

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JANUARY 13, 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 Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. Board Vice Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Keith Potter, Public Works Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Julia Wallis, Management Analyst II; Deb Tulloch, Community Services Supervisor; Nina Arneson, Economic Support Supervisor; Kari Kraft, Workforce Center Job Counselor; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Director of Public Health and Environment; Connie Waldera, Public Health and Environment Program Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Director of Human Resources; Sue Fennern, Human Resources Coordinator; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator and Kathleen Ferguson, Social Studies Teacher, Stillwater Area High School and the 12<sup>th</sup> grade Practical Government class.

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 Weik, to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-005** as follows:

Authorization for Community Corrections Director to Execute  
 Agreements and Amendments Necessary to Implement Title II Grant

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Corrections has a high number of juveniles on probation from culturally diverse communities;  
 and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Corrections has a significant number of juveniles on probation for assaultive offenses; and

WHEREAS, Washington Community Corrections has been awarded a Title II Grant for the third year, to continue implementation of two evidence-based interventions, for high-risk juveniles on probation; and.

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WHEREAS, Community Corrections will continue a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the third and final year of a three-year grant cycle;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Corrections Director is authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the Title II Grant from January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009.

2. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with New Perspective Mahtomedi, LLC, doing business as Lighthouse of Mahtomedi, to provide 24-hour customized living services and respite care at its site in Mahtomedi.
3. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Presbyterian Homes and Services to provide 24-hour customized living services at five of its sites throughout Washington County and home delivered meals at select locations.
4. Approval of Community Development Block Grant subgrantee agreement with the city of Lake Elmo to rehabilitate up to 40 gas service lines in the Cimarron neighborhood of the city of Lake Elmo.
5. Approval to authorize the County Board Chair to sign and the Human Resources Director to submit the 2008 Pay Equity Report to the Minnesota Department of Management and Budget.
6. Approval to enter into an agreement with Shawn Svendson-Cates, Mary Hanf, Theresa A. May, Lucinda Pepper, and Carla Schoenecker as independent contracted wellness program staff for on-site county employee wellness activities.
7. Approval of 2009-2011 home health care and home modification contracts with Alliance Health Services, Inc., Comfort Keepers, Crystal Care Home Health Services, Divine Healthcare Network, Equity Services of St. Paul, Inc., Fairview Lakes Home Caring and Hospice, Integrated Home Care, Lakeview Home Care and Hospice, Metro PCA Services, Minnesota Home Care Professionals Inc., Northwest Home Health Care Services, REM Health, REM Minnesota, Sunrise Health Services, Inc., and Triple Angels of Cottage Grove, to provide home and community based services for the elderly and disabled residents of Washington County.
8. Approval of change order #10 to contract with Sowles Company in the amount of \$15,502.01.
9. Approval of change order #6 to contract with Century Construction Company in the amount of \$18,262.
10. Approval of change order #9 to contract with People's Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$27,861.

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11. Approval of Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Dakota County for the demolition of Bridge 5600.

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

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **2009 Contract with Human Services Inc.**

Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager, presented an overview of the 2009 contract with Human Services, Inc., (HSI) for mental health services, chemical health services, transportation, and elder-care services. Ms. Rupp explained that the 2009 contract totals \$5,093,396.60, of which \$3,582,900.00 is funded through tax levy, a 1.7 percent decrease from the 2008 contract. The remaining \$1,510,496.60 is funded through state and federal grants that the county passes on to Human Services, Inc. The decrease in levy funding is due to two factors: 1) the county took over some of the chemical health placement services, and 2) additional federal and state dollars were allocated to Meals on Wheels, allowing the levy portion to be reduced. Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve entering into the contract with Human Services, Inc., for 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

### **Integrated Services Project (ISP) with the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services**

Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager, presented a project update and asked for approval of amendment number three to the contract between the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services and Washington County Community Services to continue the Integrated Service Project (ISP) for the period January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009. The Integrated Service Project (ISP) is a pilot project that tests the integration of welfare, health care, and social services for Minnesota Family Investment (MFIP) families with serious and multiple barriers. Mr. Crawford pointed out, as of November 2008, the cumulative employment rate of those enrolled in ISP remains high at 41 percent. The cumulative average wage of those employed is \$9.41 an hour. The project is on schedule to exceed the contract goal of enrolling 82 families in the program, with 80 families being formally enrolled at the end of November, 2008. The budget for this contract amendment for the period January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009 is \$327,131.00. All costs of the project are paid out of a grant from the State of Minnesota. Nina Arneson, Workforce Center Supervisor, addressed some of the questions posed by the commissioners about the barriers these families face. Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the contract amendment. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

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**Integrated Services Project (ISP) and HIRED**

Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager, asked for approval of amendment number four to the contract between Washington County and HIRED, for the delivery of Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Integrated Services Project (ISP) services for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Washington County contracts with HIRED to provide the services for the Integrated Services Project which provides intensive case management services for Minnesota Family Investment Program families. Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the contract amendment. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Schug, County Administrator, reported briefly on the meeting last Thursday, January 8, 2009, with the representatives of the legislative delegation serving Washington County. He noted the commissioners should have received an email from John Kaul, legislative representative, who is in the process of lining up authors for the bills that have a special interest for Washington County. The Watershed District levy approval is one bill of particular interest which Senator Vandever and Representative Dettmer worked on last year and expect they will be willing to do again this year. In addition, for the bill funding for the state's portion of the I-94 corridor alternatives analysis, Senator Saltzman and Representative Bunn have indicated their willingness to serve as this bill's primary authors. Mr. Schug indicated now that the legislative session is in progress, there will be weekly progress reports on those bills of particular interest to Washington County.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Hegberg reported the meeting with Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust on Friday, January 9, 2009, addressed concerns with law enforcement losses and the need for additional training due to the number of suicides in jails. He mentioned the importance in following proper procedures to reduce the number of incidents.

Commissioner Kriesel attended the meeting hosted by the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, about the future use of the Stillwater lift bridge as a trail connection to Wisconsin. He noted he will be speaking to the Hilltoppers Society at Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 15, 2009, providing them an update on county government.

Commissioner Weik reported on press recognition given to Washington County Sheriff Bill Hutton in both the Star Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer Press this past Sunday. The articles outlined his successful and innovative law enforcement programs. She commended Sheriff Hutton for his accomplishments and congratulated him on his well-deserved recognition. Commissioner Weik toured the People Learning a

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Cooperative Existence (P.L.A.C.E.) facility in Oak Park Heights, a community based educational program for delinquent youth.

Commissioner Weik mentioned the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission met last week but did not have a quorum so it hopes to reschedule the meeting to January 28, 2009. She indicated a conflict with this proposed meeting date and the need to check on others' availability to attend in her place.

Commissioner Weik noted she will be attending a three day conference, entitled 'County Government 101,' hosted by the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC). The conference is being held January 14 through January 16, 2009, in Roseville for newly-elected commissioners.

Commissioner Weik mentioned the front page article in the Star Tribune on Monday, January 12, 2009, discussing mass transit versus mess transit. She acknowledged Kevin Giles, as one of the authors of the article, and the timeliness of the report.

Commissioner Pulkrabek mentioned he will be attending a joint meeting this Thursday evening, January 15, 2009, with the city of Oakdale and personnel from the Assessment Division of Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department. The meeting is being held to address questions and concerns about assessed values of some of the commercial and industrial property owners in Oakdale.

#### **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 Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Vice Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator

