

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MAY 16, 2006

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, Kriesel, Stafford, and Hegberg. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Vice-Chair Kriesel presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Susan Harris, First Assistant County Attorney; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Human Resources Deputy Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Steve Gransee, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Carol Peterson, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Bill Funari, Court Administration; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Transportation and Physical Development Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Jennifer Menke Blanchard, Management Analyst II; Rose Peterson, Central Services Manager; Nancy Brase, Administrative Services Manager, and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board asked for a moment of silence for Jerry Turnquist, former Washington County Deputy Administrator, who passed away this past weekend.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the May 9, 2006 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Stacy Kennedy, Woodbury, to the Workforce Investment Board as a Small Business Representative, to a first term expiring June 30, 2008.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-071** as follows:

Application from the St. Paul East Park Lions Club
to Conduct Excluded Bingo

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WHEREAS, the St. Paul East Park Lions Club has made an application to conduct excluded bingo according to requirements contained in M.S. 349-166 sub2. The event will be held on August 2-6, 2006 at the Washington County Fair Grounds, 12300 40th St., Baytown, MN during the Washington County Fair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does not oppose issuance of exemption consistent with the application.

4. Approval to enter into a cooperative agreement with Metropolitan Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and the State of Minnesota for the purpose of managing a joint Long-Term Homelessness Support Services Program.
5. Approval of an amendment to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-072** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for the
2006 Federal Boating Enforcement Supplemental Grant

BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County desired to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the 2006 Federal Boating Enforcement Supplemental Grant.

Sheriff Steve Pott is authorized to execute and sign such Grant Documents, and amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the Grant on behalf of Washington County.

7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-073** as follows:

Annual County Boat and Water Safety Agreement

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of each county enforces Boat and Water Safety Rules, promulgated by the Commissioner of Natural Resources, including patrol, enforcement and accident investigation; and

WHEREAS, the county is eligible to receive funding to assist in the performance of these duties during the period of January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Washington enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of receiving funding assistance during the period January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, the Washington County Administrator, and the Washington County Sheriff be and are hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

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8. Approval to accept a donation from Cub Foods and Milk-Bone in the amount of \$5,000 to offset expenses associated with the newest K-9 team.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-074** as follows:

Minnesota Trail Assistance Program
Star Trail Association

WHEREAS, the Washington County Star Trail Association has developed a snowmobile trail system in Washington County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any state grants in aid for the described trails be directed to Washington County for disbursement to the Washington County Star Trail Association, and application made therefore by said county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program application and the Minnesota Trail Association Agreement be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the County Board and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon the compliance with all specified requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

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

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Commissioner Stafford moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-075** as follows:

Premises Permit Application from the
Cottage Grove Lions Club

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2006 the Cottage Grove Lions Club has made application pursuant to the statutes of the State of Minnesota authorizing lawful gambling; and

WHEREAS, the premises involved is The Point, located at 12378 Pt. Douglas Rd., Denmark Township, Hastings, MN; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve to approve the granting of a Premises Permit for the above described location subject to the terms of Washington County.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-0; Commissioner Peterson abstaining, Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Legislative Update**

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, presented a brief legislative update.

Commissioner Peterson commented on the Metropolitan Council Chair's statement regarding the ½ cent tax that was proposed for stadiums and transit. She believes his comments that the tax would raise more money than would be needed for transit was not called for when there is a billion dollar shortfall for transit.

Performance Measurement and Improvement Progress

Jennifer Menke Blanchard, Management Analyst II, presented an overview of the Washington County 2005 Annual Performance Report. Departments track, report, and review performance measures on an ongoing basis to support management decision-making and to drive improvements in core functions and program. Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director, Carol Peterson, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections Support Manager, and Sue Harris, First Assistant County Attorney, summarized key measures, findings, or activities to effectively use performance measures in their respective departments.

Commissioner Stafford suggested that a workshop be held to revisit the Cost Effective Operations (CEO) Commissions that were held several years ago.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS - COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on a meeting he had with the City of Forest Lake to discuss CR 34 and the overpass over I-35. It was agreed that it would be reviewed to determine costs for an overpass. Currently, there is only one overpass and the other areas are all wetlands. With the expansion of the city on the other side of the freeway and the expansion of Columbus Township there is a public safety issue about not having more than one access.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he met with Congressman Oberstar to discuss a Rush Line Corridor Study and a Highway 65 corridor. He feels that transit is an important issue and that it needs to be looked at as it becomes more important for individuals who cannot drive and have no access to transportation.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust and PERA meetings he attended last week. The legislation is moving along as to joint powers agreements and liabilities.

Commissioner Stafford asked that Transportation staff give the Board a summary on how the Roundabout meeting in Forest Lake goes tonight. He will not be able to attend.

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Commissioner Stafford indicated that he received a call from John Kaul, the county's legislative liaison about the sales tax issue. He informed Mr. Kaul that he would support the sales tax increase for the transit situation, but had mixed feelings about the stadiums. He asked the County Attorney for a clarification on county authority to raise the sales taxes. George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney, indicated that if a county wants to pass a sales tax they need a referendum under the statute. He believes that the metro sales tax that is proposed is the legislature passing a sales tax and it wouldn't need a referendum.

Commissioner Peterson stated she will be attending the Transportation Advisory Board meeting tomorrow because she is upset with the remarks that the Met Council Chair made at the legislature yesterday.

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 Stafford and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

The Board meeting was preceded by a workshop with the Workforce Investment Board for an update on their activities and strategic plan. No business was transacted and public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, and Stafford. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Robert Crawford, Clarice Olsen, Patrick Singel, Andrew Ervin, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and the following Workforce Investment Board members: Jeanine Swanson, Rachel Felderman, Patty Venberg, and Brenda Carlson.

Gary Kriesel, Vice Chair
County Board

Attest:

Molly O'Rourke
Deputy Administrator

