

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 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, Pulkrabek, Stafford, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Sandy Cullen, Transportation Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Cindy Koosmann, Recorder; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy Recorder; Tom Kay, Information Technology Director; Barbara Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Steve Pott, Sheriff; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst; 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 Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel, to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the January 24, 2006 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to substitute a vacant Information Technology Specialist position (non-supervisory) for an Information Technology Supervisor position.
3. Approval to establish an annual contract for PRI circuit service from Qwest to the Government Center and the Law Enforcement Center.
4. Approval to amend the Washington County Library holiday schedule for 2006.
5. Approval to accept \$200,000 State Library construction grant from the State Library Services Division of Minnesota Department of Education, for the county's new Forest Lake Library.

6. Approval of Plat of Specialized Acres 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition, Denmark Township.
7. Approval of Plat of Kummer's Cliff, Denmark Township.
8. Approval of 2006 seasonal employee pay rates.
9. Approval to advertise for bids for the Historic Courthouse dome and window restoration projects.
10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-023** as follows:

Resolution to Acquire Property from the  
Minnesota Department of Revenue

WHEREAS, Washington County has planned for the development of a parking lot south of the Washington County Government Center campus; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has purchased property for a parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Washington County needs to acquire a strip of land, 30 feet in width, from the Minnesota Department of Revenue for the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, the strip of land, 30 feet in width, is legally described as:

Part of Lots 16 through 30, inclusive, Block 5, McMillan &  
Cooley's Addition, being the South 30 feet of North 50 feet  
SD lots (Auditor-Treasurer's Plat/Parcel 60955-2250)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Physical Development and the Department of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections shall proceed and are hereby authorized to proceed to acquire said property and are specifically authorized to take such action and execute such instruments if any be necessary.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-024** as follows:

Resolution to Re-Sign Quit Claim Deed

WHEREAS, as part of the Wakota Bridge/TH 61 project, Washington County acquired lands to reconstruct a short segment of 70<sup>th</sup> Street South (CSAH 22); and

WHEREAS, as part of this project Washington County quit claimed lands adjacent to the right of way to the adjacent landowner; and

WHEREAS, upon recording the document, a legal description error was discovered and a new Quit Claim Deed needs to be executed and recorded in order to correct this error; and

WHEREAS, this Quit Claim Deed will replace the June 28, 2005 Quit Claim Deed together with conditions and restrictions in the first deed.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County Board of Commissioners quit claim the following described lands outside Washington County Highway Right of Way adjacent to CSAH 22 to adjacent landowner:

Exhibit A

All that part of the South 10 acres of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6, Township 27, Range 21, lying West of the public highway running Northwesterly and Southeasterly across said Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Said Section 6, except the East 666 feet thereof and except that part taken by County Highway Right of Way Plat No. 30 recorded as Document No. 412523, according to the United States Government Survey thereof, Washington County, Minnesota, lying northerly of the following described line:

Commencing at the southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 6; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 35 seconds East, bearings are based on the Washington County Coordinate System NAD83, along the south line of said Section 6 a distance of 409.71 feet to the west line of the East 666.00 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 6; thence North 01 degree 14 minutes 32 seconds East along said west line of the East 666.00 feet a distance of 120.34 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence North 78 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 255.71 feet, more or less, to the northeasterly right of way of U.S. Highway No. 10 and U.S. Highway No. 61, thence northwesterly along said right of way to the west line of said Southwest Quarter of Section 6 and there said line terminating.

This document is intended to correct an error in the legal description recorded as Exhibit A in document No. 3551166.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to authorize the Washington County Sheriff's Office to accept a donation from Dr. Robert F. Reardon in the amount of \$6,400 for eight X26 Tasers. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Pulkrabek thanked Dr. Reardon, City of Afton, for his generous donation and a Commissioners' Award will be presented to him at a future date.

**MISS WASHINGTON COUNTY INTERNATIONAL 2006**

Commissioner Hegberg read the following proclamation honoring former Forest Lake and Hugo resident, Rebecca M. Neamy:

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Proclamation of Accomplishment  
Rebecca M. Neamy  
Miss Washington County International 2006

WHEREAS, Rebecca Neamy has been named Miss Washington County International 2006 in recognition of her growing number of professional accomplishments and community involvement and she will be a contestant in the Miss Minnesota International 2006 pageant in March; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Neamy has lived in the Cities of Hugo and Forest Lake located in District 1 of Washington County and works in the field of job development for TSE, Inc., that assists developmental disabled or related condition adults in gaining employment through training and support; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Neamy entered the pageant to become Miss Washington County International 2006 to create more awareness for disabled adults for increased equality, employment opportunities, and recognition for the support services of disabled adults; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Neamy will be actively involved with personal appearances during 2006 to heighten the awareness of the many contributions of young women who are using their professional and personal experiences for the benefit of their communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends Rebecca M. Neamy for her advocacy in support of disabled adults, congratulates her for being selected Miss Washington County International 2006, and expresses its appreciation of her meaningful contributions to society.

Ms. Neamy thanked the Board for this honor. Her goal for this year is to create awareness about persons with disabilities and to focus on their abilities and not their disabilities. She also thanked her father, who is in a wheelchair, for his inspiration.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Craig Leiser, Groundwater Advisory Committee Chair, discussed the need for continued study of groundwater issues including water balance, contamination sources and treatment, and research into aquifer geology. He also stated that communication and integration of programs with all units of government is essential. The county-supported water consortium has been an effective example in communication between government units.

Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager, presented highlights and accomplishments of the Groundwater 2005 Work Plan including: integrating groundwater and surface water management for Southern Washington County; intercommunity groundwater protection-sustaining growth and natural resources in the Woodbury/Afton Area; developed groundwater protection rules for incorporation into watershed rules;

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municipal separate storm sewer system collaboration; shared water resource educator; water resource tour; and abandoned well sealing program.

Ms. Weckwerth presented the 2006 work plan including: Model groundwater rules; LGU comprehensive plans; watershed district/water management organization projects; coordinate with state and regional agencies on groundwater protection projects; actively seek grant funds; continuation of baseline water quality monitoring; central repository of water quality data; and public education.

Commissioner Peterson asked that Mr. Leiser deliver copies of the county's Groundwater Plan to the legislative delegation. She feels it may help some of them better understand the county's desire to reduce the number of watersheds in the area and how they might use that in the Clean Waters Act.

Commissioner Peterson asked has the county looked at using waste water in industry or for other uses. Ms. Weckwerth stated the county hasn't, but she knows there is a body of research out there and they can tap into that.

Commissioner Peterson stated it seemed to her that is one resource that has not been utilized to its fullest and she thinks it is the appropriate time to have conversations with the communities and business leaders.

Commissioner Stafford asked Mr. Leiser to appear on an upcoming "County Insights" cable show to discuss groundwater issues.

## **TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Advertise for Bids for the North Service Center/Library**

Don Theisen, Director of Transportation and Physical Development, advised the Board that they are now ready to proceed to bid for the construction of the North Service Center/Library in the City of Forest Lake. Bids will be opened on March 21, 2006, construction will begin in June, and the building will be open around July of 2007. He indicated that last evening the Forest Lake City Council approved the county's purchase agreements for the land in that area and that will be coming back to the Board in a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to authorize the advertisement of bids for the construction of the North Service Center/Library to be located in the City of Forest Lake. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**Bid Award for Construction on Washington County CSAH 8/Anoka County CSAH 14**

Bids were received for construction realignment of Washington County CSAH 8/Anoka County CSAH 14 as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Project #1</u>	<u>Project #2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Arnt Construction	\$10,499,610.26	\$928,108.00	\$11,427,717.26
Progressive Contractors	\$11,650,341.88	\$678,879.50	\$12,329,221.38
Eureka Construction	\$11,795,092.87	\$909,112.00	\$12,704,204.87

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-025** as follows:

Bid Award for CSAH 14/8 Realignment Construction  
to Arnt Construction

WHEREAS, in order to complete road realignment construction, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, the bid was divided into two projects: Project #1 being the roadway realignment and Project #2 the sanitary sewer interceptor line under Metropolitan Council's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on December 5, 2005, with Arnt Construction being the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to award a contract for Project #1 and Project #2; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Arnt Construction be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Arnt Construction for Project #1 and #2 under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Arnt Construction be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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 Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, noted that an addition was added to the Consent Calendar this morning accepting an access construction grant in the amount of \$200,000 for the Forest Lake Branch Library.

Mr. Schug reported that the County Board met with the legislative delegation to discuss the county's priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

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**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson asked that two items be discussed at the next meeting; one is a resolution supporting the Minnesota Vehicles Excise Tax constitutional amendment; and, Ramsey County has a resolution that they have passed asking for support for the Central Corridor.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he attended a workshop in Forest Lake to discuss roundabouts. A number of concerns were expressed. He also attend the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust and asked staff for information on the numbers of volunteers that the county will be responsible for workers compensation under the Emergency Services Act. He feels that the county should go back to the legislature because he is not sure the county should be the ones that would be held responsible.

Commissioner Stafford reported he will be attending the State Radio Board Finance Committee on Wednesday, February 15. Last week the Metropolitan Services Emergency Board discussed how to allocate the \$8 million authorized by the State to help Chisago, Isanti, Scott and Washington Counties build out their 800 MHz radio system. Washington County will be getting approximately \$3.5 million.

**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. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator

