

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 24, 2006

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 Peterson, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Stafford, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Suzanne Pollack, Community Services Supervisor; Sheriff Steve Pott; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Pat Conley, Library Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Jill Eder-Finnegan, Social Worker II; Carole Zabell, Social Worker; Annie Walton, Social Worker II; Carolyn Veaser, Social Worker II; Jan Sweeny, Social Worker; Jennifer Wagenius, Asst. County Recorder/Registrar; Jodie Moran, Administrative Supervisor; Deb McDonald, Management Analyst II; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Washington County Library holiday and training schedule for 2007 (other than the official county holidays) as follows: All staff training, March 14, 2007, libraries open at 1:00 p.m., Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007, closed; Sunday before Memorial Day, May 27, 2007, closed; Sunday before Labor Day, September 2, 2007, closed; New Year's Eve Day, December 31, 2007, close at 5:00 p.m.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-143** as follows:

Designate the Washington County Recorder as Local Registrar of
Vital Statistics Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 144.214

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2001, the Washington County Board of Commissioners designated Cindy Koosmann as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

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WHEREAS, on July 28, 2006, Ms. Koosmann retired as County Recorder and the County Board subsequently appointed Kevin Corbid, the Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services as the County Recorder; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 144.214 a local registrar of vital statistics in each county shall be designated by the County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County hereby designates the County Recorder to serve as deputy registrar of vital statistics.

3. Approval of contract with Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson and Associates (TKDA) for final design services for the reconstruction of CSAH 2 and TH 61 intersection in Forest Lake for a cost not to exceed \$195,812.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Board Chair Pulkrabek presented Family Child Care Provider of the Year, Center Caregiver of the Year and a School Age Caregiver of the Year certificates of recognition to the following individuals: Laura Christianson, Cottage Grove, Family Child Care Provider of the Year; Heidi Lionetti, Woodbury, Family Child Care Provider of the Year; Angie Carey, Paidea Child Development Center, Oakdale, Center Caregiver of the Year; and Cheryl Doble, Rainbow Kids Klub/Grey Cloud Elementary, Cottage Grove, School Age Caregiver of the Year for 2006.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Food Service Contract

Mark Stanton, Aramark Corrections, thanked Washington County for its support to them in providing food service to the county over the past several years. Aramark is disturbed by the entire process that has transpired over the past couple of weeks. They feel that the RFP process was appropriate and that the county has the right to select or reject a certain provider. They received a letter stating that they were going to be recommended at the Board meeting. He indicated that the Board entered into a five-year contract with Aramark and they are still under contract and there is still a one-year option available that the county can exercise. He asked that the county exercise its final year option. He believes this would be a fair alternative and would give the county an opportunity to coordinate its efforts, research and prepare a new RFP and then be in a better position to rebid the food service contract next summer.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, advised the Board that as Mr. Stanton indicated, there is an opportunity for a one-year extension under the current contract with Aramark Corrections. It was staff's intent to go out

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for a bid this year, however there was confusing language in the proposal. It is staff's recommendation that all the bids be rejected and that the county would go out for another proposal; in the interim, the county would need to negotiate a temporary contract for two to twelve months with the current provider if they are willing to do that.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked if the Board could reject the bids and go with the one year option, would that be legally possible? George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney, indicated that if the Board rejects all the bids now and exercises the one-year option in the current contract that would be permissible.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to reject the bids for the food service contract and extend the current contract with Aramark for one year. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Community Action Program for Ramsey and Washington Counties

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reported that Jane Kline has resigned her position on the Board of the Community Action Program for Ramsey and Washington Counties. He indicated that Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director, is willing to represent the county on this Board.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to accept the resignation of Jane Kline and to appoint Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director, to the Community Action Program for Ramsey and Washington Counties. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

The Board discussed whether or not Washington County should continue to participate on this Board. Commissioner Peterson suggested a workshop to discuss this matter in more detail. Mr. Schug stated there have been concerns that Washington County's residents have been underrepresented in the services that are provided. He believes Mr. Single is in a unique position to determine that and to advocate for the county's citizens.

Commissioner Peterson suggested sending a letter to Jane Kline thanking her for her services.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting he attended last week. They have changed maintenance contractors for the apartment buildings.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

BOARD WORKWHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Community Services Department to review six months of care coordination of health plans for the Minnesota Senior Health Care Options Program. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Stafford, Hegberg, Peterson, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Cindy Rupp, Lowell Johnson, Connie Waldera, Diane Benjamin, Deb Tullock, and Sue Hedlund.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator