

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JUNE 2, 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, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Hegberg absent. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Jim Lindner, Public Works Assistant Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandy Hahn, Community Corrections Division Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Directory; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Sr. Program Manager; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Weik moved, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the May 19, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Cynthia Krueger, Denmark Township, to the Minnesota Extension Committee, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
3. Approval to appoint Joseph Bauer, Stillwater, to the Mental Health Advisory Council as a Child Mental Health Professional, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
4. Approval to appoint Jerry Cagle, Cottage Grove, to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to a first term expiring December 31, 2009.
5. Approval to renew a thirty-six month agreement for PRI circuit service from Qwest to the Government Center and the Law Enforcement Center.

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6. Approval to authorize the Public Works Director to enter into a cost allocation agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company pursuant to Minnesota Statute 219.071, Subdivision 3 for the replacement of the railroad crossing surface on CSAH 17 in the City of Lake Elmo.
7. Approval of mutual aid joint powers agreement between the State of Minnesota acting through its Commissioner of Corrections, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Minnesota Correctional Facility, Oak Park Heights, and the County of Washington, Minnesota.
8. Approval to accept a donation from Residential Mortgage Group on behalf of Wade and Lynn Settler of Hugo, MN, in the amount of \$100.

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

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

#### **2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Tubman**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve a revised 2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Tubman, formerly known as a Tubman Family Alliance, by reducing the funding for services by \$16,000 for the last six months of 2009. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

#### **2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve the revised 2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau, by reducing the funding for services by \$13,500 for the last six months of 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Update on Federal Funding**

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director, presented an update on various federal funding that Washington County or projects within the county have received, have submitted for, or will be submitting for. The funding sources include the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Federal Year 2010 Appropriations, Federal Authorization High Priority Projects, and 2009 Regional Solicitation for Federal Transportation Projects. He also requested authorization for the Board Chair to send thank you letters to U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Representative Betty McCollum, and U.S. Representative Michele

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Bachmann for their support of Washington County's projects through the Federal Appropriations and High Priority Projects process.

Commissioner Weik moved to authorize the Board Chair to send thank you letters to U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Representative Betty McCollum, and U.S. Representative Michele Bachmann for their support of Washington County's projects through the Federal Appropriations and High Priority Projects process. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

### **Application for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-057** as follows:

#### U.S. Department of Energy Grant Application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and, to the maximum extent practicable, and maximize benefits for local and regional communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to reduce the total energy used in County operations and improve energy efficiency in operations; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has been a member of the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition since its inception in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has an approved resolution on use of sustainable building guidelines and identified energy policy program development areas in the County's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is eligible to receive \$693,000 in a direct grant from the U.S. Department of Energy under the Recovery Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to enter into and execute a grant application and agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy for a period of 3 years from the date the County receives the grant award.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Library Board Appointment**

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint Herbert Japs to the Library Board representing District 4 to a first term expiring December 31, 2011. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

**Legislative Update**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update regarding the Governor's veto of the Omnibus Transportation Policy Bill which included the authority to use credit or debit cards for license tab fees. He is not sure if there is another avenue that can be explored, but it looks like that is temporarily on hold. He received information yesterday from Keith Carlson who threw a cautionary note on the unallocation of program aid to counties. Mr. Carlson has had conversations with the Department of Revenue and he is concerned about the methodology being used to allocate the county program and local government aid funds and that perhaps counties may not be doing as well as they had hoped when the Governor's budget was introduced. The timeframe is expected to have the unallotments occur in mid-June and Mr. Carlson is reminding the Department of Revenue and the Governor's staff about the things that county government uses its county program aid to fund which is subsidizing and helping cover the local cost of a variety of State and Federal programs.

Commissioner Peterson stated that on Friday night the Mayor of Wadena, Wayne Wolden appeared on Almanac and gave a reply about local government aid and it was quite effective. She stated she would send a letter thanking him for his comments and addressing the issue he had been chided for.

Commissioner Weik noted there was an excellent opinion column in the Star Tribune on Monday, June 1 from the Mayor of Alexandria, Dan Ness and a summary of the reality and impacts to the Governor's cuts.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Stillwater Ward 3 neighborhood meeting along with staff from Public Works. He also attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board to discuss the impacts of the legislative session.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board and added that there is a panel discussion of waste processing technologies that all Board members are invited to attend on Friday, June 26 at 9:00 a.m. at the Dakota Lodge Thompson Park Center. She has indicated that she will attend. The Solid Waste Board also discussed targets to increase recycling of various materials. She attended the District X meeting with Commissioner Peterson. They discussed the State/County results, accountability, and service delivery of the redesign. They also talked about juvenile detention alternatives and public health topics such as SHIP and H1N1 Virus. Over the weekend both she and Commissioner Pulkrabek were at the rally to save the Fury Dealership in Lake Elmo. There was a good turnout.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the rally at Fury Motors and estimated that about 250 people attended. On Thursday, through the Oakdale Business and Professional Association, he will attend the Eggs and Issues Breakfast.

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Commissioner Peterson reported on the Minnesota Pollution Control meeting held last Wednesday in Cottage Grove to discuss methods that were to be used to curb some of the contamination at the 3M Cottage Grove site. She raised the issue about the geology of the area and some of the practices they are looking at. She participated in a National Association of Counties transportation conference call last Thursday where they discussed the reauthorization and a number of Federal transportation issues. She will bring to the Board the final policies that are put in place prior to the summer meeting. She attended the Rail Policy meeting last week which was developing policies for the State Rail Plan. She was happy to learn that the legislature provided \$250,000 to Mn/DOT to establish a rail division. She would like to meet with Dan Papin and Commissioner Weik to discuss the Human Service redesign. At noon today she will be meeting with the new Administrator from Newport.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Myra Peterson, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator

