

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
NOVEMBER 28, 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; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Sr. Program Manager; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Amanda Goebel, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cathy Ellis, Community Services Supervisor; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Greg Orth, Commissioner-Elect, District 5; Sheriff Steve Pott; 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 Hegberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Stafford to approve the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the 2007-2009 contract with Opportunity Services, Inc. for day training and habilitation services for persons with developmental disabilities.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-146** as follows:

Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Grant Request

WHEREAS, Washington County has developed trail systems in Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, Lake Elmo Park Reserve and Pine Point Park; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that participation in the Minnesota Trail Assistance Programs be authorized and the Grant in Aid agreement executed by the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the

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County Administrator per the guidelines of Minnesota Statutes, Section 84-43 without further action by the County Board.

3. Approval of changer order #8 to the radio maintenance contract with Motorola, Inc.
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2006-147** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption for Washington County  
Pheasants Forever

WHEREAS, the Washington County Pheasants Forever has made application to the Gambling Control Board for the exemption from certain requirements contained in M.S. 349.166 sub 2 in order to conduct a raffle at Sal's Angus Grill, 12010 Keystone Ave., Stillwater, MN 55082 (May Township), the event will take place on December 4, 2006.

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

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

## **TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Historic Courthouse Lease Amendment with the Youth Service Bureau**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the lease amendments for office space in the Washington County Historic Courthouse with the Youth Service Bureau extending the term of the leases through December 31, 2007. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson abstained.

### **Contract with Kraus-Anderson Construction – Campus 2025 Improvements**

Commissioner Stafford moved to approve a contract with Kraus-Anderson Construction for construction management services for the campus 2025 improvements preconstruction in the amount of \$65,600. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **North and South Service Center Updates**

Jim Luger, Parks Director, presented brief updates on the South Service Center in Cottage Grove and the North Service Center/Library in Forest Lake. He indicated that both projects are currently under budget and are on schedule for opening. The South Service Center is scheduled to open for business in April, 2007 and the North Service Center is scheduled to open for business in September, 2007.

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**Change Order #2 with Gephart Electric, Inc.**

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve Change Order #2 with Gephart Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$81,897 at the North Service Center/Library for the following services: revision to lighting fixtures to provide higher quality lighting; electrical revisions to accommodate workstation design and IT needs; and, extending electrical conduit to the property line for fiber optic connections. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT****Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Agreement**

Commissioner Stafford moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-148** as follows:

Authorize the Execution of the Ramsey/Washington County  
Resource Recovery Joint Powers Agreement

WHEREAS, Ramsey and Washington Counties have committed to continue to protect and ensure the public health, safety, welfare and environment of each County's residents and businesses through sound management of solid and hazardous waste generated in the County; and

WHEREAS, it is the stated policy of the State of Minnesota, under the Waste Management Act of 1980, to manage solid waste in an environmentally sound manner; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey and Washington Counties are members of the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, and have approved the Regional/County Solid Waste Management Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, since 1982 Ramsey and Washington Counties, have implemented a joint program for researching, developing, and implementing both the "Ramsey/Washington Waste-to-Energy Project" and the "Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project" (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Counties have agreed to jointly enter into a Processing Agreement with Resource Recovery Technologies, Inc. (RRT) for the term of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2012, for the purpose of supporting the continued processing of waste through resource recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Counties have successfully collaborated on many waste management activities through the Project, and desire to continue joint collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Counties desire to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement for the purpose of administering the Counties' rights and obligations under the Processing Agreement with RRT, and overseeing other joint solid waste activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the execution of the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Joint Powers Agreement between Ramsey County and Washington County.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**2007 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Budget**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-149** as follows:

Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Project 2007 Budget

WHEREAS, The Joint Powers Agreement for Resource Recovery provides that authority for approval of Resource Recovery Project budgets remains with the respective County Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey and Washington County Boards have approved a Project budget for 2006 and 2007, with an understanding that the 2007 budget may need to be amended because of some uncertainty around the termination of the Service Agreement and continuation of waste processing; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project Board has recommended changes in the Administrative portion of the budget and in staffing changes (Resolution 06-RR-8); and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey and Washington County Boards have agreed to material terms for a Processing Agreement, which creates a new Processing Payment and Hauler Rebate, in lieu of a Service Fee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following amendments to the 2007 Resource Recovery Project Budget:

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Approved</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration	\$ 681,892	\$ 780,972	\$ 99,080
Service Fee	\$9,200,000	\$14,000,000	\$4,800,000
Hauler Rebate	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 4,200,000</u>	<u>\$4,200,000</u>
Total	\$9,881,892	\$18,980,972	\$9,099,080
REVENUES	<u>Approved</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Amended</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Change</u>
Washington County	\$2,655,961	\$ 5,112,712	\$2,456,751
Ramsey County	<u>\$7,180,931</u>	<u>\$ 13,823,260</u>	<u>\$6,642,329</u>
Interest Income	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
 Total	 \$9,881,892	 \$18,980,972	 \$9,099,080

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the change in staffing for the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project, and reduces the complement of staff in the Project by 2.0 FTE, and increases the complement of the Ramsey County Department of Public Health by 2.0 FTE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to create a joint hauler rebate program for delivery of waste for processing, in which a licensed solid waste hauler will receive a per ton payment for the delivery of waste for processing provided that the hauler submits proper documentation of delivery of waste from Ramsey or Washington County and provided that the program verifies delivery of the waste for processing, and further authorizes the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project to administer the rebate program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a revision in the Department of Public Health and Environment resource recovery budget direct payments of \$5,112,700 which is a decrease of \$387,300 in solid waste fund balance use.

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **LCCMR Grant – Trout Streams**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2006-150** as follows:

##### Authorization to Apply for Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources Grant for Establishing Resource Management Plans for Designated Trout Streams

WHEREAS, funds are available from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Grant program to assist Washington County to assess groundwater resources and provide standards for protection; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, Watershed Management Organizations, and Local Governmental Units currently lack the rationale and technical justification for management and protection of groundwater dependent natural resources before the need for restoration; and

WHEREAS, groundwater dependent natural resources are known to exist in northern Washington County; and

WHEREAS, no additional levy or program changes will be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Environment will be working in partnership with the following organizations: Browns Creek Watershed District, Carnelian Marine Watershed District, Marine Water Management Organization, Washington Conservation District, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, University of Minnesota, St. Croix Basin Water Resources Planning Team, St. Croix Watershed Research Station, and National Park Service.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the Department of Public Health and Environment to apply for the LCCMR Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the total project cost of the grant, Establishing Resource Management Plans for Designated Trout Streams, will not exceed \$603,560.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County, through the Department of Public Health and Environment will serve as the administrator and fiscal agent for the grant.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that Washington County has been named the 2006 Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust County of the Year. This award will be presented at the Association of Minnesota Counties Conference on Monday, December 4.

Mr. Schug reminded the Board of two meetings this week. The first is the Commissioner/Department Head Retreat to be held tomorrow morning, November 29, at the LaLake Conference Center in Woodbury to discuss the 2007 Work Plan; and, on Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. county staff will meet with area cities to talk about economic development strategies for the future. David Piggott, former Executive Director of the Metro East Development Partnership, will be the facilitator.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS- QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson asked that a resolution be prepared recognizing Senator Sharon Marko who did not seek re-election this year. Her retirement party will be held on January 3, 2007 and would like to present that resolution to her at that time. She would also like January 3 proclaimed as Senator Sharon Marko Day in Washington County.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the following times: She will distribute the Minnesota Transportation Alliance legislative draft report to each Board member and will also take this draft report to the AMC Transportation Committee meeting; she will be attending the AMC Conference Sunday through Tuesday; the Metro Transitways Development Board will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 4 rather than December 6 at the AMC Conference; Elwin Tinklenberg will be here after today's meeting to discuss federal funding issues for transportation; and at 2:00 p.m. on December 12 at the Cottage Grove City Hall, there will be a meeting to discuss assessed valuations on the property tax statements that went out recently.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported on a meeting he had with Hugo to discuss water planning and limits that are being considered for cities on how much water they can pump from the aquifers and that those limits are impossible to meet.

Commissioner Hegberg also indicated that there had been discussion about closing the septic pumper plant in Forest Lake and that is being discussed again. He feels it wouldn't make economic sense to make those pumpers go down to Pig's Eye to dump their loads.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he met with the Library Board yesterday to discuss the fund raising campaign for the Forest Lake Library and how they could raise \$200,000 for books and technology they will need for the expanded space.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that the Forest Lake City Council presented their overpass design using 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue which they feel is the only high spot and would go right where the rest stop is on the freeway. They feel that this overpass would reduce the traffic on Broadway by about a third.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he will be going to San Francisco to attend a PERA meeting on December 10-12.

Commissioner Pulkrabek announced that the Law Library Board will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon on December 12 from 11:30 to 1:00. There will also be a public meeting open house on Tuesday, December 5 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for the Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park Master Plan amendment.

### **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 10:00 a.m.

Bill Pulkrabek, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug  
County Administrator

