

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 6, 2007

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Mike Rogers, Associate Planner; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Patrick Gangl, Information Technology Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:10 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Kriesel presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Mike Rogers, Associate Planner; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Patrick Gangl, Information Technology Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

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 of the January 16 and 23, 2007 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Cameron Winter, Willow Haven Representative, to the Mental Health Advisory Council to a first term expiring December 31, 2009.
3. Approval of the following reappointments: Bruce Stafford, Woodbury, to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to a fourth and final term expiring December 31, 2007; and Sara Minehart to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, Woodbury to a third term expiring December 31, 2008.
4. Approval to appoint the following individuals to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to terms expiring December 31, 2007: Terry Smith, Forest Lake, District 1 representative; and Bo Bogotty, Forest Lake, Local Government representative.
5. Approval of the 2007 contract with Human Services, Inc. for mental health services, chemical health services, transportation services and resources for elder care services.
6. Approval of Amendment No. One with Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to add \$30,000 in 2006 Community Development Block Grant funds for additional rehabilitation of Parkside Apartments.
7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-012** as follows:

Social Security Resolution for Entities with Elected Officials
Currently Holding Positions Covered by the Defined Contribution
Plan and Excluded from the Coordinated Plan

WHEREAS, legislative changes made in 2006 to Minnesota Statutes Section 355 establish procedures that allow a governmental subdivision to extend Social Security coverage to certain local elected officials who are members of, or are eligible for membership in, the Defined Contribution Plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association; and

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to offer Social Security coverage to its eligible elected officials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the following resolution:

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Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this governing body to extend the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Section 355, as amended by Chapter 271 or 2006, providing Social Security coverage to eligible elected officials of Washington County.

Section 2. In pursuance of said policy the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby requests and authorizes the execution of a divided vote referendum under Section 218(d)(6) of the Social Security Act for the purpose of allowing current eligible elected officials the option of paying the Social Security tax. The coverage of current local elected officials shall be effective as of May 9, 2007 for those eligible officials who vote "Yes" in the divided vote Social Security referendum. The referendum will be conducted pursuant to applicable state and federal laws and regulations by a designee of this entity under the supervision of a representative of the Public Employees Retirement Association acting as the designated State Social Security Administrator.

Section 3. The Public Employees Retirement Association is hereby directed to execute a modification to the section 218 Agreement between the State of Minnesota and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to secure Social Security coverage of the eligible elected officials who vote "Yes" in the referendum and all local newly-elected officials of this governmental subdivision.

Section 4. Withholdings from the salaries of elected officials for the purposes provided in this resolution are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Section 5. Employer contributions shall be paid from amounts appropriated for such purposes and payment of employee and employer contributions shall be paid to the Internal Revenue Service in such amounts and at such times as are designated in Internal Revenue Code.

Section 6. Washington County shall maintain such records and submit such reports as may be required by the Public Employees Retirement Association or the Social Security Administration.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

8. Approval of contract with Network Design, Inc. for cabling for the period of February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008.
9. Approval of Master Services Agreement with Fishnet Security, for various security related projects including firewalls, Web filtering, and intrusion detection systems.
10. Approval to amend contract with TEK Systems, Inc., to continue temporary staffing services.
11. Approval of Master Services Agreement with Syntax, Inc. to provide Citrix infrastructure skills.

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12. Approval of Assessment Year 2006/Payable Year 2007 assessment classification and valuation change list.
13. Approval to accept funding from UCare to support public health services in the amount of \$43,906.
14. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-013** as follows:

Final Payment to Tower Asphalt
on 2005 Overlay Projects

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on May 17, 2005 approved a bid award to Tower Asphalt, Inc. and signed a contract with said company for overlays on CSAH 13 from CSAH 10 to CSAH 6, CSAH 18 from east of CSAH 20 to west of CSAH 13, CR 58 from CR 57 to CSAH 15, CSAH 19B and Lake Elmo Park Road from CSAH 10 two miles north and CSAH 9 from TH 96 to one mile north; and

WHEREAS, Tower Asphalt, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tower Asphalt, Inc. be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

15. Approval of contract with Evergreen Land Services Company for Professional Appraisal/Consulting Services for the reconstruction of Manning Avenue (CSAH 15) at a cost not to exceed \$34,500.
16. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-014** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Parking Restrictions on SP 82-613-21,
CSAH 13 from ¼ Mile South of CSAH 18 (Bailey Road) to
Pioneer Drive in the City of Woodbury, Minnesota after Reconstruction

WHEREAS, this improvement will reconstruct CSAH 13 as a four-lane divided roadway; and

WHEREAS, State Aid Standards do not allow parking on four-lane roadways with a speed limit in excess of 45 mph. The current speed limit varies from 50 mph to 55 mph and is expected to remain the same after reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury requested the parking prohibition described in City's Resolution (copy attached) upon completion of this improvement. Passed January 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Washington County staff supports this restriction; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Statute 169.04 (1) allows the county to regulate the standing or parking of vehicles on highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 13 is under the jurisdiction of Washington County.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the parking of motor vehicles shall be prohibited on both sides of CSAH 13, from ¼-mile south of CSAH 18 to Pioneer Drive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation and Physical Development to install and maintain the appropriate signs to delineate this parking restriction.

17. Approval of contract with Scharber & Sons, Inc. For a new stump grinder in the amount of \$45,315.75.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the 2007 contract with the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the Housing Coordinator position. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the program and budget update to the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

I-94 Feasibility Analysis

Commissioner Orth moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-015** as follows:

Support for Funding for the I-94 Corridor Transportation Feasibility Analysis

WHEREAS, the Interstate 94 (I-94) corridor is the principal east/west route for traffic thru Ramsey Washington, and St. Croix Counties connecting St. Paul to the eastern metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the I-94 Corridor is experiencing robust employment and population growth; and

WHEREAS, the I-94 Corridor is experiencing increasing levels of congestion, reducing mobility in the corridor; and

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WHEREAS, there are no planned highway improvements to the I-94 Corridor in the Metropolitan Council's 2030 Transportation Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has identified I-94 as a high priority Interregional Corridor and is supportive of planning for mobility improvements in the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Washington County recognizes the need to plan for mobility improvements in the I-94 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, this planning should take a multi-modal, highways and transit, approach to maintaining Corridor mobility; and

WHEREAS maintaining mobility is necessary for the continued prosperity and economic vitality of residents, businesses, and commuters throughout the Eastern Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the first step in planning for a multi-modal I-94 Corridor is to complete a Transportation Feasibility Analysis which includes analyzing highway and transit improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the multi-modal evaluation of the I-94 Corridor and a request of \$1 million in State funds for the completion of the I-94 Transportation Feasibility Analysis.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Drainage Study, CSAH 18 in Afton

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve a contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. to perform a drainage study for the reconstruction of Washington County State Aid Highway 18 (CSAH 18) in Afton, for a cost not to exceed \$36,010. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Hegberg left the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Design Services, CSAH 18 in Lakeland and Lakeland Shores

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve a contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for design services for the reconstruction of Washington County State Aid Highway 18 (CSAH 18) in Lakeland and Lakeland Shores, for a cost not to exceed \$228,418. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

Commissioner Hegberg returned at 9:40 a.m.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, reviewed the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families project. He stated this is a regional initiative dedicated to prevent child maltreatment, abuse and neglect on a large metro-wide scale. They also want to address issues of family mobility and outreach in a regional health care system. The outcomes of this initiative will be avoidance of out of home placement, and improved child health and readiness for school. A joint powers agreement has been created that includes the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington, and the City of Bloomington.

Commissioner Orth moved that the County Board Chair and County Administrator are authorized to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement for the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint Commissioner Dennis Hegberg to the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families Governing Board and Commissioner Orth as alternate. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Legislative Update**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a legislative update on a bill that was introduced regarding short term offenders that would increase the reimbursement to counties—since 2003 through 2006 it has cost the county \$640,000. Minnesota Inter County Association (MICA) supports a bill that was introduced that would require the state to reimburse counties for the last four years of services they provided under this law. It would be a one time payment out of the projected surplus and that they would also pay \$55 a day for any future prisoners that are transferred from the state prison to the county jails.

Commissioner Peterson asked that Mr. Schug's memorandum and report be sent to the Association of Minnesota Counties and MICA.

Mr. Schug noted that a smoking ban bill has been introduced that would expand the smoking ban in public places statewide which is what the county has supported.

Mr. Schug noted that MICA and the Metropolitan Cities group is hosting two transportation forums. The first one is February 8 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Southview Country Club in West St. Paul, which will represent the southern part of the county. On February 22, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. forum will be held in New Brighton to address the northern part of the county.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported on the AMC Legislative Committee she attended last week. The smoking ban has divided the group up and is a hotly discussed item. They were concerned that the bill would take away local control.

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint Commissioner Dennis Hegberg as a delegate, and Commissioner Kriesel as an alternate, to the Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint Commissioner Greg Orth as the Association of Minnesota Counties District X representative. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Pulkrabek noted that he will be meeting with representatives from the City of Lake Elmo on February 7. He also addressed the murders in Waseca and that the suspect in those murders in the last five years had been convicted of five different crimes. He finds that disturbing and wonders why he was out in public and not incarcerated.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on a meeting he attended of the Metropolitan Energy Task Force last week that is looking at a governance study partnering with the rural energy board to help facilitate a wind energy project. He recommended that the County Board hold a workshop to discuss this further and to receive direction.

Commissioner Kriesel advised the Board that the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp will be discussing policy changes regarding veterans' rights to use the facility and have equal rights for all veterans and not the long-term rentals that have taken place in the past.

INTRODUCTION OF MARK RITCHIE, MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, introduced Mark Ritchie, the newly elected Secretary of State. Secretary Ritchie presented his vision for his office and what he hoped to accomplish during his term.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint Chuck Haas, Hugo, to the Parks and Open Space Commission to a first term expiring December 31, 2009. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Commissioner Peterson moved to go into Executive Session with the Human Resources Department to discuss 2007 labor negotiation strategy. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kay McAloney, and Patricia Raddatz. Commissioner Pulkrabek arrived at the Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to review the 2006 elections, voting equipment and Federal funds updates, 2007 legislative changes and the 2007 elections. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Carol Peterson, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

Gary Kriesel, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

