

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 25, 2009

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 Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Hegberg absent. Board Chair Peterson 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; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Michael Welling, Surveyor; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections 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 audience; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of contract with UCare Minnesota to provide mental health targeted case management for individuals diagnosed as seriously and persistently mentally ill, and to purchase the county's vendor network for individuals on medical assistance waivers.
2. Approval of contract with East Suburban Resources, Inc. to continue to provide supported work services for Minnesota Family Investment Program customers.
3. Approval of loan, distribution and settlement agreement between Washington County and the City of Lakeland and satisfaction and release documents to be signed by Washington County and the cities and townships receiving additional gravel tax funds.
4. Approval of the Minnesota GreenCorps Host Site Grant application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to train and fund two GreenCorps members and authorize the execution of an agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, if the county is selected as a host site.

5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-086** as follows:

Minnesota Digital Library Coalition Grant

WHEREAS, Washington County surveyor's office has four (4) bound books of records, plats and maps dating back to the 1800's that require scanning to digital format; and

WHEREAS, Washington County does not have the required technology to scan bound books; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition provides grants to organizations to have professionals scan the original objects such as bound books according to well-established and very high standards in exchange for sharing the unique resource online for non-profit educational purposes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Public Works Director to sign the Minnesota Digital Library Grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the participation in the described project without further action by the County Board.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director, reviewed the United States Department of Transportation TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary grant. The Minnesota Department of Transportation has submitted an application for these grants in the amount of \$300 million for the St. Croix River Crossing Project and they have requested that the Washington County Board submit a letter of support.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to send a letter of support for Transportation TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary grant to the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the St. Croix River Crossing. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint Commissioner Peterson to the RFP evaluation committee for state and federal lobbying and administrative services for the Counties Transit Improvement Board and to appoint Commissioner Weik as an alternate. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board and the Transportation Advisory Board and Policy Committee. This week he is meeting with the Friends of Washington County to discuss how to protect the Fairy Falls and Boom Site areas. He also has a Veteran's Rest Camp Board meeting that evening.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on an article he read in the Star Tribune last week regarding an analysis of the federal budget. He felt it was one of the best articles he has seen regarding the government in several years. He will bring the article for the Board to look at. The article stated that the federal government in 2009 is spending \$34,000 per household, which is about \$8,000 more than in 2008.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting. There was a round table discussion with the State Legislators and the funding shortfalls were the biggest topic of conversation. She also attended the Tree Trust Annual Youth Conservation Corps program last week. Twenty-four youth in Washington County participated. It was a good event. She attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) meeting last week. Counties were advised to make contingencies in their 2010 budgets because there may be another reduction in LGA in December. MICA is asking what they can do to assist member counties to manage budget challenges. They have a new Community Services Fiscal Officers Committee. Another topic mentioned was that the mental health maintenance of effort was being discussed at the state and there was concern that there are new requirements that are not understandable. Next month's meeting of MICA will be at the Anoka County Medical Examiner's Office. This evening she will be attending the steering committee for the Yellow Ribbon Network in Woodbury. The city-wide meeting will be held at the end of September. This week is Woodbury Days beginning Friday evening and throughout the weekend.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting. There was considerable discussion about the Maplewood Park-and-Ride, particularly when the alternative analysis came out and did not mention the Maplewood Park-and-Ride. Dakota County brought a synopsis of the alternative analysis and there will be more discussion on that project. A number of years ago MN/DOT borrowed \$34 million from the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB). After a significant discussion they voted that the \$34 million that TAB would be receiving back from MN/DOT would go to a project that received TIGER money authorization and she advocated for the Stillwater Bridge, others advocated for the 169/494 project. She announced that the Association of Minnesota Counties Policy meetings will be held on September 17 and 18. There will be a public transit conference in Duluth on September 21 – 23. There are two particular issues she would like to attend if there will be a full County Board: one is a break-out session talking about the Midwest High Speed Rail initiative; and then there is a State Transit and Policy update with Wisconsin and Minnesota Departments of Transportation and the Met

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Council. If there is a full Board she would like to take that in. She asked the public if they take the time to communicate with her, she would appreciate it if they would sign their correspondence so she can respond to them. She asked the Board to read the AMC update, in particular the Human Services Redesign communications from the Department of Human Services. There is a gentleman from DHS who she is convinced has never set foot in a county social service department, and does not understand how the process works. She indicated she will be communicating with this gentleman.

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 Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Community Services to discuss the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant and the Home Investment Partnership program funds. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Weik and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Josh Beck, Diane Elias, and Mary Farmer-Kubler.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator