

# Washington County, Minnesota

## Board of Commissioners - Actions

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### Actions at the Tuesday, October 4, 2011 Board Meeting

This page is a brief view of the actions taken by the Washington County Board of Commissioners. For further information, please telephone 651-430-6001.

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*Washington County's mission is to provide quality public services in a cost-effective manner through innovation, leadership, and the cooperation of dedicated people.*

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### Work awarded for turn lane on County State Highway (CSAH) 18

A contract will be awarded to Hardrives, for the County State Highway (CSAH) 18 (Bailey Road) turn lane construction project after the Washington County Board of Commissioners agreed to the contract Oct 4. The project consists of adding a center left turn lane on CSAH 18 at the intersections of Featherstone Drive and Bailey Ridge Drive in the City of Woodbury. The turn lanes will separate left turning traffic from thru traffic on CSAH18, reducing the opportunity for rear-end crashes and reducing illegal and dangerous passing on the shoulder. The cost of the contract is \$413,481.20. Funding for the project includes \$305,072 in County State Aid, and \$136,000 in Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds. This project is anticipated to be complete by the end of November 2011.

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### Work awarded for bridge over County Road 83

A contract will be awarded to Sunram Construction to build a pedestrian bridge for the Hardwood Trail over County Road 83, or 11th Avenue, in Forest Lake, after the Washington County Board of Commissioners agreed to the contract Oct. 4.

The work, which has a contract award cost of \$1,106,846, includes the bridge, grading, aggregate base, bituminous paving, storm sewer management, signs, concrete curb and gutter, and reinforced soil slopes on the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail over County Road 83. This project is anticipated to be complete by October 2012.

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### County will contract with 3 organizations to provide housing services

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved contracts Oct. 4 with nonprofit organizations that will provide housing services or rental assistance to county residents who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The Minnesota Housing for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) funds will be used between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2013.

Washington County applied for the funds, and was awarded \$270,000 for the two-year period. The Salvation Army will receive \$65,333 to use for direct financial assistance and support services for youth, singles and families who are homeless/at risk of homelessness. Human Services, Inc., will receive \$49,000 to do outreach and provide support services for youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. East Metro Women's Council Transitional will receive \$130,667 for housing for families, which includes rent payment assistance and support services. The county will use \$25,000 for administering the funds.

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## **Taillon appointed to Brown's Creek Watershed District**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners reappointed Connie Taillon, Stillwater, to the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of Managers for a three-year term expiring Oct. 21, 2014.

The appointment was made at the Oct. 4 board meeting. Commissioners Dennis Hegberg, District 1, Gary Kriesel, District 3, and Bill Pulkrabek, District 2, recommended this reappointment.

Watershed district governance, required by state statute, helps to control or alleviate damage by flood waters; improve stream channels for drainage or navigation; reclaim or fill wet or overflow lands; oversee water supply for irrigation; regulate the flow of streams; divert or change water courses; provide and conserve water supply; and provide for the protection of groundwater and regulation of groundwater use.

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