

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JUNE 20, 2006**

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, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Stafford, and Hegberg (arrived at 9:10 a.m.). Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Linda Bixby, Community Services Supervisor; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; 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 Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to award contract to Graphic Design to print and deliver ballots for the 2006 primary and general elections.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-085** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption Application from  
 Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center

WHEREAS, the Thomas and Edna Carpenter Foundation dba: Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center has made application to the Gambling Control Board for the exemption from certain requirements contained in M.S. 349.166 sub 2 in order to conduct a raffle on July 1, 2006. Raffle will be held at the Carpenter Valley Nature Center, 12805 St. Croix Trail, Hastings, MN 55033.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does not oppose issuance of exemption consistent with the application.

3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-086** as follows:

Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal and  
Enter Into an Agreement with the Office of Traffic Safety  
for the Safe Communities Coalition Project

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment enter into a grant agreement with the Division of Traffic Safety in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the project entitled "Safe Communities Coalition" during the period from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, is authorized to execute such grant agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment.

4. Approval of amendment to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health and authorization for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into the agreement.
5. Approval for the county to accept a Natural Resource Block Grant funding in the amount of \$62,473 from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for 2006.
6. Approval to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to execute a recycling grant agreement with the City of Lake Elmo for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
7. Approval of site improvement performance agreement and Conditional Use Permit between Washington County and the City of Forest Lake for the North Service Center site.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

Commissioner Hegberg arrived at 9:10 a.m.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-087** as follows:

Resolution in Support of the Child Support Protection Act of 2006 (H.R. 4794)

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2006, the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-171) was enacted cutting child support funding by 20 percent by preventing states to use federal funds earned through incentive grants towards their federal match effective October 2007; and

WHEREAS, these funding reductions will result in an estimated \$24.26 million in lost federal revenue for the State of Minnesota, and an estimated revenue loss of \$917,206 for Washington County, leading to a corresponding

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reduction in the ability to provide services and collect child support for families; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2006, H.R. 4794, the “Child Support Protection Act of 2006” was introduced to repeal section 7309 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 which ended the federal matching of state spending of child support incentive payments; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget has rated the child support program as “effective”, which is the highest rating a government program can receive, due to its strong mission, ambitious goals, effective management, and demonstration of progress toward performance measures and efficiency improvements; and

WHEREAS, data from the Minnesota Department of Human Services indicates that the Washington County child support program is one of the most efficient in the state, effectively collecting \$8.32 in child support for every \$1.00 spent in program administration; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County child support program is high performing, distributing nearly \$23 million in child support to families in 2005, and ranking among the top performing counties in the areas of paternity and child support establishment; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers are well served by a strong child support program that increases family self-sufficiency and decreases public assistance use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board by adoption of this resolution supports the Child Support Protection Action of 2006 (H.R. 4794).

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

James Schug, County Administrator, announced that the County Board will reconvene as the Board of Equalization at 10:30 a.m. this morning to consider the petitions from last week.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported that the Locate Group met yesterday and she would like to have a report from the Locate Staff to the County Board. It appears that they are in the final stages of the post office moving to Eagan and that would allow for the completion of the Locate project.

Commissioner Kriesel announced that he will be taking a renewable energy tour of Southwestern Minnesota to view wind turbines near Redwood Falls and Pipestone on Thursday and Friday.

Commissioner Peterson announced that she was appointed to the AMC Task Force on truck length and weight that will be working with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to put together standards they can all agree on.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported on his trip to Washington D.C. for the Transportation Alliance Fly-In. He hadn't realized that this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the interstate system. He learned about its history, the gas tax and shortage of funds for the interstate system. He is not sure how successful they were in getting money for the Broadway project in Forest Lake, but Senator Coleman indicated he would do his best. They did raise the issue of Red Rock Corridor and of the overpass in Forest Lake. He also learned that the United States ports are very outdated. The ships coming out of China today have 1,000 containers and there are no ports on the east coast that can accept those ships and only a couple on the west coast. If the United States doesn't update its infrastructure in this area it will lessen the trading competitiveness throughout the world.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked if all Commissioners received the letter from MinnCan regarding a pipeline. Mr. Schug indicated they had and that the Department of Transportation and Physical Development is working on comments for the Board to consider next week.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stafford and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:15 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 construction management method used for delivering county service center projects and discussion on delivery method for Campus 2025 Project. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Stafford, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Don Theisen, Keith Potter, Jim Luger, Michael Cox, Wold Architects, Lowell Johnson, Tom Adkins, Steve Nelson, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Kevin Giles, Star Tribune.

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**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

The County Board reconvened as the Board of Equalization at 10:30 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center to consider the petitions from last week.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator

