

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 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 Weik, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Commissioner Peterson absent. Board 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, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Planning Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Pat Philippi, 326 South Shore Drive, Forest Lake, stated he was here three or four years ago and asked where to locate old court records and cases. He was told they were all at the Supreme Court. He wondered if anyone remembers what the contact names were. He's looked everywhere for all these cases. There are no records of anything. He was told the last time he was here—he's been out of commission the last couple of years.

The Board Chair advised Mr. Philippi that the Board does not deal with specific court cases. He asked Mr. Philippi to go with Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson and he would help him individually.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. Approval of the January 19, 2010 County Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the following 2010-2011 contracts to provide home and community based services to individuals on Medical Assistance waivers: MDM Rubicon, Inc., Legacy Endeavors, Inc., New Directions, Inc., Partnerships for Minnesota Futures, Inc., Community Living Options, Inc., and Cooperating Community Programs, Inc.

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3. Approval of the 2010-2012 contract with Meridian Services, Inc. to provide case management and other services for persons with developmental disabilities on Medical Assistance.
4. Approval of the 2010-2012 contract with Thomas Allen, Inc. to provide case management and other services for persons with disabilities on Medical Assistance waivers.
5. Approval of the 2010-2012 contract with Country Services, Inc. to provide case management services for persons with developmental disabilities.
6. Approval of the 2010 contract with Human Services, Inc. for adult mental health services, children's mental health services, elder-care services, and Home and Community Based Services for disabled individuals.
7. Approval to receipt \$175 from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #491, Bayport to the Community Services Veterans Services Division for the Emergency Assistance Fund.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2010-019** as follows:

Washington County Board of Health
Designation of Agent

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 145A.04, Subd. 2 requires that "a board of health must appoint, employ or contract with a person or persons to act on its behalf"; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 145A.04, Subd. 2 further requires that "the Board shall notify the commissioner (of health) of the agent's name, address and phone number where the agent may be reached between board meetings and submit a copy of the resolution authorizing the agent to act on the board's behalf"; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Health (Board of Commissioners) has entered into the Master Grant contract for all grants with the Minnesota Department of Health for the period from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Health (County Commissioners) hereby designates Lowell Johnson, Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment, 14949 62nd St N, P.O. Box 6, Stillwater, MN 55082-0006, (651) 430-6655, as its duly appointed agent and gives to him the duties and authorities described in Minnesota Statute Chapter 145A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board's designated agent has authority to enter into any "Grant Project Agreements for Community Health Board" issued by the Minnesota Department of Health subsequent to the signing the Master Grant Contract until the expiration of the Master Grant Contract on December 31, 2013.

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The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 4-0 with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Weik, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg; Nays, none; Commissioner Peterson absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve an agreement with the City of Stillwater and the City of Oak Park Heights on the jurisdictional transfer of 62nd Street North from Osgood Avenue to Panama Avenue (0.25 miles) and Oxboro Avenue from 62nd Street North to the TH 36 frontage road (0.21 miles) within the City of Stillwater and the City of Oak Park Heights; and, authorize the conveyance of a watermain easement and sanitary sewer easement to the City of Oak Park Heights on the Washington County Government Center Campus. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported on the League of Local Governments event. It was well attended. Presentations were made by Colonel Kevin Gerdes, Minnesota National Guard; Tom Stinson, Minnesota State Economist; and, Tom Gillaspay, Minnesota State Demographer.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board meeting. There will be a “Day at the Capitol” event on February 18. They asked that all commissioners in the metro area set up an appointment with their legislators as a constituent to talk about solid waste management issues. Also, they asked that staff be allowed to talk to the legislators about the solid waste issue.

Commissioner Weik reminded everyone that tonight is precinct caucuses starting at 7:00 p.m. She invited the public to attend their caucus. There was a nice article in the Sunday January 31 Star Tribune by Jim Anderson entitled “Watch out West Metro Woodbury is on the Move”. The article reported that Woodbury has plans for a complex that will be called Red Rock Territory. It is hoped that businesses and jobs will be moving into the development this fall.

Commissioner Weik reported on Met Council’s State of the Region address held at Silverwood Regional Park in St. Anthony. Chair Peter Bell discussed all of Met Council’s responsibilities from wastewater systems to regional transit systems. Mr. Bell stated he felt the two biggest issues were the lawsuits against the Central Corridor which could prevent full funding grants in the future; and, that the wastewater treatment must be self-funding. There will be a legislative audit that will finish analysis on transit in the region. He requested that everybody participate in this legislative audit. In the question and answer period a question was raised on the collar counties. Mr. Bell acknowledged that this is an issue that has been brought to the Met Council. The question that is asked quite often is should the current seven metro counties expand to eleven counties.

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Commissioner Kriesel reported that he testified before the House for the Park-and-Ride on I-94. Last evening he attended a fund raiser for the Friends of Washington County in Afton supporting them in their advocacy for protecting the groundwater. On Sunday, he attended the homecoming of 73 Red Bulls who just returned. The most important thing to do right now is to find them jobs. There is a new initiative called career coaching where professional people will sit down with soldiers and help them write resumes and help them in their job search.

Commissioner Hegberg suggested that Tom Stinson, Minnesota State Economist; and, Tom Gillasp, Minnesota State Demographer give a presentation to the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC). They showed the challenges that counties face in the next couple of decades. He attended a meeting in Forest Lake where the Minnesota Chamber gave a presentation. They complimented AMC and the counties for doing some of the things they are doing with their re-invent initiative and looking at the way government delivers service. He attended the Minnesota Association of Governments Investing for Counties meeting and things are going fine. US Bank has reduced their service fees, so county staff might look at using them again. He reminded everyone that tonight is caucus night and it is the first time for everyone to express their views. He will be attending the East Central Regional Juvenile Center meeting and they will be discussing the renewal of contracts for leasing beds for juveniles at that facility.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported he attended the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging meeting last week. They discussed that congregate and home delivered meals have gone down every year since 2005. MAAA is trying to get a more uniform rate for these meals and are going out for RFP's in March. They have paid anywhere from \$2.74 to \$7.39 for congregate meals; and \$1.19 to \$12.16 for home delivered meals. They are looking at a different model where instead of delivering meals every day, they deliver seven meals once a week.

Commissioner Hegberg suggested a workshop to review the home delivered meals program in Washington County.

Commissioner Weik provided a follow-up report from the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting from January 20. The legislature convenes on Thursday and there will be hearings and meetings on a DFL proposal they have to save GMAC. Representative Matt Dean has taken the lead on GMAC. He has not said what he believes the Governor will do moving forward, but if GMAC goes away the cost to counties could be \$18 million. Washington County's portion would be about \$400,000. Both MICA and AMC oppose the county cost share option.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to review County State Aid Designation change from County State Aid Highway 1 (Lofton Avenue) to County Road 15A (Manning Avenue) in the City of Scandia. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Weik, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, and Harley Will.

REGIONAL RAILROAD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Regional Railroad Authority met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works for a follow-up meeting on the Counties Transit Improvement Board. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Weik, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, and Harley Will.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

