

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 4, 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 Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Hegberg 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; Fred Anderson, Epidemiologist; Jean Streetar, Program Manager; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Mike Polehna, Parks Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; and Yvonne Klinnert, 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 Pulkrabek moved, seconded by Commissioner Weik to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to accept continuing emergency funds in the amount of \$4,000 from the State of Minnesota, Office of Justice Programs for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.
2. Approval for the Department of Public Health and Environment to continue to act in the capacity of Local Primary Agency for the Washington County Interagency Early Intervention Committee and to work together with the fiscal host, ISD 831, Forest Lake Area Schools.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-080** as follows:

Resolution to Quit Claim Excess Lands Outside of
Washington County Highway Right of Way Adjacent to CSAH 15

WHEREAS, as part of the Manning Avenue Reconstruction Project, Washington County acquired lands to reconstruct a short segment of CSAH 15; and

WHEREAS, as part of this project there remains lands, outside of Washington County's Highway Right of Way; and

WHEREAS, Washington County received a request by the adjacent landowner to release this excess land; and

WHEREAS, it has been agreed that Washington County will Quit Claim this excess land to the adjacent landowner for the amount determined by the Washington County Assessor; and

WHEREAS, access to CSAH 15 off of this remainder parcel will be restricted by Washington County.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County Board of Commissioners quit claim the following described lands outside Washington County Highway Right of Way adjacent to CSAH 15 to adjacent land owner:

SEE ATTCHED EXHIBIT A

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that access to CSAH 15 from above described real property shall only be gained by permit from Washington County, said covenant is to run with the land.

EXHIBIT A

The west 75.00 feet of the following described tract:

(Tract)

All that part of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 25, Township 30 North, Range 21 West, Washington County, Minnesota described as follows: Commencing at the SE corner of said NE ¼ of the SE ¼; thence Northerly along the East line of said NE ¼ of the SE ¼, a distance of 291.50 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described; thence continuing Northerly, along said East line of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, a distance of 230.00 feet; thence Westerly, at right angles to said East line of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ a distance of 290.00 feet; thence Southerly, parallel with said East line of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, a distance of 230.00 feet; thence Easterly, at right angles to said East line of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼, a distance of 290.00 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel contains 66,700 square feet 1.531 acres, more or less, and is subject to the right of way of Manning Avenue North (a/k/a County Road No. 15).

- 4. Approval of contract with Braun Intertec for Geotechnical Evaluation Services for the Broadway Avenue Improvement Project in Forest Lake to include reconstruction of CSAH 2, construction of an interchange at CSAH 2 and I-35, and the County Road 83 overpass not to exceed \$97,072.

- 5. Bids were received for a paving project on CSAH 20 in Denmark Township as follows:

McNamara Contracting, Inc.	\$550,961.36
Tower Asphalt, Inc.	\$573,725.34
Asphalt Surface Tech.	\$592,204.48
Hardrives, Inc.	\$604,841.44
Midwest Asphalt Corp.	\$628,277.84
Valley Paving, Inc.	\$636,157.42
Bituminous Roadways	\$673,999.15

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Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-081** as follows:

Bid Award for Paving Project on CSAH 20 in
Denmark Township to McNamara Contracting, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road maintenance construction on county roads, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on July 23, 2009, with McNamara Contracting, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and McNamara Contracting, Inc. 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 specifications requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve a contract with SRF Consulting Group for the completion of a master plan amendment for Big Marine Park Reserve in the amount of \$59,447. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Update on the Novel H1N1 Influenza and Public Health Preparedness

Fred Anderson, Epidemiologist, presented a brief update on public health preparedness and the Novel H1N1 Influenza. He indicated that there have been numerous confirmed and suspected cases of the H1N1 Influenza in the county during the spring and summer, but it appears to be no more severe than a seasonal flu. He noted that influenza viruses are unpredictable and the H1N1 could simply fade away, continue to circulate with no change in severity, or it could mutate to a more virulent form. A vaccine will be available this fall which will require two doses plus the seasonal vaccine. The H1N1 vaccine will be targeted to specific groups: pregnant women; parents of infants less than six months old and household members; health care workers; emergency services personnel; persons between six months and 24 years; and non-elderly adults (25-64) with chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems. Mr. Anderson stated that county employees will be urged to prevent infection among other

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employees by covering their coughs and hand washing, getting the seasonal vaccinations, and to stay home if ill. County staff will be vigilant in prevention and the treatment of any outbreak among jail inmates. Plans are in place for the continuity of critical operations if several employees are out ill.

COMMISSIONERS' AWARD TO CAPTAIN BEN JOHNSON OF THE U.S. ARMY 1ST SPECIAL FORCES GROUP

Commissioner Kriesel presented a Commissioners' award to Captain Ben Johnson of the U.S. Army 1st Special Forces Group. Captain Johnson's Father, Doug Johnson, has been employed with the Washington County Public Work's Department for the past 35 years, and Ben worked for Public Works on its summer road pavement marking crew.

Captain Johnson thanked the Board for this award. He wanted everyone to know that the support of the community is appreciated by him and his fellow soldiers. It builds their morale to know that the will and support are there for them.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, reviewed the Statewide Health Improvement (SHIP) grant. The purpose of the SHIP funding is to reduce tobacco use and exposure and prevent obesity in Minnesota. SHIP is an integral component of an overall health care reform initiative passed during the 2008 Minnesota Legislative session. The statewide grant funding of \$47 million is provided through the Health Care Access Fund.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he would not support this program. He feels this program will not work and it seems like one of those programs where the government knows best and it has to go out and educate the masses. He believes that most people choose their life styles willingly.

Commissioner Weik moved to authorize the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health for the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) grant funding in the amount of \$1.53 million for fiscal year 2010 to 2011. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the National Association of Counties Conference he attended last week in Nashville, Tennessee. He mentioned that the two best workshops he attended were on foreclosure money that will be coming and the other one was about budgeting and how to solicit and gather more input from the public through surveys, forms, web sites, and focus groups. He also had an opportunity to talk to an individual who has a web site called Network of Care and it has a component on veterans and services for them. He will meet with Senator Saltzman tomorrow to discuss county issues.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the rail committee meeting she attended yesterday. The Passenger Rail Forum recommended to the Commissioner of Transportation applications for the ARRA Act of 2009. The high speed rail corridor from Milwaukee, WI to the Twin Cities and the other item they have recommended is the completion of the Union Depot station on the Midwest Rail Initiative. The Minnesota Department of Transportation has requested five projects for the ARRA dollars also. One is improvements to the Duluth port, I-35 bypass, but the project most meaningful to Washington County is \$300 million for the St. Croix River Crossing. That is being recommended by both Wisconsin and Minnesota. Other projects that has been submitted are the 494/169 interchange and the Rochester bypass for freight traffic. A memorandum of understanding has been signed by the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin and the City of Chicago for the implementation of the High Speed Passenger Rail. She thought that was monumental and very positive. All of the cities will be celebrating the annual Night Out event this evening. She encouraged all citizens to participate in getting to know their neighbors. She announced that Cottage Grove will have their 8th Annual Pig Roast on August 14 and the proceeds will go to the Stone Soup Thrift Shop as well as the food shelf and emergency funding for the food shelf.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting. There was a presentation that mentioned that the Elk River RDF Plant that sells its fuel to the Great River Energy Utility is in jeopardy of being closed down because there is a disagreement as to what the tipping fee should be. If that shuts down it will have a dramatic effect on RRT's ability to continue on this market based approach.

Commissioner Weik pointed out that the lack of tons of mixed solid waste from the counties was another reason why the probability of that plant closing is high. There are 60 jobs on the line. RRT is attempting to sell the plant to Great River Energy, but there are a lot of unknowns right now.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he will be attending the Medical Assistance Transportation meeting on August 6 and will not be able to attend the Metro Energy Policy Coalition. Last week he attended the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee. Members of the GEARS committee

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would like a more active role on the Counties Transit Improvement Board, to at least have a seat at the table. He feels that could be accommodated as long as they don't have the vote. He also announced that on August 13, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the Family Readiness Group of the 34th Military Police will hold a spaghetti dinner at the Stillwater VFW for a fund raiser for the MP's that are currently serving in Basra.

Commissioner Weik reported other topics discussed at the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting were the 2010-2011 budget, presentation on anaerobic digestion, and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency intends to study regional solid waste governance and financing in 2010. There was also a technical presentation on engineered solid fuel from municipal solid waste. She attended the Law Library Board meeting yesterday to approve the 2010 budget. She will attend the Medical Assistance Transportation meeting on Thursday, August 6 at Ham Lake. She reported on the Washington County Fair and mentioned that she was invited by the Forest Lake Area Cable Television to be a co-commentator along with Margo Rheinberger.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file including a letter from the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust notifying the county that it will receive a dividend check in the amount of \$362,144 to be deposited for long term liability for post employment health care costs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Weik moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the 2010 public information work plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Nancy Brase, and Wayne Sandberg.

Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:

James R. Schug
County Administrator