

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 10, 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 Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Jim Lindner, Building Services Assistant Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Commander Cheri Dexter; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology 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 Hegberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the July 27, 2010 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to set a public hearing for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 to consider an ordinance adopting the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.
3. Approval to appoint Robert Bankers, Woodbury, to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2011.
4. Approval of revised 2010 purchase of service agreement with the Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau.
5. Approval to revise Washington County Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 1 – Purpose, Adoption and Administration.
6. Approval to revise Washington County Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 4 – Nepotism.
7. Approval of two Special Project Eligibility Specialist positions in the Community Services Department for a period of up to two years.

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8. Approval of tax abatement on parcel #21.030.20.34.0155 located at 1410 4th Street North in Stillwater.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-117** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption for the Pheasants
Forever Mississippi Longtails Chapter #385

WHEREAS, Pheasants Forever Mississippi Longtails Chapter #385 has made application to the Gambling Control Board for the exemption from certain requirements contained in M.S. 349.166 sub 2 in order to conduct a raffle at The Point, 12378 Point Douglas Dr., Hastings (Denmark Township), 55033. This event will take place on September 14, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does not oppose issuance of exemption consistent with the application.

10. Approval of Change Order #2 to contract with Northern Lights Steel Fabrication, Inc. in the amount of \$9,091.96.
11. Approval to appoint Communications Manager Darlene Pankonie and Sergeant Douglas Anschutz to the 911 Technical Operations Committee with 800 MHz Radio Manager Dean Tilley as an alternate member.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Commander Cheri Dexter, Sheriff's Office, presented an update on a recent activity of the Sheriff's Office Explorer group. Explorers are youth from the ages of 14 to 21 who are thinking about careers in law enforcement. She introduced Explorer Breanna Dexter and Explorer Hannah Engstrum who participated in the national competition that was held on July 17 through the 25 in Atlanta, Georgia. Thirty-seven states were represented and over 2,000 Explorers attended. The Washington County Explorers placed second in crime scene investigation, placed third in burglary response, and an individual trophy for Eddie Climber in emergency driving. They also placed in the top 10 percent in the shoot/don't shoot decision making. The Explorers raise all their funds to attend the competitions. Commander Dexter noted that the Explorers will hold a golf tournament fund raiser this Saturday at Afton Alps. She also noted that Washington County currently employs five deputies, one dispatcher, and one corrections officer who came from the Explorer program.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg attended the County Fair last week. People commented to him that the fair was clean and kept up. The buildings were full with exhibitors and there were actually businesses from Forest Lake who participated. He will be attending the Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRIP) Conference and he will not be at next week's Board meeting.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he taped a segment for the County Insight regarding the Gateway Corridor. He also attended a Stillwater Chamber meeting to discuss the St. Croix River Bridge Crossing. They were looking at what the next steps should be. He attended a Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board analysis committee which reviewed comments to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's draft work plan. He also attended the Minnesota Energy Policy Coalition.

Commissioner Peterson stated that Newport had a very successful Pioneer Days. She asked staff if the Newport parade lineup could start at the transit station in the future. It was difficult to line up on the streets and it would have been easier to have a larger area. Today she and Commissioner Weik will meet with Tubman. She met with the Wipers Recycling group last week. She will also attend the Gateway Corridor meeting to hear the Itasca presentation.

Commissioner Weik reminded everyone that today is Primary Election day. Everything seemed to be going fine at her polling place this morning. She thanked all of the election judges and volunteers who work on the elections. She also attended the County Fair on opening day. She saw the Sheriff's Canine demonstration, and the opening day parade. Commissioner Weik expressed her condolences to Representative Marsh Swails for the loss of her Mother this past weekend. She attended the Minnesota Energy Policy Coalition meeting last week where they approved the workplan initiatives including a carbon management assessment and a geothermal assessment. She also attended the ad hoc Law Library Board meeting which approved compact movable shelving and a self check and security gate by 3M.

The Commissioners expressed their condolences to the family of Jacob Benesh who was killed in a motor cycle accident last week. Mr. Benesh was an assistant director for a 4-H group that was performing at the County Fair.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Commissioners moved into Executive (Closed) Session with the Office of Administration to discuss the possible purchase of conservation easement on the Daley Property in Afton through the Land and Water Legacy Program. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Jane Harper, Sharon Price, Rick Hodsdon, Jim Zuleger, and Patricia Raddatz.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

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 10:49 a.m.

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Regional Railroad Authority met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Red Rock Corridor station area and site master planning study update. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Andy Gitzlaff, Lyssa Leitner, Transportation Intern, Yvonne Klinnert, Jon Dobbs, Scott Wentz, Bulletin, Jim Anderson, Star Tribune, Brian Bear, City of Hugo, and Chuck Haas, City of Hugo.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss use of gravel tax special reserve fund for city projects. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Andy Gitzlaff, Lyssa Leitner, Transportation Intern, Yvonne Klinnert, Jon Dobbs, Scott Wentz, Bulletin, Jim Anderson, Star Tribune, Brian Bear, City of Hugo, and Chuck Haas, City of Hugo.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator