

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MARCH 21, 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, Pulkrabek, Stafford, and Hegberg. Commissioner Kriesel absent. 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; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Peter Mott, Parks Coordinator; Pat Conley, Library Director; Vivian Perry, Library Group Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Carol Peterson, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Bogdan Filipescu, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Rebecca Ault, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Jeneen Johnson, Human Resources Deputy Director; Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst; Nancy Brase, Administrative Services Manager; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the March 7, 2006 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the 2006 cooperative agreement with Community Services, the Sheriff, and the County Attorney to administer the Child Support Enforcement program.
3. Approval of the 2006 contract with the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the Washington County Community Services Department for the Housing Coordinator position.
4. Approval of the following new positions in Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections Department: Real Estate Taxpayer Services Technician (.50 F.T.E) and three .50 Special Project Real Estate Taxpayer Services Technicians through 2006.
5. Approval to accept a donation from the Windmill Marina in Afton, Minnesota to provide a slip for the Sheriff's Office patrol boat for the 2006 boating season.

6. Approval of Amendment #1 to the service agreement with Mobile Radio Engineering.
7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-039** as follows:

Authorizing Parking Restrictions on CSAH 8
from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday Through Friday

WHEREAS, the county and the City of Hugo request a parking restriction on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 8 from TH 61 west approximately 200', in the City of Hugo, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, this parking restriction would reduce vehicular back up and delay during evening rush hour at the intersection of CSAH 8 and TH 61; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo requested the parking prohibition described in City's Resolution (copy attached) effective upon approval; and

WHEREAS, Washington County staff supports this restriction; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Statute 169.04 (1) allows the county to regulate the standing or parking of vehicles on highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 8 is under the jurisdiction of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the parking of motor vehicles shall be prohibited Monday through Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on south side of CSAH 8 from TH 61 west approximately 200'.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation and Physical Development to install and maintain the appropriate signs to delineate this parking restriction.

8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-040** as follows:

Amendment No. 1 to Contract with Ankeny Kell Architects
for South Service Center Architectural Design; and
Amendments 1-3 to Contract with Ankeny Kell Architects for
North Service Center/Library Architectural Design

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and Ankeny Kell Architects entered into contracts numbered 3129 and 3130 on April 5, 2005 for the architectural design of the North Service Center/Library Building and South Service Center; and

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and Ankeny Kell Architects wish to amend the contracts to address additional work performed by the architects during the design development phase of the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Amendment No. 1 to the South Service Center contract and Amendments 1-3 to the North Service Center/Library contract be approved and executed; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amendments between the County of Washington and Ankeny Kell Architects 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 contract requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's Office.

9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-041** as follows:

Cooperative Construction Agreement with the City of Woodbury
for Traffic Signal Construction on Weir Drive & Upper Afton Road

WHEREAS, the county and City of Woodbury desire to complete traffic signal construction at Weir Drive and Upper Afton Road; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative effort between the county and city is the most appropriate method to facilitate the construction; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative construction agreement for the completion of the construction provides the means for the county and city to cooperate in this construction activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the cooperative agreement between the county and City of Woodbury to facilitate the traffic signal construction and complete said agreement by the signatures of the County Board Chair and County Administrator.

10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-042** as follows:

Agreement with American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
for Peer Review of the Transportation Division

WHEREAS, the Director of Washington County Transportation and Physical Development, desires to have a Peer Review of the Transportation Division performed by a panel from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); and

WHEREAS, a cooperative effort between the county and ASCE is the most appropriate method to facilitate the Peer Review; and

WHEREAS, the panel performing the review are not employees of ASCE; and

WHEREAS, ASCE requires the county indemnify and hold harmless ASCE; and

WHEREAS, ASCE will not execute a contract requiring indemnification of the county by ASCE.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the contract between the county and ASCE to facilitate the Peer Review and complete said contract by the signature of the Director of Transportation and Physical Development.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners waives the requirement to include a provision whereby ASCE indemnifies the county.

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

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-043** as follows:

Approving the Reclassification of Parcel
14.030.21.31.0006 as Conservation

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 282.01, Subd. 1, the above identified tax forfeited parcel of land, located in the City of Grant, was classified as non-conservation by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington; and

WHEREAS, this parcel of land borders a pond but has less than 150 feet of waterfront; and

WHEREAS, this land was previously stated to be sold, but was withdrawn from sale because the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources failed to provide prior approval of its sale as required by Minn. Stat. 282.018, Subd. 1c; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources now wishes the land to be managed and developed for conservation purposes and has made certification to that effect under Minn. Stat. 282.01, Subd. 2; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners desires to and has authority under Minn. Stat. 282.01, Subd. 1, to reclassify the subject parcel as conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby reclassifies parcel 14.030.21.31.0006, located in the City of Grant, as conservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that parcel 14.030.21.31.0006 be devoted to conservation uses and conveyed to the Commissioner of Natural Resources of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minn. Stat. 282.01, Subd. 2.

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

COUNTY LIBRARY

Commissioner Stafford moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-044** as follows:

National Library Week 2006 Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board established the Washington County Library by resolution on May 4, 1966; and

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WHEREAS, over the past 40 years, the Washington County Library has grown from one branch and a bookmobile to nine branches serving over 200,000 residents and registered users;

WHEREAS, use of the Washington County Library continues to grow serving over 134,000 library card holders and circulating almost 2,000,000 items in 2005;

WHEREAS, the libraries in Washington County play a vital role in providing its patrons with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Library as well as the Stillwater Library and the Bayport Library are dynamic places and their librarians are the ultimate search engine, helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online;

WHEREAS, the libraries in Washington County bring its communities a world of knowledge both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what patrons need, when they need it;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week in April 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board proclaims National Library Week, April 2-8, 2006 and encourages all residents to take advantage of all their library has to offer in its 40th year of operation.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Vehicle Park Permits for the 2006 Library Summer Reading Program

Peter Mott, Parks Coordinator, and Vivian Perry, Library Group Manager, presented examples of how the Library and Parks staff have partnered to provide additional and enhanced services to county residents. Examples include: Providing each others brochures at county parks and libraries; posting flyers about upcoming park programs at each library; and, provide library references lists to participants attending park programs.

Ms. Perry advised the Board that another idea that was discussed was to give all children who successfully complete the Library's Summer Reading Program by reading 20 hours will be awarded a Free Day in the Parks coupon to be used at any of the Washington County Parks.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to authorize the use of daily vehicle park permits for Washington County Library's 2006 Summer Reading Program. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

Commissioner Peterson left the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

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Purchase Agreements with the City of Forest Lake/North Service Center

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-045** as follows:

Purchase Property in Forest Lake for the
Northern Service Center and Transit Center

WHEREAS, Washington County is interested in acquiring the property described herein in the City of Forest Lake for the 2006 construction of the Northern Service Center/Library and the Transit Center/Hardwood Creek Trailhead.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its Chairman and Administrator to execute, on behalf of the county, purchase agreements and any other documents necessary for the county to purchase the property legally described as follows:

Lot 1, Block 2, Deponti Second Addition, according to the recorded plat there of

And

Lot 2, Block 1, Deponti Second Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Peterson and Kriesel absent.

Commissioner Peterson returned at 9:35 a.m.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a legislative update regarding: A proposal to reinstitute levy limits on local units of government; the Senate and House versions of the eminent domain bill will most likely need to be worked out in the conference committee; and Senator Marko is proposing to use some of the projected budget surplus to help backfill funding to counties for human services costs because of the impact to counties on the Deficit Reduction Act at the federal level.

Mr. Schug reminded the Board that the joint meeting with the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will be held next week at the Oak Marsh Golf Course at noon. Items to be discussed include: Transit/Transportation Issues; Resource Recovery Project; Energy Task Force Activities; 800 MHz Subsystems; HAVA Voting Equipment; and Metropolitan Council Governance Structure.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson asked that a resolution be prepared for Jim Fitzpatrick, Denmark Town Board member, who has decided not to run for another term.

Commissioner Pulkrabek noted that he will be meeting with representatives from the Holiday Stationstores on Wednesday, March 22, regarding the public hearing that will be coming up in April.

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 Kriesel absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

