

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 16, 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 Weik, Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Karen Reinert, Community Services Senior Planner; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Joe Gustafson, Traffic Engineer; Michael Welling, Surveyor; John Baer, Survey Project Coordinator; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator.

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 Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the February 2, 2010 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Donna Honeyman, Cottage Grove Fire Department, and James Huffman, former police officer, to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee as Public Safety Agency Representatives to first terms expiring December 31, 2010.
3. Approval of the 2010 Cooperative Agreement with Community Services, the Sheriff, and the County Attorney to administer the Child Support Enforcement Program.
4. Approval for the Community Services Veterans Services Division to accept \$300 for the Emergency Assistance Fund from American Legion Post 620 of Hugo.
5. Approval for the Community Services Veterans Services Division to accept \$100 for the Emergency Assistance Fund from the Kramer-Berg Post 507 American Legion Auxiliary.

- 6. Approval for the Community Services Adult Mental Health Unit to accept \$440 in gas cards from King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury.
- 7. Approval to ratify the 2010-2011 agreement with AFSCME Council 5 (non-exempt bargaining unit) as follows:

1. Duration:

Two Year contract effective January 10, 2010 through January 7, 2012.

2. Wages:

Effective 1/10/10, no general adjustment and annual step increases granted.

July 1, 2010 non-base, lump sum payment – Cost of step equivalents for 2010, \$220,544, a cost-neutral alternative to a step increase, will be shared equally between all AFSCME Non-Exempt employees employed as of the pay period including January 20, 2010, payable as non-base, lump sum payment the pay period including July 1, 2010. Eligible employees must be employees of record as of July 1, 2010 to receive the lump sum payment. This non-base lump sum payment applies to 2010 only.

Effective 2011, no general adjustment and no annual step increases.

3. Health Insurance

<p>2010 <u>Aware \$20 Office Visit Copay</u></p> <p>Single \$433/month Employee + Child(ren) \$433/month Employee + Spouse \$589/month Family \$619/month</p>	<p>Aware \$25 and \$30 Office Visit Copay and <u>\$500/75% Plans</u></p> <p>Single \$480/month Employee + Child(ren) \$524/month Employee + Spouse \$708/month Family \$829/month</p>
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No change in flex credits for 2010

Insurance reopener in 2011.

4. Article XI. Leave of Absence:

11.7 Eliminate prior Memorandum of Understanding and apply current language of 11.7.

- 8. Approval to accept a grant of \$6,700 from the Minnesota Historical Society for the Collection development project “Minnesotans: Who We Are and From Whence We Came”.
- 9. Approval to establish and conduct a formal Board hearing at the March 16, 2010 County Board meeting in accordance with Washington County Administrative Ordinance #149, Section 10.3(6)

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in response to an appeal request received by the Department of Public Health and Environment from David Beaudet on February 4, 2010.

10. Approval of contract with Great River Energy for the reimbursement of relocation costs of transmission lines owned and operated by Great River Energy within the public right-of-way and project limits of the County Road 83 overpass project in the City of Forest Lake.
11. Approval to transfer ownership of Washington County Sheriff's Office K-9 "Agent" to his handler, Sgt. Matt Wieland.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Grant Agreement – Second Amendment

Karen Reinert, Community Services Senior Planner, reviewed the amendments to the grant agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance for funds to rehabilitate up to 42 abandoned and/or foreclosed properties which will be purchased by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Two Rivers Community Land Trust.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he had concerns when this was brought to the Board previously. He feels that the county is bailing out the lending agencies, and asked where the lenders responsibility is in keeping these properties in good repair. In his view, the focus of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority should be on rental properties for senior citizens. He is concerned about the Housing and Redevelopment Authority purchasing foreclosed properties that have become blighted, and it is creeping beyond the mission he sees for them. He would have rather seen the \$1.6 million used on the front end to keep the people in the house to start with.

Commissioner Weik stated she has a lot of the same concerns as Commissioner Kriesel. She stated she originally supported this grant agreement, but a lot of discussion has taken place since then and she has had a chance to review other counties Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP). She feels this is government competing with the private sector. She believes that there are private business and contractors that would welcome the chance for this work. She feels that NSP is mission creep and she will not support this today.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the Second Amendment to Grant Agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, and resigning of the First Amendment dated May 12, 2009 pursuant to the

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contract with Minnesota Housing and Resolution No. 2009-060 authorizing the County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign amended agreements. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-2 with the vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, and Pulkrabek; Nays, Commissioners Weik and Kriesel.

Child Protection Citizen Review Panel

Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager, introduced Ann Bebeau, Co-Chair of the Washington County Child Protection Citizen Review Panel who presented their 2009 Annual Report.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the 2009 Annual Report of the Washington County Child Protection Citizen Review Panel. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

2009 Color Aerial Photography

Mike Welling, Surveyor, talked about the 2009 color aerial photography and to announce that it is available for purchase. The new aerial photography will be used by many county departments in their daily work. It is also purchased by municipalities, governmental agencies, private businesses and private individuals. Revenue to date from sales of 2009 aerial photography data totals approximately \$14,000.

Traffic Signal at I-94 Westbound and Manning Avenue (CSAH 15)

Joe Gustafson, Traffic Engineer, reviewed the new traffic signal at the intersection of I-94 westbound ramps with Manning Avenue (CSAH 15) and indicated that they would be the first traffic signals to utilize a flashing yellow control for left turns.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-020** as follows:

Resolution for Traffic Control Signal Agreement with the Minnesota
Department of Transportation at the Intersection of County State Aid
Highway 15 with the Interstate 94 Westbound Ramps

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation intends to install a traffic signal at the intersection of County State Aid Highway 15 (Manning Avenue) and the Interstate 94 westbound ramps on the boundary of West Lakeland Township and the City of Lake Elmo; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County has jurisdiction over County Highway 15 (Manning Avenue on the north leg of the intersection); and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over the interstate 94 westbound ramps and Trunk Highway 95 (Manning Avenue on the south leg of the intersection).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Washington enter into Mn/DOT Agreement No. 95437M with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide Maintenance and Electrical Energy for the new Traffic Control Signal with Street Lights, Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption, Interconnect and Signing on Trunk Highway No. 94 North Ramps at Trunk Highway No. 95/County State Aid Highway No. 15 (Manning Avenue North), under State Project No. 8208-33 (T.H. 95=095), State Aid Project No. 192-117-011 and in the records of the Federal Highway Administration as Minnesota Project HSIP 8210 (094), within the City of Lake Elmo & West Lakeland Township, Washington County, Minnesota.

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

Campus 2025 Project Schedule and Budget and Contract Amendments

Don Theisen, Director of Public Works, presented a brief update on the Campus 2025 project schedule and budget. He stated that the project continues on schedule and budget. During 2010 there will be several rounds of relocations.

Mr. Theisen reviewed changes to the Kraus-Anderson contract in the amount of \$277,664 which include the following: final remodeling costs of the temporary Judge chambers, \$123,117; Abandonment of an existing north wing elevator, \$24,465; and construction management work scope changes (south wing window replacement) and final project schedule, \$130,082.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve Contract Amendment #3 on the Campus 2025 contract with Kraus-Anderson Construction Company for \$277,664. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Theisen reviewed project change orders to be presented for approval during the next month: change orders will be processed that were needed to bring the north wing into code compliance, use of best building/energy practices, and eliminate future environmental issues. The estimated cost for these amendments will be \$450,000.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, provided an update of the Governor's proposed budget:

- Reduce local government aids by \$250,000,000 (\$125,000,000 cities and \$125,000,000 counties). In 2009 the Governor's unallotment reduced Washington County's \$7.7 million allocation of county program aid to \$5.5 million. The new proposal would reduce county program aid by an additional \$4.1 million, which is about 75 percent of the total remaining county program aid. This would leave a 2010 county program aid of \$1.4 million. If this proposal continues to move through the legislature and gets approval, the county will be looking at a reduction in the current year budget of approximately \$4.1 million.
- In 2011, according to the Governor's proposal, the \$1.4 million would increase to \$2.26 million.
- In addition to the reduction in local program aid, there is a proposal to reduce the state health improvement program funding by \$10 million in the second year of the biennium.
- There are a number of reductions in funding to counties from the Department of Human Services: Children's mental health management; eliminating financial support and service support for adults with serious mental illness; reduction in child support enforcement county grants; the largest is the reduction in the children and community services grant of \$22.5 million in the second year of the biennium; and, elimination of emergency general assistance in Minnesota supplemental aid.
- In the Department of Corrections there was one reduction that affects counties and that is eliminating the subsidy that counties currently receive for Sentence-to-Service programs.
- There are reductions in operating and maintenance grants that come from the Metropolitan Council to counties that have regional parks.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported on the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) meeting held last week. David Johnson, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, presented a number of changes that could be implemented statewide for efficiencies in the criminal justice system. She has suggested that he speak at the Association of Minnesota Counties. MICA added two items to their legislative platform; shared fines for overweight vehicles; and caution urged on complete streets policy.

Commissioner Weik attended the Futures Redesign. They had a good discussion with Mary Callier, Associate Administrator in Olmsted County. Ms. Callier provided information on how they list and rank their county services on a matrix and then use the information as a tool for budget reduction. Commissioner Weik was informed that that Washington County Administrator Jim Schug does a similar process as this for the county. Dan Papin, Community Services Director, presented an excellent presentation on Human Services Redesign for Chemical Dependency.

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Commissioner Peterson thanked the Board and county staff for their help and understanding during the past 10 years while she has dealt with her Mother's Alzheimer's. She has become more aware of the needs for senior services and the importance of having staff that can give information to families so they can make wise decisions.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board Executive meeting. She will report on that during the Board workshop today.

Commissioner Peterson will testify this week on how fly ash will be taken care of and the kinds of soils that are not conducive to treatment or burial of fly ash or other hazardous materials. That will take place on Thursday. On Friday the AMC Board and AMC Legislative meeting will be held together.

Commissioner Peterson reminded the Board that the Clover Gala will be held on February 27. The Board has encouraged 4-H to be self-sufficient and this would be a way to help them become self-sufficient. They will have a silent auction, dinner, and a live action. It will be held at the Grand Banquette Hall and all proceeds go to the Washington County 4-H.

Commissioner Hegberg attended the Transportation Advisory Board Policy meeting. He attended the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust. There are challenges with premiums, but they are doing fine. The investments have no problems, but they are not making big money either.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Forest Lake overpass redesign. They are looking at the pedestrian bridge and there are concerns with that. Staff has made adjustments to the design and will look at it again to make it a little more open. He feels staff has done an excellent job in recognizing the issues of the business community and have made adjustments.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the I-94 Corridor meeting he attended. There was a presentation by the State Rail Plan. Wisconsin Representative Dan Fetterly and Chuck Whiting, St. Croix County Administrator attended and stated the importance of the partnership they are developing with Minnesota. They are pleased to be at the table and they encouraged the I-94 Corridor committee members go out to Washington DC and meet with them and the legislative delegation.

Commissioner Kriesel spoke before the St. Croix Valley Chamber about the economy and economic development. He also attended the Yellow Ribbon Network meeting which discussed future events and talked about organizational structure.

Commissioner Pulkrabek attended the I-94 Corridor committee last week. That group will be ready to go out for RFPs for the alternative analysis soon.

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Regional Railroad Authority met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works for an update on the Counties Transit Improvement Board February 17 meeting agenda. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Weik, Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Ted Schoenecker, and Harley Will.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Community Services to review the Chemical Dependency Pilot Project that will be implemented July 1, 2010. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Weik, Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, and Cindy Rupp.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator