

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 21, 2009**

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. RRA Vice 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; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; and David 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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. County Board Vice 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, Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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1. Approval to appoint Mary Beth Johnson, Woodbury, to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to a first term expiring December 31, 2009.
2. Approval of an update to the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan.
3. Approval to authorize the Community Corrections Director to apply for Federal Byrne Grant funds to address domestic violence through the Federal Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
4. Approval of contract with Medica Health Plans, a health maintenance organization for Washington County to provide care coordination services for Medica clients enrolled in the State's Minnesota Senior Care Plus Program.
5. Approval to renew two year agreements with the Cities of Afton and Lake St. Croix Beach to provide individual sewage treatment system inspection services.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-033** as follows:

Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program
Star Trail Association

WHEREAS, the Washington County Star Trail Association has developed a snowmobile trail system in Washington County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that any State Grants in Aid for the described trails be directed to Washington County for disbursal to the Washington County Star Trail Association, and application made therefore by said county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program application and the Minnesota Trail Association Agreement be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the County Board and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon the compliance with all specified requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

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

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to appoint Marisa Novak, Woodbury, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners to a first term expiring December 31, 2011. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**2009 Community Involvement Awards**

Valerie Jones, Community Thread Executive Director, presented the 2009 Community Involvement Awards as follows:

Outstanding Group Volunteer Award – The United Way of Washington County – East, 2008 Board of Directors for the extra effort they made during a very difficult time for the organization. Board members, many of whom had full-time jobs, took on more than part-time roles as volunteers, often coming into the office daily to assist staff.

Outstanding Youth Volunteer – Alexandra Richardson, Woodbury, is recognized for her volunteer work at the Children’s Museum as a Youth Squad Volunteer. She is willing to help with anything and always has a ready smile. She serves on the Youth Council of South Washington County reviewing grants and planning youth activities such as the Daddy/Daughter dance and she also works at the Rainbow Kids Klub as a teen teacher.

Outstanding Volunteer – Marie Bristol, Cottage Grove, started volunteering with Tubman, then the Family Violence Network, 15 years ago answering the crisis line for domestic abuse. She helped raise funds for the organization by speaking to community groups about the importance of supporting the Family Violence Network. She currently organizes a Baby Shower with her church, collecting supplies to donate to Tubman and provides administrative assistance to the agency.

Lifetime Volunteer – Jeannine Hoffbeck, Stillwater, volunteers at the Valley Outreach Food Shelf, Courage Center and her church. She is willing to cover any shift, coordinate between shifts, stock shelves, breaks down large quantity products into smaller packages, and just about any other need that comes up. She volunteers for her church, St. Michaels, through the Council of Catholic Women. She also provides Meals on Wheels and volunteers at the Courage Center working with stroke victims in the aquatics program.

Proclaim April 19 -25, 2009 as National Volunteer Week

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-034** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation - Community Thread
National Volunteer Week
April 19 – April 25, 2009

WHEREAS, the volunteers of Washington County are “Celebrating People in Action,” by working together to help others and support community projects;
and

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WHEREAS, volunteer organizations, such as Community Thread formerly known as Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers, provides vital services in Washington County including volunteer coordination, volunteer service programs, and recognition for volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Community Thread's 1,565 volunteers provided 17,549 hours for a value estimated \$342,381 using the standard \$19.51 per volunteer hour in service to community organizations in the St. Croix Valley during 2008; and

WHEREAS, Washington County citizens have received benefits from the volunteer services of Jeannine Hoffbeck of Stillwater as the Lifetime volunteer; Marie Bristol of Cottage Grove as the Outstanding Adult volunteer; Alexandra Richardson of Woodbury as the Outstanding Youth volunteer; and the United Way of Washington County – East as the Outstanding Group volunteer; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many volunteers who contribute their skills, experience, and time for the benefit of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends Community Thread and its volunteers for their public service since 1967 and hereby proclaims the week of April 19 – April 25, as “National Volunteer Week in Washington County.”

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

County Board Recognition for Committee Volunteers

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-035** as follows;

Resolution of Appreciation
Washington County Board of Commissioners Volunteers
National Volunteer Week
April 19 – 25, 2009

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week offers the opportunity to thank the county's volunteers and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 when President Richard M. Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme “Celebrating People in Action” acknowledges that, by itself, that government cannot solve or direct all of the county's needs without support of citizen volunteers; and

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WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners greatly appreciates the approximately 200 advisory committee volunteers who currently provide their assistance, knowledge, dedication, and service to the County Board and to county departments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many county citizens who effect positive change through their volunteer actions; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends all citizen volunteers for their participation and positive contributions to Washington County.

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Washington County Farm Family of the Year – 2009

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-036** as follows:

Resolution of Congratulations
Maurice and Pat Grogan – Stephen and Mary Ann Grogan
Managers of the Kelley Farms in May Township
Washington County Farm Family of the Year – 2009

WHEREAS, each year a farm family from 70 participating Minnesota counties is honored by the University of Minnesota Extension as a Farm Family of the Year in recognition of their contributions to agriculture and their community; and

WHEREAS, farm families who are nominated by each county have shown their commitment to support agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Farm Family of the Year - 2009 was announced at the Washington County Salute to Agriculture event on April 17, 2009, to recognize the management by Maurice and Pat Grogan and Stephen and Mary Ann Grogan of the Kelley Farms located in May Township; and

WHEREAS, the Grogans moved to the Kelley Farms when Maurice Grogan was hired as manager in 1959 to restore the buildings and prepare the land for use as a cattle ranch which has become a successful business with Stephen Grogan taking over as manager in 1986 when his father retired; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the contributions, innovations, and successes of Maurice and Pat Grogan and Stephen and Mary Ann Grogan for their management of the Kelley Farms; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily congratulates Maurice and Pat Grogan and Stephen and Mary Ann Grogan for being honored as the Washington County Farm Family of the Year - 2009.

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

Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-037** as follows:

Resolution of Support
Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County

WHEREAS, many families support their military service members who are serving in the United States and overseas to protect the values and freedom enjoyed by the citizens of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County has been formed to connect local military family members with citizens and organizations such as cities, townships, schools, churches, community groups, businesses, and government agencies that can provide assistance and support in various forms to family members including spouses and children; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County will build on the existing strengths of organizations already providing support of service personnel and their families by adding to the community support and awareness for helping spouses and children in ways to lessen their burden while a family member is deployed to protect our country; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County encourages communities and citizens to work together to support the active duty troops and their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation, respect, and admiration, the sacrifices of military personnel who are leaving home and their loved ones to serve our nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners fully supports the efforts of the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County to support family members of service personnel during deployments to defend the democratic values of the United States of America.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

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Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented the following legislative update: the Board opposed HF 1238, the Department of Natural Resources bill which proposed exempting from local ordinances a number of activities in Wildlife Management Areas, discussion is taking place with the author of the bill and Natural Resources to look at that section and a hearing was held last evening and again this morning; a bill has been introduced by Representative Diane Loeffler who represents Minneapolis and Hennepin County, which would create a global solution to maintenance of effort and county match requirements, it replaces the individual county maintenance of effort requirements with an absolute percentage of adjusted net tax capacity that would be paid by every county into a pool; Washington County would pay in considerably more than what it is currently paying under maintenance of efforts requirements; the legislature has maintained its commitment for the Statewide Public Safety Communication System; and there are a couple of bills that would raise the tax on alcoholic beverages for a judicial impact fee, and also the dime-a-drink bill that would be used to fund chemical dependency treatment.

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, updated the Board on SF 775 and HF 797 related to the boarding of horses. Both are in tax committees waiting action. The House has put out its Omnibus Tax Bill yesterday and it did not include any language on horse boarding, but he is not sure if amendments were done yesterday or today.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Farm Family of the Year event that he attended last week. He will be attending the Metropolitan Mosquito Control for Commissioner Weik who will be in Washington D.C. and he also has the Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board meeting. This evening he will attend the Historic Courthouse Advisory Committee and the volunteer reception. Last week he attended the Metro Emergency Services Board Finance Committee, but there was no quorum. There was discussion of rolling the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee into one. He attended a workshop between Minnesota Legislators, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Legislators, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding how to restrict truck traffic on the Stillwater Bridge.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Woodbury Lions Club breakfast which had a good turnout of 650 people. Last week she attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) as an alternate. She attended the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Technical Committee which discussed its target capabilities gap analysis for emergency preparedness, a four year workforce training and exercise plan. They are getting ready for testing in mid-June. Last week she toured the Idea Farm in Afton. The ideas are for energy saving techniques including geo-system design to deliver all heating, cooling and domestic water, rain recovery system which would harvest four to eight thousand gallons of rain water each summer month, and siding and exterior trim made with cement. She will be attending the One County, One

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Book event at the Central Park in Woodbury. The Pioneer Press had a nice article discussing Washington County Library Director Pat Conley and how she started the One County, One Book program and started with Considerate Behavior in Libraries. She will be attending the CTIB Fly-in to Washington D.C. She is meeting with former Commissioner Dick Stafford and Mike Hughs who is the Veterans Affairs Director from Globe College to discuss the Yellow Ribbon Network. On Saturday she is attending a workshop at the Science Museum to discuss the St. Croix River Basin, watershed science.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting which discussed the financial model. When the CTIB first started they anticipated \$100,000,000 a year and now that is closer to \$85,000,000. When the Central Corridor project is completed, it will take about 18 months after that before they get the cash back from the Federal government, so cash flow presents difficulties. He attended the Community Action Partnership for Ramsey and Washington Counties which discussed projects and budget items. He advised their Executive Director that somebody from Washington County may be contacting him regarding site based programs as Ramsey County receives some funding for their Extension Services through them. He indicated it wouldn't necessarily have to be 4-H, it could be Family Means or others. He attended the Metro Area Agency on Aging discussing Dial-a-Ride and other transportation issues. Also, Red Cross is discontinuing their volunteer program at the end of this year.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that Representative Dettmer will be looking at getting 4-H funded through the education components.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he attended the Woodbury Lions Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. He will be attending the One County, One Book event this evening.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Weik moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review and comment on the Draft Facilities and Transportation 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,

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Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Ted Schoenecker, Don Theisen, Harley Will, Dan Papin, and Josh Beck.

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Regional Railroad Authority met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Counties Transit Improvement Board financial model. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Ted Schoenecker, Harley Will, and Kathy Aho, Springsted, Inc.

Bill Pulkrabek, Vice Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator

