

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 19, 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; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Cory Slagle, Engineer II; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Amanda Goebel, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Judy Hunter, Sr. Program Manager; Sheriff Steve Pott; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Tom Westling, Principal Accountant; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Tom Adkins, Community Services Director; Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nile Kriesel, former County Commissioner from District 3, congratulated Commissioner Dick Stafford on his retirement and wished him the best for the future.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the December 7, 2006 Truth-in-Taxation meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of the following recognition resolutions:

Resolution No. 2006-159

Resolution of Appreciation - Senator Sharon Marko
State Senator, District 57

WHEREAS, Senator Sharon Marko will retire from the Minnesota Legislature at the end of her term of office as the state senator for District 57 which includes portions of Washington and Dakota counties; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Marko has served the citizens of Washington County in the Minnesota Legislature as a state senator from 2002 to 2006 and as a state representative from 1994 to 2002. Previously, she served on the Newport City Council; and

WHEREAS, Senator Marko has served on Senate committees addressing vital issues such as transportation and education; and

WHEREAS, Senator Marko's work on transportation issues has led to success on the Wakota Bridge and State Highway 61 projects, as well as progress in the search for stable transportation funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby commends Senator Sharon Marko for her distinguished service to the citizens of Washington County during her 12 years as a member of the Minnesota State Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners extends its best wishes to Senator Marko for success and happiness in her future activities.

Resolution No. 2006-160

Resolution of Appreciation - Commissioner Margaret Langfeld Anoka County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, Commissioner Margaret Langfeld is retiring from the Anoka County Board of Commissioners at the conclusion of her current term of office on January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Langfeld's public service began with her election to Blaine's City Council in 1976. Commissioner Langfeld has served the citizens of Anoka County as commissioner since her election in 1982 as one of two women who were the first women elected to the Anoka County Board. She became the first woman to serve as Board Chair in 2005 and was reelected Board Chair for 2006; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Langfeld has many accomplishments during her 30 years of public service in Anoka County including supportive measures for women, seniors, and disabled people; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation and respect Commissioner Margaret Langfeld's public service to the citizens of Anoka County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily commends Commissioner Margaret Langfeld for her dedication to the citizens of Anoka County and her many years of public service and extends their best wishes to Commissioner Langfeld and her family for a happy and healthy retirement.

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Resolution No. 2006-161Resolution of Appreciation - Chief Larry Dauffenbach
Chief of Police, City of Stillwater

WHEREAS, Chief Larry Dauffenbach will retire as the Chief of Police of the City of Stillwater on January 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dauffenbach has served the citizens of the City of Stillwater in the Stillwater Police Department for 36 years beginning in July 1970; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dauffenbach was promoted to sergeant in 1984, captain in 1998, and later in 1998, he was promoted to serve as chief of the department;

WHEREAS, Chief Dauffenbach has always shown that he personally cared about the residents of Stillwater and the community's public safety and he has encouraged his officers to continually pursue further training and education in law enforcement for their benefit as well as the citizens of Stillwater; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby commends Chief Larry Dauffenbach for his distinguished service to the citizens of Stillwater and Washington County during his 36 years as a member of the Stillwater Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners extends its best wishes to Chief Dauffenbach and his family for a happy and healthy retirement.

Resolution No. 2006-162Resolution of Appreciation - Jim Beutelspacher
State 911 Program Manager

WHEREAS, Jim Beutelspacher will retire as the State 911 Program Manager in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety on January 2, 2007, after 46 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Jim Beutelspacher served the nation for 21 years in the U.S. Navy and he retired in 1981 as a chief warrant officer in the Navy's Security Group; and

WHEREAS, Jim Beutelspacher's commitment to a universal 911 system and Minnesota's 911 network began in 1981 when he joined the state to complete the implementation of 911 service in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Jim Beutelspacher's leadership led to the development of a statewide 911 service in all 87 Minnesota counties and he has directed the evolution of the state's 911 system through many technological advances; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby commends Jim Beutelspacher for his 46 years of public service to the citizens of the United States, Minnesota, and Washington County; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners extends its best wishes to Jim Beutelspacher and his family for a happy and healthy retirement.

3. Approval of contract with Phoenix Alternatives to provide day training and habilitation services to persons with developmental disabilities and multiple physical handicaps for 2007-2009.
4. Approval of amendment No. 1 to contract number 433889 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for operation of an Integrated Services Project for Minnesota Family Investment Program participants.
5. Approval of the 2007 Family Means contract for in-home respite care and companion services.
6. Approval of 2007-2009 contracts to provide home and community based services for persons with developmental disabilities with the following: ACR Homes, CCP Community Services, Legacy Endeavors, Mains'1, MDM Rubicon, MSOCS, New Challenges, New Directors, Northeast Residence, Outcomes, Inc., Owakihi, Partnerships for Minnesota Futures, REM and Sur La Rue.
7. Approval to change Policy #2506 by decreasing the Petty Cash and Change Funds by \$100 resulting from the return of funds from the Square Lake Park Concessions and a transfer of funds to increase the Lake Elmo Park change fund.
8. Approval of modifications and consolidation of current county investment policies #2301, #2302, #2303 and #2304 into a single policy #2301 Investment Policy and Guidelines.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-163** as follows:

Approval to Open Debt Service and Capital
Project Funds and to Update Fiscal Policy #2802
Fund Definitions to Reflect the Addition of These New Funds

WHEREAS, Washington County has an approved Capital Investment Plan that will require the issuance of bonds to implement the plan in for projects beginning in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the county, in order to implement these plans, must create separate funds to account for the debt service on the bonds and the capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the money deposited in these funds will be distributed to meet the obligations arising from duly authorized debt service and capital project activity approved by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the debt service fund will be from transfers of the county's property tax levy and the funding for the capital project fund

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will be from resources received through the sale of general obligation bonds;
and

WHEREAS, the money deposited in these funds will earn interest on any balance that is being held for future disbursements; and

WHEREAS, the existing fiscal policies of Washington County must be updated to reflect the opening of new funds and to define their use; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Services Department is responsible for the implementation and management of new funds under these policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Financial Services Department requests the approval to open the separate new Debt Service and Capital Project funds per fiscal policy #2802 Opening and Closing of Funds:

Fund 350 – 2007A CIP Bonds 350
Fund 450 – 2007A CIP Bond Projects 450

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Services Department requests the approval to update Fiscal Policy #2802 Fund Definitions to reflect the addition of these new funds.

10. Approval of leave of absence for Janet Reiter, Assistant County Attorney, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 3.088. Ms. Reiter was recently elected County Attorney for Chisago County beginning January 2, 2007.

11. Approval to ratify the 2007 health insurance for Attorney’s Association as follows:

1. Health Insurance

2007	Open Access \$10 OV Copay
	Single \$433/month
	Single + Child(ren) \$433/month
	Single + Spouse \$589/month
	Family \$619/month
	 Open Access \$25, \$30 and Classic \$30 OV Copay
	Single \$465/month
	Single + Child(ren) \$509/month
	Single + Spouse \$693/month
	Family \$814/month
	 Flex credits \$50/month

12. Approval to renew the yearly maintenance agreement with Infor Global Technologies for the Infinium Application Manager, Flexible Benefits, Human Resources/Payroll, Query and Infinium Self Service through December 31, 2007.

13. Approval to accept donations in the memory of Nick Lagios of Mahtomedi, in the amount of \$2,145.

- 14. Approval to amend contract #3522 with Oertel Architects for consulting architectural services for the new Environmental Center and Household Hazardous Waste Facility, extending the contract to July 31, 2007.
- 15. Approval of agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, Minnesota Correctional Facility-Oak Park Heights for the purpose of the respective jurisdictions providing assistance in emergency situations to enforce the statutes and ordinances enacted by the State of Minnesota.
- 16. Approval of final payment to the DNR Construction in the amount of \$11,353.65 and Archnet in the amount of \$750 for Lake Elmo Park Reserve restroom building construction project.
- 17. Approval and execution of a contract with Owens Companies in the amount of \$31,960 for overhauling and testing the 800 ton chiller at the Law Enforcement Center.
- 18. Approval of contract with PB Americas, Inc. to perform a feasibility study for the removal of Bridge 5600 which spans the Mississippi River connecting St. Paul Park and Inver Grove Heights in Washington and Dakota Counties.
- 19. Approval of agreement with Washington Conservation District for 2007 professional services.
- 20. Bids were received for 2007 Vehicle Fuel Supply as follows:

Location	<u>Kath Brothers Fuel Oil Company</u>	<u>Yocum Oil Company</u>
<u>Woodbury Garage</u>		
Biodiesel Perf. Gold Plus 47 Cetane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Biodiesel Arctic, 45 Cetane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unleaded	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Stillwater Garage</u>		
Biodiesel Perf. Gold Plus 47 Cetane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Biodiesel Arctic, 45 Cetane	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unleaded	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Sheriff's Department</u>		
89 Octane	\$0.00	\$0.00
90 Octane	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Lake Elmo Park Reserve</u>		
Biodiesel Perf. Gold Plus 47 Cetane	\$0.07	\$0.01
Biodiesel Arctic, 45 Cetane	\$0.07	\$0.01
Unleaded .90	\$0.07	\$0.01

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St. Croix Bluffs Park

Biodiesel Perf. Gold Plus 47 Cetane	\$0.10	\$0.01
Biodiesel Arctic, 45 Cetane	\$0.10	\$0.01
Unleaded .90	\$0.10	\$0.10

Facilities at Government Center & LEC

#2 Prem. Grd Biodiesel-Diesel Engin or or oil burner	\$0.05	\$0.00
% Discount for early payment of invoices:	0%	0%

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-164** as follows:

Bid Award for 2007 Vehicle and Heating/Cooling Fuel
to Yocum Oil Company, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to continue operation of county vehicles and to heat and cool the Government Center on a limited basis, the county solicited bids for these needed fuel products; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on December 5, 2006 with Yocum Oil Company, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Yocum Oil Company, Inc. be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Yocum Oil Company, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Yocum Oil Company, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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.

21. Approval and execution of contract with Brickman Group for snow removal at the Oakdale Library, Park Grove Library, Wildwood Library, Woodbury Service Center, and Cottage Grove Armory during the 2006-2007 winter season.
22. Approval of contract with Oertel Architects for consulting architectural and engineering services for the design of the north maintenance building truck wash bay and connection of water and sewer utilities at the south maintenance building.
23. Approval and execution of contract with Automated Logic for upgrading the automatic logic controls for the Energy Management System at the Law Enforcement Center.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan

The Board Chair presented a brief overview of today's public hearing to consider adoption of the 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan. The Board Secretary indicated that notice of the public hearing was published and the affidavit of publication is on the record.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst, presented the 2007-2011 Capital Improvement Plan which equals approximately \$283 million in capital projects over the next five years. Of that amount \$113.6 million was adopted last week as part of the county's 2007 budget including \$79.2 million in projects that are expected to be funded with the anticipated bond issuance early next year. The CIP breaks spending down into five separate categories: Road and Bridge, \$153 million; Public Facilities, \$73 million; Parks and land, \$38 million; Technology, \$13 million; and, Operating Projects, \$6 million. One CIP project has been added since the last Board workshop. That is related to the open space referendum that was passed on November 7 in the amount of \$20 million.

Ms. Kirk stated that the draft CIP has been sent to municipalities in Washington County. Two comment letters were received, one from the City of Mahtomedi and one from the City of Cottage Grove. Both letters were supportive of the CIP and encouraged the county to continue working with them on projects that fall within their jurisdiction. Transportation staff responded to those letters. The county's response, as well as the cities comment letters, are included in the record. Ms. Kirk stated that the County Board will have the opportunity to review the projects in the out years and discuss those projects further at workshops.

The Board Vice Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard. The Board Secretary reported that she has received all documentary evidence.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-165** as follows:

Adoption of the 2007-2011
Washington County Capital Improvement Plan

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has formulated the 2007-2011 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan which covers a five-year period from the date of its adoption and sets forth the estimated schedule, timing, and details of the specific capital

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improvements by year, the estimated cost; the need for the particular improvement; and the sources of revenue to pay for the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, after public notice, conducted a public hearing on December 19, 2006 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2007-2011 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, in passing upon the aforesaid Plan, the County Board of Commissioners has considered the following for each project to be funded with Capital Improvement Bonds:

- 1) the condition of the County's existing infrastructure, including the projected need for repair or replacement;
- 2) the likely demand for the improvement;
- 3) the estimated cost of the improvement;
- 4) the available public resources;
- 5) the level of overlapping debt in the County;
- 6) the relative benefits and costs of alternative uses of the funds;
- 7) operating costs of the proposed improvements; and
- 8) alternatives for providing services more efficiently through shared facilities with other counties or local government units; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopts the proposed 2007-2011 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan which is attached hereto.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mary Farmer-Kubler, Supervisor, reviewed programs available to help county residents who may be facing mortgage foreclosure. Programs include a class provided by the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority called Home Stretch. This class is offered to any person or family thinking about buying a home in Minnesota and is conducted by certified facilitators. Participants are taught skills to prepare for home ownership, budgeting, completing a loan application, the closing process, and home maintenance. Residents can contact the Washington County HRA to find out when the next classes will be held. She suggested that if people are unable to make their monthly payments they should contact their lender to schedule repayment plans, modify loans, lengthen the schedule, lower interest rates, or roll the delinquent amount into the loan. She found two informational websites useful: www.hud.gov/foreclosure and www.bankrate.com. Ms. Kubler indicated that another valuable resource is the Anoka County Foreclosure Prevention Program and it does serve Washington County residents. The program includes both financial assistance and counseling. She also referenced three emergency programs that are available, but they do have limited ability to resolve a mortgage foreclosure situation. Persons who contact Community Services are directed to the housing coordinator or the financial in-take person, who then directs them to the appropriate site.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Civil War Monument Restoration Donations

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-166** as follows:

Acceptance of a Grant from the Minnesota Historical Society and
Miscellaneous Donations from Citizens and Service Organizations to
Restore and Re-Dedicate the Civil War Monument

WHEREAS, Washington County is seeking funding for the restoration and re-dedication of the Civil War monument located at the Washington County Historic Courthouse, and

WHEREAS, Washington County has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure that all aspects of the proposed project will be completed, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Historical Society has a grant-in-aid funding program to assist local units of government for restoration of historical features, and

WHEREAS, the citizens and service organizations of Washington County have donated funds for the restoration and re-dedication of the Civil War Monument on the grounds of the Historic Courthouse.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County agrees to accept a grant from the Minnesota Historical Society in the amount of \$15,000 for the restoration and repair of the Civil War monument, and in addition that donations from citizens and service organizations also be accepted for the restoration and re-dedication of the Civil War monument.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carolyn Phelps, Parks Coordinator-Historic Courthouse, is hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement and to accept the donations in order to implement the project on behalf of Washington County.

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Radio Drive Safety and Mobility Project

Commissioner Stafford moved to approve Amendment #4 to the HR Green contract for additional design services in the amount of \$99,320 for the Radio Drive safety and mobility project. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

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Reconstruction of CR 83/11th Avenue – Forest Lake

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a cooperative agreement with the City of Forest Lake for the preliminary project development services for the proposed reconstruction of County Road 83/11th Avenue between Trunk Highway 61 and Everton Avenue, including an overpass of I-35 in Forest Lake. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 9:54 a.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**Carnelian-Marine Watershed District Enlargement Petition**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-167** as follows:

Resolution Directing the Washington County Attorney's Office to File
Carnelian-Marine Watershed District Enlargement Petition with the
Board of Water and Soil Resources

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners completed a water governance study to identify and evaluate government structures for water management in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved the findings and recommendations of the Water Governance Study recommending the enlargement of the Carnelian-Marine Watershed District to include the Marine on St. Croix Water Management Organization and the unclaimed area in New Scandia Township; and

WHEREAS, the four communities that are a party to the Joint Powers Agreement of the Marine Water Management Organization, namely the Towns of May, New Scandia, and Stillwater, and the City of Marine on St. Croix, have adopted resolutions provisionally disbanding the WMO, subject to enlargement of the Carnelian-Marine Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, the four communities that are a party to the Joint Powers Agreement of the Marine Water Management Organization, namely the Towns of May, New Scandia, and Stillwater, and the City of Marine on St. Croix, have adopted resolutions supporting the County's petition to enlarge the Carnelian-Marine Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, the petition embodies such watershed expansion plan, and that such plan (a) requires an increase in managers from 5 to 7, (b) requires the 7 managers be fairly and equitably distributed across the entire newly defined watershed district area, and (c) the watershed district be renamed to the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the reasons set forth in the attached petition, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Washington County Attorney's Office to file a petition with the Board of Water and Soil Resources to enlarge the Carnelian-Marine Watershed District.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Resource Recovery Service Agreement Amendment

Commissioner Stafford moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-168** as follows:

Amendment to the Service Agreement

WHEREAS, Ramsey and Washington Counties have committed to continue to protect and ensure the public health, safety, welfare and environment of each County's residents and businesses through sound management of solid and hazardous waste generated in the County, including the processing of waste; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have agreed to a new Joint Powers Agreement for the purpose of administering the Counties' rights and obligations under the Processing Agreement with RRT, and overseeing other joint solid waste activities; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have agreed to jointly enter into a Processing Agreement with Resource Recovery Technologies, Inc. (RRT) for the term of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2012, for the purpose of supporting the continued processing of waste through resource recovery, and which terminates the existing Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Processing Agreement goes into effect upon RRT showing evidence that it had contracted with waste haulers for a minimum tonnage by December 31, 2006; and

WHEREAS, upon expiration of the Service Agreement on July 27, 2007, Section 11.02 of the Service Agreement provides the Counties with an option to purchase the Facility and Facility site, and the Counties have a deadline of December 31, 2006 to provide notice to RRT to exercise that option; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have requested, and RRT has agreed, to extend the notice date under Section 11.02 to January 31, 2007, in order to provide the Counties the opportunity to evaluate their options, should RRT fail to secure the minimum tonnage by December 31, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves an amendment to the Service Agreement that changes the notice deadline under Section 11.02 of the Service Agreement to January 31, 2007.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Funding Contractual Services from the University of Minnesota Extension Services

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve funding for contractual services from the University of Minnesota Extension Services for the following items: 4-H site based program, \$6,060; Invasive and Noxious Species, \$8,500; Improving Water Quality, \$6,000; and, Enhancing and Protecting Tree Resources, \$5,500; totaling \$26,060.

Commissioner Peterson offered a friendly amendment to approve funding for contractual services from the University of Minnesota Extension Services for the following items: 4-H site based program, \$6,060; Invasive and Noxious Species, \$8,500; and Improving Water Quality, \$6,000, totaling \$20,560.

Commissioner Hegberg accepted the friendly amendment. The new motion reads as follows:

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve funding for contractual services from the University of Minnesota Extension Services for the following items: 4-H site based program, \$6,060; Invasive and Noxious Species, \$8,500; and Improving Water Quality, \$6,000, totaling \$20,560. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Stafford and Hegberg; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek.

Commissioner Peterson stated she voted for these three items, but she wants to know more and the programs evaluated more, not just by numbers. She wants to know who participates in these 4-H areas. She wants to see some bottom line improvement.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE**Cooperative Agreement with MESB and the MN Department of Transportation**

Commissioner Stafford moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) and the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Washington County for the procurement, construction and operation of the 800 MHz County/Regional Integrated Public Safety Radio Communication Subsystem. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Sub-Grant Agreement with MESB

Commissioner Stafford moved to approve the sub-grant agreement between the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board and Washington County to receive a grant reimbursement in the amount of \$3,686,541.86 for the 800 MHz radio system. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Communications System Agreement with Motorola, Inc.

Sheriff Steve Pott reviewed the 800 MHz digital trunked radio system and the proposed agreement with Motorola, Inc. The system will have 14 sites, 15 channels. They will use six existing metro system sites, three existing county sites, one municipal water tank site in Hudson, WI, and four new sites are yet to be determined. A typical site will include the following, antenna support/mounting; microwave connection; electricity/backup generator; climate controlled structure; security/failure alarms; and a VHF simulcast paging. There are 1750 radios, 1200 police/fire/EMS, and 550 public works/surveyor/public health. The total system will cost \$9,913,360 minus a \$500,000 discount for a total of \$9,413,360. The grant from the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$3,687,000 reduces the cost to Washington County for infrastructure to \$5,726,360. Sheriff Pott indicated that there will be additional costs to the county for site acquisition and development; communications center console equipment; and county subscriber equipment.

Commissioner Stafford moved to approve the Communications System Agreement between Motorola, Inc. and Washington County for the 800 MHz digital trunked radio system in the amount of \$9,413,360. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**2006 Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust County of the Year Award**

Julie Sorrem, Risk Manager, presented the County Board with the 2006 Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust County of the Year Award which was awarded on December 4, 2006 at the Annual Association of Minnesota Counties Conference.

2007 County Sheriff Salary

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-169** as follows:

2007 Salary for the County Sheriff

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §387.20 requires the County Board of Commissioners to set by resolution the salary of the County Sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2007 salary for the Washington County Sheriff shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2007:

Sheriff	\$101,600
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2007 salary for the Chief Deputy shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2007:

Chief Deputy	\$91,440
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2007 County Attorney Salary

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-170** as follows:

2007 Salary for the County Attorney

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §388.18 requires the County Board of Commissioners to set by resolution the salary of the County Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2007 salary for the Washington County Attorney shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2007:

Attorney	\$128,000
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2007 salaries for the First Assistant Attorney and Executive Assistant shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2007:

First Assistant Attorney	\$115,200
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Executive Assistant	\$45,819
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Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

2007 Salary for the County Administrator

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-171** as follows:

2007 Salary for the County Administrator

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §375.06, Subdivision 1 authorizes the County Board of Commissioners to appoint and employ an Administrator upon such terms and conditions as it deems advisable and directs the County Board to set the Administrator's salary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2007 salary for James Schug, the Washington County Administrator, shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2007.

Administrator	\$132,792
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chair be authorized to approve a merit increase not to exceed 4% effective upon the County Administrator's anniversary date, based upon the results of his annual performance review.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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2007 County Commissioners' Salaries and Expenses

Commissioner Peterson discussed reinstating Commissioner per diems for attending various Commissioner committee meetings. She feels that it is important that Washington County be represented at all of the joint power/legislative meetings. She does not feel it is fair if some at the board level are not participating in those responsibilities.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he is against per diem payments. He feels it is the Commissioner's responsibility to attend those meetings and he does not feel that paying per diems would ensure the Commissioner's attendance.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he is against per diems because attending meetings is part and parcel to why they ran for office. He does not look at per diems as some sort of carrot or incentive for Commissioner participation at these meetings.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he is not a big fan of the per diem system. He feels that even if you are attending meetings doesn't mean that person is contributing anything. He believes there are some committees that he wouldn't go to because they are a complete waste of time, to himself and the county as a whole. If the Board wants to factor in a higher amount on the salary to incorporate per diems he would be open to that.

Commissioner Stafford stated that it might be good to look at some of these committees at the January 2 workshop to see if the Board wants to continue serving on some of these committees. But, once a Commissioner has gotten an assignment, since this Board is small compared to other counties, it is important to attend those meetings and represent the 220,000 citizens in Washington County.

Commissioner Stafford moved to increase the Commissioner's salary by 2.75% to \$48,971. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to increase the Commissioner's salary by 3.75% to \$49,447. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-2 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Stafford and Hegberg; No, Commissioners Peterson and Kriesel.

Resolution No. 2006-172**Resolution Establishing County Commissioners'
Salaries and Expenses For 2007**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375.055, Subdivision 1, requires the County Board of Commissioners to set salaries, per diem payments, and expense reimbursement for its members prior to January 1 of the effective year.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the salary rate for Washington County Commissioners be \$49,447 a year, effective January 1, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expense reimbursement for County Commissioners be for actual expenses plus mileage in accordance with County policy with no County per diem payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the County Commissioners receive the same County paid medical insurance premium and flexible medical expense account as received by the elected department heads.

Recognition of Appreciation for Commissioner Dick Stafford

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-173** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation - Commissioner R. H. "Dick" Stafford
Washington County Commissioner, District 5

WHEREAS, Commissioner R. H. "Dick" Stafford has chosen to retire at the end of his term of office on January 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stafford was elected to serve the citizens of District 5 on the Washington County Board of Commissioners in a special election in July 1998; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stafford's 32 years as a public servant began in 1974 when he was elected as the Washington County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stafford became the elected Auditor-Treasurer when the departments were merged in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Stafford has made a positive difference for the citizens of both District 5 and all of Washington County by using his knowledge, skills, and experience to promote fiscal responsibility, public safety, emergency communications and services, and his encouragement of public involvement in local government; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby commends Commissioner R. H. "Dick" Stafford for his distinguished service to the citizens of Washington County during 32 years of public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners extends its best wishes to Commissioner Stafford for a happy and healthy retirement and hereby proclaims Tuesday, January 2, 2007, as "Commissioner R. H. "Dick" Stafford Day in Washington County.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported that the Locate group passed a resolution supporting \$10 million for the high-speed rail corridor that goes from Chicago to St. Paul. The Transportation Alliance Board of Directors also supported \$10 million for the high-speed rail corridor from Chicago to St. Paul. She feels that both of those motions help the Red Rock Corridor.

Commissioner Peterson reported that the Transportation Advisory Board discussed the Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Taxing District. It was recommended that all of the area in the seven county metropolitan area contribute to the taxing authority.

Commissioner Peterson wished all the citizens, fellow Board members and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the PERA Conference he attended last week in San Francisco. There was a lot of discussion on health insurance and the dilemma many states are facing. He suggested the Board should continue to be allowed to invest in the Board of Investments and should ask that the legislation be continued.

Commissioner Stafford asked that Commissioner Recognitions be prepared for Woodbury City Councilpersons Cheryl Hurst and Michael Madigan.

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 Stafford and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator