

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JUNE 19, 2007**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 10:06 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; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Carolyn Phelps, Historic Courthouse Coordinator; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Mjyke Nelson, Director of Information Technology; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections 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 Orth to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the June 5, 2007 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the Fraud Prevention Investigation Plan and grant application for the time period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-075** as follows:

Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo from the  
St. Paul East Park Lions Club

WHEREAS, the St. Paul East Park Lions Club has made an application to conduct excluded bingo according to requirements contained in M.S. 349.166 Sub 2. The event will be held August 1-5, 2007, at the Washington County Fair.

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

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-076** as follows:

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Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal to the  
Office of Traffic Safety in the Minnesota Department of  
Public Safety for the Safe Communities Coalition Project

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has issued a Request for Proposals for the development of local Safe Communities Coalitions to reduce motor vehicle injuries and death; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is one of 13 counties in the state with the highest rate of alcohol related fatalities and is eligible to apply for a fifth year of this special funding; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Safe Communities Coalition project is to increase the use of passenger restraints and decrease the number of fatalities and serious injuries caused by drivers not wearing seat belts and those driving impaired (under the influence of alcohol and other drugs); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Environment has prepared a \$28,000 grant proposal and will act as the fiscal agent and coordinator for the project for the fifth year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment to apply to 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, 2007, through September 30, 2008.

5. Approval to terminate the lease agreements with Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, First American/Universal Title Company, and Edina Realty Title, who are currently housed in the Government Center.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

**MINNESOTA INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

Keith Carlson, Executive Director, Minnesota Inter-County Association, and Bob Vanasek, Claudia Brewington, and John Tuma, MICA Lobbyists, presented a report on the actions of the 2007 State Legislature and the impact on MICA county members.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-077** as follows:

Acceptance of a Grant from the Fred C. and  
Katherine B. Andersen Foundation

WHEREAS, the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation has grant funds available for maintenance and repair projects; and

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WHEREAS, the Historic Courthouse seeks funding for maintenance and repair projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County agrees to accept a grant from the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation in the amount of \$50,000 for window repairs and that the county has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure that the grant will be used as intended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carolyn Phelps, Parks Coordinator-Historic Courthouse, is hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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

Commissioner Peterson reported that Congressman Oberstar will meet with delegates of the Red Rock Corridor on Saturday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Paul. Commissioners Peterson and Hegberg will be attending.

Commissioner Peterson indicated that the Wakota Bridge project will be going out for bid in November, and it will then take three years to complete the second bridge.

Commissioner Peterson asked staff to look at agriculture zoning and uses related to apple orchards, strawberry patches, and tree farms, and should marketing tools be allowed in the agricultural classification, or what percentage of land should be utilized in that designation. A question was raised this morning at the Board of Equalization and she would like to have a clearer response. When the county looks at agricultural industries, what percentage of that land should be used in marketing and is that part of the classification.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the PERA meeting he attended last week which discussed whether the post fund and the active fund should be merged because of the shortfalls. The vote was split 5-5. More discussion will take place next week at a special meeting.

### **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 11:03 a.m.

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**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE COUNTY LIBRARY**

The Board met in workshop session with the County Library to discuss items related to the opening of the new branch library in Forest Lake. 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, Pat Conley, Joyce Schneider, Amy Worwa, Joe Manion, Mjyke Nelson, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Lowell Johnson, Harley Will, and Steve Nelson.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment to discuss strategies for continuation of Household Hazardous Waste facility operations. 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, Lowell Johnson, Don Theisen, Harley Will, Cindy Weckwerth, Judy Hunter, Jeff Travis, and Steve Nelson.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

The County Board convened as the Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center.

Gary Kriesel, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator