

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JULY 14, 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, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. 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; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kathy Trombly-Ferrin, Accounting and Finance Supervisor; Tom Westling, Principal Accountant; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Kay McAloney, Human Services Director; Sandy Hahn, Community Corrections Deputy Director; and Yvonne, Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II. 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 9:20 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. 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; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kathy Trombly-Ferrin, Accounting and Finance Supervisor; Tom Westling, Principal Accountant; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Kay McAloney, Human Services Director; Sandy Hahn, Community Corrections Deputy Director; and Yvonne, Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to accept grant funds from the Department of Human Services to fund additional respite care for families of children with a serious emotional disturbance.
2. Approval of the 2009-2010 contract with Five Star Alternative Nursing, a corporate foster care, to provide home and community based services for persons on medical assistance waivers.
3. Approval of comments on the City of Lake Elmo, Lake St. Croix Beach, and Landfall draft comprehensive plans.
4. Approval to accept a donation from Residential Mortgage Group on behalf of Eric Granquist of Mahtomedi, Minnesota in the amount of \$100 for the Sheriff's Office.
5. Approval of contract with Andrew Corporation for expansion of the in-building antenna system in the Courts addition for an 800 MHz radio system and cellular phone coverage.

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

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance, presented the 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). He also presented the County Board the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting for the 2007 CAFR. This marks the 23rd consecutive year that the county has received this award. Only 12 other counties in the State of Minnesota received this award for their 2007 CAFR and only 17% of counties nationally received this award.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-072** as follows:

Proclaiming July 19-25, 2009 as
Probation and Parole Officer Week

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers are an essential part of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers are trained professionals who work in partnership with community agencies and groups; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers intervene with offenders to change behavior; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers provide services, support and protection for victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers advocate community and restorative justice; and

WHEREAS, all Community Corrections staff play a vital role in supporting the work of probation and parole officers; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers provide cost-effective services to the citizens of Washington County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim July 19 – 25, 2009 as:

Probation and Parole Officer Week

and encourages all citizens to honor these probation and parole officers and to recognize their achievements.

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-073** as follows:

Resolution to Define Use of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Funding Opportunities in Washington County

WHEREAS, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009, in response to the deep economic downturn gripping the country and with the intention of spurring the nation's economy toward renewed health, it includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need, and

WHEREAS, Washington County, like states and many other units of local government, will serve as a conduit to use the money appropriated by the bill to reach communities and their residents quickly, and to realize the goals stated in the bill, and

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WHEREAS, Washington County's goal is a transparent process allowing taxpayers to understand what federal funds Washington County has been approved to receive, when we will receive them and how we will use these funds, and

WHEREAS, Washington County is committed to maximizing the economic benefits of the federal stimulus package by quickly identifying and investing in quality projects that can be readily implemented to get the money designated for Washington County into the economy as quickly as possible to create jobs and revitalize the economy, and

WHEREAS, prior to acceptance of the funds, Washington County will assure that any on-going project or operating costs are in the long-term best interests of Washington County residents and taxpayers; and to the greatest extent possible, the county will use these new funds to make innovative investments that will benefit generations to come, while at the same time matching the county's current goals; and

WHEREAS, Washington County will receive some of the ARRA funds through formula grants, which are pre-authorized allocations if Washington County submits an application, as well as competitive grants, which are grants that are awarded on a competitive basis after the submission of an application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County will exercise prudence in applying for formula and competitive grants to assure that such grants will not obligate the county to major expenditures in the future that do not fit with its long term goals; may be used to replace funds that have been lost to budget reductions; are used to do projects and provide services that would otherwise require property tax levy or other local funds; or are applied to programs that will provide a one-time expenditure that will result in long-term efficiencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County will use formula grants to both expand the programs it already funds, and accelerate projects that may have been pushed into the future for lack of current funding.

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

Joint Meeting with the Dakota County Board of Commissioners

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that the Washington and Dakota County Boards of Commissioners will meet jointly next week, July 21, to discuss issues of mutual interest. The meeting will take place in Schaar's Bluff Gathering Center in Hastings at 12:00 noon.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she participated in the Forest Lake parade for the 4th of July celebration. She and Commissioner Peterson will be taping County Insight this afternoon. She will tour the new courts facility today. She will also attend the Parks and Open Space Commission and tour on Thursday.

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Commissioner Kriesel reported on the I-94 Corridor Commission which was more informational. The next meeting will be discussing the commission's mission statement and goals. He will also tour the courts facility today. He will attend the Mental Health Advisory Council this afternoon and will attend the Plat Commission and the Counties Transit Improvement Board tomorrow. On Thursday he will attend the Parks and Open Space Commission and the Yellow Ribbon Committee will meet on Friday to complete the final parts of the action plan.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board meeting which discussed the 2010 budget. The HRA Board asked if the county was going to hold them to the county's increase and he advised them that it would. He attended meetings of the Community Action Partnership with Ramsey and Washington Counties which discussed updating their policies, and the Minnesota County Insurance Trust which discussed personnel and health insurance issues.

Commissioner Peterson reported that she received an e-mail from a citizen indicating that there was a support group for persons with Lyme's Disease. Commissioner Hegberg can be contacted for more information. She reported that Senator Al Franken's staff will be holding meetings in Stillwater on July 22 from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Stillwater City Hall and also in Woodbury on July 22 from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Woodbury City Hall.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Community Services to discuss waiver transportation. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Lowell Johnson, Jean Streetar, Julia Wallis, and Deb Tulloch.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment to discuss the Statewide Health Improvement Program. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Amanda Hollis, Lowell Johnson, Sue Hedlund, Jean Streetar, Stephanie Lenartz, Cathy Machiewicz, Patricia Galligher and Kim Ball.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works for an update on the Counties Transit Improvement Board July 15 meeting agenda items. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, and Andy Gitzlaff.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator