

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JANUARY 6, 2009**

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 Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Kriesel, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Paul Springstroh, Assistant Manager of Public Works; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Commander Dan Starry; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator and the Honorable Toaila Tupou Fulivai Sikahema.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2008**

The Board Chair asked for unfinished business from 2008. There was none. Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn sine die. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

The Honorable William B. Ekstrum, District Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to the following newly re-elected officials: Dennis C. Hegberg, Commissioner District 1, and Commissioner Gary Kriesel, Commissioner District 3.

A new roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Weik, and Hegberg. Commissioner Peterson absent.

**ELECTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 2009**

The County Administrator declared nominations open for temporary Board Chair. Commissioner Kriesel nominated Commissioner Hegberg as temporary chair. Commissioner Weik moved to elect Commissioner Hegberg as temporary chair, Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations and Commissioner Hegberg was unanimously elected temporary chair; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Temporary Chair Hegberg declared nominations open for Board Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners for 2009. Commissioner Kriesel nominated Commissioner Peterson. Commissioner Weik seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard. Commissioner Kriesel moved to elect

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Commissioner Peterson as Washington County Board Chair for 2009. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Commissioner Weik moved to nominate Commissioner Pulkrabek as Vice Chair for 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard. Commissioner Kriesel moved to elect Commissioner Pulkrabek as Vice Chair for 2009. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

### **BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2009**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to set meetings of the Washington County Board of Commissioners for the year 2009 for the first four Tuesdays of each month excluding any Tuesday which is a legal holiday, at 9:00 a.m. and that the Chair can call an evening meeting when necessary to conduct business or to allow for evening access by citizens or interested parties. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the December 23, 2008, Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-001** as follows:

#### Award of 2009 Newspaper Publication Bids

WHEREAS, pursuant to bid advertisement, newspaper publication bids were received until 2:00 p.m., December 3, 2008, for the following publications:

- 1) Official Board Proceedings (Board minutes in summary form)
- 2) Legal Notices
- 3) Delinquent Real Estate Tax List
- 4) Financial Statement (first and second publication)

WHEREAS, timely bids were received from the Lillie Newspapers, St. Croix Valley Press, White Bear Press, Stillwater Gazette, Stillwater Courier, Pioneer Press, and the Hastings Star Gazette; and

WHEREAS, Washington County newspaper publishing awards are based on lowest index number for all bids; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to authority contained in Minn. Stat. 331A.12 the Department of Transportation and Physical Development may designate the Washington County web site as the official publication of transportation projects legal notices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby awards newspaper publication bids for 2009 as follows:

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| 1) | Official Proceedings of the Washington County Board of Commissioners (Board Minutes in Summary Form): | Lillie Newspapers  |
| 2) | Legal Notices:  | Lillie Newspapers  |
| 3) | Notice and List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent:  | Lillie Newspapers  |
| 4) | First Publication of the Financial Statement for year ending December 31, 2008:                       | Stillwater Courier |
| 5) | Second publication of the Financial Statement to be distributed as an insert:                         | Lillie Newspapers  |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County, MN web site is designated the official publication for transportation project legal notices; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each newspaper.

3. Approval of a Memorial Day appropriation of \$100 each upon request in 2009 for the Stillwater Citizens' Memorial Day Association and Washington County posts and barracks.
4. Approval of Policy #6009, Travel Policy for Elected Officials, including airline travel credit.
5. Approval of the final operations grant to the Washington County Agricultural Society for 2009.
6. Approval of appointments/reappointments to advisory committees for 2009:

District 1

Alice Smith, Mahtomedi, reappointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2010;

Tom Triplett, Marine on St. Croix, reappointed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board for a first full term expiring December 31, 2011;

Terry Smith, Forest Lake, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

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District 2

Gloria Knoblauch, Lake Elmo, reappointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a fourth and final term expiring on December 31, 2010;

Paul Ryberg, Lake Elmo, reappointed to the Library Board, for a second and final term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Kenneth Heuer, Oakdale, reappointed to the Parks and Open Space Commission, to a third and final term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Kathy Sedro, Lake Elmo, reappointed to the Planning Advisory Commission, to a second term expiring December 31, 2011;

Elizabeth Semotink, Oakdale, appointed to the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Citizen's Advisory Committee, to a first term expiring on June 30, 2010.

District 3

Krista Benson, Stillwater, appointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a first term expiring on December 31, 2010;

John Sievert, Lakeland, reappointed to the Library Board, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2011;

Marguerite Rheinberger, Stillwater, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009.

District 4

Sheila Colbert, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2010;

Herbert Japs, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Community Services Advisory Board, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2011;

Kaye Kraft, Newport, appointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a first term expiring on December 31, 2010;

Paul Poncin, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Parks and Open Space Commission, to a third and final term expiring December 31, 2011;

Shane Bauer, Hastings, appointed to the Planning Advisory Commission, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.

District 5

Carl Scheider, Woodbury, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2010;

Sara Minehart, Woodbury, reappointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a fourth and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Barry Johnson, Woodbury, reappointed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board, to a second and final term expiring on December 31, 2011.

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At Large

Dennis Hanna, St. Paul Park, reappointed to the Audit Committee, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2011;

Harry Melander, Mahtomedi, reappointed to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, to a fifth term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Robert Mann, St. Paul Park, reappointed to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, to a second term expiring December 31, 2011;

Edward Gordon, Stillwater, reappointed to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a third and final term expiring on December 31, 2010;

David Hume, Marine on St. Croix, reappointed to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2010;

Jennifer Levitt, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2010;

Brian Johnson, Woodbury, reappointed to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2010;

Jessica Parcheta, Stillwater, reappointed to the Minnesota Extension Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2011;

Daniel Malmgren, Marine on St. Croix, appointed to the Personnel Board of Appeals, to a first term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Charles Newman, Stillwater, reappointed to the Planning Advisory Commission, to a second term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Debra Esse, Woodbury, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

Daniel Bigham, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009;

Robert Byerly, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a fourth and final term expiring December 31, 2009;

Sheriff Bill Hutton, Stillwater, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

Mary McComber, Oak Park Heights, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring on December 31, 2009;

Robert Livingston, Lakeland, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring on December 31, 2009;

Bo Bogotty, Forest Lake, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

Stacy Bohl, Hugo, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009;

Katherine Grimm, St. Paul, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a fourth and final term expiring December 31, 2009;

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Joseph Bauer, Stillwater, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a fourth and final term expiring on December 31, 2009;

Gary Kriesel, Stillwater, reappointed to the Veteran's Rest Camp Association, Inc., to a first full term expiring December 31, 2011;

Albert Mitchell, Lakeland, reappointed to the Veteran's Rest Camp Association, Inc., to a first full term expiring December 31, 2011.

The County Board affirms the following committee appointments:

Mark Kuppe, Mental Health Representative, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a term expiring December 31, 2011;

Gregg Wacker, Probation Officer Representative, appointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a term expiring December 31, 2011;

Doug Johnson, County Attorney Representative, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a term expiring December 31, 2011.

7. Approval to renew Purchase of Service Agreements with: White Bear Lake Community Counseling Center, Forest Lake Youth Service Bureau, and the Youth Service Bureau, Inc.
8. Approval of Purchase of Service Agreements with Human Services, Inc. for domestic abuse assessment and treatment, the P.L.A.C.E. program in Stillwater, the Community Options program, the VOICES program and adolescent insight.
9. Approval of Purchase of Service Agreements with Tubman, formerly known as Tubman Family Alliance.
10. Approval to renew contracts for Multi Systemic therapy, a research-based intensive in-home therapy program alternative to juvenile placement.
11. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Michelle Renne Wolf, Inc. (MRW, Inc.) to provide adult corporate foster care and respite services in Washington County.
12. Approval of the 2009 contract with the American Red Cross Twin Cities Area Chapter to provide emergency social services and crisis response services for Washington County Community Services.
13. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Senior Housing Management, Inc. doing business as Oak Ridge Place, to provide the following services at their site in Oak Park Heights: 24-hour customized living, homemaker, and home delivered meals.

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14. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Senior Care Forest Lake, LLC, doing business as Birchwood Arbors, to provide 24-hour customized living services.
15. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Triple Angels Health Care Company to provide 24-hour customized living services at their site in Cottage Grove.
16. Approval of 2009-2011 contract with Crystal Care Assisted Living to provide 24-hour customized living services at their Green Gables site in Mahtomedi.
17. Approval of Amendment Number Two with East Suburban Resources to provide job skills training, job development and placement services for people enrolled in the Diversionary Work Program and the Minnesota Family Investment Program for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.
18. Approval of supported work contract with East Suburban Resources for continued services for Minnesota Family Investment Program customers.
19. Approval of contract with Total Software Solutions, Inc. for enhancements to the recording system utilized by the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services.
20. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-002** as follows:

Resolution Approving the Reappointment of  
Bruce Munneke as County Assessor  
for term beginning January 1, 2009

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 273.061 provides for the appointment of a county assessor in each county for a four-year term beginning on January 1 of every fourth year after 1973; and

WHEREAS, the County appointed Bruce Munneke to the position of County Assessor on June 5, 2001, and reappointed him for a four-year term on January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Munneke has attained the designation of Senior Accredited Minnesota Appraiser (SAMA) as required by statute; and

WHEREAS, the current term of the County Assessor expired on December 31, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Bruce Munneke to the position of County Assessor for a term beginning on January 1, 2009, and expiring on December 31, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to forward this resolution along with the assessor reappointment information provided by Mr. Munneke to the Department of Revenue for their approval.

- 21. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-003** as follows:

Resolution Recommending Approval of  
Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land  
for an Authorized Public Use

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, Oakdale and Woodbury, have made the proper applications for acquiring the parcels listed below for a public use, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, Oakdale and Woodbury are entitled to make such application; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, Oakdale and Woodbury provided additional information to the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, State of Minnesota, regarding the proposed public use of these parcels, being for public parkland, storm water drainage and utilities, public roadway and trail, or landscaping/buffer zone; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, decides that the requested authorized public use is in the best interest of the citizens of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends to the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Minnesota to grant the applications for the acquisition of the following parcels:

<u>City</u>	<u>PIN</u>	<u>Authorized Public Use</u>
Cottage Grove	19.027.21.44.003	Public Right of Way
Forest Lake	07.032.21.33.0040	Road Right of Way
Forest Lake	07.032.21.32.0092	Storm Water Retention
Oakdale	07.029.21.24.0128	Public Parkland
Woodbury	05.028.21.44.0001	Parkland

- 22. Approval of comments on the city of Newport draft comprehensive plan.
- 23. Approval to extend the house lease agreement with Michael and Courtney Bengston for property located at 9941 Stillwater Boulevard, Lake Elmo, located within the Lake Elmo Park Reserve to February 28, 2010.
- 24. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-004** as follows:

Approval of the 2009 Criminal Gang Strike Force and  
Narcotics Task Force Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff’s Office is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Commissioner of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs 2009 Criminal Gang Strike Force and Narcotic Task Force; and

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute and sign the grant and any amendment thereto, as are necessary to implement the program on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Public Works, presented an update on the Fuel Consortium Purchase Program for 2009. Washington County recently joined the program administered by the State of Minnesota. This purchasing program runs from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, and allows agencies to jointly purchase up to 80 percent of their expected fuel usage for the year, at a set price for the year. Nearly 40 other agencies have joined the consortium for 2009. The fuel consortium prices for gasoline are \$1.83 up to \$1.95 per gallon depending on the quantity, which includes the full tax. The fuel consortium prices for diesel are \$2.40 up to \$2.63 per gallon depending on the quantity which includes the full tax. The impact to the budget will result in a potential savings in the 2009 budget of \$171,000 for gasoline and \$68,000 for diesel. Commissioner Kriesel commended the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Works for their outstanding management by entering into this consortium. Commissioner Pulkrabek concurred and commented on an article in the Star Tribune regarding this program and also offered his thanks. Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve entering into the Fuel Consortium Purchase Program for 2009. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Commissioner Committee Assignments for 2009**

Mr. Schug, County Administrator, commented the Board met in workshop on December 23, 2008 to discuss various Commissioner committee assignments to the county, metro, state and national committees, commissions, boards and task forces.

Commissioner Weik moved to approve the following Commissioner appointments to county, metro, state, and national committees, commissions, boards, and task forces:

#### **Dennis C. Hegberg**

- Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
  - Board of Directors (Alternate)
  - District X (Alternate)
  - Environment and Natural Resources
  - General Government
  - Legislative Steering Committee (Alternate)
- Community Action Program for Ramsey/Washington Counties
- Counties Transit Improvement Board
- East Central Regional Juvenile Center (Alternate)
- Finance Committee
- Groundwater Advisory Committee

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Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
 Metro Alliance for Healthy Families  
 Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc.  
 Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition (Alternate)  
 Metropolitan GIS Policy Board  
 Minnesota Inter-County Association  
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control (Alternate)  
 Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board (Alternate)  
 Minnesota Association of Governments Investing for Counties (AMC Appointment)  
 Minnesota County Extension, Washington County  
 Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (AMC Appointment)  
 Minnesota Transportation Alliance Legislative Committee  
 National Association of Counties  
     Environment, Energy and Land Use  
 Public Employee Retirement Association (State Appointment)  
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board  
 Regional Rail Authority  
 Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board  
 Rush Line Rail Corridor  
 35-E Committee

Bill Pulkrabek

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)  
 Finance Committee  
 Grant Evaluation and Ranking System Committee (Alternate)  
 Legislative Committee  
 Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition  
 Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)  
 National Association of Counties  
     Public Lands  
 Personnel Committee  
 Plat Commission/Real Estate Acquisition Committee (Alternate)  
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board  
 Regional Rail Authority  
 Workforce Investment Board

Gary Kriesel

Andersen Community Advisory Committee  
 Association of Minnesota Counties  
     Extension Committee  
     Health and Human Services  
 Audit Committee  
 Community Corrections Committee  
 Community Services Advisory  
 Community Action Program for Ramsey/Washington Counties (Alternate)  
 Counties Transit Improvement Board (Alternate)  
 Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp  
 Grant Evaluation and Ranking System Committee  
 Historic Courthouse Advisory Council  
 I-94 Corridor  
 Library Board (Alternate)  
 Mental Health Advisory Council  
 Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (Alternate)  
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board  
 Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition  
 Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)  
 Minnesota County Extension (Alternate)  
 Minnesota Statewide Radio Board (AMC Appointment) (Alternate)

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Minnesota Transportation Alliance (Alternate)  
 National Association of Counties  
 Parks and Open Space Commission  
 Plat Commission/Real Estate Acquisition Committee  
 Planning Advisory Commission  
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board  
 Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board  
 Regional Rail Authority

Myra Peterson

Association of Minnesota Counties  
     Board of Directors  
     District X Representative  
     Legislative Steering Committee  
     Transportation  
 Community Corrections Advisory Board (Alternate)  
 Counties Transit Improvement Board  
 Groundwater Advisory Committee (Alternate)  
 High Speed Rail Joint Powers Agreement  
 I-494 Wakota Bridge Coalition  
 Hastings Bridge Coalition  
 Legislative Committee  
 MELSA  
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board  
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Executive Committee  
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control  
 Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board  
 Minnesota Inter-County Association  
 Minnesota Transportation Alliance  
 National Association of Counties  
     Transportation  
 Parks and Open Space Commission (Alternate)  
 Planning Advisory Commission (Alternate)  
 Red Rock Rail Corridor  
 Rush Line Corridor (Alternate)  
 Regional Rail Authority

Lisa Weik

Association of Minnesota Counties  
     Public Safety and Corrections  
     Transportation (Alternate)  
 Counties Transit Improvement Board (2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate)  
 Finance Committee (Alternate)  
 I-94 Corridor  
 Law Library Board  
 Library Board  
 MELSA (Alternate)  
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control  
 Metropolitan Energy Task Force  
 Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)  
 Personnel Committee (Alternate)  
 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee  
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board (Alternate)  
 Regional Rail Authority  
 Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board (Alternate)  
 Workforce Investment Board (Alternate)

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Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Mr. Schug informed the County Board of an information sheet completed and provided to them for their review by the Community Services Department. Mr. Schug recommended this information be shared with legislators at the annual meeting this Thursday evening, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Dan Papin, Director of Community Services, addressed the County Board and explained the content of the information sheet, designed to communicate the impact of the depressed economy on the human service system. Mr. Papin explained how counties are ultimately the safety net and unable to turn people away due to reductions in the County Program Aid or funding for human services. Commissioner Pulkrabek thanked Mr. Papin for the update.

Mr. Schug reminded the Board of the annual meeting being held this Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. with the legislators who represent all or parts of Washington County at the Oak Marsh Golf Club in Oakdale. Mr. Schug informed the Board of the legislative priorities recently received from the Minnesota Inter-County Association and the Association of Minnesota Counties which will also be distributed at the meeting this Thursday evening.

Mr. Schug spoke about recent meetings with department heads, held to review the impact of the Governor's recent unallotment and make projections for budget adjustments necessary to balance the 2009 budget due to reductions in state aid.

Mr. Schug informed the Board of a possible upcoming workshop on the State Health Improvement Program.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Pulkrabek thanked Commissioner Hegberg for the outstanding job he did as County Board Chair in 2008. Board Vice Chair Pulkrabek presented outgoing Chair Hegberg with a plaque honoring him for his service as Chair for the past year.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he attended an open house at the new city hall in Lake St. Croix Beach.

Commissioner Kriesel wished to recognize Jack Doerr, Council Member for the city of Oak Park Heights, who retired after 20 years of outstanding public service to the city.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the New Year's Eve event at the Bielenberg Sports Center in Woodbury. The event was well attended and offered a variety of activities geared to families.

Commissioner Weik indicated she and Commissioner Peterson will be taping the monthly county insight this Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. They'll be interviewing state legislators to learn about their priorities. She noted an

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editorial in the Star Tribune on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> in regard to making reform this legislature's goal. The article stated it's going to take more than math to balance the state budget. Commissioner Weik noted the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) has a new platform and policy and also a new president this year, Jim McDonough, Ramsey County Commissioner. She noted that a careful look should be given to the new Association of Minnesota Counties Redesign Project.

Commissioner Hegberg noted the county has a number of advisory committee vacancies at large, in District 1 and in other districts and asked those interested in serving to give the Office of Administration a call for a list of openings. Commissioner Pulkrabek noted he plans to attend his new committee meeting this Thursday for the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition.

#### **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 Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Vice Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator

