

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Sue Harris, First Assistant County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jennifer Wagenius, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Sue Fennern, Sr. Human Resources Representative; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Commander Cheri Dexter; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; 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 public; none were heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of agreement with Larson Allen LLP for external auditing services for the fiscal years ended 2009-2011.
2. Approval to convert the position of Veterans Service Officer from a non-supervisory to a supervisory position in the Community Services Department.
3. Approval to extend Consulting Services Agreement #4304 for Washington County Department of Information Technology staff to provide Chisago County with system software support and maintenance upgrades to the Automated Law Enforcement Records Tracking System.
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-124** as follows:

Washington County Library 2010 Holiday Schedule

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WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Laws of Minnesota 2005, gives the Washington County Board of Commissioners the authority to direct, operate and manage the Washington County Library System;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Library Board reviewed the proposed 2010 library holiday schedule of closings and recommended approval to the County Board at its September 2009 board meeting,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, effective January 1, 2010, Washington County Library will be closed on:

New Year's Day	Friday,	January 1, 2010	closed*
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday,	January 18, 2010	closed*
Presidents' Day	Monday,	February 15, 2010	closed*
All Staff Training	Wednesday	March 17, 2010	closed
Easter Sunday	Sunday,	April 4, 2010	closed
Memorial Day	Monday,	May 31, 2010	closed*
Independence Day	Sunday	July 4, 2010	closed
Independence Day (observed)	Monday,	July 5, 2010	closed*
Labor Day	Monday,	September 6, 2010	closed*
Veterans' Day	Thursday,	November 11, 2010	closed*
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday,	November 25, 2010	closed*
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday,	November 26, 2010	closed*
Christmas Eve (observed)	Thursday,	December 23, 2010	closed*
Christmas Day (observed)	Friday,	December 24, 2010	closed*
Christmas Day	Saturday,	December 25, 2010	closed
New Year's Day (observed)	Friday,	December 31, 2010	closed*
New Year's Day	Saturday,	January 1, 2011	closed

\* Official County Holiday/All County Offices Closed

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs the Library Administration to give public notice of this schedule of library hours at least 30 days prior to implementing the schedule.

5. Approval of a one-to-four day temporary on-sale liquor license for the Arcola Mills Historic Foundation, Marine on St. Croix, on November 29, 2009.
6. Approval of plat of Baytown Woods 4<sup>th</sup> Addition in Baytown Township.
7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-125** as follows:

Resolution Approving Repurchase Application from Former Owner  
of 4765 Gershwin Avenue in Oakdale

WHEREAS, a property will forfeit for the non-payment of property taxes after either 3 or 5 years of non-payment and after the forfeiture the title of the property vests with the State of Minnesota and the county is charged with the management of the property as trustee of the state, and

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WHEREAS, the property at 4765 Gershwin Avenue in Oakdale went into property tax forfeiture on July 11, 2008, and

WHEREAS, by the law the former owner of residential homesteaded property that has gone into tax forfeiture has the right to request a repurchase of the property by paying the back taxes, penalties, interests, fees, and any costs incurred by the county in managing the property either in a lump sum or under a 5 or 10 year repurchase contract, and

WHEREAS, the former owner of the property has requested a repurchase under a 10-year installment payment plan and has provided the first payment as part of the application, and

WHEREAS, the county Finance Committee reviewed the repurchase application on October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup> and voted to recommend to the County Board that the repurchase application be approved with the additional condition that the former owner make his 2010 property tax payments by the statutory due dates of May 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, and

WHEREAS, if any conditions of the repurchase contract are not met, the repurchase contract is cancelled and the property reverts to its previous status.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners approves the repurchase application and directs the County Auditor/Treasurer to execute the repurchase contract with the conditions as recommended by the Finance Committee.

8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-126** as follows:

Bid Rejection  
2009-2010 Snow Removal

WHEREAS, in order to provide for snow removal at various county facilities, the county solicited bids for this service; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on October 20, 2009, with bid requirements not being met and resulting in inconsistencies that affected the evaluation of the bid; and

WHEREAS, rejection of the bid will allow staff to solicit bid proposals for a consistent comparison and evaluation of snow removal services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners rejects all the bids for 2009-2010 snow removal services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Department of Public Works to again solicit bids for snow removal services for the county.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a role call vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, none.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director, presented an overview of the County Road 83 and I-35 Project in Forest Lake. The county has completed the necessary appraisals for the County Road 83 portion of the CSAH 2 reconstruction project and those offers were presented to the affected parcels. One of the affected parcels is state owned land known as the Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Regional concerns were addressed during the discussions regarding proposed settlement options to this WMA. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is the managing agency for the WMA and has approved the supplement appraisal and mitigation plans associated with the easement to be issued over the WMA. This easement acquisition conforms with certain conditions entered into under the Memorandum of Understanding passed by the County Board on October 13, 2009. Mr. Sandberg stated that the County Road 83 overpass is part of a larger \$41 million dollar roadway interchange project and will be funded through ARRA Stimulus and local funding.

Mr. Sandberg recommended the proposed settlement of compensation and damages for the easement for the SW quadrant of CR 83 and I-35, the Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management Area in the amount of \$601,210.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the proposed settlement of compensation and damages regarding the easement for the SW quadrant of CR 83 and I-35, the Lamprey Pass Wildlife Management Area. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, none.

Commissioner Hegberg thanked staff, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, Senator Ray Vandever, and Representative Bob Dettmer for their help in this long process. He disagrees with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on the mitigation. He feels the trees along the freeway are important for snow and safety issues.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reminded the Board that tomorrow afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. there will be a district dialogue with the Metropolitan Council at the Woodbury City Hall. The tentative topics to be discussed are the changes in the Dial-a-Ride services, transit development, and regional parks.

Mr. Schug noted that on November 13 there will be an event celebrating the connection of the Northstar Rail and the Hiawatha Rail Transit facility in downtown Minneapolis. There will also be an inaugural ride on the Northstar Commuter train. Because there is limited space in the cars for the inaugural ride, if any Board members are interested in attending let staff know and they will RSVP to the organizers.

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**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Hegberg announced that Fran Miron received a high award for his activities in the Forest Lake School District. The Forest Lake High School will be holding a Veteran's Day event on November 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he will be attending the Met Council meeting in Woodbury tomorrow. He returned yesterday from a Rail-Volution conference that was held in Boston. He will provide materials and a synopsis of the conference to the Board next week.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Rail-Volution conference and was impressed. He took the highspeed rail to Providence, Rhode Island. It was a smooth ride and the top speed hit 110 mph. Last evening he attended the Mahtomedi Yellow Ribbon meeting. This week he will be attending the Met Council meeting on Wednesday and the Metro Energy Policy Coalition meeting on Thursday. He noted that on November 8, 2:00 p.m. at the Trinity Church in Stillwater there will be a live telecast back to Basra, Iraq to the 34<sup>th</sup> Red Bull Division.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Yellow Ribbon meeting that was held at the Government Center on October 27. They discussed next steps now that Washington County has Yellow Ribbon status and a development committee was formed. Last week she introduced and welcomed members to a Community POWER Grantee meeting at Neighborhood House in St. Paul. POWER is an acronym for Partners on Waste Education and Reduction. Last week she attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board where they voted on the 2010 work plan and budget, and professional service agreements. They also included \$15,000 to Community POWER from Washington County. She attended the Public Health and Emergency Management meeting last Thursday evening. They were presented with an update on public health activities in relation to the H1N1 pandemic flu. She attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control meeting where they received the 2008 Financial Audit Report. On Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. the Metropolitan Mosquito Control will hold its 2010 levy meeting. Commissioner Weik noted that for Halloween in addition to giving out candy, she gathered together some of her son's children's books and made them available on her front porch for any child that wanted one. She was thrilled by the response and will do this again next year. She got the idea from a Luann comic strip and they listed a web site: [www.booksfortreats.org](http://www.booksfortreats.org). She forwarded the comic strip and the web site to the County Library Director and this will be on the agenda for an upcoming Library Board meeting.

Commissioner Peterson discussed a process she participated in yesterday. Last year the state legislators approved the design build for local governments, state and city. They will be giving out nine projects. Yesterday they awarded a project to Anoka County, CSAH 14 running from Trunk Highway 10 to Trunk Highway 65 in the cities of Coon Rapids and Blaine. They agreed to follow the Minnesota

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Department of Transportation process of the design build. They will continue to meet to establish process. She believes it will help streamline projects and find more efficient ways of building major projects.

Mr. Schug mentioned that a short meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow with Senators Sieben and Saltzman and Representatives Bunn, McNamara, and Swails at 3:00 p.m. in the Woodbury City Council Conference Room immediately following the meeting with the Met Council. The meeting will discuss the three applications going to the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council on November 12 for matching funding for Land and Water Legacy Program Projects and strategies to help get a favorable decision on our request to the Council.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss prioritization of parkland acquisition within the Washington County's park system. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, John Elholm, Jane Harper, and Sharon Price.

Myra Peterson, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator