

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 2, 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; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Karin Reinert, Senior Planner; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bruce Wierre, 1314 Meadowlark Drive, Stillwater, asked the Board why it did not purchase the former Jackson Wildlife Natural Management Area with Land and Water Legacy funds. He believes that this property fits the parameters to be considered for protection forever and it is accessible to the public.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, noted that the Brown's Creek Watershed District advised the Board several weeks ago that it would be submitting a bid to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR); however their bid did not meet the minimum bid amount required by the DNR. He stated that the Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program is not, at this point, been set up to bid on property in a public process. The county typically has required an application, and an evaluation and determination by the County Board would be made.

Mr. Wierre indicated that the DNR has now sold this property and he hopes that the individuals who purchased it are good stewards. He stated if this parcel does come up for sale again, he hopes the Board would consider purchasing it.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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1. Approval to appoint Wayne Morris, Haberman Machine, Inc.; Colleen Eddy, Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce; and, Teresa Dye, Globe University to the Workforce Investment Board as Small Business Representatives, to first terms expiring June 30, 2012.

2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-150** as follows:

Resolution of Support
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month
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WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest forms of cancer and it is the fourth leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during 2010, an estimated 43,140 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 36,800 will die from this disease, including approximately 400 in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is no known cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates during the last 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Washington County and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the seriousness of pancreatic cancer and expresses its support for increased research to find early detection methods and a cure for this deadly disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends the advocacy of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and declares the month of November 2010 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in Washington County.

3. Approval of new Master Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the County of Washington on behalf of its Prosecuting Attorney.
4. Approval to accept grant funding from the Minnesota Office of Justice programs in the amount of \$69,496 for State Fiscal Year 2011 from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.
5. Approval of a 2010-2011 contract with Regions Hospital to provide observation, evaluation, diagnosis, care, treatment and involuntary confinement for mentally ill, mentally ill and dangerous, mentally retarded, and/or chemically dependent uninsured adults in accordance with Minnesota Statute 253B.045 subd. 2.

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6. Approval to execute a 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding agreement with Tubman.
7. Approval of cooperative agreement by and among the metro counties and Minnesota Department of Human Services for Children's Mental Health Crisis Services.
8. Approval of contracts for assessing services with Grey Cloud Island Township, Stillwater Township, and the City of Bayport.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-151** as follows:

Cooperative Agreement with Century College
for Installation of Solar Water Heater System

WHEREAS, the County wishes to install a solar water heater system in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve campground shower building; and

WHEREAS, Century Colleges wishes to have students enrolled in their solar energy program gain 'real-life' solar installation project experience; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative agreement between the County and Century College is an appropriate method to facilitate such an arrangement and is authorized under the auspices of Minnesota Statutes section 471.59.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the cooperative agreement between Washington County and Century College be executed through the signatures of the County Board Chair and the County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all specified requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

10. Approval of Public Works organizational chart reflecting merger of former Facilities Division and Administration's Central Services into new Building Services Division.
11. Approval to enter into an agreement with Securus Technologies, Inc. to provide an inmate telephone system.

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Red Bulls Day – November 7, 2010

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-152** as follows:

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Proclamation of
Red Bulls Day
in Celebration of Veteran's Day 2010

WHEREAS, the Community of Stillwater will be honoring the 34th Infantry Division, an Army National Guard Division, known as the Red Bulls; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bulls are recognized for their historic deployment to Iraq, which lasted 16 months, making it the longest deployed brigade combat team during the war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bulls has a proud history since its inception in 1917, including taking part in six major Army campaigns during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bulls have participated in a number of deployments around the world since Sept. 11, 2001, while remaining ready to respond to natural disasters and civil disturbances in their respective states; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bulls commanded forces throughout nine of Iraq's 18 provinces during their deployment through Operation Iraqi Freedom, and worked to set the stage for ensuring that Iraqi Security Forces can protect Iraqi populations and borders, and set the conditions for the drawdown of U.S. troops in Iraq;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners celebrates and recognizes the return of the Red Bulls from their historic deployment;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily proclaims Nov. 7, 2010, Red Bulls Day in Stillwater and throughout Washington County.

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

Voting Delegate and Alternate for the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust 2010 Annual Meeting

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint Commissioner Dennis Hegberg as a voting delegate, and County Administrator Jim Schug as an alternate, for the 2010 annual meeting of the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust on December 6, 2010. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

2011 County Workplan

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reviewed the 2011 County Workplan:

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Priority #1 – Evaluate number and quality of services to be provided by county by evaluating the mandated and core services;

Priority #2 – Evaluate role of transit in serving county populations;

Priority #3 – Evaluate appropriate role of technology in providing county services;

Priority #4 – Advocate for streamlining program administration requirements;

Priority #5 – Evaluate benefits of external partnering;

Priority #6 – Planning for the future of library services;

Priority #7 – Evaluate costs and benefits of different service models; and

Priority #8 – Metropolitan Council restructuring.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the 2011 County Workplan as presented. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Workforce Center Visit

Mr. Schug announced that Commissioner Dan McElroy, Department of Employment and Economic Development, will be visiting the Workforce Center in Cottage Grove this Friday, November 5 at 8:30 a.m. and will then visit the Workforce Center site at the Forest Lake Service Center at approximately 10:00 a.m. The County Board members are invited to attend.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he and Commissioner Peterson attended the Minnesota High Speed Rail Conference in St. Paul last week. He thought it was an interesting and educational discussion. He attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the roundabout in Forest Lake. He reports that it is going smoothly and believes there have been no accidents. He reported on a bus tour he took last Saturday in Hugo to view residential and commercial developments. There is growth taking place even though it is very slight.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he attended a Planning Advisory Commission meeting last week and they approved the renewal of a mining permit in Denmark Township. He attended the Veteran's Rest Camp Board meeting and they are continuing to look at policies that embrace all veterans fair and equitably. He also mentioned the Yellow Ribbon Rally to be held on Monday, November 8, 6:30 p.m. at the Prom Center in Oakdale.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Minnesota High Speed Rail Conference. She stated that the speaker from Canadian Pacific was outstanding. One item she took away from his remarks was that one ton of freight can go 426 miles on one gallon of fuel. Another interesting fact that to reduce greenhouse gas, rail is 12 times more effective than the use of electric cars.

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Commissioner Weik reported she attended several events in Woodbury last week including: an event hosted by the Star Tribune called “What Matters Most to Woodbury” a leadership roundtable; a Y Partners fund raiser breakfast meeting at Woodbury’s YMCA; and she congratulated the Woodbury Foundation and its Spooktacular event. Last week she attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control meeting, followed by the Solid Waste Management Coordinator Board, which approved comments on the Metropolitan Pollution Control’s revisions to the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. Schug noted that there was an article in the Wall Street Journal regarding the library kiosk in Hugo. Also Channel 11 had a presentation on this topic.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Public Works Department for follow up conversation from the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting held on October 29, 2010. 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, Don Theisen, Ted Schoenecker, Wayne Sandberg, Harley Will, Craig Leiser, Brown’s Creek Watershed District, Mayor Bill Hargis, City of Woodbury, Scott Wentz, Bulletin, Erik Sardin, Stillwater Gazette, Rick Vanzwol, Brown’s Creek Watershed District, and Bruce Wierre, Stillwater resident.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment to review the Washington Conservation District’s 2011 budget/program services and the Watershed Management Organizations’ (WMO) proposed 2011 budgets/priority projects and Water Consortium Activities for 2010. 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, Molly O’Rourke, Yvonne Klinnert, Lowell Johnson, Jane Harper, Wayne Sandberg, Amy Carolan, Middle St. Croix WMO, Rick Vanzwol, Brown’s Creek Watershed District, Karen Kill, Brown’s Creek

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Watershed District, Bruce Wierre, Stillwater Resident, Ray Bohn, Middle St. Croix WMO, John Waller, Rice Creek Watershed District, Phil Belfiori, Rice Creek Watershed District, Matt Moore, South Washington Watershed District, Jack Lavold, South Washington Watershed District, Doug Thomas, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District, Cliff Aichinger, Ramsey-Washington Watershed District, Jason Husveth, Carnelian-Marine St. Croix Watershed District, Amanda Strommer, Jessica Pilarski, Sarah Hietpas, Washington Conservation District, and Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

