

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 17, 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 Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Commissioner Hegberg 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; Meredith Magers, Assistant County Attorney; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Greg Woods, Building Services Manager; Jim Lindner, Assistant Building Services Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandra Hahn, Deputy Community Corrections Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the August 3, 2010 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint Richard Damchik, Forest Lake, to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Board of Managers to a three-year term expiring September 22, 2013.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-118** as follows:

Approval of Department of Natural Resources Agreement
Providing One Million and Thirty Three Thousand Dollars
from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund to Acquire
Interests in Property through the Land and Water Legacy Program

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the County Board authorized staff to begin valuations and negotiations on selected Land and Water Legacy Program projects, providing the county an opportunity to acquire land and an interest in the land; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County desires to leverage its funds by securing funds from outside sources; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorized staff to submit a grant request to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for funds to acquire interests in property associated with the St. Croix River valley; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has been awarded a grant in the amount of one million and thirty three thousand dollars (\$1,033,000) to acquire three permanent conservation easements or fee title to protect property associated with the St. Croix River.

BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County acting as legal sponsor for the project contained in MN Laws 2010, Chapter 361, Article 1, Section 2, Subdivision 5h Washington County St. Croix River Land Protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County has the financial capability to ensure adequate completion of the project and certifies that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that James R. Schug, County Administrator and Bill Pulkrabek, Chair of Washington County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the recipient.

4. Approval to revise Washington County Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 20 – Employment Outside of County Service.
5. Approval to revise Washington County Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 23 – Performance Evaluation.
6. Approval to revise Washington County Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 22 – Work Schedules.
7. Approval to revise Washington County Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 8 – Probation and Regular Status.
8. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of recycling grant agreement with the City of Woodbury for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
9. Approval of Change Orders #13 and #14 to contract with General Sheet Metal Company, Inc., as part of the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements Project, in the amounts of \$53,320 and \$12,620 respectively.

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- 10. Approval of Change Orders #22 and #23 to contract with Peoples Electric, Inc., as part of the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements Project, in the amounts of \$66,143 and \$21,674, respectively.
- 11. Bids were received for hot inplace recycle bituminous overlay of Washington County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18 in the City of Woodbury as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
North Valley, Inc.	\$544,747.15
Hardrives, Inc.	\$553,435.96
Bituminous Roadways, Inc.	\$595,543.55

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-119** as follows:

Bid Award for Hot Inplace Recycle Bituminous Overlay on
County State Aid Highway 18 to North Valley, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete hot inplace recycle bituminous overlay for County State Aid Highway 18, the county solicited bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on August 3, 2010, with North Valley, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of North Valley, Inc., be accepted and the county enter into a contract with North Valley, 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 North Valley, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman 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.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager, presented updates on the Broadway Avenue, County Road 83 overpass, and the Hardwood Creek Trail pedestrian overpass construction in Forest Lake. He indicated that \$360,000 was needed for additional consultant work for a more comprehensive communications plan, additional coordination meetings with regulatory agencies and utility companies, additional plan revisions due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment funding, construction staging, and to minimize construction impacts.

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Commissioner Peterson moved to approve Amendment #1 to the SRF Consulting Group contract for final design services in the amount of \$360,000 for the development of the Broadway Avenue (County State Aid Highway 2) improvement project and the County Road 83 overpass project in Forest Lake. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked for a brief update on the roundabout on Highway 5. Don Theisen, Public Works Director, stated he will contact the Minnesota Department of Transportation and get an update; but from everything they have heard so far it is on schedule and progressing. The completion date should be around the first of November.

Commissioner Weik asked for an update on the traffic signal on I-94 at Manning Avenue. Mr. Theisen stated that the Minnesota Department of Transportation is working on getting those signals up and running. They had hoped to get them running by now, but the issue is getting power there from Xcel Energy.

Commissioner Peterson asked about Highway 36 and an accident that occurred between Hilton Trail and Demontreville Trail. Is something going to be done with that stretch of highway. Mr. Theisen stated there is a long term plan that was adopted years ago. The communities are asking that a new vision be put together for Highway 36. It is in the Minnesota Department of Transportation's court to decide when a new study will be started and what needs to be done out there.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Gateway Corridor Commission meeting. A consulting firm was selected to do the alternative analysis study. An interesting presentation was made by the Itasca Group regarding economic development. There was also a presentation on the Union Depot. He attended the Canvass Board last Friday. Yesterday he attended the Gateway Corridor launch event which was well attended. He thanked the Hartford Company for hosting that event. Last evening he attended the Vets cruise on the St. Croix River on the Andiamo. This is an annual event that raises funds for the Veteran's Memorial in Stillwater. John Kriesel, Iraq war veteran and hero, gave an inspiring speech.

Commissioner Peterson reported on a meeting she and Commissioner Weik had with the Tubman group. They talked about their plans for the future and the existing homeless. They recently purchased the former St. Paul Priory off Century Avenue. They are turning that into a facility for Tubman. They will not only have housing for the homeless, they will also have programming for those who are in need of shelter and making new changes in their life. Yesterday she attended the Minnesota High Speed Rail meeting. She asked the Board to save the date of October 27 for the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission/Empire Builder Coalition/On Board Midwest Joint Event from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at

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the Union Depot in St. Paul. The Tree Trust event will be held this afternoon at Lake Elmo Park at the South Picnic Pavilion from 11:30 to 1:00. Commissioner Peterson announced that Donn Wiski, who chaired the Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board for many years, passed away this past weekend. He also worked with the planning process of the Grey Cloud Island Park. Mr. Wiski was a talented planner and he will be missed. She asked that the County Board send a card to his family.

Commissioner Weik thanked Tubman Associates for meeting with them. She appreciated their time and information. She also attended the Gateway Corridor Commission. She thanked Commissioner Kriesel for his leadership on this commission and for leading that group forward. Washington County is a strong partner with Ramsey County as well as the businesses along I-94. She emphasized that in the short term, as the transit studies are going forward, that the county continue to work with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to look at things such as highway solutions to relieve congestion. She would also like to see the county advocate for more regular bus service to the east metro.

Commissioner Weik reported that she participated in the Canvass Board along with Commissioner Kriesel. There were no surprises and everything tallied correctly. She reported on the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) meeting last week. She found the Itasca Group presentation that was made at the Gateway Corridor meeting very interesting. MICA is likely to have that presentation at its meeting in September. The MICA Executive Director reported that as far as the December allotments from the State, it looks like counties may be in line to receive those, unless there is a downturn in the economy. The Transportation Alliance will hold a Governor Candidate Forum on August 25 at the Northland Inn. There will also be MICA Candidate Forums that would likely include Washington County, no dates have been set yet, but it would likely be the last week of September or the first week of October.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND LIBRARY

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to receive information on the proposed 2011 budget; and, review the proposed 2011 Library and Law Library budgets. No business

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was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Stephanie Kammerud, Nancy Brase, Doug Johnson, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Lowell Johnson, Patricia Conley, Joe Manion, Jim Langmo, Joyce Schneider, Brian Hoffman, Julele Lind, Tom Adkins, Sandy Hahn, Harley Will, Mjyke Nelson, Kay McAloney, Vicki DeFord, Yvonne Klinnert, Sue Harris, Dan Starry, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press, Scott Wente, Woodbury Bulletin, Sarah Linder, Friends of the Lake Elmo Library, and Paul Ryberg, Friends of the Lake Elmo Library.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works for an update on the Counties Transit Improvement Board August 18 agenda items. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Harley Will, and Yvonne Klinnert.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator