

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 10, 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. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager;; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Cindy Koosmann, Recorder; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the December 20, 2005 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the operations grant to the Washington County Agricultural Society for 2006.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-006** as follows:

Premises Permit Application by the Forest Lake Athletic Association

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2005, the Forest Lake Athletic Association made application pursuant to the statutes of the State of Minnesota authorizing lawful gambling; and

WHEREAS, the premises involved is Prospects, 21050 Ozark Avenue, Scandia, MN 55073

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve to approve the granting of a Premises Permit for the above described location subject to the terms of Washington County.

4. Approval of a rate increase for halfway house chemical health services provided by Kinnic Falls Alcohol-Drug Services, Inc.
5. Approval of a rate increase for chemical health services provided by Burkwood, Inc.

6. Approval of a rate increase for chemical dependency treatment services provided by Haven Chemical Health Systems, LLC in Woodbury and Scandia.

7. Approval to ratify the 2005-2007 bargaining unit agreement with the Attorney’s Association as follows:
 1. Duration:
 Three years, effective January 2, 2006 through January 12, 2008.

 2. Wages:

Effective January 2, 2005	0.0%
Effective January 1, 2006	2.0%
Effective January 14, 2007	2.75%

 3. Health Insurance:

2005

Single	\$433/month
Single Plus Child(ren)	\$433/month
Single Plus Spouse	\$589/month
Family	\$640/month (except that in \$0 office co-pay plan cap is \$619)

2006

Single	\$433/month
Single Plus Child(ren)	\$485/month (except that in \$0 office co-pay plan cap is \$433)
Single Plus Spouse	\$660/month (except that in \$0 office co-pay plan cap is \$589)
Family	\$728/month (except that in \$0 office co-pay plan cap is \$619)

2007 Insurance contribution reopener

Increase in flexible credits \$10/month, rounded up to the next dollar, effective January, 2006

 4. Life Insurance:
 Effective March 2006 increase to \$50,000 per year.

8. Approval to renew an agreement with the City of Afton to provide operation and maintenance services to the 201 Collector Systems.

9. Approval of and authorization for the Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement related to Homeland Security and Emergency Management programs and services; and, designation of Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager as county representative to the committee.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

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ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections, reviewed the Washington County Local Equipment Plan. This plan is based on the Help America Vote Act of 2002. That act had two main components, first an upgrade to the voter registration systems and election administration changes in each state and secondly to improve vote counting systems. Minnesota has made most of the administrative changes required by the federal law. The last piece is the upgrade of equipment with the biggest change being a requirement to provide an assisted voting machine in each precinct that will allow disabled voters to vote independently and privately. Minnesota received about \$38.5 million in federal funding for this purpose. In 2005 the Minnesota Legislature passed legislation that gave counties roughly \$35 million of that total and tasked the counties with purchase of the equipment. As part of this task, they required the counties to meet with all of the city, town, and school district election officials and create a county wide plan for equipment. Mr. Corbid stated that a more detailed presentation of this plan will be held next week at a County Board workshop. He is requesting that the Board set a public hearing to consider this plan for January 24, 2006.

Commissioner Peterson moved to set a public hearing to consider the Washington County Local Equipment Plan for Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**2006-2010 Capital Improvement Plan**

The Board Chair presented a brief overview of the procedures that will be followed for today's public hearing to consider the 2006-2010 Capital Improvement Plan. The Board Secretary confirmed that the notice of public hearing was published in the legal newspaper.

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, presented a brief overview of the 2006-2010 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). It includes \$661 million for all funds, \$442 million is due to the Red Rock Corridor construction. It includes projects that are planned to be funded through the 2007 and 2009 bond issuances and includes all the projects that were proposed as part of the 2006 budget. Approving the five year plan today does not guarantee commitments that those projects would be done in those out years. It just means that they are on the planning horizon for discussion by the County Board at a later date. She noted that one letter was received from the City of Cottage Grove. That letter and the county's response was included in the Board packet. Ms. O'Rourke stated a correction was made to page C-2 adding the North and South Service Centers. This has already been funded through the 2003 bond issuance, but given it is a large project and a lot of time will be spent on it in 2006, staff felt it should be acknowledged in the CIP.

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The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

The Board Secretary stated that she had received all the documentary evidence.

Commissioner Peterson moved to close the public hearing to consider adoption of the 2006-2010 Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 9:13 a.m.

Commissioner Stafford asked about funding for the 800 MHz radio system. Ms. O'Rourke apologized for not addressing this earlier. She indicated that staff did change the CIP document to reflect the larger cost of the system. Funding sources are being developed as more firm costs become available.

Commissioner Peterson commented that the Board has had some discussion on additional bonding for parks versus a referendum. She also feels it is important to work with the City of Cottage Grove because of the development pressure to review the roads that are currently classified as county roads and those that are in the future. She hoped that in future conversations with the communities that the county talks about the need for cities to provide collector streets and that county roads do not serve in that function.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-007** as follows:

Adoption of the 2006-2010
Washington County Capital Improvement Plan

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has formulated the 2006-2010 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan which covers a five-year period from the date of its adoption and sets forth the estimated schedule, timing, and details of the specific capital improvements by year, the estimated cost; the need for the particular improvement; and the sources of revenue to pay for the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, after public notice, conducted a public hearing on January 10, 2006 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2006-2010 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, in passing upon the aforesaid Plan, the County Board of Commissioners has considered the following for each project and for the overall plan:

- 1) the condition of the County's existing infrastructure, including the projected need for repair or replacement;
- 2) the likely demand for the improvement;
- 3) the estimated cost of the improvement;
- 4) the available public resources;
- 5) the level of overlapping debt in the County;
- 6) the relative benefits and costs of alternative uses of the funds;
- 7) operating costs of the proposed improvements; and

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- 8) alternatives for providing services more efficiently through shared facilities with other counties or local government units; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopts the proposed 2006-2010 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan which is attached hereto.

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Ms. O'Rourke introduced Melinda Kirk who will be the new Budget/Financial Analyst beginning January 17, 2006. Ms. Kirk is currently the Supervisor in the Financial Services Department.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reported on the Grand Reopening event held at the Rosalie E. Wahl Branch Library in Lake Elmo this past weekend. There was a good turnout and positive comments were heard from the users of the facility and the elected officials in the area.

Commissioner Peterson indicated that the National Association of Counties has asked for projects supporting environmental restoration and stewardship. She wondered if the county could respond with any of the watershed projects or the Water Governance program. Mr. Schug stated that staff is looking at whether or not there is something that would be appropriate to submit. He will add that to the list for consideration.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he attended the Grand Reopening of the Lake Elmo Branch Library. He felt it was an impressive opening and a good turnout. He also commended the Sheriff's Department for its recent drug bust.

Commissioner Peterson shared information with the Board that she received from the Transportation Alliance Board of Directors meeting last week. If the Minnesota Vehicle Excise Tax constitutional amendment is passed, in 2010 the county would receive \$556,335 more, 2011 it would be \$760,000 and all the way up to 2017. She asked that the Board schedule a workshop to discuss the constitutional amendment and to take a position on that.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on his vacation in New Zealand.

Commissioner Stafford reported he will be testifying in Blaine in front of a legislative committee on eminent domain on behalf of the Metropolitan Inter-County Association at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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Commissioner Kriesel reported that Steve Russell, former Planner for the City of Stillwater, is leaving that position to take a similar position in California. He thanked Mr. Russell for all his efforts in guiding the city during its growth years. He asked that the Board send a letter of appreciation for his efforts.

Commissioner Peterson reported that she still has an opening on the Community Services Advisory Committee and encouraged anyone interested to apply.

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 9:30 a.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator