

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JULY 24, 2007

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, 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; Barbary Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Patricia Conley, Library Director; 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 Pulkrabek, to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of contract to lease a fiber optic cable connection from Access Communications to provide high speed data and voice connectivity from the Washington County Government Center to the Valley Ridge Mall in Stillwater.
2. Approval of Amendment #1 to the Library's contract with Street Fleet courier services for a period of three years.
3. Approval of contract with Stonebrooke Engineering, Inc. for peer review and roundabout design services for the reconstruction of Washington County State Aid Highway 18 (CSAH 18) in Lakeland and Lakeland Shores for a cost not to exceed \$30,907.84.
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-087** as follows:

Termination of Lease Agreement with Human Services, Inc.

WHEREAS, Washington County entered into a lease agreement with Human Services, Inc.; and

July 24, 2007

WHEREAS, the lease agreement and associated amendments were for a period of eight years; and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement allowed for early termination by the county by giving at least 60 days notice prior to termination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby terminates the aforesaid lease agreement effective October 31, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Works director is authorized to effect the termination without further action of the Board of Commissioners.

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-088** as follows:

Termination of Lease Agreement with Forest Lake Associates, LLP

WHEREAS, Washington County entered into a lease agreement with Forest Lake Associates, LLP for the Washington County Forest Lake License Center; and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement and associated amendments were for a period of nine years; and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement allowed for early termination by the county by giving at least 90 days notice prior to termination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby terminates the aforesaid lease agreement effective October 31, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Public Works director is authorized to effect the termination without further action of the Board of Commissioners.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director, reviewed their request that Washington County loan the HRA \$2.2 million to pay for the existing debt on Whispering Oaks in 2009. The loan would be at an interest rate of 5% and repaid by tax increment and HRA levy. The tax increment will be pledged over 25 years up to approximately \$1.7 million, and \$500,000 would be pledged by HRA levy. Ms. Dacy described the Red Oak Preserve (Whispering Oaks) project. It will provide 93 units of affordable housing and 33 market rate units. The rationale for this loan agreement is that it will save the HRA about \$100,000 of bond issuance costs, it satisfies collateral for the bank, and assists the HRA in meeting its obligation to the City of Oakdale. The county's risk is minimized, the loan will be issued after increment is established, and it supports local affordable housing.

July 24, 2007

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve an agreement to provide a loan to the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$2.2 million in 2009 for the Whispering Oaks redevelopment project now known as the Red Oak Preserve. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Commissioner Peterson moved to remove from table consideration of the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program Action Plan for 2007-2008. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor, presented a revised proposal for the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program Action Plan for 2007-2008 funding which incorporates recommendations made by the County Board on July 10, 2007:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Family Means	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.00
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans	\$19,250.00	\$19,250.00
East Metro Woman's Council	\$75,750.00	\$75,750.00
Washington County Community Services	<u>\$12,500.00</u>	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
Total	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program Action Plan for 2007-2008 funding as presented. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Peterson moved to delegate to the County Board Chair and County Administrator authority to execute on behalf of Washington County the developer's agreement with the City of Oak Park Heights for relocating a stormwater utility line consistent with the draft agreement reviewed with the County Board at the July 24, 2007 County Board meeting and conditioned on approval by the County Attorney. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reminded the Board that July 31, 2007 is the 5th Tuesday of the month so there will not be a County Board meeting next week.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the National Association of Counties conference he attended last week. He attended seminars on wetlands and waters and whether there should be more DNR permitting and regulations. He felt that Washington County has had a number of experiences with land locked lakes and water that have been controversial and it didn't need one more government agency to review and require a longer time for approval.

Commissioner Peterson asked if other states have as many agencies as Minnesota for approval of any water improvements? Commissioner Hegberg guessed they do not. Some states felt they needed more regulation because the state didn't do enough.

Commissioner Peterson stated it would be interesting if the Association of Minnesota Counties did an analysis to review what other states do in protection of their groundwater and surface water. She believes Minnesota has a lot of administrative agencies overseeing resources and maybe more and better projects could be performed with less administration.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that after the NACo conference he drove up to New York and described the traffic conditions on the New Jersey Turnpike, which is six lanes in each direction, and the traffic jams in New York City caused mainly by taxies and buses.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he will be attending a PERA seminar in Boston next week.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on a successful Lumberjack Day celebration in Stillwater that occurred this past weekend. He also welcomed home troops on Friday at the Welcome Center two miles west of the Hudson Bridge. It was a moving event.

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 Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

July 24, 2007

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to review the 2008 assessment fees. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Peterson, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Bruce Munneke, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

Gary Kriesel, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

