

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 23, 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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Jim Lindner, Assistant Manager; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Jane Harper, Principal Planner; David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michael Weidner, Executive Director of Minnesota Paratransit Providers Association, discussed the non-emergency medical transportation contract. His organization represents access transportation and special transportation providers. He stated the county will not need to hire people to answer the phones to get rides. What will happen is the individuals who need a ride will call their providers. The provider will provide the service and the county will pay the bill which is a direct pass through to the Department of Human Services. He asked the Board to slow down and not rush into this contract.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the June 9, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-062** as follows:

Application for Metro Greenways Grant to Use as Matching Funds to
 Acquire an Interest in Property through the
 Land and Water Legacy Program – Tim Behrends Project

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

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

WHEREAS, the Tim Behrends project meets the criteria of the Department of Natural Resources Metro Greenways Program grants, including the nominated site must be located within a Metro Conservation Corridor Focus Area and have high quality native plant communities or habitat for threatened, rare and/or endangered species; and

WHEREAS, Washington County recognizes the fifty (50) percent cash or in-kind match requirement of the Metro Greenway Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Metro Greenways Program to acquire an interest in the property in the form of a conservation easement.

3. Approval of contract amendment #2 between the State of Minnesota Tenth Judicial District and Washington County to provide a means of state reimbursement for direct payments made by the county as required by statute as part of the transfer of court administration functions from the county to the state.
4. Approval to renew the Cooperative Agreement with the Metropolitan Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Scott and the State of Minnesota for the purpose of managing the joint Long Term Homelessness Support Services Program.
5. Approval for Community Services to use fund balance in the amount of \$25,300 from Fund 220 to meet the obligations of the Washington County Children and Families Council.
6. Approval of the 2009-2010 contracts with Colby Lake Care Home, Faith Home Care, and Liberty Homes of Woodbury, corporate foster cares, to provide home and community based services for persons on Medical Assistance “waivers”.
7. Approval of contract with REM Minnesota Community Services, Inc. for services to clients living at the Woodlands Apartments in Cottage Grove.
8. Approval to award contract for installation of fiber optic cabling to Access Communications.
9. Approval of temporary on-sale 3.2 malt liquor license for the Greeder-Hinds-Comfort-Post #323 to be used at the Washington County Fair on July 29 through August 2, 2009.

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10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-063** as follows:

State Cost-Share Assistance Contract with Washington
Conservation District – Weed Control

WHEREAS, Washington County Parks requested cost-share assistance from the Washington Conservation District to help defray the cost of weed control in the Washington County Park System; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Conservation District has made available a State Cost-Share Assistance Contract to Washington County for the described project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the county the State Cost-Share Assistance Contract between Washington County and the Washington Conservation District conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant funds for the described development project be directed to Washington County without further action by the County Board.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-064** as follows:

Two Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Grant Request

WHEREAS, Washington County has developed cross-country ski trail systems in Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, Lake Elmo Park Reserve, and Pine Point Park; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Trails Assistance Program provides grants to local units of government for the construction and maintenance of recreational trails pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 85.44 and 84.026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that application for State grant-in-aid for the described cross-country ski trails be made and grant funds directed to Washington County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that participation in the Minnesota Trail Assistance Programs be authorized and the Grant in Aid agreement executed by the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator per the guidelines of Minnesota Statutes, Section 84.83, without further action by the County Board.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-065** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Submission of Application to
Department of Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity for
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Funds

WHEREAS, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided additional program funds of approximately \$10 million to the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity (“DHS”) for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing activities (the “Funds”); and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority in partnership with several local private non-profit entities have developed an application for the Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Consolidated Plan has identified a need to provide additional rent assistance to prevent homelessness and to provide stabilized housing opportunities to homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has the lowest per capita allocation of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers in the Twin City Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has systems already in place to provide short term rental assistance of eighteen (18) months in compliance with DHS requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established relationships with non-profit agencies to provide services to participants in a variety of Authority programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. That Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is authorized to submit an application to the Department of Human Services for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Funds for services in Washington County; and
2. That this Resolution serves as the “Certificate of Approval” to conduct the activities authorized by the Funds in Washington County.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0, Commissioner Hegberg abstained.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two Funds

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-066** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Washington County Community Services to
Apply for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2) Funds with
Anoka County, Dakota County, Ramsey County, Scott County, and Chisago County

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$2.0 billion in federal funds for emergency assistance for redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential

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properties, through a grant program commonly referred to as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2); and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2) is to diminish residential vacancy rates, reverse the decline of property values, and stabilize neighborhoods negatively impacted by foreclosure and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides that grants under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program shall be treated as though such funds are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development require that eligible applicants have direct experience administrating projects related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Services is the organization that is responsible for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has seen a rapid increase in foreclosures and vacant properties; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two funds are available only through competitive process at a national level; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development allows a consortia of local governments to apply for NSP 2; and

WHEREAS, a consortia can produce a more competitive application; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, Anoka County, Dakota County, Ramsey County, Scott County, and Chisago County are jointly contiguous units of local government and each have sufficient authority and administrative capability to carry out the purposes of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes Washington County Community Services to apply for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2) funds with Anoka County, Dakota County, Ramsey County, Scott County, and Chisago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes Jim Schug, the County Administrator, and Daniel Papin, Community Services Director, to execute a Cooperation Agreement between Washington County, Anoka County, Dakota County, Ramsey County, Scott County, and Chisago County for the purposes of applying for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2).

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Non-Emergency Transportation Cooperative Agreement

Dan Papin, Community Services Director, reviewed a proposed cooperative agreement with metropolitan counties for the provision of non-emergency transportation for eligible Medical Assistance, General Assistance, and MinnesotaCare recipients through a contact with Medical Transportation Management, Inc. The agreement would run from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and would not exceed \$30,000. He stated this contract would be a stop-gap measure to ensure transportation is provided to those who need it. The counties will work for the next six months on other options that might be available.

The County Board discussed this contract and raised the following questions:

- Could Human Services, Inc. be the broker?
- How many of the 13,000 eligible recipients in Washington County use this program?
- If the county is required to pay for this service and not everybody that is eligible uses it how do the other people pay for it?
- Why is this necessary if these are non-emergency medical transportations, why can't individuals just call on their own?
- What would be the down side of waiting to get a few more answers?
- How many of the rides provided in Washington County are repeat riders?
- If a person independently arranged for their own ride what would the cost to the county be at that point?
- Would the Board consider meeting next Tuesday to get some of these questions answered?
- If the Board voted against this contract today, and the Board found out there were seniors who needed this service, how quickly would the Board know there was a problem and look at this again and implement this contract?
- The broker lines up a ride, the driver goes out to pick up the client and they are a no-show; the broker still gets paid but the driver eats the cost of driving out there and back with no ride, has that been corrected?
- If an individual brokered their own ride, could they seek reimbursement on their own, or does it have to go through an agency?

Commissioner Hegberg moved to enter into a cooperative agreement with other counties for the provision of non-emergency transportation for eligible Medical Assistance, General Assistance, and MinnesotaCare recipients through a contact transportation management service. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kriesel asked if the Board would entertain the suggestion by Commissioner Weik to meet next week to allow more information to be obtained on this matter.

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Commissioner Peterson asked could the questions raised today be answered by next week. Mr. Papin stated he would do his best to gather that information.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that if this contract does not pass, the Board would have to provide Community Services with the resources they need.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to postpone action on a cooperative agreement with other counties for the provision of non-emergency transportation for eligible Medical Assistance, General Assistance, and MinnesotaCare recipients through a contact transportation management service to June 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson asked that the Board discuss next week the Governor's unallotment and cuts to Human Services and what ramifications those would have on the county.

Commissioner Weik moved that the County Board will meet in regular session next Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve a revised 2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Human Services, Inc. by reducing the funding for domestic abuse service treatment for the last six months of 2009 by \$61,250. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Commissioner Weik moved to approve an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to receive funding through the Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bid Award for Reconstruction of CSAH 18 in the City of Afton

Bids were received for reconstruction of CSAH 18 in the City of Afton as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Tower Asphalt, Inc.	\$4,020,974.18
Forest Lake Contracting, Inc.	\$4,085,093.00
Frontier Construction	\$4,162,690.68
Danner, Inc.	\$4,224,346.57
Max Steininger, Inc.	\$4,503,690.62
SR Weidema, Inc.	\$4,646,715.12
Palda & Sons, Inc.	\$4,689,757.91
Valley Paving, Inc.	\$4,718,130.53

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-067** as follows:

Bid Award for CSAH 18 East/West Reconstruction
in Afton, Minnesota to Tower Asphalt, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road reconstruction, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on June 11, 2009, with Tower Asphalt, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$4,020,947.18 be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Tower Asphalt, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Tower Asphalt, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Campus 2025 Phase V South Wing Remodel Bid Package

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-068** as follows:

Bid Awards for Campus 2025 Phase V South Wing Remodel

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements, South Wing Remodel, the County solicited bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, bids were opened on June 11, 2009 with bids accepted in 18 divisions; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Steenburg Watrud Construction, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 1 (Unit Masonry & Concrete) and the County enter into a contract with Steenburg Watrud Construction, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Northern Lights Steel Fabrication, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 2 (Structural Steel Erection & Supply) and the County enter into a contract with Northern Lights Steel Fabrication, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Prestige Builders of MN be accepted for Bid Division 3 (Carpentry/Selective Demolition) and the County enter into a contract with Prestige Builders of MN under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Paul's Architectural Woodcraft, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 4 (Interior Arch. Woodwork/P-Lam Casework) and the County enter into a contract with Paul's Architectural Woodcraft, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Palmer West Construction Co., Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 5 (Roofing, Aluminum Wall Panels & Flashing) and the County enter into a contract with Palmer West Construction Co., Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of United Glass, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 6 (Alum. Entrances, Alum. Windows & Glazing) and the County enter into a contract with United Glass, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Twin City Garage Door Co. be accepted for Bid Division 8 (Overhead Coiling Doors) and the County enter into a contract with Twin City Garage Door Co. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Twin City Hardware Company, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 9 (Steel Doors & Frames, Wood Doors & Finish Hardware) and the County enter into a contract with Twin City Hardware Company, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of W. Zintl, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 10 (Drywall) and the County enter into a contract with W. Zintl, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Dale Tile Company be accepted for Bid Division 11 (Ceramic Tile) and the County enter into a contract with Dale Tile Company under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Twin City Acoustics, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 12 (Acoustical Ceilings/Acoustical Treatment) and the County enter into a contract with Twin City Acoustics, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Target Commercial Interiors be accepted for Bid Division 13 (Carpet/Resilient Flooring) and the County enter into a contract with Target Commercial Interiors under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Wasche Commercial Finishes, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 14 (Paint/Wallcovering) and the County enter into a contract with Wasche Commercial Finishes, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of W.E. Neal Slate Company be accepted for Bid Division 15 (Visual Display Boards/Display Cases) and the County enter into a contract with W.E. Neal Slate Company under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Custom Drapery & Blinds be accepted for Bid Division 16 (Window Treatments) and the County enter into a contract with Custom Drapery & Blinds under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Brother's Fire Protection be accepted for Bid Division 17 (Fire Protection) and the County enter into a contract with Brother's Fire Protection under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Klamm Mechanical Contractors, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 18 (Plumbing, HVAC & Temperature Controls) and the County enter into a contract with Klamm Mechanical Contractors, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Parson's Electric, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 19 (Electrical - Low Voltage - Audio Visual) and the County enter into a contract with Parson's Electric, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Kraus Anderson, on behalf of Washington County Public Works requests quotes for Bid Division 7 (Joint Sealers) and the County enter into a contract at a later date for this work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contracts between the County and Steenburg Watrud Construction, Inc., Northern Lights Steel Fabrication, Inc., Prestige Builders of MN, Paul's Architectural Woodcraft, Inc., Palmer West Construction Co., Inc., United Glass, Inc., Twin City Garage Door Co., Twin City Hardware Company, Inc., W. Zintl, Inc., Dale Tile Company, Twin City Acoustics, Inc., Target Commercial Interiors, Wasche Commercial Finishes, Inc., W.E. Neal Slate Company, Custom Drapery & Blinds, Brother's Fire Protection, Klamm Mechanical Contractors, Inc., and Parson's Electric, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington

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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.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Free Annual or Daily Vehicle Park Permits for Certain Military Personnel

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-069** as follows:

Providing Free Access to the County's Parks for any
Military Personnel on Leave or Recently Leaving Active Service and
Any Veteran who has a Total and Permanent Service Connected Disability

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to recognize the sacrifices that have been made or are currently being made by our country's military personnel; and

WHEREAS, the program serves the public purpose of recognizing the sacrifices of veterans and current members of the military as reflected in numerous provisions of State Statute; and

WHEREAS, Washington County would like to offer support to these individuals as part of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon initiative; and

WHEREAS, Washington County offers public park facilities that require the purchase of a permit for all vehicle entering the park; and

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to waive the vehicle permit fee for any military personnel on leave or recently leaving active service, and any veteran who has a total and permanent service-connected disability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the parks division to issue a free annual vehicle permit to any veteran who has a total and permanent service-connected disability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the parks division to issue free daily vehicle permits to any military personnel on leave and those visiting within 90 days of leaving active service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above military personnel be issued the above pass between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 upon presentation of proper identification and other appropriate paperwork to the park attendant.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Partial Reimbursement of Costs to Purchase Parcel A within St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-070** as follows:

Metropolitan Council Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant
Reimbursement for Portion of Parcel A, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

WHEREAS, Washington County Parks applied to the Metropolitan Council for a Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant for the partial reimbursement of the purchase price of a portion of Parcel A, a 208 acre parcel that was acquired by Washington County on October 31, 1996 for St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has made available a Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant to Washington County for the described parkland purchase with the requirement that the county provide an “Agreement of Restrictive Covenant” to protect the land into the future; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has prepared the “Agreement of Restrictive Covenant”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator to sign on behalf of the county Grant Agreement SG2008-039 between Washington County and the Metropolitan Council and the Agreement of Restrictive Covenant conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney’s office.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 11:05 a.m.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

City of Woodbury Request for Land and Water Legacy Funds

Steve Kernik, City of Woodbury Environmental Planner, presented an overview of the City’s request for an opportunity purchase through the Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program. He stated that the acquisition of this parcel meshes with the plans for the property being developed to the north. The city would like to acquire the entire 65.5 acre parcel. It would then obtain 24.5 acres of the property through park dedication and that would leave 41 acres remaining to be acquired through open space purchase. The developer is offering the remaining property at a cost of \$2.00 per square foot, or \$87,120 per acre for a total cost of \$3,571,920. With a 50% cost share, the city is asking the county for \$1,785,960. The city would be willing to front the money for the purchase of the entire parcel using its own open space funds, as long as they had an agreement with the county for reimbursement at a future date.

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Jane Harper, Principal Planner, reviewed her analysis of this proposal. She indicated that this project meets the general program criteria and meets the referendum purpose of preserving wetlands and woodlands, purchasing park land and protecting drinking water sources. It also meets the criteria the county board has set for the matching grant program that it be identified in a local plan and it is in the watershed district plans. Ms. Harper stated that the county would require that this project be reviewed by the Parks and Open Space Commission and that could be done at their July meeting. The county's internal Real Estate and Acquisition Commission would also need to look at this and she believes that also could be done in July. Staff also recommends that the city provide the county with an appraisal of the property to assure that whatever amount of money the Board would be willing to put into the project they would get that amount of value out of it.

There was Board consensus that the study of this project go through the next steps of review by the Washington County Parks and Open Space Commission, the County's Real Estate and Acquisition Commission, and that the Valley Branch Watershed District Board of Managers also review the project.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Kriesel moved to go into Executive Session with the Human Resources Department to discuss labor negotiation strategy for 2010. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously. The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:43 a.m. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kay McAloney, Frank Madden, Vicki DeFord, and Patricia Raddatz.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

The Board convened as the Board of Appeal and Equalization at 1:00 p.m.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

