

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 9, 2007**

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioner met in regular session at 9:05 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 James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

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. Approval of the December 19, 2006, Board meeting minutes.

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2. Approval of Commissioner Committee assignments for 2007 as follows:

DENNIS C. HEGBERG

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
 Board of Directors
 Environment and Natural Resources
 General Government
 Finance Committee
 Groundwater Advisory Committee
 Housing and Redevelopment Authority
 Library Board
 Metro Alliance for Healthy Families
 Metropolitan GIS Policy Committee
 Metropolitan Inter-County Association (Alternate)
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control
 Metro Transitways Development Board (Alternate)
 Minnesota Association of Governments Investing for Counties (AMC Appointment)
 Minnesota County Extension, Washington County
 Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (AMC Appointment)
 Minnesota Transportation Alliance (Alternate)
 National Association of Counties (NACo)
 Environment, Energy and Land Use
 Public Employee Retirement Association (State Appointment)
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board (Alternate)
 Regional Rail Authority
 Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board

BILL PULKRABEK

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
 AMC Board of Directors (Alternate)
 Extension Committee
 Economic Development Committee
 Finance Committee
 Legislative Committee
 Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
 Metropolitan Inter-County Association
 National Association of Counties (NACo)
 Public Lands
 Personnel Committee
 Plat Commission (Alternate)
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board
 Red Rock Corridor (Alternate)
 Regional Rail Authority

GARY KRIESEL

Audit Committee
 Andersen Community Advisory Committee
 Association of Minnesota Counties
 Human Services
 Community Services Advisory
 Comparable Worth Committee
 Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp
 Economic Development Committee (Alternate)
 Historic Courthouse Advisory Council
 Law Library Board
 Library Board (Alternate)

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GARY KRIESEL (continued)

Mental Health Advisory Council
 Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (Alternate)
 Metropolitan Energy Task Force
 Metropolitan Inter-County Association (Alternate)
 Minnesota County Extension, Washington County
 National Association of Counties Delegate
 Parks and Open Space Commission (Alternate)
 Planning Advisory Commission
 Plat Commission/Real Estate Acquisition Committee)
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board
 Regional Rail Authority
 Workforce Investment Board

MYRA PETERSON

Association of Minnesota Counties
 Board of Directors
 District X Representative
 Corrections Subcommittee (Alternate)
 Legislative Steering Committee
 Transportation
 Groundwater Advisory Committee (Alternate)
 Legislative Committee
 I-494 Wakota Bridge Coalition
 MELSA
 Metro Alliance for Healthy Families
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Executive Committee
 Metropolitan Inter-County Association (MICA)
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control Executive Commission
 Metropolitan Transportation Advisory
 Metro Transitways Development Board
 Minnesota Transportation Alliance
 Board of Directors and Legislative Committee)
 National Association of Counties (NACo)
 Transportation
 Parks and Open Space Commission
 Red Rock Rail Corridor
 Regional Rail Authority
 Rush Line Corridor (Alternate)

GREG ORTH

Association of Minnesota Counties
 Corrections Subcommittee
 Comparable Worth Committee
 Community Corrections Advisory Board
 Metropolitan Energy Task Force
 Metropolitan Inter-County Association (MICA) (Alternate)
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
 National Association of Counties (NACo)
 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board
 Regional Rail Authority

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

Marcia Wielinski, Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

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3. Approval of the 2007-2009 contract with New Perspective of Mahtomedi, LLC, to provide assisted living plus services and respite care to eligible Washington County residents.
4. Approval of the 2007-2009 contract with Comforts of Home Assisted Living to provide assisted living plus services to eligible Washington County residents.
5. Approval of the 2007-2009 contract with Crystal Care Assisted Living LLC, to provide assisted living plus services to eligible Washington County residents.
6. Approval of the 2007 contract with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to provide housing subsidies for individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness under the Bridges II Program.
7. Approval of the 2007-2009 contract with Partners in Community Supports for home and community based services.
8. Approval of Amendment #1 to Contract Number 3178 with HIRED, a non-profit agency, for the delivery of Minnesota Family Investment Program Integrated Services Project services for the period January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.
9. Approval to amend Policy #5004, Communicable Disease or Life Threatening Illness.
10. Approval to ratify the 2007 health insurance for Teamster's CO/911 union as follows:

2007 Health Insurance:

Open Access \$10 OV Copay

Single	\$433/month
Employee + Child(ren)	\$433/month
Employee + Spouse	\$589/month
Family	\$619/month

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

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

Flex credits \$11 per month increase

11. Approval to grant Access Communications Inc. request to withdraw their bid for installation of a fiber optic data cable plant connecting the Government Center and the newly constructed County Service Center in Cottage Grove; and, that the County Board reject all bids and authorize the Department of Information Technology to rebid the project.

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12. Approval of Amendment #1 to the grant contract with Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, for the Criminal Gang Strike Force.
13. Approval of Amendment #1 to the grant contract with Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, for the Narcotics Task Force.
14. Approval and execution of Amendment #6 to the road kill deer removal contract with 4 Paws Animal Control Service.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

CITY OF SCANDIA RECOGNITION

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-002** as follows:

Resolution of Commendation and Congratulations to the City of Scandia, Washington County

WHEREAS, 2007 marks the 113th year for Scandia as an organized community; and

WHEREAS, dedicated officials of New Scandia have long worked to provide service and governance in this community nestled among the lakes, rolling hills, and farms. The officials include 2006 Township Board members Dennis Seefeldt, Board Chair, Michael Hinz, Michael Harnetty, Blair Joselyn and Nancy Madden; and

WHEREAS, New Scandia Township prepared itself to take on the responsibilities and services previously provided by Washington County and sought to manage its own destiny as a Minnesota city; and

WHEREAS, the Township of New Scandia officially became the City of Scandia on January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dennis Seefeldt, new councilmembers Pete Crumm, Mike Harnetty, Dolores Peterson, Donnette Yehle were elected from a field of 25 candidates, and are poised to continue a tradition of great leadership to Scandia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby commends the officials of New Scandia Township for their vision and hard work in leading the community through this historic transition, and congratulates the residents of the City of Scandia on becoming Washington County's newest City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners extends its best wishes to the members of the first Scandia City Council as they open the doors to a new era of local government.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-003** as follows:

Resolution to Provide Variance to County Policy #1201 Contract
Administration Guidelines for the Campus 2025 Improvement Projects

WHEREAS, County Policy #1201 "Contract Administration Guidelines" require County Board approval for any construction amendment over \$25,000 or when the sum amount of amendments exceeds \$25,000 for a single contract; and

WHEREAS, the Campus 2025 improvement project is of unprecedented size for Washington County; and

WHEREAS the construction management delivery method reduces individual contract amounts but the total of all contracts will approach \$50,000,000 with several individual prime contracts to be in excess of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, with the number of prime contracts and the typical amount of amendments, the sum of amendments for several prime contractors will exceed \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, a policy variance will expedite some amendment approvals but not County Board fiscal control on the project or approval of individual amendments over \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the variance requested is "For the Campus 2025 Improvements County Board approval is required if the sum of amendments for a prime contractor exceed \$100,000 or 5% of the original contract"; and

WHEREAS, once the sum of any prime contractor amendments reach 5% or \$100,000 County Board approval will be required for further amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the Campus 2025 Project only and notwithstanding any provisions in the Washington County Contract Guidelines to the contrary the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the contracting protocol established in Exhibit B which is attached hereto and incorporated herein and delegates to those individuals identified in Exhibit B the authority to perform the acts set forth in Exhibit B.

Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Rice Creek Watershed District Appointment**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint John Waller, Hugo, to the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers to a three-year term expiring January 17, 2010. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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I-94 High Speed Busway

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development, presented an update on the meeting that was held last week in Woodbury to discuss a proposed I-94 high speed busway. Commissioners Orth and Kriesel attended, as well as representatives from Ramsey County, the City of Woodbury, the City of Lake Elmo, City of Lakeland and Senator Kathy Saltzman and Representative Julie Bunn. Although the point of the meeting was to talk about a high speed bus, they ended up talking about the lack of vision and options that the Metropolitan Council has for transit and for transportation opportunities for the East Metro area. They agreed that staff from Ramsey and Washington County will work together to draft legislative proposals and Senator Saltzman will carry a bill to the legislature which identifies funding to help kick-start a transportation corridor study of the I-94 corridor. They also identified the Highway 36 and Highway 5 corridor and will develop language for that. They will bring back to the County Board next week documents for Board discussion.

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief update on legislative activities. A transportation bill was introduced including: an increase to the gas tax; authorization for counties to implement a wheelage tax up to \$20; a new formula for distribution of funds; and authorization for county boards to act in a joint powers arrangement to consider a ½ cent sales tax in the metro area to be used for transportation and transit.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – REQUESTS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families meeting he attended last week. They discussed developing a joint powers agreement including the seven metro counties. Dakota County would be the lead and carry the financial accounting. The service to be provided would be for new born children who are at high risk of child abuse or neglect. They would be marked for future social service home visits. In Washington County they anticipate approximately 50 children will need this service.

Commissioner Orth reported that he met with a number of Judges yesterday, and will meet with them again this afternoon.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Committee. She brought back legislative recommendations that she will distribute.

Commissioner Peterson announced that Transportation Day at the Capitol will be held on February 8. On Friday, January 26 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 at the University Club Lockridge, Grindal and Nauen will be hosting a leadership lunch. Senator Pogemiller and Representative Anderson Kelliher will speak to the group.

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Commissioner Peterson reported that they will be interviewing for a new executive director of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board this Wednesday.

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 9:35 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development for an update on the Big Marine Park Reserve, Phase I development and to discuss current Rails to Trails opportunities in Washington County. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, John Elholm, Wayne Sandberg, Don Theisen, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Jim Luger, Dennis O'Donnell, Mike Welling, Barry Warner, SRF, Ken Grieshaber, SRF, Jeff Oertel, Oertel Architects, Dan Collins Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Dorian Grilley, Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

Gary Kriesel, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator