

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 14, 2009**

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager; John Freitag, Senior Environmental Specialist; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Rosemary Peterson, Central Services Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Myjke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

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

1. Approval of Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan for the Supervisor's Association.
2. Approval to accept the software maintenance agreement with Radio IP Software, Inc. for the Squad Mobile Computer project.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

911 Call Center

Sheriff Bill Hutton displayed photos of the newly opened 911 call center.

Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-028** as follows:

Recognizing the Public Safety Operators and Dispatchers in
Washington County in Honor of
National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

WHEREAS, the dedicated 911 operators and dispatchers daily serve the citizens of Washington County by answering their phone calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, professional operators and dispatchers work to improve the emergency response capability in the county through their dedication, leadership, training programs and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the critical functions performed by professional operators and dispatchers impact all aspects of public safety and many other operations performed by state, county, and local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, 911 operators and dispatchers are the link between our citizens who call for help and the agencies which provide the help; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 13-17, 2009 has been set aside to recognize 911 operators and dispatchers and the crucial role they play in the protection of life and property for citizens of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFOE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week beginning April 13, 2009 – April 17, 2009 as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Washington County and extends its appreciation and thanks to the dedicated Public Safety Telecommunications Personnel for the vital contribution they make to the safety and well being of our citizens and public safety providers.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Making a Difference Award

Sheriff Hutton stated that the Washington County Communications Center was recently recognized by the Minnesota Association of Public Safety Communications Officials for their outstanding work during the May 25, 2008 Hugo Tornado. Commander Dan Starry, Communications Center Manager Darlene Pankonie, PSAP Coordinator Karen Schmid, and Dispatcher Jean Nousiainen were presented with the award on behalf of the Communications Center.

COPS Hiring Recovery Program

Commissioner Hegberg moved to authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit an application for funding of seven licensed positions in the Sheriff's Office through the COPS Hiring Recovery Program to include:

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three deputies removed from the 2009 contingency fund for the new courts building; one eliminated patrol position; and three new contract positions as requested by existing contracts with the City of Hugo and Lower St. Croix Valley, and a new contract with the City of Marine on St. Croix for the period of September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Weik mentioned an article that was in Saturday's Pioneer Press thanking Patrol Officer Kyle Olson for the help he gave a citizen after the death of her brother.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bid Award for Courtroom Audio/Video Technology

Bids were received for Courtroom Audio/Video Technology of the 2025 Campus Improvements as follows:

Appollo Systems	\$519,400.00
Tierney Brothers AV	\$556,642.54
DasCom Systems Group	\$608,220.94
Clarity AV	\$825,260.00

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-029** as follows:

Bid Award for Audio/Video Technology on the
2025 Government Center Campus Improvements Project
to Appollo Systems

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on March 17, 2009 with bids accepted from four vendors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Appollo Systems be accepted for Audit/Video Technology and the county enter into a contract with Appollo Systems under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the contracts between the county and Appollo Systems, 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 bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Bid Award for Signage

Bids were received for signage of the 2025 Campus Improvements project as follows:

Signation Sign Group	\$92,726.00
GSI	\$98,985.00
Serigraphics Sign Systems	\$100,365.00
Designer Sign Systems	\$132,323.63

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-030** as follows:

Bid Award for Signage on the 2025 Government
Center Campus Improvements Project to Signation Sign Group

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on March 24, 2009 with bids accepted from four vendors; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Signation Sign Group be accepted for signage and the county enter into a contract with Signation Sign Group, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contracts between the county and Signation Sign Group, 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 bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Bid Award for Window Shades

Bids were received for window shades for the 2025 Campus Improvements as follows:

OffiSource, Inc.	\$64,000.00
American Drapery System	\$64,877.00
Custom Expressions	\$81,288.00
Custom Drapery and Blinds by Michael Esch, LLC	\$97,163.00
Modern Window Shade	\$97,735.00
Midwest Blinds	\$97,995.00

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Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-031** as follows:

Bid Award for Window Shades on the 2025 Government
Center Campus Improvements Project to OffiSource, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on March 17, 2009 with bids accepted from six vendors; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of OffiSource, Inc. be accepted for Window Shades and the county enter into a contract with OffiSource, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contracts between the county and OffiSource, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without the 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.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Dial-a-Ride Services Within Washington County

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-032** as follows:

Resolution Requesting the Metropolitan Council Continue to
Manage a Competitively Procured Contract for Regional Dial-a-Ride
Services for Washington County

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council (Met Council) currently operates regional Dial-a-Ride service in the seven county metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, in Washington County, Met Council contracts with Human Services, Inc. a private non-profit human service organization, to operate a countywide Dial-a-Ride service with six to seven buses in daily operation; and

WHEREAS, the Met Council has recently approved a plan to restructure the regional Dial-a-Ride service; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2009, a letter was sent from the Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) division of the Met Council to each of the seven counties requesting an official decision on one of two administrative and service delivery options for the continuation of Dial-a-Ride service; and

WHEREAS, each county can either directly operate or competitively procure and administer service within their respective county (Option 1); or defer to the Met Council to manage a competitively procured contract (Option 2); and

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WHEREAS, the endorsement of Option 2 would essentially result in no changes to the current arrangement with the Met Council for the procurement of Dial-a-Ride services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners requests that the Met Council continue to manage a competitively procured contract for regional Dial-a-Ride services for Washington County (Option2), conditioned upon Washington County reserving the option to reconsider its level of direct participation in the regional Dial-a-Ride services if a need or desire arises at a later date.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Big Marine Park Reserve Official Map

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, indicated that this item is a follow up to last week's workshop on landowner's request to be removed from the Big Marine Park Reserve Boundary. The Board's options are 1) to initiate proceedings that would begin a formal review process; or 2) not initiate proceedings which would leave the boundary as planned. It is staff's recommendation to not initiate proceedings, leaving the boundary as planned.

Commissioner Pulkrabek mentioned that Mr. Reibel has asked that the Board delay this matter for a couple of weeks so he could provide additional information, and that would be his preference.

Commissioner Weik stated that Mr. Reibel has talked to her and she suggested that he work through the Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission, would that be an option for residents?

Commissioner Kriesel stated the matter at hand today is whether to proceed with changing the mapping process. He is not sure if the Board should discuss anything beyond that at this point.

Commissioner Peterson stated the Board has listened and read information; staff has looked at it. She finds no compelling reason at this time to change the map that is in front of them.

Commissioner Kriesel stated the Board can have staff look at the permitting process to see if there are efficiencies that could enhance the permitting process.

Commissioner Hegberg suggested that when the Big Marine Park Reserve Master Plan is revisited, Mr. Reibel could present his additional information during that time period.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to not initiate proceedings to amend the Official Map of the Big Marine Park Reserve. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek.

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Brent Reibel, 17751 Lamont Trail North, Marine on St. Croix – Mr. Reibel stated he is concerned about the regulations and rules, and what took place with him, that nobody knows the story yet. There are 10 people involved in the reserve, none of them want to sell and neither do their kids.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that the purchases are from willing sellers, nobody from the county will force somebody to sell their property.

Mr. Reibel stated if he shows the Board that he put a lawsuit against Washington County using government regulations for an inner motive to devalue his property to do an inverse condemnation, would that be good things to show the Board? He and his family and the other 10 owners have gone through eight years of hell. He would like to have the time down the road to show the Board what went on because nobody knows except his family and the other 10 people.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

John Freitag, Senior Environmental Specialist, presented highlights of the 2008 Groundwater Work Plan: completion of the groundwater dependent natural resources management plan for a project in Brown's Creek Watershed District; the methodology will be utilized to cost effectively duplicate the work for other groundwater dependent natural resources throughout the county; significant efforts have been made to incorporate groundwater protection and planning into local government unit comprehensive plans; the county's abandoned well sealing cost share program helped to seal 15 unused wells within the county; the East Metro Water Resource education program has performed significant education within the county; and metro blooms workshops were directed towards residents to help design rain gardens for their homes.

Mr. Freitag presented the 2009 work plan including: the Metropolitan Council will publish a metropolitan area master water supply plan which will include the metropolitan area groundwater flow model. Public Health and Environment activities include: assist with technical information on groundwater for county Land and Water Legacy Program; work internally with Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste staff to develop groundwater education outreach, targeted education to homeowners regarding proper use of fertilizer and pesticide as well as disposal. The 2009 Work Plan also includes work with the various watershed organizations including: the Brown's Creek Biota TMDL to determine groundwater quantity and quality related to the impacts it has on Browns Creek; methods to better understand and protect groundwater dependent natural resources are being developed by Brown's Creek Watershed, Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed, and Rice Creek Watershed Districts; Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed is using data from groundwater and surface water interaction studies to develop draft rules to determine proper location of infiltration devices; South Washington Watershed will continue to monitor member cities infiltration stormwater and how it affects the groundwater resources; and best management practices programs are

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being implemented by the Middle St. Croix WMO, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District and Valley Branch Watershed District.

Mr. Freitag updated the Board on Perfluorochemical (PFC) activities. PFC levels in municipal wells are stable, or slightly decreasing; the Minnesota Department of Health bio-monitoring study has completed collecting and assessing PFC levels from Oakdale, Lake Elmo and Cottage Grove; and clean-up activities continue at former disposal sites.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update on the following items: the Senate took action on eliminating a number of local government mandates including, allowing monthly visits by licensing workers in addition to the social worker for a child placed in foster care; eliminating the Truth-in-Taxation hearing and suspending the publication of the notice; delay in implementing some of the new rules until July 1; and allowing out-of-state placements of mentally ill children under limited circumstances; efforts to eliminate the counties obligation to provide custodial care incarceration for short-term offenders has been moving along.

Mr. Schug noted that last week the County Board took action to oppose Section 6 of the DNR bill that would exempt wildlife management areas from local ordinances. A problem is that the bill has had a couple of hearings already and it is probably a little late to totally get it out. There is a possibility of a compromise particularly around the buffer zones and that it be inside the wildlife management area rather than on private lands outside of it.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee; tomorrow he will attend the Metro Emergency Services Board Finance Committee and will not be attending the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting; he will meet on Thursday with the St. Croix Foundation; and he will meet with the Yellow Ribbon Committee on Friday. He mentioned that West Lakeland had two long-time community activists passed away recently: Raymond Swanson, who served on the Planning Commission for 15 years and the Fair Board and Willie Talberg. He expressed his condolences to both families.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting last week; this weekend there will be a Lions Club Pancake Breakfast on Sunday at the Woodbury Jr. High; she will attend the Counties Transit Improvement Board on Wednesday; on Friday she will visit the Afton Idea Farm; and she will also be attending the Yellow Ribbon Network committee on Friday. The City of Woodbury has shown an interest. She indicated that she did have an extended conversation with Mr. Reibel regarding the

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Big Marine Park Reserve Official Map. She told him she did support not removing the 10 landowners from the map. Twenty-one years ago there was extensive investigation on that land and its unique features. The Metropolitan Council is also involved, and if the county had referred this to the Planning Commission, she believes the county would have to replace any county park lands with comparable land. Because of the unique features she does not know if the county could have done a comparable swap.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he attended, and was the MC, of Congresswoman Michelle Bachman's forum at the Woodbury City Center. He asked last week that the county consider allowing pets in parks and asked that it be discussed at the Parks and Open Space Commission. He suggested having a park or two allow pets on a probationary period to see if that would work. He will be attending the Hennepin County State of the County address. He suggested that Washington County take a look at doing this for next year or the following year, possibly combining it with the League of Local Governments meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Public Employee Retirement Association meeting which discussed bringing in the Minneapolis Retirement Group. The PERA Board opposes that at this time. St. Cloud hosted the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust retreat on Thursday and Friday. They discussed allowing school boards coming into the MCIT. It was the feeling of the board that they would not be interested in expanding and just want to concentrate on counties.

Commissioner Pulkrabek noted that Woodbury will be holding a Prayer Breakfast on May 5 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. He asked if the Board meeting could be pushed back about a half hour to 9:30 for those attending.

Commissioner Kriesel asked Commissioner Hegberg when the City of Forest Lake will be determining whether or not they will join the transit taxing district. Commissioner Hegberg stated the last he heard it would be the 27th, but yesterday he was told the Mayor might not be able to be at that meeting so they might push it back again to the next week.

Commissioner Kriesel stated if the City of Forest Lake chose not to join that taxing district he will push strongly that the bus service be discontinued as soon as possible. Commissioners Peterson and Pulkrabek agreed with that statement.

Commissioner Kriesel asked staff for options if the City of Forest Lake chooses not to join the taxing district as to when the bus service could be canceled.

Commissioner Peterson announced that Kristen Tuenge, Community Corrections Deputy Director, will be retiring on April 30 after 35 years with the county. She wished her well and noted there will be a reception for her on April 30 from 2:00 to 4:00.

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Commissioner Peterson stated she received an invitation to participate in a workshop for the St. Croix River Basin. It will be held on Saturday, April 25 at 9:45 to 11:45. She has asked Diane Davies to attend on her behalf. Commissioner Weik noted she is registered to attend. It will be at the Science Museum.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to consider county participation in the aggregate resource preservation property tax law program. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Bruce Munneke, and Wayne Sandberg.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review the draft Historical Resources and Park and Open Space Chapters of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, John Elholm, Peter Mott, and Jane Harper.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator