

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**AUGUST 7, 2007**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Kriesel presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Mike Rogers, Associate Planner; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Suzanne Pollack, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Barbara Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Jody Moran, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Deb McDonald, Management Analyst II; and Steve Nelson, 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 Pulkrabek moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the July 10, 17, and 24, 2007 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of appointments/reappointments to the Child Protection Citizen Review Panel to terms expiring June 30, 2009 as follows: Jolene Abelson, Cottage Grove, first term; Melissa Charley, Woodbury, first term; Sue Lewis, Stillwater, first term; Gail Peavey, Oak Park Heights, first term; Danielle Horan, Oakdale, third term; Heidi Nakatani, Denmark Township, third term; and Mary Nelson, Stillwater, third term.
3. Approval to appoint Nigel Bath to the Workforce Investment Board representing Large Business to a first term expiring June 30, 2010.
4. Approval to renew a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections for remote electronic alcohol monitoring.

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5. Approval of contract with State Operated Services for two registered nurses.
6. Approval to no longer contract with the Department of Human Services for child care resources and referral services effective July 1, 2007.
7. Approval to renew a contract with Pinnacle Business Systems, for the IBM iSeries maintenance for 2007-2008.
8. Approval of Amendment #9 to the Library's contract with SirisDynix Corporation for the purchase of three 3M BCS self checking systems.
9. Approval of plat of Emerald Falls, Baytown Township.
10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2007-089** as follows:

Traffic Control Signal Agreement with the  
Cities of Oak Park Heights and Stillwater at the  
Intersection of County Highway 24 and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street North

WHEREAS, Washington County is planning for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of County Highway 24 (Osgood Avenue North) at 62<sup>nd</sup> Street North; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has jurisdiction over County Highway 24; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Oak Park Heights and Stillwater have jurisdiction over 62<sup>nd</sup> Street North.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Washington enter into an agreement with the Cities of Oak Park Heights and Stillwater for the following purposes, to wit:

To provide maintenance and electrical energy for the new traffic control signal with street lights, emergency vehicle pre-emption, interconnect and signing on County State Aid Highway No. 24 at 62<sup>nd</sup> Street North in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth and contained in the revised Agreement, a copy of which is before the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper county officers be and hereby are authorized to execute such agreement and any amendments, and thereby assume for and on behalf of the county all of the contractual obligations contained therein.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

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**CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION****Resolution in Memory of R.J. “Bob” Utecht**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-090** as follows:

Memorial for R. J. “Bob” Utecht  
Deceased Resident of Stillwater, Minnesota

WHEREAS, Journalist and community leader Bob Utecht passed away on June 23, 2007, after a lengthy illness and he is mourned by his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Bob Utecht was a devoted family man who loved his late wife Donna, their five children, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and his brother and two sisters; and

WHEREAS, Bob Utecht began his lengthy journalism career with the “Stillwater Gazette” and concluded with the “Stillwater Courier,” with his signature closing “nuff said;” and

WHEREAS, Bob Utecht’s community involvement and recognition included campaigns for bringing the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota North Stars to Minnesota; serving as a Minnesota North Stars broadcaster; creating the amateur hockey publication “Let’s Play Hockey;” winning the Don Clark Award from Minnesota Hockey in 2002 in recognition of his support of amateur hockey; and helping lead Stillwater’s city and territorial 150-year anniversary celebrations; and

WHEREAS, Bob Utecht served Washington County as a citizen member of the courts expansion citizen committee in 2004; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges Bob Utecht’s many accomplishments and years of community service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners respectfully commends the life and memory of Bob Utecht, a citizen who contributed to his community in many ways.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**Recognition of Albert Gale Stevenson, Oakdale, on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt the following proclamation:

Proclamation of Celebration  
Albert Gale Stevenson Upon Achieving His 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
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WHEREAS, Albert Gale Stevenson of Oakdale, Minnesota, will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, August 10, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stevenson and his deceased wife Isabel met and worked together in Glacier National Park in Montana; married during World War II while serving in the U. S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson settled and built a house in Oakdale, MN in 1950; raised four children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stevenson worked as a lineman with Northern States Power Company until retirement in 1965; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners conveys its sincere best wishes to Mr. Stevenson and his family in recognition of Mr. Stevenson's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby declares Friday, August 10, 2007, as "Albert Gale Stevenson Day in Washington County."

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff Bill Hutton updated the Board on Washington County's participation in the recovery efforts at the collapsed I-35W bridge that occurred last Wednesday, August 1, in Minneapolis.

Commissioner Hegberg suggested that Washington County offer to open the new park and ride/transit center in Forest Lake earlier for bus service to help alleviate traffic into Minneapolis on 35W.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, thanked the county Emergency Management staff, in particular Deb Paige, which served as a communication and coordination service for the various responses by local public safety responders. She also provided the County Board with updates on which communities were sending resources including fire personnel, dive teams and other equipment. They also use the 800 MHz equipment.

#### **HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint Tom Triplett, Scandia, to the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board, to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2008. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **LIBRARY**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-091** as follows:

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Resolution on Naming of the Forest Lake Library Branch

WHEREAS, Washington County will open a new Library in Forest Lake, Minnesota, in the Fall of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the new library building will serve the entire population of Washington County but especially those residents of the northern half of the County; and

WHEREAS, the practice of the County is to name its library branches to commemorate a person, event or region of significance to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board wishes to consider a broad range of names before making any final decision.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Library is directed to seek naming suggestions from the public and report these names to the County Board no later than October 15, 2007;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT no gifts will be given or accepted in consideration of naming the library building ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Library is authorized to solicit donations in consideration of naming certain rooms and common areas within the new Library building with final approval to be given by the County Board.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Kraus Anderson Construction Manager Contract Amendment**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Kraus Anderson Construction Manager contract for the 2025 Campus Improvement Project. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**Campus 2025 Project Bid Awards**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2007-092** as follows:

Bid Award for Construction on the 2025  
Government Center Campus Improvements Project

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on June 27, 2007 with bids accepted in 5 divisions and bids rejected in 2 divisions; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bids submitted for Division 2 – Specialty Foundations and Division 6 – Structural Pre-cast Pre-tensioned Concrete be rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Ramsey Excavating Company, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 1 (Site-Work/Site Demo/Site Utilities) and the county enter into a contract with Ramsey Excavating Company, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Northland Paving, LLC be accepted for Bid Division 3 (Asphalt Concrete Paving) and the county enter into a contract with Northland Paving, LLC under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Urban Companies be accepted for Bid Division 4 (Landscaping and Sodding) and the county enter into a contract with Urban Companies under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Gresser Companies, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 5 (Concrete) and the county enter into a contract with Gresser Companies, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Five Star Welding, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 7 (Structural Steel Supply) and the county enter into a contract with Five Star Welding, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Ramsey Excavating Company, Inc. Northland Paving, LLC, Urban Companies, Gresser Companies, Inc., and Five Star Welding, Inc. 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.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **Rejection of Bids for Campus 2025 Project**

Commissioner Peterson moved to reject the bids for Division 2, specialty foundations, and Division 6, structural pre-cast pre-tensioned concrete for the Campus 2025 Project. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **Campus 2025 Project Update**

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, reviewed the following time schedule for the Campus 2025 project: August 13, Property Records and Taxpayer Services will be operating out of the Valley Ridge Mall and remodeling of that area will begin to relocate the Judges during construction; August 14, award of stormwater

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campus project, and construction will start on that the week before Labor Day; August 15, bids will be opened on the rebid of the items that were rejected today; August 15, project trailers will start to move into the Department Head parking lot; September 17 will be the groundbreaking for construction; September 21, relocating the Judges and Court Administration; September 26, final bid package will be opened and bid awards will be made on October 9; and, November 15, steel will be delivered. He also mentioned that the traffic signal on Osgood and 62<sup>nd</sup> should be turned on tomorrow, August 8.

### **CSAH 7, 8 & 9 Transportation Study**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a contract with WSB and Associates, Inc. for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 7, 8 & 9 Transportation Study including alternatives evaluation, for a cost not to exceed \$106,898. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson indicated that there would be an emergency meeting of the Metro Transitways Development Board on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at AMC. The next county insight program will focus on bridges in Washington County and the condition of them. Tonight she will be attending Night Out events and encourages everyone to attend their local events.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported that he attended the Washington County Fair on Friday evening. He stated it was well attended.

Commissioner Orth reported that he was invited to the location of the new High School in South Washington School District 833. He was asked if Radio Drive would be extended south sooner than planned because of the access to the new High School building which will not open until the fall of 2009. Mr. Schug stated that the county has been in contact with the city staff. There is a new parkway that is being created south of the Bielenberg complex and that is where the traffic from the school will be coming out on to Radio. The county has assured the city that we will work to create a safe intersection that can handle the traffic at that time. There are major challenges with the right-of-way acquisition to take that road widening further south.

Commissioner Orth stated he was also at the County Fair on Friday and met with 4H folks and discussed funding. He will be attending the installation ceremony for the new Judge, Richard Illka at 3:30 on Thursday.

Commissioner Hegberg also attended the County Fair on Sunday and stated it was well attended. He asked where the stop light for CR 34 is on the priority list. He also reported on the PERA conference he attended last week. He flew into Philadelphia and then took the train to Boston to check out the different transit systems. It is a seamless system in downtown Philadelphia and Boston. The PERA Conference covered information and discussion on health insurance benefits.

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Commissioner Kriesel also attended the County Fair last week and had a great tour of 4H and the Extension Services Master Gardener projects. He reported that State legislators toured the Veteran's Rest Camp and showed them the construction that is taking place and future plans.

#### **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 Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

#### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The Board met in workshop session with the Community Services Department to discuss a Workforce Center redesignation proposal. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Patrick Singel, Robert Crawford, Larry Timmerman, Amanda Hollis, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Kevin Giles, Start Tribune.

Gary Kriesel, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator