAH 15
After Reconstruction

SP 82-615-20, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 from Trunk Highway 36 to 0.25 Mile North of CSAH 12 in Grant, Lake Elmo, Stillwater, and Stillwater Township, Minnesota

WHEREAS, this improvement will reconstruct CSAH 15 as a four-lane divided roadway; and

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WHEREAS, State Aid Standards do not allow parking on four-lane roadways with a speed limit in excess of 45 mph. The current speed limit is 55 mph and is expected to remain the same after reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Washington County staff supports this restriction; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Statute 169.04 (1) allows the county to regulate the standing or parking of vehicles on highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 15 is under the jurisdiction of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the parking of motor vehicles shall be prohibited on both sides of CSAH 15, from Trunk Highway 36 to 0.25 mile north of CSAH 12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Engineer to install and maintain the appropriate signs to delineate this parking restriction.

4. Approval to allow the Parks Director to use up to 20 annual vehicle permits to promote and market the Washington County Parks Division.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Washington County Volunteers – National Volunteer Week, April 27 – May 3, 2008

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-058** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation Washington County Volunteers
National Volunteer Week
April 27 – May 3, 2008

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 175 advisory committee volunteers who currently provide their assistance, dedication, and service to the County Board, county departments, and county residents.

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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 for their participation and positive contributions to Washington County.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers

Valerie Jones, Executive Director, and Connie Fredkove, President of the Board of Directors, Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers presented the 2008 Community Involvement Awards as follows:

Outstanding Group Volunteer Award – The Youth United Way of Washington County – East, is a growing and dynamic group of high school aged students who gather to conduct service projects and fundraisers on behalf of local organization's youth programs.

Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award – Aaron Mertens, Stillwater, currently volunteers in the pharmacy at Lakeview Hospital helping with computer work, sorting, and filing inventory. He will be attending North Dakota State University in the fall to pursue a degree in Pre-Pharmacology.

Outstanding Volunteer Award – Michele McAlister, Woodbury, volunteers with Arc Greater Twin Cities as a leader for a parenting network group and with the Children's Mental Health Collaborative in Washington County. She began volunteering with Amnesty International and the Humane Society as a young woman in Belgium. When she moved to the United States 15 years ago, she became involved in a parent support group and advocacy work after her son was diagnosed with Autism.

Lifetime Volunteer Award – Chuck Newman, Stillwater, has been a volunteer at the Washington County Historic Courthouse for the past 15 years and the Trinity Lutheran Church for 18 years. He has had a wide variety of volunteer experiences including his maintenance and electrical support at the Historic Courthouse, work with Habitat for Humanity, Feed My Starving Children, mentoring Eagle Scouts, and working with his church's Helping Hands group.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-059** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers
National Volunteer Week
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WHEREAS, the volunteers of Washington County “Inspire by Example,” by 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 1800 volunteers provided an estimated \$3.25 million in service to community organizations in the St. Croix Valley during 2007 and is honoring volunteers in four categories – Lifetime, Outstanding Adult, Outstanding Youth, and Outstanding Group; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has benefited greatly from the volunteer contribution of Chuck Newman of Stillwater as the Lifetime Volunteer Award honoree for his 15 years of volunteer service with the Historic Courthouse.

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 27 – May 3, as “National Volunteer Week in Washington County.”

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

CSAH 18 Bridge Construction Project Bid Award

Bids were received for construction of CSAH 18 Bridge as follows:

Bidder	Contract Total Amount (A)	Contract Time/# of Days	Contract Time/ Amount (B)	Project Total Bid (A + B)
CS McCrossan	\$1,431,535.00	110	\$660,000.00	\$2,091,535.00
Edward Kraemer & Sons	\$1,389,860.98	156	\$936,000.00	\$2,325,860.98
Redstone Construction	\$1,669,619.60	128	\$768,000.00	\$2,437,619.60
Graham Penn-Co	\$1,723,322.00	140	\$840,000.00	\$2,563,222.00
SM Hentges & Sons	\$1,562,579.80	170	\$1,020,000.00	\$2,582,579.80

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-060** as follows:

Bid Award for CSAH 18 Bridge Reconstruction to
CS McCrossan

WHEREAS, in order to complete bridge reconstruction, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on April 8, 2008, with CS McCrossan being the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of CS McCrossan be accepted and the county enter into a contract with CS McCrossan under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and CS McCrossan be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

2008 Overlay Projects

Bids were received for 2008 overlays construction as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tower Asphalt	\$2,531,544.87
Hardrives	\$2,579,640.43
North Valley	\$2,587,763.90
CS McCrossan	\$2,699,059.42

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-061** as follows:

Bid Award for 2008 Bituminous Road Overlays to
Tower Asphalt

WHEREAS, in order to complete road maintenance construction on county roads, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on April 17, 2008, with Tower Asphalt being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Tower Asphalt be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Tower Asphalt under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Tower Asphalt be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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 specifications requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Resolution in Memory of William Sandberg, Mayor, North St. Paul

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-062** as follows:

Resolution in Memory of William (Bill) T. Sandberg, Mayor, North St. Paul

WHEREAS, Washington County Commissioners are deeply saddened by the death of North St. Paul Mayor William (Bill) T. Sandberg, who passed away Sunday, April 20, 2008, after a short but courageous battle with leukemia; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg, who appears to have been the longest tenured mayor of any current Minnesota mayor, provided exemplary leadership throughout his eight-term, 30-year tenure as mayor of North St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg successfully shepherded a number of large projects during a period of much growth in the east metropolitan area, including managing the diverse issues of the Highway 36 reconstruction project; initiating the annual North St. Paul Mayor's Prayer Breakfast 26 years ago; founding the Northeast Suburban Transit (NEST); helping to ensure that the site for the new North High remained in North St. Paul; and staying closely involved in the development of Penn Place Town Homes, Oak Hill Condominiums, the North St. Paul Medical Center, and Keindels Korner—all of which significantly increased market values in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board members recognize many of Mayor Sandberg's innovative approaches to leading his community, included hosting such events as "North St. Paul Notes"—a monthly show dedicated to bringing city news and events to residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg had been the president of many organizations, including the Lions Club, Rotary, and Minnesota Funeral Directors Association, among others, while also working as a funeral director; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg led his community with flexibility, humility, and wit; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg's constant presence in the community included everything from participating in numerous city parades and ribbon-cutting ceremonies, to participating in a "live bear wrestling" fundraiser, to continually being available to talk with and listen to the people he so well served; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg's strong personal skills, sense of fairness, and ability to "keep peace" are only a few of the attributes that made him the great leader, politician, friend, husband, father, and citizen he was.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby remembers North St. Paul Mayor William (Bill) T. Sandberg for his distinguished service to the citizens of North St. Paul, his endless dedication to public service, and his exemplary leadership that resulted in copious accomplishments within a community that benefited enormously by his presence.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update on the following items: Activities are taking place with respect to the State's budget shortfall; legislation raising the threshold for when sealed bids are required from the current \$50,000 to \$100,000; a change was made in absentee ballot election rules which should make it easier for members of the armed services to vote; and there is a mega-conference committee reviewing the health and human services bill.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson thanked Governor Pawlenty for selecting Tom Sorel, who currently heads the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) division office in Minnesota, as the new Transportation Commissioner. She reminded the Board that today is Earth Day. She received a phone call from a gentleman who was concerned that the South Washington Watershed District was paying for meters in Woodbury. She stated that is not true, but she cannot find the man's name to let him know. She wanted to make sure that people who live in South Washington Watershed District know that they are not paying for Woodbury's special meters for over-watering. She attended meetings last week with Transportation Alliance and the Eastern Transportation Alliance and will share that information with the Board. Next week she and Commissioner Hegberg will be meeting with Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann's staff. She met with Peter Bell, Metropolitan Council Director, and discussed their inability to fund all of their services with the cutback. There will be a Transportation Infrastructure Finance Workshop at the Holiday Inn, Chicago Mart Plaza, Monday the 28 and Tuesday the 29. They will be discussing private capital for transportation infrastructure projects and the Federal role in project financing, she thought Commissioner Kriesel might be interested in attending.

Commissioner Peterson asked that a Commissioner's recognition be prepared for Arnie Moen, a long-time resident of St. Paul Park. He has now moved to a nursing home in Hutchinson.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported on the HRA meeting held last week where they discussed the Red Oak Preserve development. Habitat for Humanity is moving their project up and the private developer might slow down for a little bit because of the market. He also met with the Eastern Transportation Alliance group. He attended the Transportation Advisory Board and agrees with Commissioner Peterson that the Board should be vigilant in making sure that the east side of the metro is represented by individuals from the different cities.

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 Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Community Services Department for an overview of improvements to delivery of child protection services. 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, Dan Papin, Rick Backman, Suzanne Pollack, Linda Krafthefer, Don Pelton, Lisa Hanson, John Nalezny, and Sarah Anderson.

WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to develop 2009 budget guidelines and 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan Guidelines. 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, Melinda Kirk, Dan Papin, Pat Conley, Lowell Johnson, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Kay McAloney, Vickie DeFord, Harley Will, Tom Adkins, Ted Schoenecker, and, Ginny Chace.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

