

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 11, 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, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Hegberg absent. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kathy Trombly-Ferrin, Accounting and Finance Supervisor; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Julie Sorrem, County Risk Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Public Works Division Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the July 28, 2009 and August 4, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint Wayne Moe, Scandia, to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Board of Managers to a three-year term expiring September 22, 2012.
3. Approval of the following reappointments to the Workforce Investment Board to terms expiring June 30, 2011: Cherylee Sherry, Small Business, Corrine Watson, Labor; and Jim Finley, Job Services.
4. Approval of contract with John Kaul, d.b.a, Capitol Gains, for legislative liaison services for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010.
5. Approval to reallocate \$20,300 of Mission Directed Budget funding from the Employee Benefit Self-Service project to the Neo-Gov project.

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6. Approval for a Request for Proposal for auditing services for the next three years.
7. Approval to accept \$68,075.18 in extended funding for Children's Mental Health Crisis and Stabilization Services for the period July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.
8. Approval of the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program funding agreement between Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and Washington County.
9. Approval to accept grant of \$2,200 from Target (Forest Lake and Stillwater stores) for the Teens Read and Color with Kids programs at Washington County Libraries.
10. Approval to accept grant of \$2,000 from Target (Woodbury) for an accessibility initiative at the Washington County RH Stafford Library.
11. Approval to accept grant award from the Office of Justice Programs for funding under the FY 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Local solicitation in the amount of \$39,353.
12. Approval of Amendment Number Three to the 2009 contract with Human Services, Inc. This Amendment increases funding for the Children's Mental Health Metro Children's Crisis Services Grant and reduces funding for Children's Mental Health Action Collaborative Services.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously, Commissioner Hegberg absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-082** as follows:

Minnesota Historical Society State Capital Projects Grant
for Floor Tile Replacement at the Historic Courthouse

WHEREAS, Washington County Parks applied to the Minnesota Historical Society for grant funds to assist with the replacement of damaged floor tile (installed in 1870) at the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Historical Society has made available a State Capital Projects Grant to Washington County for the replacement of floor tile with the requirement that the County sign the grant agreement and a Letter of Agreement Governing Use of Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, repair of the tile has been budgeted in the 2009 Historic Courthouse budget; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and County Administrator to sign on behalf of the County the grant agreement between Washington County and the Minnesota Historical Society, and that the grant funds for the described project be directed to Washington County without further action by the County Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Public Works Director to sign a Letter of Agreement Governing Use of Historic Site, conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

MINNESOTA INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Keith Carlson, Executive Director of the Minnesota Inter-County Association along with Nancy Silesky, John Tuma and Bob Vanasek, contracted lobbyists, presented a report to the County Board on the actions of the 2009 legislature.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

MINNESOTA COUNTIES INSURANCE TRUST

Jane Hennagir, Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (MCIT), presented the annual report to the County Board. The report provided information on the county's property/casualty and workers' compensation program; an update on MCIT's and Washington County's dividends, rates and claims history; and an overview of MCIT's risk management and loss control initiatives for 2010.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Kriesel moved to authorize the county to enter into a contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for health insurance for 2010 and Delta Dental for dental insurance for 2010. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent.

Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 10:10 a.m.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Schug commented about the excellent presentation by Keith Carlson, and the other contracted lobbyists from Minnesota Inter-County Association. He mentioned there were a number of references made to items that will affect the county's 2010 budget and are presently being reviewed in the individual department discussions with Administration. He informed the County Board they would be hearing more details and the impact these items will have on the proposed budget as they begin to receive departments' presentations in a few weeks.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he will be attending the Metro Emergency Services Board and the I-94 Corridor Committee meeting this week. He attended the Medical Assistance Transportation Forum last week hosted by Anoka County.

Commissioner Weik reported she also attended the Medical Assistance Transportation Forum last week and indicated it was a very good session and well attended. She expressed her thanks to Anoka County for hosting the forum. The Metropolitan Council introduced everyone to a new program for 2010 called Transit Link. A question was posed to Metropolitan Council about whether Dial-A-Ride could help with some of this in the future. Metropolitan Council's response was it couldn't happen overnight but is an issue where all be working together to find efficiencies to provide residents with transportation to their non-emergency medical appointments.

Commissioner Peterson reported she has a meeting today with Jim McDonough, Chair of Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority and Senator Katie Sieben. She plans to attend Metro Emergency Services Board tomorrow. She has tentatively scheduled to attend the Board of Directors meeting for the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) in Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint Commissioner Pulkrabek as the alternate to the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) in the absence of Commissioners Peterson and Hegberg. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

Commissioner Peterson apologized for not attending Newport's meeting last week. She plans to attend the Hastings city council meeting on Monday night next week. The topic is Hastings Park and Ride.

Commissioner Kriesel added that Chief Deputy Mike Johnson attended the Forest Lake City Council meeting where they passed the resolution to join the Yellow Ribbon Initiative. He commended Chief Deputy Mike Johnson for his efforts on this initiative.

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Commissioners Peterson and Kriesel commended Patrick Singel, Deputy Director Community Services, for his excellent article in the Purple Page.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:16. a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE LIBRARY BOARD

The Board met in workshop session with the Library Board to review the final draft of library facilities planning. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Weik and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Pat Conley, Larry Timmerman, Yvonne Klinnert, Joyce Schneider, Jim Lindner, John Elholm, Joe Manion, Norm Nickerson, Paul Ryberg, and Amy Worwa.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS - PARKS

The Board met in workshop session with Public Works to get an update on the Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including funding from the new 3/8% State Sales Tax. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Wayne Sandberg, and John Elholm.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

