

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 12, 2008

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Mike Rogers, Senior Planner; John Elholm, Parks Director; Peter Mott, Public Works Assistant Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:10 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Mike Rogers, Senior Planner; John Elholm, Parks Director; Peter Mott, Public Works Assistant Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the July 22, and August 5, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to revise Human Resources Policy #5008 Respectful Workplace Policy.
3. Approval of one regular full-time Management Analyst II position for the Department of Administration.
4. Approval of Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan for the Confidential Supervisors.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-101** as follows:

Final Payment for 2008 Road Maintenance Crack Filling
to American Pavement Solutions, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners on April 15, 2008 approved a bid award to American Pavement Solutions, Inc. for provision of product, labor and equipment to install crack filling material on various county roads; and

WHEREAS, American Pavement Solutions, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that American Pavement Solutions, Inc. be paid in full for the said contact work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

6. Approval of contract with Ramsey County for boarding inmates during the Republican National Convention to make space in the Ramsey County Jail for any arrests made in conjunction with the convention.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Jon Oyanagi, Parks Director of Brooklyn Park, and representing the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, presented the Board Chair with a 2007 Award of Excellence for the partnership involved in developing Phase I of the Big Marine Park Reserve.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

John Nalezny, Community Services Supervisor, presented a brief overview of the services available for older youth transitioning to adulthood from foster care and ongoing child protection services. Currently there are 58 youth between the ages of 14-18 who are in out of home placement; of those, 34 are between the ages of 16-17. There are 12 between the ages of 18-21 who will continue in foster care or other supported living arrangements. The department provides help in the following areas: employment; transportation; money management; social/recreation; housing; health care/medical; and education/vocational training. Each youth is given a resource card with emergency numbers and web sites to contact for help.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, provided updates in the following areas: Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust has notified the county that it will receive a dividend check in the amount of \$373,810 in November which will be placed in the Other Post Employment Benefits fund; the Minnesota Inter-County Association asked whether member counties would be interested in hosting a candidate forum this fall, the Board indicated they would be interested in hosting a forum; and, the Association of Minnesota Counties is initiating a public information strategy to help communicate issues that counties are facing in terms of unfunded mandates and is asking for a contact person from each county to help coordinate getting that message out to the local media and general community.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported that the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota has a newsletter which featured Transportation Manager Ted Schoenecker and Jennifer Levitt, City of Cottage Grove who were panelists that lead a group discussion on roundabouts and the problems in dealing with the public. She reported on a Transportation Alliance task force on the federal reauthorization bill. She encouraged other commissioners to participate in this process. The next meetings will be held on August 13 and 21.

Commissioner Pulkrabek announced there will be a Finance Committee meeting following the workshops this afternoon.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Metro Energy Policy Coalition which discussed carbon credits, alternative energy, and fuel resources. They discussed whether manufacturing ethanol isn't more detrimental to the environment.

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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 10:25 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Board met in workshop session with Community Services and the Mental Health Advisory Council. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Daniel Parnell, Cindy Rupp, Rick Backman, Tom Adkins, Mark Kuppe, Sue Hedlund, Gloria Knobloch, former member of the Mental Health Advisory Council, and Local Mental Health Advisory Council Members: Rob Rafferty, Bruce Eisenmenger, Kristi Hoff, Jeffrey Treague, and Anja Kuehne-Welsh.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the proposed 2009 annual budget, the Administrator's recommendations, and Property Records and Taxpayer Services recommended budget. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Kay McAloney, Vicki DeFord, Tom Adkins, Don Theisen, Kevin Corbid, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Dan Papin, Lowell Johnson, Carol Peterson, Pat Conley, John Elholm, Jane Harper, and Sue Hedlund.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator