

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 20, 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 Peterson, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Pulkrabek 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; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Keith Potter, Public Works Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Director Community Services; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Suzanne Pollack, Community Services Supervisor; Kris Harvieux, Senior Social Worker; Julia Wallis, Management Analyst II; Tom Adkins, Director of Community Corrections; Sandra Hahn, Community Corrections Division Manager; David Wiles, Community Corrections Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Captain Steve Pott; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Director of Human Resources; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; Colonel Kevin Gerdes and Lieutenant Colonel Barbara Reilly, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard.

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

1. Approval of the January 6, 2009, Board meeting minutes by amending Page 11, by deleting "Metropolitan Energy Task Force" from Commissioner Weik's list of committee appointments.
2. Approval of agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Washington County Workforce Center Division to provide dislocated worker services to workers laid off from Tenere, Inc., effective December 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009.
3. Approval to ratify the 2009 health insurance for Local 49 employees.

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-009** as follows:

Request to Authorize the Commissioner
of the Minnesota Department of Transportation
to Perform a Speed Study to Determine the
Reasonable and Safe Speed Limits at the
Following Locations:

Hugo

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 8 (Frenchman Road North) between the County Line (Elmcrest Avenue North) and Trunk Highway 61

Woodbury

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 13 (Radio Drive) between a point 1000 feet south of Hargis Parkway and Afton Road/Pioneer Drive

Grant/Stillwater/Stillwater Township

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 (Manning Avenue) between Trunk Highway 36 and 80th Street North

Lakeland/Lakeland Shores

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18 (St. Croix Trail) between 7th Street South and the I-94 South Ramp

WHEREAS, the authority to determine the safe and reasonable speed on a county highway resides with the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the above portions of roadway have been reconstructed within the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction projects may have affected traffic patterns and travel speeds on the above portions of roadway; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all parties to have reasonable and safe speeds posted on our county highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to request that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation perform a speed survey to determine the reasonable and safe speed limit at the above referenced locations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to install and maintain signing consistent with the resulting order.

5. Approval of change order #1 with Jorgensen Construction for the Washington County Environmental Center and designation of \$250,000 of available 2008 CEC revenue to the project budget.

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

SHERIFF

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the Motorola change order WC-006 to the 800 MHz radio system contract. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg abstained; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2008 Minnesota Foster Care Parent of the Year

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-006** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation
Jane George, Foster Parent of the Year
Minnesota Foster Care Association

WHEREAS, Jane George has been licensed to provide child foster care for over 34 years, first in Wisconsin and then in Minnesota since 1984; and

WHEREAS, Jane George has provided care for over 500 children during her career and, for more than a decade has specialized in working with adolescent girls becoming known as the “teen girl expert” in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Jane George has served on the Board of Minnesota Foster Care Association and been the Region 5 Vice President of the National Foster Parent Association; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation and respect, Jane George’s Foster Parent of the Year Award by the Minnesota Foster Care Association;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends Jane George for her work in child foster care serving the needs of children, especially teen girls, for the Washington County community.

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-007** as follows:

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Resolution Authorizing Renewal of the
Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota,
and the Sentence-to-Service Program, Washington County

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota provides up to 50 percent of the total costs to operate four sentence-to-service crews in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, said sentence-to-service programming contributes over 115,000 hours of service back to the community annually; and

WHEREAS, sentence-to-service provides an alternative to longer incarceration times for non-violent offenders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to renew the Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Corrections, Sentence-to-Service Program, and Washington County for the period from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Corrections Director Tom Adkins is hereby authorized to execute and sign the agreement, as necessary to complete the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the Washington County Corrections Department.

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-008** as follows:

Resolution in Support
34th Red Bull Infantry Division
and Stillwater-based 34th Military Police Company
of the Minnesota National Guard
on its Deployment to Iraq

WHEREAS, the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division will begin a one-year deployment to Iraq beginning on February 13, 2009, with training exercises in the United States and then arrival in Iraq in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, four Minnesota units including nearly 1,000 service members from throughout Minnesota, of which approximately one-third have had prior service in Iraq, will be included in the deployment to the southern portion of Iraq to command military operations in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Stillwater-based 34th Military Police Company with 166 members will be one of the four units to be deployed in addition to the Rosemount-based 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Headquarter; the Inver Grove Heights-based 34th Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion; and the Rosemount-based 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Band; and

WHEREAS, this is an unprecedented military mission with the 34th Infantry Division leading a force of more than 16,000 service personnel

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who will be enabling the Iraqi people to take responsibility for their future affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation, respect, and admiration, the sacrifices of the military personnel who are leaving home and loved ones to serve our nation in Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends the men and women of the Stillwater-based 34th Military Police Company and the three other units of the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division for their dedication to the success of its mission and the County Board expresses its concern for the safety and well-being of all the service personnel and its appreciation for the sacrifices of their families during this deployment.

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

Mr. Schug , County Administrator, gave an update on the 2009 legislative session. He noted there is an upcoming repeal of a bill, passed in the 2008 legislative session, suspending all county maintenance of effort requirements, cost shares, and matches. Mr. Schug noted there will be county personnel attending the hearing on Thursday, January 22, to speak on behalf of the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hegberg reported he met with Stev Stegner, Mayor of Forest Lake, about moving the overpass project near the rest stop forward in Forest Lake and other related issues in the area.

Commissioner Weik reported the three day conference, entitled ‘County Government 101,’ hosted by the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) was well attended. She noted there was several leadership sessions specific to administering your duties as county commissioner. She spoke with some of the Association of Minnesota Counties representatives about forming a Redesign committee.

Commissioner Weik plans to attend a Minnesota Department of Transportation discussion to be held on Thursday, January 22, at 5 o’clock p.m. The discussion will involve proposed changes to Interstate 494 from south of Lake Road to Interstate 94.

Commissioner Peterson extended a thank you to her fellow commissioners for their support and assistance over the past few weeks.

Commissioner Peterson recognized today as a new day and moved to send a letter of congratulations to President-elect Barack Obama as well as a letter to past President George W. Bush thanking him.

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

Commissioner Kriesel reported plans to attend the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting this Friday.

Commissioner Kriesel wished to reassure the public, since today's workshop will not be televised, the Land and Water Legacy Program has not been suspended.

Commissioner Hegberg added it made good economic sense to delay the sale of the bonds for the Land and Water Legacy Program.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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 Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to provide a status report on the Land and Water Legacy Program implementation. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Doug Johnson, Kevin Corbid, Harley Will, Sharon Price, John Elholm, Steve Hobbs, Jay Riggs, Amanda Strommer, Roger Peterson, Kevin Giles, Steve Kirnik, Mary Hauser, Marc Hugunin, and Randy Ferrin.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator