

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

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, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Public Health and Environment Deputy Director; Fred Anderson, Epidemiologist; Sheriff Bill Hutton, Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Sr. Planner; Dennis O'Donnell, Sr. Planner; 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 Stafford to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to establish Reserves and Designations of fund balances for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.
2. Approval for an additional 1.0 FTE Senior Social Worker in the Mental Health/Chemical Health Unit of Community Services.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-017** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of Agreement with  
Hewlett Packard

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is authorized to enter into an agreement by purchase order, with Hewlett Packard for the purchase of five (5) blade servers and three (3) years hardware support.

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4. Approval to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Woodbury Lions Club for the purchase of additional adult audio books to enhance the R.H. Stafford Branch Library's collections.
5. Approval to submit an application for a National Association of Counties 2008 Achievement Award for the Catching Our Breath: Washington County Asthma Initiative.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-018** as follows:

Historic Courthouse Civil War Era Cannon Donations and Purchase

WHEREAS, after the Civil War, the grounds of the Washington County Courthouse was the site of a historic Civil War cannon monument which was subsequently donated for scrap metal used in the production of World War I armaments; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Historic Courthouse provides a benefit to all county citizens as a part of the county's rich history; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council endorsed the acquisition of a Civil War era cannon and its placement on the grounds of the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2007, the Washington County Board of Commissioners resolved to support the fundraising efforts of a citizen group to acquire a Civil War era cannon and accept its placement on the grounds of the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the citizen group has since requested the County accept individual donations for acquiring the Civil War era cannon go directly to the County and that the County purchase the cannon when sufficient funds are received; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Washington County Parks Director or his designees to accept individual donations for acquisition of the Civil War era cannon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes establishing a discrete fund for the purpose of purchasing a Civil War era cannon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, without further action, authorizes the purchase of a Civil War era cannon at such time that sufficient donations have been received to cover all costs associated with the purchase, delivery and placement of the cannon on the grounds of the Washington County Courthouse.

7. Approval of contract with BLI Lighting Specialists to complete Law Enforcement Center parking ramp lighting upgrade.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-019** as follows:

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Resolution Supporting the Timely Replacement  
of the Hastings High Bridge (US Highway 61 Bridge Over the  
Mississippi River) in Hastings, Minnesota

WHEREAS, US Highway 61 crosses the Mississippi River at the City of Hastings via the Hastings High Bridge; and

WHEREAS, this bridge is a two-lane bottleneck connecting two four-lane roadways; and

WHEREAS, this bridge was constructed in 1951; and

WHEREAS, this bridge has had its load limit reduced to 40 tons; and

WHEREAS, this bridge currently carries 32,000 vehicles per day and is expected to carry approximately 47,000 vehicles per day in 2030; and

WHEREAS, this bridge has been defined as fracture critical, scour critical, and functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, a Mn/DOT report completed by the Michael Baker Corporation identified that the bridges tacks welds are “of very poor quality”, water leakage has deteriorated deck joints, bridge bearings are badly corroded or contracted, and there are mission bridge bolts and plates; and

WHEREAS, the current bridge is not scheduled for replacement until 2018 at the earliest; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of state, counties, and cities to see the replacement of the Hastings Bridge prior to 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby request that the Commissioner of Transportation identify funding for the replacement of the Hastings High Bridge so that it can be completed prior to 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners additionally requests that the Hastings High Bridge Project be placed on a fast track for completion.

9. Approval of Change Order #1 to contract with Five Star Welding & Fabricating, Inc. for the Government Center Campus Improvements project in the amount of \$120,705.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Campus 2025 Improvement Contract with Five Star Welding and Fabricating, Inc.**

Pat Michenfelder, attorney for Five Star Welding and Fabricating, asked the Board to delay consideration of terminating the contract with Five Star Welding and Fabricating. He stated there has been an ongoing dialog between himself, Five Star, and Kraus-Anderson’s attorneys. In his judgment the dialog has been cordial

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and to date productive. He believes this dialog can continue to be productive and it's his understanding that Kraus-Anderson is open to the ideal of continuing that dialog for an additional week.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, asked if this item were postponed for a week, would that cause any issues with the county.

Don Theisen, Director of Public Works, indicated that he is glad the Five Star team is here and are taking this seriously. Throughout this issue, their main concern has been project schedule and protecting the county's financial interest. They agree with the request of Five Star to table this issue for a week to meet to see if they can accomplish what is in the best interest of the project schedule and budget and find a resolution to this issue.

Commissioner Peterson moved to table the item terminating the Campus 2025 improvement contract #4215, structural steel and Contract #4273, metal fabrication supply with Five Star Welding and Fabricating, Inc., to February 19, 2008. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill**

Ron Goette, West Lakeland Town Board Supervisor, introduced a memo from the Town Board requesting that the county's comments include an extension to the Environmental Impact Statement until an actual fly ash sample has been analyzed. (The memo dated February 11, 2008 from Supervisor Ron Goette, West Lakeland Town Board is on file)

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the county comments with the addition of West Lakeland's recommendation for an extension to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill until an actual fly ash sample has been analyzed. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve mini-grant agreements with the Cities of Afton, Birchwood, Cottage Grove, Newport and Oak Park Heights to assist the local units of government in planning activities regarding the health and safety of the community during a community-wide public health emergency. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Commissioner Committee Assignments**

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the following committee assignments:

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Commissioner Stafford

Association of Minnesota Counties, Public Safety and Corrections Committee  
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Finance Committee  
 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee  
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Project Board  
 Regional Railroad Authority  
 Workforce Investment Board

Commissioner Kriesel

Community Corrections Advisory Board  
 Workforce Investment Board (Alternate)

Commissioner Hegberg

Minnesota Inter-County Association  
 Workforce Investment Board (Alternate)

Commissioner Peterson

Workforce Investment Board (Alternate)

Commissioner Pulkrabek

Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**Annual Meeting with Ramsey County**

It was Board consensus to schedule the annual meeting with Ramsey County for April 8, 2008 at the Oak Marsh Golf Club in Oakdale at noon.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported on the AMC Legislative committee she attended last week which discussed maintenance of effort. She shared a letter with that group about the policy that if a stand is taken against the maintenance of effort, then that should deal with all maintenance of efforts and a uniform policy should be created. She stated that she will be testifying at Senator Murphy's Transportation meeting. She presented the highlights of the new transportation bill that is proposed and it is essentially what has been suggested from AMC with the exception that it does not have any additional revenue for the wheelage tax. She received a letter from John Baird who is concerned about Highway 95, the width of the road and steep

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ditches. She asked that Jeff Van Wychen, who presented a talk on Minnesota's Shrinking Government to the AMC Legislative Steering Committee, address the County Board.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he will be going to Texas tomorrow as a Board Member of the Dear American Hero to meet with Burt Brady who meets every plane leaving for and arriving from Iraq.

Commissioner Stafford reported that he has resigned his seat on the Friends of Washington County Committee. He's been contacted by the citizens group in Afton, who he assumes is against the 800 MHz radio tower, and they want to meet with him because of his past involvement with the 800 MHz. He indicated he would meet with them, but not without the participation of Captain Pott and Commissioner Kriesel because it is his district. Next Wednesday he will be meeting with the Mayor and City Administrator of Woodbury to get up to speed on issues they may have. He noted that he has been an active member of the American Legion and they have discovered that the City of Berkley, by an 8 to 1 vote, voted to tell the Marine Corp recruiting office to leave town. This has gotten veterans' organizations all over the United States madder than heck. The only news agency covering this item is Fox.

Commissioner Hegberg met with the City of Hugo, Grant and White Bear Township to discuss a small section of road that connects all three municipalities. The City of Hugo and White Bear Township would like to have it blacktopped. Grant proposed to make it into a cul-de-sac. He advised them that would be a bad public policy. He also attended a meeting with the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District. They are going forward with special legislation to be designated a Metropolitan Watershed Management Organization. The county supported that action with the stipulation that their annual budget and property tax levy be approved by the Washington and Chisago Boards of Commissioners. He feels that the Board of Water and Soil Resources will oppose that bill.

### **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 10:45 a.m.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Public Works Department for an update on the comprehensive plan transportation and transit section. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend.

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Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Mike Rogers, Harley Will, Lowell Johnson, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Jane Harper, Dennis O'Donnell, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Alex Friedrich, Pioneer Press, and Nancy Yang, Pioneer Press.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator

