

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 8, 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, and Stafford. Commissioner Hegberg absent. Board Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Sheriff Steve Pott; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy Recorder; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; 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 Stafford to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the plat of Miller Farms in Baytown Township.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-107** as follows:

Final Payment to Sanders, Wacker, Bergly, Inc. for
Lake Elmo Park Reserve Master Plan Amendment

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on May 9, 2006 approved the contract award to Sanders, Wacker, Bergly, Inc. for the development of a master plan amendment for Lake Elmo Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Sanders, Wacker, Bergly, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the project specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Sanders, Wacker, Bergly, Inc. be paid in full for said contract in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

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

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TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-108** as follows:

Final Payment to Electronic Communication Systems, Inc. for
Historic Courthouse Wireless Fire Alarm Installation Project

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on December 21, 2005 approved the bid award to Electronic Communication Systems, Inc. for the installation of a wireless fire alarm system at the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Electronic Communication System, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the project specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Electronic Communication Systems, Inc. be paid in full for said contract in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, and Stafford; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE EXPLORER POST ACHIEVEMENTS

Sheriff Steve Pott reported that Explorer Post #528 recently attended the National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. Washington County achieved fifth place in White Collar Crime, third place in Traffic Stops, and first place in Traffic Accident Investigation. They competed against hundreds of teams from around the country.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Start-Up Costs for the County Wheelage Tax**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, updated the Board on funding for start up costs for the newly authorized county wheelage tax. Dakota County has informed Washington and Anoka Counties that it will not fund the up-front costs and has requested that the other two participating counties commit to funding one-third of the total cost each, with partial reimbursement to be paid equally to the three original counties upon receipt of payment from counties adopting the wheelage tax in the future. Washington County's portion would be \$64,000.

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Commissioner Peterson moved to approve funding up to one-third of the costs payable to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for developing and implementing a collection process for the newly authorized county wheelage tax. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, and Stafford; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

City of Hugo Centennial

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt the following proclamation for the City of Hugo in celebration of its centennial year in 2006:

Washington County Proclamation City of Hugo Centennial

WHEREAS, The City of Hugo was incorporated on August 15, 1906, and became one of the cities and units of local government in Washington County, MN; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hugo is located in District 1 of Washington County, the District 1 Commissioner is Dennis C. Hegberg, and the population estimate is 9,440 residents and 3,344 households as of 2005; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hugo is celebrating its centennial the weekend of August 12-13, 2006, and will bury a time capsule on August 15, 2006, that will be opened on August 15, 2056, in celebration of the cities' sesquicentennial; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hugo continues to provide sound local government for its citizens by the Hugo City Council and city staff through responsive service delivery, sound fiscal management, and planning for the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners congratulates the current elected officials and citizens of the City of Hugo upon the celebration of 100 years of achievements and extends it firm belief that the next 50 years will be just as successful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby declare Tuesday, August 15, 2006, as "City of Hugo Centennial Day" in Washington County.

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

Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint Jane Klein, Oakdale, to the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties Board of Directors, to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2007. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson asked that a proclamation of recognition be prepared for retiring Cottage Grove Acting Police Chief Mike Zurbey. He was involved in Washington County's SWAT Team.

Commissioner Peterson asked that the Board hold a workshop on Medicare Part D and the donut hole that exists in funding of their prescriptions. She feels it will be good to meet with staff and talk about some of the problems the seniors will be facing with Medicare Part D.

Commissioner Stafford reported that the Valley Creek Bridge opening took place this past Saturday. The bridge opened on Sunday night and is functioning well. Commissioner Peterson stated that the merchants in that area should be complimented for their marketing efforts during the bridge closure.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he will be touring county roads in townships with Transportation staff. He also commended county staff for the outstanding job they did at the County Fair.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he was frustrated with the media's fixation with the levy and how they never want to talk about the full budget of the county. In one of the papers he read that property taxes will be increased by 7.9%. What gets lost is the fact the levy only represents about half of the money that is taken in and the other half comes from state, federal government and revenues that the county takes in for some of the programs and services the county provides. In 2003 the county's budget was about \$150 million. In 2006, three years later it's still about \$150 million, it only went up about \$200,000 in three years. He wishes that the media would look and report on the full budget, because that is really the true indicator of how much money the government is spending.

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 Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP TO RECEIVE THE 2007 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review the proposed 2007 annual budget recommendations and hear a 2007 budget request from the Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections/Recorder's Office. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, and Stafford. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Kevin Corbid, Jennifer Wagenius, Carol Peterson, Ted Schoenecker, Michelle Kemper, Dan Papin, Tom Adkins, Jim Luger, Mike Polehna, Lowell Johnson, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Nancy Yang, Pioneer Press.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to review the start-up plan for Big Marine Park Reserve. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, and Stafford. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jim Luger, Mike Polehna, Maurice Grogan, Kelley Farms, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Nancy Yang, Pioneer Press.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

