

Washington County, Minnesota

Board of Commissioners - Actions

Actions at the Tuesday, September 15, 2009 Board Meeting

This page is a brief view of the actions taken by the Washington County Board of Commissioners. For further information, please telephone 651-430-6001.

Washington County's mission is to provide quality public services in a cost-effective manner through innovation, leadership, and the cooperation of dedicated people.

County will finish up landscaping on Manning Avenue project

The final steps in the Manning Avenue improvement project between Highway 36 and County Road 12 (Myrtle) were taken by the Washington County Board of Commissioners Sept. 15, when a bid for landscaping along the stretch of four-lane highway was accepted.

Fair Nursery bid \$76,000 to finish the landscaping on the project, which widened the thoroughfare, installed stop lights and bike/walking paths.

Funding for the project includes state aid and funds provided by the city of Stillwater.

County plans to use statewide sales tax money for Lake Elmo Park Reserve improvements

Washington County will enter into a grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council to plan and build a Winter Recreation Area in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve, after the Washington Board of Commissioners agreed to such a plan at its meeting Sept. 15.

The county is eligible to receive funds through the newly-adopted 3/8 percent statewide sales tax, levied for programs to promote clean water, outdoor heritage, parks and trails, and cultural resources.

Washington County has received approval through a grant agreement to use up to \$595,000 from the parks and trails fund for a Winter Recreation Area in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve. The project will include facilities for evening use of the park, such as cross-country ski trail lighting, construction of roads and parking lots, and remodeling the existing barn for use as a trailhead. A second grant, in the amount of \$715,000, is anticipated in 2010 to complete the project.

There is no county "match" of funds required to use the grant money.
