

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 13, 2006

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 10:30 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; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Susan Pollack, Community Services Supervisor; Josh Beck, Community Services Planner; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Ruth Hedlund, Information Technology Supervisor; Cindy Koosmann, Recorder; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy Recorder; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Ted Schoenecker, Engineer; Joe Lux, Sr. Engineer; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Sr. Planner; Mike Welling, Surveyor; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Jon Larson, Veterans Service Officer; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Steve Pott, Sheriff; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II..

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tim Cutting, 2144 Aztec Lane, Mendota Heights, Rose Zrust-Metzger, 6820 Meadow Grass Lane, Cottage Grove, and Angela Eppler-Scheller, 6520 Foxtail Court, Cottage Grove, addressed the safety issues on County Road 19 and Bailey surrounding Saint Ambrose School and Church. Ms. Angela Eppler-Scheller stated her three-year son was killed there in January of 2005 and asked for the County to reduce the speed limit, make the area a school zone, install driver feedback signs, have a separate turn lane on CR 19, and add stop lights or stop signs at the entrances.

Commissioner Stafford indicated that the county is working to correct this situation. A report from the State has just been received and sign changes have been made and more are being contemplated. Meetings have and will be scheduled with the Church and the County Board will hold a workshop on July 11 to address these issues.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the June 6, 2006 Board meeting minutes.

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2. Approval to amend Policy #1807, Electronic Sale of Surplus Supplies and Materials.
3. Approval to amend Purchasing Cards Policy #2503 and Payments of County Obligations Policy #2501.
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-082** as follows:

De-certification of Adult Foster Care Provider to
Provide Services to a Related Person

WHEREAS, the Certified Adult Provider, serving case #2204 and dually licensed Family Child Care Provider's were issued an Order of Revocation on the Family Child Care license by the Minnesota Department of Human Services on May 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts found on the case in the Order of Revocation, the Washington County Board of Commissioners determines it is in the best interest of the public to de-certify the Adult Foster Care Provider serving case #2204.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adult Foster Care Provider serving case #2204 be Decertified to provide this service and that the Washington County Board has the authority pursuant to Minnesota Statute 256B.0919, Subd. 3 to execute this action.

5. Approval to accept grant funding from the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$66,000 for the Victim/Witness Division for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
6. Approval of a new position of Public Health Nurse (.50 FTE) in the Department of Public Health and Environment.
7. Approval to purchase iSeries security software (PowerLock Network Security & Security Audit software) from PowerTech.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-083** as follows:

Resolution Approving an IBM Host Access Transformation
Server (HATS) Contract and an IBM Master Agreement

WHEREAS, the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Information Technology Department have determined a need to develop a Host Access Transformation Server (HATS) web application for the Washington County ALERTS system; and

WHEREAS, the Departments have determined to use the IBM Web Sphere HATS technology for county systems; and

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WHEREAS, the contract is in three parts: the IBM Professional Services Agreement at a cost of \$23,400; the software license at a cost of \$3,400 and training for four Information Technology employees at a cost of \$12,900; and

WHEREAS, in order to contract for this service, Washington County must enter into a master Customer Agreement with IBM.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves execution of the master IBM Customer Agreement and of the contract for the development of a HATS web application at a cost of \$39,600.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board Chair and County Administrator are authorized to execute the master IBM Customer Agreement and the contracts necessary for the development of the HATS web application at the above stated cost without further approval by the Board conditioned upon approval as to form by the County Attorney's Office.

9. Approval of contract with Total Software Solutions, Inc. for analysis and programming for an integrated receipting/escrow module that interfaces with the Tract Index System.
10. Approval to submit a request to the Minnesota Department of Administration to detach tax parcel No. 34.030.20.33.0015 from the City of Oak Park Heights to the City of Stillwater.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Commissioner Stafford moved to approve an agreement with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Community Housing Development Organization to acquire land, then build and sell 12 units of affordable housing to low-income individuals. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Joe Lux, Senior Engineer, presented a brief progress report on the Manning Avenue (CSAH 15) Safety and Mobility Project between Trunk Highway 36 to 1,000 feet north of CSAH 12. They are preparing to contract for consultant engineering services for final design to expand CSAH 15 to four lanes. The Draft Environmental Assessment has been reviewed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation and is being readied for distribution and review.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**New Scandia Township's Petition to Incorporate as a City**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-084** as follows:

A Resolution Supporting the Incorporation of
New Scandia Township as a City

WHEREAS, New Scandia Township is an urban township within the Seven County Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the entire Township lies within Washington County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Town is subject to the rules and regulations of the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has prepared its own Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted its own zoning and subdivision regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a population of approximately 3,970 persons; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a population exceeding that of ten cities in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a number of intensely developed old plats and a significant number of new residential plats including plats with cluster developments; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a longstanding village center with an industrial park, commercial businesses, professional services and governmental buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Town has its own fully equipped and staffed fire department furnishing fire fighting and rescue services to the Town and to a part of an adjacent town and, by mutual aid agreements, to other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town contracts with the Washington County Sheriff's Office for police services; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a community center staffed with full and part time personnel furnishing municipal administrative services to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town contracts with a building official and issues its own building permits; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a public works department to maintain its public facilities and 95 miles of Town roads; and

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WHEREAS, the Town has a variety of park, recreation and open space comprising approximately 7% of its land mass and is in the process of adopting a comprehensive parks, trails, open space and recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town has an annual budget in excess of \$1,300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has five members operating in the manner of a City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has 25,447 acres and is the largest political subdivision in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, incorporation would allow the Town to utilize economic development tools such as an economic development authority; and

WHEREAS, the Town is currently subject to planning and zoning regulations of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Town has the ability, talent and resources to govern itself and to determine its own destiny; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of New Scandia Township to be able to preserve its boundaries in order to efficiently plan and provide for the best interests of the residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this Resolution Supporting the Incorporation of New Scandia Township as a city. The Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the State of Minnesota Department of Administration grant the petition of New Scandia Township to incorporate its boundaries allowing it to become a city under Minnesota Statutes §414.02.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

National Association of Counties Voting Delegate

Jim Schug announced that the National Association of Counties will hold their annual conference August 4 through the 8th in Cook County Illinois. As part of the conference there is the adoption of the county policy platform and they have requested that Washington County designate its voting member. Commissioner Hegberg will be attending that conference and is willing to accept the designation as the county's voting delegate.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint Commissioner Dennis C. Hegberg as Washington County's voting delegate to the 2006 National Association of Counties Annual Conference, August 4 through 8, in Cook County Illinois. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Schug reminded the Board that it will convene as the Board of Equalization this afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson announced that the Strawberry Festival in Cottage Grove will be held this weekend. She reported on the Metropolitan Transitway Development Board meeting last Wednesday. They heard from a speaker who addressed the MVST constitutional amendment. She reported that in June, 2005 a survey was taken by Metro Transit on train and bus ridership. She felt it was an excellent presentation and thinks it would be a good idea to have Bruce Howard from Metro Transit present this report and another one they will be doing this September for a comparison as to ridership on the transit system.

Commissioner Peterson reported that she has received two calls on noxious weeds. Apparently there is a new weed that is coming into the southern part of the county called wild parsnips. It is very invasive and can cause blisters if touched. She reminded individuals, the State and local governments to get rid of all the noxious weeds along their roadways.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that the grand opening of the Teddy Bear Park will be held this Saturday at the Gordon Iron and Metal location in Stillwater.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he will be attending the Transportation Alliance meetings in Washington D.C. to request money for various road projects. He reported that he will meet with the City of Hugo on Monday for further discussion on the county's conservation easement proposal.

Commissioner Stafford reported that he will be attending a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Statewide Radio Board to discuss a funding request for metropolitan monies. Next Monday they will be doing a segment on cable regarding 800 MHz. He also stated that the Board will soon be discussing a resolution from the Resource Recovery Board asking Ramsey and Washington County to allow NRG to sell the plant in Newport.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that PERA dealt with an issue of a police officer being killed in Iraq. The PERA denied the benefits to his wife of less than six months. The legislature passed a bill giving her benefits but they didn't pay for it and passed it on to PERA to pay. That is a cost of about \$300,000 to \$500,000 for life even if she remarries. He does not deny that she is owed that, but as a Board it separates the ordinary citizens from the publicly employed citizens. The PERA Board will continue to pursue this matter.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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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 11:37 a.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The County Board convened as the Board of Equalization at 1:00 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

