

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 16, 2009

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Kriesel. Commissioners Weik and Peterson absent. Board Vice Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; John Elholm, Parks Director; John Kaul, Legislative Liaison; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jennifer Wagenius, Division Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Amanda Strommer, Public Health and Environment Program Manager; John Freitag, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Ron Johnson, Internal Auditor; David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the June 2, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Information only – 2008 report of the Audit Committee.
3. Approval to revise Human Resources Policy #5204 Adding Employee Benefit Options Through Payroll Deduction – Review Process.
4. Approval to amend contract #4399 (renumbered #2585) with SirsiDynix Corporation for software and maintenance to streamline process for interlibrary loans using the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) Circulation Interchange Protocol (NCIP).
5. Approval of comments to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the 3M Cottage Grove Disposal Site Proposed Cleanup Plan for Perfluorochemicals and approval of the letter drafted on behalf of the Commissioners to be signed by the Board Chair.
6. Approval of comments to the City of Lakeland regarding their Local Water Management Plan and approve comment letter drafted on behalf of the Commissioners to be signed by the Board Chair.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Weik and Peterson absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-061** as follows:

Providing Free Access to the County's Parks for the Spouse
of any Currently Deployed Military Personnel

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to recognize the sacrifices that military families are making at home due to the deployment of military personnel; and

WHEREAS, Washington County would like to offer support to these families as part of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon initiative; and

WHEREAS, Washington County offers public park facilities that require the purchase of a permit for all vehicles entering the park; and

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to waive the park's vehicle permit fee for the spouse of currently deployed military personnel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the parks division to issue a free annual vehicle permit to the spouse of any currently deployed military personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the spouse of any currently deployed military personnel be issued the above pass between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 upon presentation of proper identification and other appropriate paperwork to the park attendant.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Weik and Peterson absent.

Commissioner Peterson arrived at 2:20 p.m.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Overview of 2009 Legislative Session**

John Kaul, Washington County Lobbyist, reviewed the 2009 State Legislative Session and its impact on Washington County.

James Schug, County Administrator, announced that the Department of Revenue has sent out a statement regarding the Governor's speech this afternoon. It appears that a \$100 million cut will come from county program aid, and the cuts will be distributed in two state fiscal years. There will be a \$1.1 million reduction in Washington County's grant for 2009 and then in 2010 there will be another \$2.2 million reduction. Those amounts are close to what staff has been using as estimates. In addition there is approximately \$236

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million in Department of Human Services cuts, grants will be reduced to counties for mental health services, chemical dependency treatment, housing and basic needs in emergency situations, child support administration costs, and other flexible social services purposes. It is expected that some of the Federal stimulus funds could mitigate some of the impact.

Mr. Schug stated that staff will review the report and come back to the Board in workshop session to discuss parameters for the 2010 budget.

Mr. Schug reminded the audience that at 3:00 p.m. there will be a meeting between the County Board of Appeal and Equalization and persons who are interested in or affected by some changes proposed for the classification of horse boarding operations. At 5:00 p.m. the County Board of Appeal and Equalization will convene to hear persons who are contesting the valuation placed on their properties for assessment year 2009.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Public Employee Retirement Association and the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust meetings he attended last week.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported he met with the City of Woodbury to discuss a proposed project and they will be requesting Land and Water Legacy dollars from the county. The city will make a presentation to the Board next week. He also attended the I-94 Corridor Commission and reported that he was elected chair and Woodbury Mayor Hargis was elected vice chair.

Commissioner Kriesel mentioned that a good friend and a strong community advocate, Jerry Fontaine, passed away last week. He served on Stillwater's Planning Commission for quite a few years. He expressed his condolences to his wife and family.

Commissioner Peterson thanked Commissioner Pulkrabek for taking the leadership on the I-94 Corridor Commission. She feels this corridor is key to Washington County. She encouraged the public to support the non-profit organizations because they are having difficulty finding funding. They are being asked for a lot of assistance from citizens as they suffer setbacks from the economy.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Weik absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator