

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Diane Elias, Associate Planner; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Terri Lutz, Human Resources Representative; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections 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 Weik moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the August 11, 18 and 25, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Nancy Utoft, Woodbury, to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee, as a District 5 Representative, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
3. Approval of an agreement with East Metro Women's Council to provide homeless prevention services with Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program funds.
4. Approval of an agreement with FamilyMeans to provide homeless prevention services with Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program funds.
5. Approval of a subgrantee agreement with Two Rivers Community Land Trust to acquire and rehabilitate up to three units of foreclosed upon homes in the City of Cottage Grove.

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6. Approval for the Human Resources Director to execute an amendment to the agreement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for participation in the Retiree Drug Subsidy program.
7. Approval of license for use of real property for the collection of household hazardous waste at the Forest Lake Transit Center on September 19 and at the Hugo Public Works Garage on October 3; and authorize execution by the Board Chair and County Administrator.
8. Approval of Change Order No. 1 and Work Order No. 1 to CSAH 12 turn lane construction project with Dresel Contracting.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-087** as follows:

Final Payment on Bridge 5600 Demolition Project to Veit & Company, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on February 10, 2009 approved a contract award to Veit & Company, Inc. and signed a contract with said company for demolition of Bridge 5600 over the Mississippi River.

WHEREAS, Veit & Company, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Veit & Company, Inc. be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve an agreement with Dynamic Recycling for electronic waste management services and authorized execution of the agreement by the Board Chair and County Administrator. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 9:45 a.m.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that the new courthouse opened yesterday for business. There are still a few different stages of construction, but overall it went very well. There will be an open house on November 7, 2009 to tour the new facility.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control meeting which discussed the 2010 budget. The proposed budget for next year includes a levy reduction. Because of the lack of rain the last two seasons, that resulted in a surplus in the budget. She also attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board and they discussed the rethink recycling campaign. Money is available for TV advertising and they hope to increase recycling in the Twin Cities. She attended Woodbury Days this past weekend and it was well attended. Last week she met with the State Transportation Commissioner Tom Sorel who gave her an overview and introduction to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. She attended the steering committee on the Yellow Ribbon efforts for the City of Woodbury. A city-wide date has been set for the kickoff, it is Monday, September 28 at the new East Ridge High School.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he also attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board. He attended the Community Corrections Advisory Board and the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp Board meeting. He met with the Friends of Washington County and discussed the Boom Site and they are looking for support to have the National Parks Service take ownership of that. Last week Congresswoman Bachman held a town hall meeting at Oak-Land Junior High School. He thanked the Sheriff's office for providing security and handling traffic concerns on short notice.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on his personal trip to China. He was amazed at the amount of people, but he always felt safe and secure. The people were extremely friendly and the children were anxious to speak English. He traveled many modes of transportation including air, bus, light rail, the bullet train, cars and he walked. There is a lot of infrastructure construction going on. Before his trip he attended the National Association of Counties Conference and water and navigable waters were still the big issues. He believes the legislature will answer that question soon.

Commissioner Peterson reported that the Metropolitan Mosquito Control did have a surplus budget and they not only reduced their levy they made a decision to invest in improvement of their facilities, both environmentally and to enlarge some facilities. They also made a decision to sell a property in a fairly significant location of I-494 and Highway 55. The Red Rock Corridor met and held a workshop to discuss the communities' participation along the corridor, their concerns on land use planning issues, and density.

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondences was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Weik moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to receive recommendations for the 2010 budget. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Mjyke Nelson, Dan Papin, Patrick Singel, Kevin Corbid, Harley Will, Tom Adkins, and Lowell Johnson.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works for an update on the Forest Lake to Minneapolis and St. Paul commuter bus services; and to discuss the Counties Transit Improvement Board 2009 grant solicitation. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Ted Schoenecker, Andy Gitzlaff, and Ann Pung-Terwedo.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator