

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

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: Commissioner Lisa Weik, District 5
Commissioner Gary Kriesel, District 3
Commissioner Stan Karwoski, District 2
Commissioner Fran Miron, District 1

Also Present: Kevin Corbid, County Administrator
Rick Hodsdon, Assistant County Attorney III
Stephanie Kammerud, Board Clerk

Absent: Commissioner Wayne Johnson, District 4, was traveling for county business.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Weik moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel, to adopt the following Consent Calendar as follows:

- A. Approval of the January 14, 2020, County Board meeting minutes.
- B. Approval to appoint Commissioner Wayne Johnson to serve on the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties Board of Directors, effective April 16, 2020.
- C. Approval of applications for renewal of an On-Sale License, a Sunday Liquor License, and a Consumption and Display Permit for the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp Association, located in May Township.
- D. Approve 2019 Phase II Washington County Strategic Facility Plan and 2018 Washington County Workplace Guidelines.

The motion was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Karwoski, and Miron. Nays, none.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Appointments to the County Canvass Board for the 2020 Presidential Nominating Primary

Property Records and Taxpayer Services Director Jennifer Wagenius requested two county board member appointments to the county canvass board for the statewide 2020 Presidential Nominating Primary. The canvass board is responsible to review vote totals and certify results. The county canvass board consists of the county auditor, the court administrator of the district court, the mayor of the town's most populous municipality, and two members of the county board who are not candidates at the election, or their designees. The Presidential Nominating Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, and the canvass board will meet to certify those results on Friday, March 6th, at noon at the Washington County Government Center. All commissioners are eligible to serve on this canvass board, and Commissioners Kriesel and Karwoski have indicated availability to serve.

Commissioner Weik moved to appoint Commissioner Kriesel and Commissioner Karwoski to the county canvass board for the statewide 2020 Presidential Nominating Primary. Commissioner Miron seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Approve License with Pollinator Friendly Alliance

Commissioner Weik moved to approve License #13233 to Use Real Property within the county park system with Pollinator Friendly Alliance. This license agreement provides land stewardship activities in Pine Point Regional Park, Lake Elmo Park Reserve, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, Big Marine Park Reserve, and Square Lake Park. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Resolution of Appreciation for Barbara Dacy

County Administrator Kevin Corbid announced that Barbara Dacy, Executive Director of the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA), will be leaving the CDA on February 10, 2020, for a new role as Director of the Otter Tail County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Ms. Dacy has lead the CDA for 19 years and has had a tremendously positive impact on the agency and the county. The County Board recognized Ms. Dacy for her outstanding leadership and presented her with a resolution.

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2020-014** as follows:

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING
BARBARA DACY FOR HER 19 YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA) plays a critical role ensuring that the people of Washington County have a good, safe and decent place to call home; and

WHEREAS, the CDA provides assistance to cities and townships through its community development and economic development programs; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Dacy has provided outstanding leadership for the agency for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Dacy has developed strong working relationships with the local communities within Washington County and the staff and elected leadership within the county; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Dacy has overseen a tremendous improvement in the agency's financial position and health; and

WHEREAS, during Dacy's tenure the agency lead the redevelopment of Red Oak Preserve, the investment in the community of Landfall, and the creation of public housing at TrailSide, Picadilly Square, and the Glen at Valley Creek; and

WHEREAS, under Dacy's leadership the agency responded to the foreclosure crisis by creating counseling and education programs, establishing the GROW Fund, and working with Habitat for Humanity and Two Rivers Land Trust on collaborative housing projects; and

WHEREAS, because of the trust built between the county board and the CDA under Dacy, the county worked with the agency to establish an economic development program that is assisting our local cities and townships grow jobs and businesses within the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges and recognizes the outstanding leadership of Barbara Dacy over the last 19 years and wishes her the best of luck in her new position.

Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Karwoski, and Miron. Nays, none.

Other Items

County Administrator Kevin Corbid reported on several other items.

Downs and Associates began working for the county in January as the new federal legislative representatives and has provided its first monthly update. Downs and Associates will be providing a monthly report on the first Monday of each month to be shared with the board at the first Tuesday meeting of each month. The focus in January has been on the Gold Line project and sharing information with the county on the federal appropriations process and opportunities.

The state legislative session begins on February 11, 2020. The county will be getting updates from Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA), Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), and Margaret Vesel and the Larkin Hoffman team and the updates will be shared with the board as well.

Mr. Corbid announced the upcoming schedule for the Public Hearing on the proposal for consideration of transportation sales tax. The board held a workshop on January 14, 2020, on transportation needs in the county and was provided information on the transportation sales tax that is allowed under state law. That same day, the board set a public hearing on February 11, 2020, at the 9:00 a.m. board meeting, to consider changes to the existing quarter cent sales tax. The board requested that staff develop a plan for a number of meetings that will allow for public input on this decision. After opening the public hearing, the Public Works Department will provide a presentation, followed by public comment. Following that public comment, the board would continue the public hearing to the March 17, 2020, board meeting, which would be held in the later afternoon/evening. The Public Works Department will have a presentation, and poster boards displayed similar to an open house to provide more opportunity to share information with the public. The board would continue the public hearing on March 24, 2020, at the 9:00 a.m. meeting. At that meeting, additional public comment could be taken, before closing the public hearing. This schedule will allow a vote to be taken and if approved, the changes to the tax would occur on July 1, 2020.

Mr. Corbid announced a celebration taking place today honoring Joel Loer's 30 years of service with Washington County. Mr. Loer is a contracted Rise worker who provides support work in the Community Services Department. Commissioner Kriesel presented a proclamation recognizing Mr. Loer's 30 years of work with the county and declaring today, February 4, 2020, as Joel Loer Day in Washington County.

Mr. Corbid announced that two staff in the Public Works Department, Wayne Sandberg and Nicki Castro, recently received awards that will be presented to the board at the March 17th meeting.

Mr. Corbid announced that Imran Ali, Assistant County Attorney Division Chief, has been selected by the National District Attorneys Association to serve on the National District Attorney's Association board of advisors for human trafficking. This board will be tasked to initiate best practices for sex trafficking investigations and prosecution as well as being a national resource for the 5,000 Prosecutors in the country.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners reported on meetings and other events that they attended. Please see archived web streaming of the board meeting for full commissioner reports at www.co.washington.mn.us, under “County Board.”

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

No board correspondence was received.

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. The County Board meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOPS – ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session to discuss the Natural Resource System Framework’s draft goals and strategies. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, and Weik. Also present were Kevin Corbid, outside agencies, residents, and county staff.

The Board met in workshop session for an update on county conservation area concept. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, and Weik. Also present were Kevin Corbid, outside agencies, residents, and county staff.

Attest:

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Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

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Fran Miron
County Board Chair