

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 27, 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; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; Andrea Brennan, Deputy Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kathy Trombly-Ferrin, Accounting and Finance Supervisor; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Greg Wood, Facilities Manager; Michael Welling, Surveyor; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; 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 Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-060** as follows:

Reaffirming the Official Intent of Washington County to Reimburse
 Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds
 to be Issued by the County

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") providing that proceeds of tax-exempt bonds used to reimburse prior expenditures will not be deemed spent unless certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, a county and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (the "County"), expects to incur certain expenditures that may be financed temporarily from sources other than tax-exempt bonds and other obligations, and reimbursed from the proceeds of a tax-exempt bonds or other obligations, including Build America Bonds; and

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WHEREAS, the County has duly adopted a program for the preservation of open space, parks and public water (the "Program") and the Program is commonly referred to as the Land and Water Legacy Program; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, the voters of the County, at a general election, authorized the County to issue up to \$20,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the County, in one or more series, as tax-exempt or taxable (Build America Bonds) (the "Bonds"), in order to finance the preservation of open space, park lands, other uses specified on the election ballot; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, this Board of Commissioners passed resolution 2007-163 (the "Prior Resolution") expressing the official intent of the County to reimburse itself for Program costs from the issuance of the Bonds in 2008 or early 2009; and

WHEREAS, the proposed issuance of the Bonds has been delayed from the original anticipated timeframe; however, the County intends to issue the Bonds in the future and this resolution is intended to reaffirm the County's intent to reimburse costs associated with the Program with proceeds of one or more series of the Bonds to be issued by the County in the future; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined to make this declaration of official intent (the "Declaration") to reimburse certain costs from proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The County, in consultation with a citizen's advisory committee, has identified various projects as part of the Program, including, but not limited to the following: land acquisitions; purchase of conservation rights and easements; betterment and improvement projects; and other projects that promote the purpose of the Program (collectively, the "Projects"). The Projects, as a part of the Program, are proposed to be financed with the proceeds of the Bonds.
2. The County reasonably expects to reimburse, in a principal amount currently estimated not to exceed \$20,000,000, the expenditures made for certain costs of the Projects from the proceeds of the Bonds to be issued in the future. This resolution reaffirms the intention of the County in the Prior Resolution to reimburse expenditures for certain costs of the Projects from proceeds of the Bonds. All reimbursed expenditures will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the Bonds or other obligations, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.
3. This Declaration has been made not later than sixty (60) days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds or other obligations, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of the Bonds or other obligations; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of \$100,000 or 5 percent of the proceeds of an issue of bonds or other obligations; or (c) "preliminary expenditures" up to an amount not in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate issue price of the issue or issues that finance or are reasonably expected by the County to finance the project for which the preliminary expenditures were

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incurred. The term “preliminary expenditures” includes architectural, engineering, surveying, bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of a project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

4. This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the County based on the facts and circumstances known to the County as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Projects and the principal amount of the tax-exempt bonds or other obligations described in paragraph 2 are consistent with the County’s budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of tax-exempt bonds or other obligations to be issued by the County are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the County’s budget or financial policies to pay such Project expenditures.
 5. This Declaration is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent for purposes of the Reimbursement Regulations.
2. Approval to cancel the grant agreement and all the obligations therein between Washington County and the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for funds to purchase a conservation easement over property owned by Mr. Rowe in Denmark Township.
 3. Approval of Fiber Optic Cabling Network installation agreement with Access Communications.
 4. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 and Work Order No. 4 to County Road 71 bituminous paving project with Tower Asphalt, Inc.; and adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-061** as follows:

Final Payment on County Road 71 Bituminous
Paving Project to Tower Asphalt, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on May 19, 2009 approved a bid award to Tower Asphalt, Inc. and signed a contract with said company for bituminous paving project on County Road 71 in the City of Afton; and

WHEREAS, Tower Asphalt, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tower Asphalt, Inc. be paid in full for said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher.

5. Bids were received for the provision and application of crack sealant on various county roads as follows:

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| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Total Bid</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Fahrner Asphalt Sealers | \$97,490.30 |
| Asphalt Surface Technologies | \$118,493.80 |
| American Pavement Solutions | \$137,191.00 |

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-062** as follows:

Bid Award for Crackseal Provision and
Application on County Roads for 2010

WHEREAS, in order to complete road maintenance during 2010 on county roads to fill cracks in highway surfaces, the county solicited bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, the bid specifications required submittal of bid bond guaranty with all bid submittals; and

WHEREAS, Hardline Asphalt, Inc. failed to submit a bid bond; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on April 8, 2010, with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Hardline Asphalt, Inc. be rejected for failure to provide required bid bond; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC. be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman 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.

6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-063** as follows:

Resolution Amending Exhibit A Attached to
Washington County Ordinance No. 180

WHEREAS, pursuant to a December 15, 2009 public hearing, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission considered a county staff proposal to amend the Washington County Development Code in order to update the Washington County Floodplain Management Ordinance by adopting the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps provided by Federal Emergency Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as FEMA) and incorporating required Federal provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval of the amendment; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Amend the Washington County Development Code, on January 12, 2010, the Washington County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the request; and

WHEREAS, the County Board determined that the proposed amendments conform to the Washington County Comprehensive Plan; the Policy Guide to 2020 and the Washington County Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted Resolution No. 2010-010 which amended the Washington County Development Code, Chapter Nine, Floodplain Regulations by incorporating required Federal provisions and the updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps provided by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the above stated amendments to the Development Code were set forth in Exhibit A which was attached to and incorporated in Ordinance No. 180; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1 of Exhibit A erroneously referred to the Flood Insurance Rate Map and other documents prepared by FEMA as dated January 20, 2010 when in fact said Map and documents are actually dated February 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the County Board wishes to amend Exhibit A in order to reflect the correct map and document reference date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby amends Exhibit A attached to and incorporated in Ordinance No. 180 to reflect that the Map and other documents are dated February 3, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Amended Exhibit A herein supersedes the original Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 180 and is attached to and incorporated in Washington County Ordinance No. 180.

7. Approval to enter into a Service Agreement Contract with Motorola that will provide maintenance for the 800 MHz Public Safety Radio System.

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.

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-064** as follows:

Resolution Required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code
Giving Approval to a Project on Behalf of Shelter Holdings, LLC and
Approving the Issuance of Certain Obligations by the
Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Therefor

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C, as amended (the "Act"), the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, a public body corporate and politic and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota created and existing under Minnesota Laws 1974,

Chapter 475, and Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 through 469.047, as amended (the "Authority") is authorized to carry out the public purposes described in the Act by providing for the issuance of revenue bonds or notes and loaning the proceeds thereof to provide funds to finance or refinance certain multifamily housing developments located within Washington County, Minnesota (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, Shelter Holdings, LLC (the "Company"), a Minnesota limited liability company which is an affiliate of Shelter Corporation, a Minnesota corporation, has requested that the Authority issue revenue bonds, notes or other obligations (the "Obligations") pursuant to the Act and loan the proceeds derived from the sale of the Obligations to the Company or one or more wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company (the Company and any and all such subsidiaries, collectively, the "Borrower") to finance the acquisition, preparation of a site and construction of a 39 unit senior housing facility, four units of which are expected to be housing for homeless seniors, to be known as Red Oak Preserve Senior Housing (the "Project"), located at 50th Avenue North and I-694 with an expected street address of 5000 Hamlet Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota, to be owned and operated by the Borrower, and managed by Shelter Corporation as a multi-family housing development for rental primarily to elderly persons; and

WHEREAS, the Obligations are proposed to be issued in one or more series in an original aggregate principal amount estimated not to exceed \$3,500,000 and loaned to the Borrower pursuant to one or more loan or revenue agreements to finance the acquisition, preparation of a site and construction the Project, and pay the costs of issuance with respect to the Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County (the "County Board") has been advised that the Authority conducted a public hearing with respect to the proposed issuance of the Obligations and the financing of the Project preceded by notice of the time and place of the hearing, the general nature of the Project and an estimate of the principal amount of Obligations published in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Section 147(f) of the Code and at such public hearing all parties were given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposed Project and the issuance of the Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the County Board, as the elected governing body of the County, is the "applicable elected representative" with respect to the Authority under Section 147(f) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that the governing body of the County, as the applicable elected representative, approve the Project and the financing of the Project by the issuance of the Obligations by the Authority to satisfy the requirement for approval by a governmental unit under Section 147(f) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the full faith and credit of the County will not be pledged to nor will the County be responsible for the Project or the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Commissioners as follows:

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1. The Project and the issuance by the Authority of the Obligations pursuant to the Act in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to finance the costs thereof, all as described above, is hereby approved by the County Board for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Code.
2. In no event shall the Obligations ever be payable from or charged upon any funds of the County and no holder of the Obligations shall ever have the right to compel the exercise of the taxing power of the County to pay the Obligations or the interest thereon, nor to enforce the payment thereof against any property of the County. The Obligations shall not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the County, nor shall the Obligations constitute an indebtedness of the County within the meaning of any constitutional, statutory or charter limitation.
3. The Chair of the County Board and the County Administrator shall execute and deliver such certificates and other documents as may be necessary on the date of delivery of the Obligations as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate for the undertaking of the Project and the issuance of the Obligations.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-065** as follows:

Disposition of Recovery Zone Bond Issuance Authority
Allocated to Washington County by Minnesota Management
& Budget Under the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

WHEREAS, Washington County received notice on June 12, 2009 that it had been allocated volume cap for Recovery Zone Bonds within the county in the amounts of \$7,773,000 for Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and \$11,650,000 for Recovery Zone Facilities Bonds under the Build America Bond program that was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, under IRS Revenue Notice 2009-50, the County Board may allocate its Recovery Zone Bonds volume cap to an eligible issuer; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority qualifies as an eligible issuer under the requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority has requested that the County Board allocate the County's Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds volume cap and designate the full issuer authority of Washington County for Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, for all purposes of Sections 54AA and 1400U-1 et. seq. of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority; and

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WHEREAS, the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority has proposed to use the Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds for qualified economic development purposes located within Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority acknowledges that, upon issuance of such bonds, it will assume all responsibility for compliance with all the requirements under the Code associated with the use of the Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds allocation; and

WHEREAS, use of the Recovery Zone Facilities Bond allocation by the County would require the county to assume the risks and responsibilities for establishing recovery zones, administering competitive solicitation for projects, awarding funds on private purpose projects, and being responsible for compliance with the associated federal and state regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board believes the risks and responsibilities associated with the Recovery Zone Facilities Bonds resides outside of the scope of its core mission and the administration of these bonds would increase costs to county taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby in good faith allocate to the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority the County's Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds volume cap in the amount of \$7,773,000, and hereby in good faith designates the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority as the issuer of up to \$7,773,000 of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds within the jurisdiction of Washington County, including but not limited to the authority to issue Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds in a principal amount up to \$7,773,000, the authority to designate one or more Recovery Zones, and the authority to designate the bonds to be issued as Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds, all within the meaning and for all purposes of Sections 54AA and 1400U-1 et. seq. of the Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby waive the allocation of Recovery Zone Facility bond authority of \$11,650,000 and directs that the Notice of Waiver be completed and sent to the Minnesota Management and Budget Office releasing the allocation to the state for reallocation.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:

Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Purchase of Dale Property in Woodbury

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-066** as follows:

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Approval of Agreement Between Washington County and the
City of Woodbury Providing One Million, Three Hundred and
Forty Thousand Dollars from the Land and Water Legacy Program
Funds to Acquire Interests in Property

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 84C, Minnesota Statute Section 373.40 and Minnesota Statute Section 394.25, Washington County is authorized to acquire and improve land and interests in land for the purpose of preserving open space, including natural and scenic areas and agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has enacted the Acquisition of Development Rights Ordinance #175 to establish a program for the preservation of open space, parks and public water, commonly referred to as the Land and Water Legacy Program and has established the policies, rules and official controls governing such acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, Washington County intends to issue general obligation bonds to acquire land and interests in land to provide long-term stable funding for the purchase of development rights in the form of conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, Washington County passed Resolution Number 2007-163 making a declaration of official intent to reimburse certain costs of projects indentified as part of the Land and Water Legacy Program from proceeds of the general obligation bonds in accordance with Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Treasury Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury is a governmental unit eligible for funds through the Local Match Program of the Land and Water Legacy Program and has applied to Washington County for a portion of the funds needed to purchase property owned by Dale Properties, parcel identification number 0102821420002; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has determined that the City of Woodbury's project meets the requirements of the Local Match Program and that the Washington County Board of Commissioners considers the proposed land to merit protection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the agreement with the City of Woodbury providing one million, three hundred and forty thousand dollars from the Land and Water Legacy Program Funds to acquire interests in property owned by Dale Properties, parcel identification number 0102821420002 and requiring the City of Woodbury to convey a conservation easement over the property to the county; and authorizes the county board chair and the county administrator to sign the agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners intends that the reimbursement to the City of Woodbury of the costs of the project shall come from proceeds of the general obligation bonds issued to finance the preservation of open space, parklands, and other natural areas.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Peterson, Weik, and Pulkrabek; Nays, none.

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update: funding cuts to counties may not be over because the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) extension which was designed to bring in about \$408 million into the state is in some trouble at the Federal level and if it doesn't come in, that will create an additional \$408 million deficit in the State's budget; the legislature is also considering an early adoption of a Medical Assistance Program expansion to include single adults, and while that does bring in additional Federal money, it creates obligations at the state level of approximately \$40 million which is currently not funded; if the Supreme Court would rule against the Governor's actions that were taken to unallot it means that the legislature would need to rebalance the state's budget for the current fiscal calendar which may mean that counties would have a higher portion of program aid reduced; also, the state is anticipating some cash flow challenges later in the year and one of the options would be delaying state aid payments to local units including counties and also the possibility of having earlier allocation of property tax revenues that are collected. The county has been planning for this deficit and has been taking a conservative approach and have identified areas where it could meet additional reductions in state aid. The plan is to wait on taking action on 2010 budget amendments until the legislature has completed its work.

Mr. Schug reviewed other legislative actions including the non-emergency transportation services. The Legislative Auditor has been asked to review the entire system to determine who is actually benefiting from the cost of payments being made to brokers. A plan had been developed for the General Assistance Medical Care program where the hospitals in the state that have the highest care provided to persons on General Assistance Medical Care would receive a payment and would get qualified as a hospital to serve that population. A number of the hospitals that were expected to take that on are not approving that at the local level including the Hennepin County Medical Center.

Commissioner Peterson stated that the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants need to be made by July 16. She suggested that the Board support the state as they go for a TIGER grant for the Stillwater Bridge and work with Ramsey County to make application for the Hoffman Yard and the Union Depot.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported on the Library Board meeting last evening. A presentation was made by Paul Ryberg, President of the Library Partners Foundation, regarding their Facebook page and expanding their presence in the community. They would like to have more members join, by district, particularly in the grant writing area. They are looking to help the libraries in these tough economic times.

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Commissioner Weik reported on the inaugural Woodbury Expo. It was well attended and the vendors were pleased. They would be interested in doing that again.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board. Both she and Commissioner Hegberg asked the questions that the County Board discussed last week. The report from Springsted and other information has been sent out to all Commissioners who did not attend the meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Transportation Advisory Board. They discussed the fact that some of the Federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act such as the Highway 14 project in Anoka didn't qualify. They have sent that to staff and the State of Minnesota to see what could be done. The City of Lino Lakes was counting on that money to complete that project and will have to come up with an additional \$800,000.

Commissioner Hegberg attended the County Road 2 open house last Thursday afternoon. Yesterday the City of Forest Lake put out to bid the roundabouts and it was approved on a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) meeting. He stated it is important that the County Board recognize when its obligation will probably be necessary. From what he understood, the bonds won't be sold necessarily in November, but CTIB would have to make a decision so they can go ahead with the bonding process. He feels it is important that Washington County stay involved because in the aging of society there needs to be alternatives in transportation services throughout the county and there will be benefits once the infrastructure is in place and Central Corridor will benefit Washington County. By being involved in the project, staying at the table, the county will have dedicated sources of funds that will be available for transit. That puts the county in line for federal highway projects. November will probably be the date the county will need to be looking at. It appears that in 2020 or 2022 is when Central Corridor and operating costs of the projects that are in line, that is when the ¼ percent will not be enough to operate the system.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that he will be attending the Public Employees Retirement Association national organization meeting next Tuesday and will miss the Board meeting. He believes it will be interesting to see how other states are handling their defined benefits program.

Commissioner Kriesel stated there are important policy decisions that have to be made between now and then. Whether it pertains to governance or if there is an attempt to increase the sales tax, how does that affect the county's decision to stay in CTIB.

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Commissioner Kriesel reported that he and Commissioner Weik attended the county's volunteer reception at the Historic Courthouse. The Audit Committee met and the external auditors gave a favorable report of the 2009 audit thus far.

Commissioner Kriesel attended a fund raising event for the Bayport Library. John Kriesel, Iraqi war veteran who lost both of his legs over an IED explosion was the guest speaker. It was a very moving talk. The former Mayor of Bayport is authoring his book. It is not a war story it is about the love and support he got from friends, family and citizens in his recovery process. The book will come out in July and it's entitled "Still Standing".

Commissioner Kriesel attended a meeting with the five Lower St. Croix Valley communities. He thanked Sheriff Bill Hutton for the tour of the Communication Center.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the Workforce Investment Board meeting he attended last week. They walked the group through what happens from the time a client walks through the door, through all the classes they can sign up for. It was noted that from the time they walk through the door it can take on average up to six months to get a job.

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 Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Community Services Department to discuss Meals on Wheels in Washington County and proposed changes. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Cindy Rupp, Julia Wallis, Jeremy Misener, Human Services Inc., Bruce Eisenmenger, Human Services, Inc., Barry Johnson, Human Services, Inc., Scott Wentz, Woodbury Bulletin, Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press, Peter Cox, Stillwater Gazette, Mark Nicklawske, St. Croix Press, and Derrick Knutson, Lillie News.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Board met with the County Administrator to conduct his annual performance review and work plan. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present was Jim Schug, County Administrator.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

