

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 10, 2007

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, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Kriesel 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; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Rebecca Ault, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Myjke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; 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 audience; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Orth to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to appoint David Junker, Stillwater, to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen's Advisory Committee as a Private Sector Representative, to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
2. Approval of lease with Pitney Bowes, Inc. for a Mailing System (DM1000) for five years in the amount of \$49,860.
3. Approval to accept \$23,969.73 in state mental health grant funds for operation of contracted mental health crisis services; and, approval to amend the Human Services, Inc. contract to include these funds and grant requirements for CY 2007.
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-039A** as follows:

Rejection of All Proposals for Investment Advisor Services

WHEREAS, Washington County solicited proposals for investment advisor services in order to manage bond proceeds from an \$80 million general obligation issue; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County expressly reserved the right to reject any and all proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Review Committee formed to review the proposals determined that such services as set forth in the request for proposal were not needed by the county and recommended all proposals be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby rejects all proposals submitted for the aforementioned investment advisor services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Services Department develop an agreement with an investment services provider to utilize existing county investment policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any such agreement shall be brought back to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for approval.

5. Approval of the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 2007-040

Approving the Subdivision of Parcel 06.028.21.32.0052
Located in Woodbury
(Replaces Resolution No. 2007-028, adopted March 20, 2007)

WHEREAS, parcel 07.028.21.32.0052 forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes on September 23, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury expressed interest to acquire that piece of land minus parcels 3 & 4 of Washington County Highway Right of Way Plat 150; and

WHEREAS, M.S. § 282.01, Subdivision 3, allows the County Board to subdivide a tract of forfeited land if it deems this to be advantageous for the purpose of sale or conveyance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the City of Woodbury for the sale or conveyance of said lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to subdivide this parcel in three new parcels with the following property descriptions:

Parcel A:

Parcel No. 3 Washington County Highway Right of Way Plat 150

Parcel B:

Parcel No. 4 Washington County Highway Right of Way Plat 150

Parcel C:

Outlot A, Meadowood Pond 1st Addition, Except: Parcel No. 3 & Parcel No. 4 Washington County Highway Right of Way Plat 150

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Resolution No. 2007-041

Recommending Approval of Conveyance of
Tax Forfeited Land for an Authorized Public Use
(Replaces Resolution No. 2007-030, Adopted March 20, 2007)

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury, has made the proper application for acquiring the parcel listed below for a public use, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury is entitled to make such application; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury provided additional information to the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, State of Minnesota, regarding the proposed public use of this parcel, being for a lift station, utilities and Right of Way, & easements; and

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

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 application for the acquisition of the following parcel:

City – Woodbury

PIN – 06.028.21.32.0083

Authorized Public Use – Lift station/Utilities & Right of Way/Easements

Legal Description – Outlot A, Meadowood Pond 1st Addition, Exc: Parcel No. 3 & Parcel No. 4 Washington County Highway Right of Way Plat 150

6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-042** as follows:

Recognizing the Public Safety Dispatchers in Washington
County in Honor of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

WHEREAS, the dedicated public safety telecommunications personnel daily serve the citizens of Washington County by answering their telephone calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, the critical functions performed by professional public safety telecommunications personnel impact all aspects of public safety and many other operations performed by state, county and local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, professional public safety telecommunications personnel work to improve the emergency response capabilities in the county through their participation in training programs and other activities to make them more efficient and responsive to the needs of the public safety organizations in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Sheriff's Office provides 24-hour dispatching, and the Forest Lake, Oak Park Heights, Oakdale, Stillwater and Woodbury Police Departments provide day time non-emergency dispatching for their communities.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of April 8 – April 14, 2007 as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Washington County and extends its appreciation and thanks to the dedicated Public Safety Telecommunications Personnel for the vital contribution they make to the safety and well being of our citizens and public safety providers.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve Change Order #4 with Gephart Electric, Inc. for \$30,488.00 at the Forest Lake Service Center/Library; and approval of Change Order #5 with Gephart Electric, Inc. for \$37,783 at the Forest Lake Service Center/Library. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a Microsoft Enterprise Software Licensing Agreement to standardize the software on county desktop PCs, which will enhance and simplify technical support processes and streamline the process for demonstrating software license compliance. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Peterson moved to ratify the 2007-2009 bargaining unit agreement with the AFSCME exempt and non-exempt employees as follows:

1. Duration:
Three year contract effective January 14, 2007 through January 9, 2010.
2. Wages:
Effective 1/14/07, 2.75% general adjustment.
Effective 1/13/08, 3.0% general adjustment.
Effective 1/11/08, 3.0% general adjustment.
Implementation of new compensation plan January 2007.
3. Health Insurance:
2007 Open Access \$0 Office Visit Copay

Single	\$433/month
Single + Child(ren)	\$433/month
Single + Spouse	\$589/month
Family	\$619/month

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Open Access \$15, \$20 and Classic \$20 Office Visit Copay

Single	\$465/month
Single + Child(ren)	\$509/month
Single + Spouse	\$693/month
Family	\$814/month

Increase flex credits to \$50/month effective January 2007

Insurance reopeners in 2008 and 2009.

4. On-Call-Employees Scheduled for On-Call (Exempt and Non-Exempt)

2008 Increase \$.10 per hour.

2009 Increase \$.10 per hour.

5. Shift Differential

Increase \$.10 per hour effective following County Board approval.

6. Union Security

Establishment of PEOPLE fund with Union paying start up costs.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reported that due to the Easter recess, there is little legislative information to report. Last week Commissioner Peterson asked about additional funding in the area of developmental disabilities. He found out that funding is for special education funding and would not affect the county programs directly although some people that the county serve would be benefiting from that additional funding.

Mr. Schug reported that a meeting was held with the Veteran's Rest Camp on how the flow of money would go should that special appropriation be passed.

Mr. Schug announced that county staff will be moving into the South Service Center in Cottage Grove this weekend and will be open for business on Monday, April 16. The grand opening will be held in late June.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported on the following items: the Wakota Bridge Coalition is seeking additional funds to continue their advocacy for the bridge and she turned that information over to staff; she received a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency report on the contaminants at 3M in South Washington County; she has received a number of e-mails concerning the pressure for homeowners to do whole house carbon systems and she is concerned that people will spend the dollars without knowing all of the information and urged staff to provide more information on the county web site; Metro GIS has asked that the Metropolitan

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Emergency Services Board send a letter of project endorsement to enhance the radio system and 911, she feels that letter should come from the counties, staff will work on this issue; AMC will hold workshops on April 19 and 20 entitled: Raising Local Funds to Protect Minnesota Land and Water; as Chair of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board she will be attending the Interoperability Police Academy in May; she urged all County Board members to attend the transportation rally this Thursday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the State Capitol; and the Eastern Transportation Alliance will meet this evening at the State Office Building 400 South at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported that tomorrow he will be meeting with Marty Seifert and David Senjem to talk politics and public policy; he will not be able to attend the transportation rally on Thursday, he will be meeting with the Lake Elmo Chamber; and Saturday is the taxpayer's rally at the Capitol.

Commissioner Orth reported he attended the Metro Counties Energy Task Force last week and he will attend the transportation rally on Thursday.

Commissioner Hegberg indicated he would not be able to attend the transportation rally because of a PERA meeting; he was requested by the watershed district to look at a piece of ground that has tax forfeited and is located on the corner of Judicial Ditch No. 1; he would like the county to use that for wetland credits for future projects; the City of Forest Lake approved changes to the headwaters plat and there was discussion on Wal-Mart expansion and how that would affect traffic on Broadway; he reported on the Drug Court he attended in Ramsey County last week and feels that the county should discuss this matter further; and he toured the Service Center/Library in Forest Lake last week.

Commissioner Kriesel will be touring the Boomsite up to Fairy Falls with John Kramer, State Archeologist, the DNR, Historical Society and the City of Stillwater, to review options to protect that site for the future.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in Executive (Closed) Session at 10:02 a.m. with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to discuss a Land Commissioner award on CSAH 8 to Marvin and Judith LaValle parcel in Hugo. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Sharon Price, Doug Johnson, Rick Hodsdon, and Patricia Raddatz.

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The County Board reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss a draft proposal for the formulation of a comprehensive economic development strategy for Washington County and its communities. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Alex Friedrich, Pioneer Press.

Gary Kriesel, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

