

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 18, 2006

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, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Stafford, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek 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 Transportation and Physical Development; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dennis O'Donnell, Sr. Planner; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Sr. Planner; Steve Pott, County Sheriff; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Amanda Goebel, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Fred Anderson, Epidemiologist; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Tom Adkins, Director of Community Corrections; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Koosmann, Recorder; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy Recorder; 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 Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to appoint Tegen Kraemer, Stillwater, to the Child Protection Citizen Review Panel, to a first term expiring June 30, 2008.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-052** as follows:

Resolution Amending the Washington County 2020 Comprehensive Plan
and Approving a Rezoning Request of Holiday Stationstores, Inc.
Ordinance No. 173

This matter came on for public hearing before the Washington County Board of Commissioners on April 4, 2006 and continued on April 11, 2006 on an application by Holiday Stationstores, Inc., hereinafter Applicant, to amend the Washington County Comprehensive Plan and to rezone property in West Lakeland Township. This hearing was held under the auspices of MINN. STAT. § 394.25, subd. 10 and Chapter 1, Section 14 of the Washington County Development Code. Having heard the testimony of Applicant and all interested parties and having reviewed the recommendation of the Washington County

Planning Advisory Commission and being otherwise advised in the premises, the Washington County Board of Commissioners makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The Applicant is the owner of 7.3 acres of real property for which application was made, which is legally described as

That part of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 29, Range 20, Washington County, Minnesota, described as commencing at the northeast corner of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31; thence on an assumed bearing of South 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds West, along the north line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, a distance of 1926.15 feet to the point of beginning of the property to be described; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 474.21 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 49.51 feet; thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 552.52 feet to the northerly right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 94 per MN/DOT Right-of-Way Plat No. 82-36 and Final Certificate No. 694842; thence westerly and northerly along said right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 94 to said north line of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds East, along said north line of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, a distance of 420.29 feet to the point of beginning.

This 7.3 acres is a portion of a more or less 60 acre parcel owned by Applicant located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection between Interstate 94 (I-94) and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 in West Lakeland Township.

2. The entire 60 acre parcel, including the subject 7.3 acres is currently planned and zoned for Rural Residential housing under the Washington County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.
3. Applicant wishes to amend the Comprehensive Plan designation and rezone the 7.3 acres of land which is more fully described in paragraph 1 above from Single Family Estate to Commercial/Industrial-Rural. Application to amend and rezone was made and completed on January 3, 2006.
4. The remaining more or less 60 acres owned by Applicant will continue to be planned and zoned Single Family Estate under the Washington County Development Code.
5. Applicant proposes to use the subject 7.3 acres to build and operate a convenience store with gas dispensing facilities.
6. Pursuant to MINN. STAT. § 394.25, subd. 10 and Chapter 1, Section 14 of the Washington County Development Code, the application was submitted to the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission for its review and recommendation. On January 24, 2006, a hearing was held on the matter, and the Planning Advisory Commission recommended the request to amend and rezone be denied.
7. The Washington County Board of Commissioners conducted public hearings on Applicant's request to amend and rezone on April 4, 2006 and April 11, 2006. Notice of the public hearing was given in a manner required by MINN. STAT. §§ 394.26 and 375.51.
8. The Applicant extended by 60 days to 120 days from the date the completed application was received by the County the time necessary for the County Board to grant or deny the application.

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9. Most or all of the 60 acres owned by the Applicant, including the subject property, is currently being used for sod farming.
10. Because of its close proximity to I-94 and the attendant noise generated by the highway, it is doubtful whether the subject property is suitable for residential development.
11. As it currently stands, the subject property does not have access to sewer and water and most likely the earliest it would have such access is in the 2020 time frame.
12. The lands adjacent to three sides of the zoned property and located in the Cities of Lake Elmo, Woodbury and Afton are zoned for some type of commercial development with the adjacent land in Lake Elmo and Woodbury earmarked for professional business office use and the contiguous land in Afton currently home to a truck terminal.
13. None of the adjacent lands located in Lake Elmo, Woodbury and Afton have sewer and water and probably will not have sewer and water until the 2010 to 2020 time frame.
14. During the study for the County's current Comprehensive Plan, it was determined that the location of the subject property would in all likelihood be eventually developed as business commercial, but not until sewer and water were in place.
15. Washington County will begin a study in 2008 on a new Comprehensive Plan.
16. The zoning for the subject property under the West Lakeland Township Ordinance is at odds with the County's and is classified by the Township's Zoning Ordinance as HC-B, Highway Commercial/Business District, which allows a convenience store and service station as a conditional use.
17. Applicant has been granted a conditional use permit and variance by West Lakeland Township in order to operate a gas station and convenience store on the subject property.
18. Although Applicant's request is not in conformance with Washington County's Comprehensive Plan, there is strong likelihood that the land will change designation to Commercial following the 2008 Comprehensive Plan study, or at least when sewer and water are in place.
19. The concerns with water, soil, water contamination, traffic and aesthetics attendant to siting and construction of the proposed facility will be subject to the permitting process under the Washington County Development Code.
20. Although there may be problems in constructing and operating a gas station and convenience store on the proposed 7.3 acres, the 7.3 acres can accommodate, if sited properly, such a facility that meets the criteria set forth in the County's Development Code.
21. If the proposed gas station and convenience store cannot meet the conditions set out in the permitting process, it will not be allowed to operate.
22. Although the proximity of the proposed station to the intersection of CSAH 15 and I-94 pose access problems, the development of the subject 7.3 acres does not require any extraordinary and burdensome road improvements.
23. The gas station and convenience store will not require additional security measures.

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- 24 The gas station and convenience store will provide an essential service to the surrounding community and, thus, a benefit to the public in general.
25. Because the proposed zoning would be consistent with the commercial development of property adjacent to the subject property, the rezoning of the land would not constitute spot zoning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners grants the request of Holiday Stationstores, Inc. to amend the Washington County Comprehensive Plan and the Washington County Development Code to rezone the parcel legally described as

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as Commercial/Industrial-Rural.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Zoning Administrator is directed to make the changes set forth in the Washington County Development Code and cause the same to be published and codified according to law and from and after the effective date of the Amended Ordinance No. 173.

**Washington County Development Code Amendment
Washington County
Ordinance No. 173**

The Board of Commissioners of Washington County ordains:

SECTION 1: The Washington County Comprehensive Plan and the Washington County Development Code be amended to rezone 7.3 acres of property legally described as that part of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 29, Range 20, Washington County, Minnesota, described as commencing at the northeast corner of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31; thence on an assumed bearing of South 89 degrees 56 minutes 33 seconds West, along the north line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, a distance of 1926.15 feet to the point of beginning of the property to be described; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 474.21 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 49.51 feet; thence South 0 degrees 04 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 552.52 feet to the northerly right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 94 per MN/DOT Right-of-Way Plat No. 82-36 and Final Certificate No. 694842; thence westerly and northerly along said right of way line of Interstate Highway No. 94 to said north line of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31; thence North 89 degrees

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from Single Family Estate to Commercial/Industrial-Rural.

SECTION 2: The Washington County Zoning Administrator is hereby directed to amend the Washington County Development Code, including zoning maps, in accordance with the foregoing amendment.

SECTION 3: Effective date. This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota this 18th day of April, 2006.

3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-053** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation
Washington County Food Shelf Volunteers
National Volunteer Week, April 23 – 29, 2006

WHEREAS, volunteers are invaluable in their contributions of time, dedication, and ability to help in a wide range of activities in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, not all Washington County residents are able to provide food for themselves and their families and therefore require assistance with food and household supplies; and

WHEREAS, there are many food shelf organizations located throughout Washington County staffed by volunteers who selflessly collect, sort, and distribute food throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, food shelf volunteers and volunteers who provide assistance to food shelf programs are creative in many productive ways to acquire the necessary food and household supplies to support the food shelves in Washington County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognizes the generosity and dedication of the many volunteers involved with countywide food shelves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends all food shelf volunteers for their public service and proclaims the week of April 23-29, 2006, as “National Volunteer Week in Washington County.

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-054** as follows:

Resolution Supporting the Application for Approval of a New
Authorized Public Use of Tax Forfeited Parcel 21.030.20.24.0001
Located in the City of Stillwater

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater has acquired this parcel on the 28th of January, 2000, for the authorized public use of drainage and utility access to existing storm water system and future sanitary sewer system and for purpose of future proposed utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater decided to change the authorized public use; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater has made the proper application for the approval of a new authorized public use of drainage and utility access to existing storm water system and sanitary sewer system and for purpose of utilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County has the authority to grant or deny such request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby grants this request and recommends to the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Minnesota to approve the application of the City of Stillwater for a new authorized public use of tax forfeited parcel 21.030.20.24.0001.

5. Approval to engage in a service agreement with Meketarian, Inc. to provide Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) services, a juvenile placement alternative intensive in-home therapy program.
6. Approval for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Stillwater Medical Group related to purchase of medical services for the Jail Health Unit.
7. Approval for plat of Wild Bush Acres, New Scandia Township.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-055** as follows:

Resolution to Purchase the Taylor Property
Big Marine Park Reserve

WHEREAS, Washington County is interested in acquiring the property described herein in May Township, for inclusion into the Big Marine Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the owners agree to sell the property to the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its Chairman and Administrator to execute on behalf of the county a purchase agreement and any other document necessary for the county to purchase the property legally described as follows:

Lots Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5), Oak Lane Addition

For the sum of \$50,000.00.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Valerie Jones, Community Volunteer Service Director, presented Community Involvement Awards for 2006 as follows:

Youth Awards – Brianna Strunk and Angela Walker both volunteer for the Youth Service Bureau in Forest Lake. Brianna has cared for young children whose parents attend education workshops, worked as the

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evening receptionist, and planned “Dreams with Wings Conference for Girls and Women”. Angela helped plan the “Baby Basket Bonanza” that meets needs for low-income mothers and their babies, and volunteered in special events for families in the Forest Lake school district. She was also a key planner for the “Dreams with Wings Conference for Girls and Women”.

Outstanding Individual Award – Chloette Haley works with people with developmental disabilities and their families. She served on the Washington County Community Services Advisory Committee and has been a long-time volunteer with Arc Greater Twin Cities.

Outstanding Individual Award – Sheila Newcomb supports the monetary, logistical and emotional needs of families of military personnel through the Military Family Support League. She has developed the infrastructure, coordinated primary organizational functions, recruited new volunteers and planned special events for this support organization.

Outstanding Group Volunteer – The White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church in Mahtomedi is a positive role model for faith based organizations. Members of the church became concerned about the problems of homelessness in the suburbs of Washington and Ramsey Counties. They prepare meals for families, coordinate food and household drives, tutored children and adults and raised major monies to serve the family and children of the East Metro Women’s Council.

Lifetime Award – Agnes Watrin has been an active member of the community through the Church of St. Charles in Bayport, Girl Scouts, Lakeview Hospital, Bayport Meals on Wheels, Election Judge for League of Women Voters, volunteer with the American Red Cross, Greeley Health Care Center and Family Means. Agnes has contributed a total of 1,078 hours of volunteer service in the Medical Surgical and Surgery Wait areas of Lakeview Hospital and has knitted hundreds of pairs of slippers for children in orphan and homeless shelters.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-056** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers
National Volunteer Week - April 23 - 29, 2006

WHEREAS, the volunteers of Washington County are among the people and organizations who work together to help others and support programs to “Inspire by Example;” and

WHEREAS, volunteer organizations, such as the Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers, are vital to all citizens in Washington County to provide volunteer coordination, volunteer opportunities, special programs, services, transportation, and recognition for volunteers; and

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WHEREAS, in 2005, Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers connected people and enriched lives by having 1172 volunteers work with social or community service organizations to strengthen communities and serve people of all ages and needs for an estimated value of \$4.3 million of the services provided by the volunteers; and

WHEREAS, as an example of volunteer recruitment, Community Volunteer Services and Senior Centers is helping Washington County prepare for a medical emergency by coordinating volunteers for the Medical Reserve Corps to provide assistance during a natural or man-made disaster; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many volunteer contributions of skills, experience, and time for the benefit of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends the Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers and its volunteers for their public service since 1967 and hereby proclaims the week of April 23-29, 2006, as "National Volunteer Week in Washington County."

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-057** as follows:

Bid Awards for Construction of North Service Center and Library in Forest Lake

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the construction of a County Service Center and Library in Forest Lake, the County solicited bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, bids were opened on March 21, 2006 with bids accepted in 29 bid divisions; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$184,960.00 from Arnt Construction Company, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 1 (Excavation and Earthwork) and the County enter into a contract with Arnt Construction Company, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$78,500.00 from RO-SO Contracting, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 2 (Site Utilities) and the County enter into a contract with RO-SO Contracting, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$162,450.00 from FPI Paving Contractors, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 3 (Asphalt Paving) and the County enter into a contract with FPI Paving Contractors, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$34,900.00 from CR Fischer & Sons, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 4 (Concrete Curbs) and the County enter into a contract with CR Fischer & Sons, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$228,841.00 from Peterson Companies, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 5 (Landscaping & Sodding) and the County enter into a contract with Peterson Companies, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$436,444.00 from Slate Cement, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 6 (Concrete) and the County enter into a contract with Slate Cement, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$568,620.00 from Hollenback & Nelson, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 7 (Unit Masonry) and the County enter into a contract with Hollenback & Nelson, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$550,855.00 from Thurnbeck Steel Fabrication, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 8 (Structural Steel) and the County enter into a contract with Thurnbeck Steel Fabrication, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$220,000.00 from Red Cedar Steel Erectors, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 9 (Steel Erection) and the County enter into a contract with Red Cedar Steel Erectors, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$318,912.00.00 from SGO Roofing & Construction, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 10 (Roofing & Flashing) and the County enter into a contract with SGO Roofing & Construction, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$276,174.00 from Cosney Corporation be accepted for Bid Division 11 (Interior Architectural Woodwork) and the County enter into a contract with Cosney Corporation under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$228,700.00 from Meisinger Construction Company, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 12 (Carpentry) and the County enter into a contract with Meisinger Construction Company, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$178,931.00 from M G McGrath, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 13 (Metal Wall Panels & Metal Shingles) and the County enter into a contract with M G McGrath, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$10,600.00 from Right Way Caulking, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 14 (Joint Sealers) and the County enter into a contract with Right Way Caulking, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$74,800.00 from Kendell Doors & Hardware, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 15 (HM Doors, Frames & Hardware) and the County enter into a contract with Kendell Doors & Hardware, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$708,535.00 from M G McGrath, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 16 (Aluminum Entrances) and the County enter into a contract with M G McGrath, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$10,300.00 from Twin City Garage Door Company be accepted for Bid Division 17 (Overhead Doors & Coiling Doors) and the County enter into a contract with Twin City Garage Door Company under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$630,000.00 from Integrity Drywall, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 18 (Drywall, Plaster & Stucco) and the County enter into a contract with Integrity Drywall, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$161,400.00 from Twin City Acoustics, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 19 (Acoustical Ceilings) and the County enter into a contract with Twin City Acoustics, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$51,150.00 from Flooring Concepts, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 20 (Ceramic Tile) and the County enter into a contract with Flooring Concepts, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$195,244.00 from Commercial Flooring Services be accepted for Bid Division 21 (Carpet/Resilient Flooring) and the County enter into a contract with Commercial Flooring Services under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$57,850.00 from Fransen Decorating, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 22 (Paint) and the County enter into a contract with Fransen Decorating, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$5,635.00 from Polyvision Corporation be accepted for Bid Division 23 (Visual Display Boards) and the County enter into a contract with Polyvision Corporation under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$36,000.00 from A & L Construction, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 24 (Louvers & Vents) and the County enter into a contract with A & L Construction, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$7,741.00 from Mahin-Walz, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 25 (Operable Panel Partitions) and the County enter into a contract with Mahin-Walz, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$29,582.00 from Construction Supply, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 26 (Toilet Compartments, Accessories) and the County enter into a contract with Construction Supply, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$1,588,000.00 from Master Mechanical, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 27 (Mechanical) and the County enter into a contract with Master Mechanical, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$123,000.00 from Total Fire Protection, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 28 (Fire Protection) and the County enter into a contract with Total Fire Protection, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$797,200.00 from Gephart Electric Company, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 29 (Electrical) and the County enter into a contract with Gephart Electric Company, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the County and Arnt Construction Company, Inc., RO-SO Contracting, Inc., FPI Paving Contractors, Inc., CR Fischer & Sons, Inc., Peterson Companies, Inc., Slate Cement, Inc., Hollenback & Nelson, Inc., Thurnbeck Steel Fabrication, Inc., Red Cedar Steel Erectors, Inc., SGO Roofing & Construction, Inc., Cosney Corporation, Meisinger Construction Company, Inc., M G McGrath, Inc., Right Way Caulking, Kendell Doors & Hardware, Inc., M G McGrath Inc., Twin City Garage Door Company, Integrity Drywall, Inc., Twin City Acoustics, Inc., Flooring Concepts, Inc., Commercial Flooring Services, Fransen Decorating, Inc., Polyvision Corporation, A & L Construction, Inc., Mahin-Walz, Inc., Construction Supply, Inc., Master Mechanical, Inc., Total Fire Protection, Inc., and Gephart Electric Co., Inc., be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Steve Pott reviewed the 800 MHz communication update final plan. Due to FCC rule changes the radio systems currently being operated must be upgraded/replaced to new technology which more efficiently uses the radio frequencies available. The new system will include additional tower locations, additional microwave connections, additional channel capacity, communications center equipment and in-building systems. The anticipated costs to the county are \$13,576,700. Funding sources of \$9,654,000 include: Levy, 2006 actual and 2007 proposed, \$2,000,000; Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Grant, \$3,677,200; 2006 budget carryover, \$2,960,400; and, 2006 interest earnings above projections, \$1,016,400. Additional funding of \$3,922,700 will be needed. Sheriff Pott also indicated that he will be asking for one F.T.E. system manager for training, programming, setting up talk groups, and helping agencies work through how the system should be designed.

Commissioner Stafford moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-058** as follows:

Accepting the 800 MHz Communications Update Final Report and
Assigning the Project Management and Implementation to the Sheriff's Office

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WHEREAS, radio communications is a critical component in the delivery of public safety services and other public services to residents of and visitors to Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Sheriff's office currently maintains an established radio network for public safety entities within Washington County that is nearing the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation and local units of government have established a region wide 800 MHz Radio System which serves the Twin Cities Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Commissioners and members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office have been involved in the planning, implementation, and governance of the region-wide system; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has received the 800 MHz Communications Update Final Report from PSC Alliance describing the design of the 800 MHz system for Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby receives and accepts the design report as prepared by PSC Alliance, and authorizes the Sheriff's Office to begin negotiations with the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board and Motorola to establish the final technical design and implementation schedule of the Washington County Sub-network of the Region Wide 800 MHz Radio System.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a 1 FTE System Manager to coordinate the 800 MHz Radio System. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Seven Wonders of Engineering Award and Recognition of Project Partners

Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager, presented the Board with an award from the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers for a recent groundwater study in Southern Washington County entitled "Intercommunity Groundwater Protection - Sustaining Growth and Natural Resources in the Woodbury/Afton Area". Project recognition awards were presented to the City of Woodbury, South Washington Watershed District, Valley Branch Watershed District and the Public Health and Environment Department.

Avian Flu and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, presented an overview of the Avian flu and the county's preparedness for a possible pandemic influenza. He stated there are six phases for a pandemic. He noted they are currently in Phase 3, which is there are novel subtypes in humans, but no human-to-human transmission. Currently, they are planning for the following local impact assumptions in Washington

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County: 65,200 people in the county may get sick; 650-7,175 people may be hospitalized; and 130-1,300 people may die. Goals of regional and local planning are: limit the spread of disease; create and test plans; establish community stockpiles and distribution systems; identify spokespersons; and provide effective public education. The Public Health and Environment Department is working with state, county and city agencies, schools, law enforcement, voluntary organizations, healthcare providers, and emergency medical services. Priority activities for 2006 include: New federal money for pandemic flu preparation in an approximate amount of \$30,000 with more funds for the coming year; State of Minnesota has also proposed money for pandemic preparedness; public education; exercises to test the county plans; mass dispensing site plans; and, the county has over 150 volunteers for its medical reserve corps. Mr. Johnson indicated there are things that individuals can do at home—keep food and water, medical supplies, and emergency supplies on hand. Prevent the spread of germs and prevent infection by covering your cough, wash your hands, get an annual flu shot, and stay at home when you're sick. He also provided recommended web sites so the public can stay informed.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

State Auditor Waiver Application

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reported that the county had filed an application with the Office of the State Auditor to receive a waiver from some of the election equipment requirements. That waiver hearing is scheduled for this week, but because of the developments of the last couple weeks in terms of our need to order equipment, he is asking the Board whether it wishes to withdraw that application for waiver or go forward.

Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections, asked that the Board withdraw its waiver application. The changes that have occurred since the application was sent in, are that the vendor of the one piece of equipment that was certified for use in Minnesota indicated that the county needed to order by March 12 in order to assure delivery by the September primary. Staff did not believe it was wise to not heed that advice and take a chance on getting delivery late. So, they placed the order. Also, there was a proposal at the legislature for a working group to be established to identify additional alternatives for counties for a longer term solution for this requirement on assistive voting. The county officers will be involved with that as well as the disability community, Secretary of State's Office and folks with computer expertise. They are again having discussions with the Secretary of State's Office about funding issues, how much funding Washington County will receive of the federal money, and they hope there will be a final resolution to that.

Commissioner Stafford moved to withdraw from consideration the Local Government Cooperation Waiver Application submitted to the State Auditor's office on February 7, 2006 related to the use of accessible voting equipment. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

April 18, 2006

Commissioner Reception for Advisory Boards

Mr. Schug noted that, in recognition of its own volunteers, the Board will host a reception this afternoon at 5:00 at the Historic Courthouse. The Board will recognize the many volunteers that serve on its advisory committees, watershed management boards, and other commissions and boards.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel stated he will be attending the St. Croix Valley Alliance and asked that someone from the Public Health and Environment department give a presentation on the pandemic flu and answer questions the mayors might have.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the 2007 budget guidelines. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Stafford, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Don Theisen, Pat Conley, Lowell Johnson, and Steve Nelson.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator