

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**

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, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, and Weik. Commissioner Peterson absent. 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; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Commander Brian Mueller; Commander Cheri Dexter; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; Judy Hunter, Sr. Program Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and Nancy Brase, Administrative Services Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the September 14, 2010 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of contracts with Martha Albertson and Megan Hunt for legal services for Children in Need of Protection and Termination of Parental Rights cases.
3. Approval to revise Policy #5011, Time Off to Vote.
4. Approval of amendment to the Public Health Preparedness and Cities Readiness Initiatives project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health, and authorization for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into the agreement.
5. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of recycling grant agreement with the City of Stillwater for distribution of curbside recycling funds.

6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-139** as follows:

Solid Waste Management Tax

WHEREAS, The 1997 Minnesota Legislature enacted a bill eliminating both the SCORE sales tax and the Solid Waste Generator Assessment, replacing them with the Solid Waste Management Tax; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §297H requires political subdivisions that subsidize tipping fees at solid waste management facilities to identify the “market price” for solid waste management services, which is identified as “the lowest price available in the area, assuming transactions between separate parties that are willing buyers and willing sellers in a market”; and

WHEREAS, This law requires political subdivisions to identify the market price and submit their findings to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency each year; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey and Washington Counties Boards of Commissioners in 2009 by resolution each identified \$28.60 per ton as the “market price” for purposes of the Solid Waste Management Tax, effective January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has dictated for the “market price” beginning January 1, 2011, that counties use a new worksheet that necessitates that the transportation portion of the “market price” be calculated separately for all counties; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, Washington County, and the Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Project staff have worked cooperatively to identify the market price for Ramsey and Washington Counties, beginning January 1, 2011, and have determined a different market price which requires approval by County Board Resolution.

WHEREAS, Washington County staff have used the new Minnesota Pollution Control Agency worksheet to identify the transportation portion of the “market price” for Washington County, beginning January 1, 2011, to be \$13.50 per ton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes identification of \$33.69 per ton as the “market price” for purposes of the Solid Waste Management Tax, which reflects a waste disposal tipping fee of \$20.19 per ton at the Pine Bend landfill plus an estimated transportation cost of \$13.50 per ton, and authorizes submittal by the Department of Public Health & Environment of this “market price” and supporting documentation to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

7. Approval to accept a donation to the Washington County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit from the City of Hugo residents, Afton and Nick Brundell, in the amount of \$25.00.

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8. Approval to accept a donation to the Washington County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit from M & I Bank in the amount of \$130.05.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none; Commissioner Peterson absent.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **Policy #1032 Fee Schedule – Public Health Fees**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to amend Policy #1032, Fee Schedule, to establish the 2011 fee schedules for food, beverage, and lodging program, public pools, manufactured home parks, recreational camping areas, youth camps, and well water testing for licensed establishments. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

### **Contract with the City of Lake Elmo**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a two year agreement with the City of Lake Elmo to provide Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Inspection Services. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Recognition for Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-140** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation for  
Chief Deputy Mike Johnson  
in Recognition of his Retirement

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Mike Johnson has served the Washington County Sheriff's Office for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Mike Johnson has held each position in the Washington County Sheriff's Office, and will be retiring as Chief Deputy; and

WHEREAS, Mike Johnson counts many assignments among his accomplishments, including being a founding member of the Washington County Special Response Team, commonly known as a SWAT team; and

WHEREAS, Mike Johnson has been instrumental in resolving some of the most difficult cold cases investigated by the Washington County Sheriff's Office; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Johnson has been instrumental in the creation of the Yellow Ribbon Network in Washington County, a support network for military families.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners congratulates Chief Deputy Mike Johnson on his retirement from the Washington County Sheriff's Office and extends the thanks and appreciation of the county and its residents for his contributions to the county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily wish Chief Deputy Johnson a healthy and happy retirement, with ample time to devote to family, especially his two granddaughters.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, noted that there will be a reception for Chief Deputy Johnson on Thursday, September 30, in the Law Enforcement Center at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Schug noted that the Board received a copy of an Order from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources concerning the boundaries of the South Washington and Valley Branch Watershed Districts and incorporating the former Lower St. Croix Water Management Organization into the South Washington Watershed District. This order came about from a mediation session that took place between all the parties.

Mr. Schug reported that Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director, was presented the 2010 Jack Young Excellence in Community Corrections Award at the Minnesota Community Corrections Act Counties annual conference. Jack Young is a former State Commissioner of Corrections who resided in the Bayport area.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Weik reported on the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board meeting with Commissioner Kriesel. They discussed the 2011 work plan, budget, and the pharmaceutical national "Take Back" initiative. She commented that the preliminary vote on the work plan and budget is to keep it a bare bones budget. Because there are uncertainties surrounding the Metropolitan Landfill Abatement Account (MLAA) grant from the State of Minnesota, they developed a work plan and budget that would just use member contributions and project reserve funds. They will continue to work with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). She reported on the County Library Board which met last night. They had ongoing discussions on the 2011 budget and the strategic plan. There is ongoing work for the Halloween program for kids called "Books for Treats". They also discussed how

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to increase story time at the Forest Lake Branch and adding one story time to Hugo. She brought up the idea to consider an additional virtual story time via Skype. This could increase the county's outreach to individuals such as daycare providers or an ill child at home. Later today she will meet with individuals from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to discuss their study on building dedicated truck only or car only lanes.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Governor's presentation in Farmington to proclaim various communities Yellow Ribbon Communities including the Cities of Mahtomedi, Lake Elmo, Bayport, Oak Park Heights, and Baytown Township. He will be going out to Washington D.C. this afternoon to meet with the legislative delegation to discuss federal funding for the Gateway Corridor.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) groundbreaking ceremony for the Red Oak Preserve in Oakdale. The HRA Board meeting followed that event. He attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association Candidate Forum last Tuesday and it was well attended. He met with a group from Forest Lake at the American Legion to discuss the Broadway Avenue construction project and how that will impact the Fourth of July Parade. He believes that it is the largest Fourth of July parade in the state. He attended interviews at the Association of Minnesota Counties last Friday.

Commissioner Pulkrabek mentioned that he also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Red Oak Preserve in Oakdale. He was very impressed with that project. It is well needed life cycle housing and of very high quality. He attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association Candidate Forum last Tuesday and it was well attended. He thought all the candidates did a good job in answering the questions.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Weik moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration for direction on balancing the proposed 2011 budget. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for

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the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Don Theisen, Harley Will, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Mary Nicklay, Mjyke Nelson, Lowell Johnson, Doug Johnson, Dan Papin, Tom Adkins, Kay McAloney, Kevin Corbid, Wayne Sandberg, Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press, John Hageman, Pioneer Press, Scott Wente, Woodbury Bulletin, Mark Nicklawski, St. Croix Press, and Kevin Giles, Star Tribune.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator