

# Washington County, Minnesota

## Board of Commissioners - Actions

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### Actions at the Tuesday, May 3, 2011 Board Meeting

This page is a brief view of the actions taken by the Washington County Board of Commissioners. For further information, please telephone 651-430-6001.

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*Washington County's mission is to provide quality public services in a cost-effective manner through innovation, leadership, and the cooperation of dedicated people.*

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### **Wackerfuss will join Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee**

Mark Wackerfuss, Woodbury, will join the Washington Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, after his appointment by the Washington County Board of Commissioners May 3.

The purpose of the advisory committee is to bring the community perspective and to provide advice or make recommendations to the County Board on matters relating to the application, administration, and implementation of local public health duties outlined by the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement between Washington County and the Minnesota Department of Health. It is required by state law.

### **Skylight will be replaced at Park Grove library; windows to be evaluated, replaced**

The skylight system at the Park Grove Branch of the Washington County Library in Cottage Grove will be replaced, after the Washington County Board of Commissioners gave its approval to a contract for the work at its May 3 meeting. The existing skylight has deteriorated over the years and contributes to significant heat loss in the facility. Proposals to remove and dispose of the existing skylight system and install a new one were received by the county facilities staff, and W.L. Hall Co. provided the lowest cost proposal at \$73,385.

This project is fully funded by Energy and Efficiency Conservation Block Grant dollars awarded to the county under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Additional energy-saving projects will be conducted in other county buildings, which includes evaluating windows and entry doors in buildings throughout the county for heat loss. Window replacements will occur where they will save energy. Funds for this work, which will be conducted by Encompass Engineering Consultants for \$74,341, will also come from dollars awarded to the county under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

### **Sheriff's Office will work with other agencies to prevent Internet crimes against children**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution authoring the Sheriff's Office to enter into a Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (MICAC) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at the board's meeting May 3.

The JPA provides investigative and computer forensic support, as well as Internet investigation training for MICAC affiliates and non-affiliate agencies throughout Minnesota. It will allow use of systems and tools available over the State's Criminal Justice Data Communications Network for which the county is eligible.

## **Design work proposal approved for Woodbury Drive project**

Design work for improvements on Woodbury Drive, or County State Aid Highway 19, will begin soon, as the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a contract May 3 with HR Green Company to do the work. The contract with HR Green Company is for preliminary and final design services, at a cost of \$1,195,934.

Washington County will be reconstructing Woodbury Drive to improve the safety, capacity and operation of the road through Woodbury. The project is currently scheduled for construction in 2013. It is anticipated that rebuilding Woodbury Drive will be a \$9 million project. Currently, the roadway lacks left turn lanes, and needs more through lanes for additional capacity. The pavement is in poor condition, and the roadway has limited pedestrian paths. The project will make the roadway compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and will address drainage problems.

The construction schedule calls for construction plans to be selected by December, with the right-of-way process beginning in February 2012. Construction is to begin in May 2013, and be completed in November of that year.

## **Community Development Block Grant, HOME plans approved**

The Washington County 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Annual Action Plan was approved by the Washington County Board of Commissioners May 3. The 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan established the strategies and funding priorities for the CDBG and HOME programs for July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2015. The federal 2011 program award amounts have not been finalized; however, based on the most recent federal budget reductions approved April 8, approximately \$787,987 will be available to the Washington County CDBG & HOME programs for 2011.

Annual grant funds for CDBG and HOME programs are used to fund priority activities identified in the Consolidated Plan.

The plan calls for funding:

- \$89,618 for Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity-Scattered Sites, new single-family construction (HOME);
- \$35,095 for Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for John Jergens Senior Apartments Improvement Project (CDBG);
- \$210,510 for Charter Oaks LLC - Charter Oaks Townhomes (CDBG);
- \$93,275 for Two Rivers Community Land Trust (HOME);
- \$134,498 for Washington County Owner Occupied Rehab Program (CDBG); and
- \$87,715 for Washington County Public Services (CDBG).
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In addition, \$137,276 will be spent on administration of the programs, which includes the programs in both Washington and Dakota counties.