

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

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, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Debra Paige, Emergency Services Manager; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; and Maggi Aitkens, 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 to revise Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 19, Reimbursement of Travel and Related Expenses, and Human Resources Policy #5032 Meal, Mileage, and Other Authorized Expense Reimbursement.
2. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland and Emergency Management, to receive funding through the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.
3. Approval to enter into an agreement with Maren Marks, an independent contracted wellness program staff, for on-site county employee wellness activities for an annual fee of \$1 per agreed upon space within the Government Center and the South Service Center in Cottage Grove.
4. Bids were received for replacing a portion of the roof at the north Public Works building as follows:

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McPhillips Brothers Roofing	\$76,000.00
Nieman Roofing, Inc.	\$92,500.00

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-105** as follows:

Bid Award for Roof Replacement at the North Public
Works Building to McPhillips Brothers Roofing

WHEREAS, in order to complete the portion of the roof that has deteriorated over the engineering wing of the north Public Works building, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on August 12, 2008, with McPhillips Brothers Roofing, a qualified and responsible contractor, providing the lowest bid; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of McPhillips Brothers Roofing be accepted and the county enter into a contract with McPhillips Brothers Roofing under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and McPhillips Brothers Roofing 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.

5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-106** as follows:

Authorization for the Washington County Sheriff's Office to Enter into a
Grant Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Acting Through its Commissioner
of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety, for the 2009 Safe and Sober
with Communities and Safe and Sober Impaired Driving with Communities Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Washington County Sheriff's Office to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety for the project entitled: Safe and Sober with Communities and Safe and Sober Impaired Driving with Communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-107** as follows:

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Thirty Years of Community Corrections in Washington County

WHEREAS, it was the intent of Minnesota Community Corrections Act, Minnesota Statute Chapter 401, to more effectively protect society and to promote efficiency and economy in the delivery of correctional services; and

WHEREAS, grants to counties were intended to promote the development, implementation, and operation of community based corrections programs; and

WHEREAS, Washington County joined the Minnesota Community Corrections Act on July 1, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has developed a wide range of programs and services to provide alternatives to incarceration for offenders who can safely remain in the community; and

WHEREAS, these programs provide a cost effective alternative for appropriate offenders to more expensive forms of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, these services promote positive changes in offenders so that they can return to being law abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation officers have served the citizens of the county over the past 30 years by remaining true to the goals of the Act and protecting the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize thirty years of Community Corrections services to the citizens of Washington County.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded by motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, noted that next Tuesday's meeting will be an evening meeting starting at 5:00 p.m. Prior to that, there will be an open house for the public to ask questions of staff regarding the proposed 2009 budget. Because September 9 is an election day, the Board will need to adjourn by 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson asked for a moment of silence for Robert Lockyear, former Planning Director, who passed away on August 29, 2008.

Commissioner Peterson reported that she met with Commissioner McDonough prior to the Red Rock Corridor meeting and stated she feels they are reaching some sort of a compromise. Commissioner McDonough and Commissioner McLaughlin would like to meet with Commissioner Hegberg and herself sometime before the next Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting. On Monday, September 8 they will be holding their first Grant Evaluation and Ranking System Committee (GEARS) meeting.

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Commissioner Peterson met with the Sue Kainz, Minnesota FoodShare Coordinator, and they discussed the increase in use of food shelves and the difficulty they are having throughout Minnesota and in particular Washington County. She feels it is important for everyone to contribute to the food shelves because there are many citizens who have not used the food shelf in the past and find themselves in circumstances where they now need to use it.

Commissioner Peterson announced that next week there will be a farewell to Blackies, a restaurant in Oakdale that will be torn down. This restaurant was where the Jaycees and Mrs. Jaycees met. This restaurant, under different names, has been around for many years.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported that the event at Blackies will be held on Monday, September 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kriesel passed along his condolences to Pat Raddatz on the loss of her Father, Judy Steltzner on the loss of her husband Lars Steltzner, and to the family of Colonel Ron Deppa who passed away last week and was instrumental in helping the Historic Courthouse obtain the Civil War era cannon.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he had the pleasure of meeting with one of the Secret Service agents on the security detail at the Republican Convention. The Agent was impressed with the law enforcement in Minnesota, their restraint and professionalism.

Commissioner Stafford asked wouldn't it be nice to have in red letters along the bottom of every annual property tax statement the percent of the city, county, and school district taxes that were the direct result of State mandates? He is sure that will never happen due to State restrictions.

Commissioner Hegberg mentioned that one of the concerns of the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust is that in Minnesota there is a six year time limit for a person to file a lawsuit if they feel their constitutional rights have been violated; which may be the case in the arrests made during the Republican Convention demonstrations yesterday. He suggested that the County Attorney look into changing state law to reduce that time period. He feels that six years to bring a lawsuit against the State is too long, the witnesses are gone, the situation is different, and it shouldn't take that long to file a lawsuit. They should be able to do it in 18 to 24 months.

Commissioner Peterson asked to speak about Lars Steltzner for a few minutes. If there ever was a library advocate for Washington County, for the State of Minnesota, for the school district, it was Lars. She hoped that as a Board it contribute something to the library in memory of Lars. He was an outstanding library advocate and contributor.

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board recessed into Executive (Closed) Session at 9:43 a.m. to discuss a settlement option of compensation for the Pontius Parcel as it pertains to the purchase for the Washington County Parks Trail System. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, John Elholm, Sharon Price, Jane Harper, Doug Johnson, Richard Hodsdon, and Patricia Raddatz.

The Board reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Stafford moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the following departments to review their proposed 2009 budgets: Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections, County Attorney's Office, and Court Administration. 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, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson, Tom Adkins, Doug Johnson, and Chris Volkers.

Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

