



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 11, 2023**

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 Fran Miron, District 1
Commissioner Stan Karwoski, District 2
Commissioner Gary Kriesel, District 3
Commissioner Karla Bigham, District 4
Commissioner Michelle Clasen, District 5

Also Present: Kevin Corbid, County Administrator
Sue Tice, County Attorney Civil Division Chief
Stephanie Kammerud, Administrative Assistant

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Bigham moved, seconded by Commissioner Miron, to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. Approval to appoint Madeline Kastler, Lake Elmo, to a partial term expiring December 31, 2023, as a District 3 Representative on the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee.
2. Approval of **Resolution No. 2023-028** as follows:

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK
APRIL 10, 2023 – APRIL 14, 2023**

WHEREAS, the week of April 10-14, 2023, has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); and

WHEREAS, Washington County and the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA) work in partnership to administer the CDBG and HOME programs; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County CDA's vision is to foster a vibrant, prosperous, and growing county through extraordinary community development; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County CDA has demonstrated a dedication to the revitalization of neighborhoods and a commitment to create and preserve affordable housing within Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing, public services, infrastructure improvements, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS, the HOME program provides annual funding to local communities to create decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income people; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, Washington County and the CDA have invested over \$7.5 million of CDBG and HOME funds to prevent homelessness, create and preserve affordable housing, fund home improvements for moderate income homeowners, expand food shelf operations, and improve public infrastructure in low income neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Washington County Board of Commissioners, that April 10-14, 2023, is hereby proclaimed as Community Development Week in Washington County and encourages all residents to partake in development activities this week and throughout the year because our vibrant communities provide the foundation for a high quality of life for our residents.

3. Approve an amendment to Metropolitan Council Grant SG-22P1-10-02 to extend the term of the grant agreement to allow for the completion of the grant requirements.
4. Approval of **Resolution No. 2023-029** as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT NO. 1052888
WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1052888 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

- To provide for payment by the State to the County of the State's share of the costs of the landscaping construction and other associated construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 36 from westbound exit ramp at CSAH 15 to westbound entrance ramp at CSAH 15 under State Project No. 8204-84 (TH 36=118).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and County Administrator are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

5. Approve Cooperative Agreement No. 15286 between the City of Newport through its Fire Department and Washington County for storage of the county-owned airboat and trailer.

The motion was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Bigham, Clasen, and Kriesel. Nays, none.

PRESENTATION OF THE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Washington County Board of Commissioners honored employees recognized for exemplary performance in the areas of customer service, diversity/equity/inclusion, employee engagement, innovation, teamwork, and the County Administrator's Excellence in County Government Award.

Throughout 2022, county employees were invited to nominate fellow employees for the service awards and the nominations were reviewed by a panel of employees. There were 38 nominations received. The Personnel Committee of the County Board reviewed the recommendations to present to the board.

Jennifer Ochocki from the Office of Administration, Henok Fanta from Human Resources, and Carroll Davis-Johnson from Public Health & Environment, presented the customer service, diversity/equity/inclusion, employee engagement, innovation, and teamwork awards.

Customer Service Award Recipient

The recipient of the Customer Service Award is Scott Pelzl, from the Public Works Department.

Scott routinely goes the extra mile maintaining the facilities at the Headwaters Service Center, which includes Hardwood Creek Library. While customers and visitors to the buildings may not encounter Scott directly, they benefit directly from his diligent efforts. His services ensure the facilities are clean, attractive, and safe for visitors, and for the county staff who work there.

Staff acknowledge the positive attitude, friendliness, and work ethic Scott brings to each of his duties. He arrives each day filled with energy and approaches his work as a direct reflection of himself. He strives to complete every job perfectly the first time and always has a smile for staff and the public he interacts with. Scott has been going above and beyond, recently covering for one

of his coworkers, who was out for several weeks. Whether it is routine care of the building or cleaning up a hazardous situation created by the public, Scott is there to take care of it.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award Recipient

The recipient of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award is Dawan Propps, from the Human Resources Department.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are quite literally Dawan's everyday work. Dawan moved from a career in Community Corrections to take the role as the county's DEI Coordinator in August 2021. Since that time, he has created and molded the county's DEI program and energized many employees to get involved, remain committed, and build their careers in Washington County.

In his role, he has guided employees to establish six Employee Resource Groups, which foster an inclusive work environment and create a sense of community. He has helped drive forward the work of the Equity Change Teams, which are tasked with creating more equitable service delivery in each department. Additionally, he has coordinated the county's DEI training program.

Through his work, Dawan has displayed outstanding leadership and made tireless efforts in addressing and raising awareness about issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion across the county organization.

Employee Engagement Award Recipients

The recipients of the Employee Engagement Award are Heidi Bischoff and Victoria Wozniak, from the Community Services Department, for their approach to engaging new employees.

Heidi and Victoria created a group, affectionately named the New Kids on the Block, to help new employees in the Children's Division engage with their peers and learn about the work culture, processes, and policies of the division.

With the increase in remote work, fostering connections with new employees is more important than ever. Heidi and Victoria's group meets in-person twice a month and gives new employees the chance to meet each other and learn from other employees in the organization, who share their experience working in the county. The group also affords employees the opportunity to process the emotionally demanding work of child protection services with peers who understand. Employees who have participated in the group say they love the connection it offers and believe it is a great source of support.

Innovation Award Recipient

The recipient of the Innovation Award is Dan MacSwain, from the Public Works Department, for his innovative leadership in the natural resources field within the seven-county metropolitan area.

Dan's work demonstrates that he is constantly in search of solutions that both improve the county's natural resources and benefit the county's residents.

Dan implemented a new bow hunting deer management approach in the county's parks that successfully reduced the deer population, while avoiding park closures that cause service disruptions for the public or lost revenue for the county.

Dan was also behind introducing goats into the parks to control the spread of undesirable plant species. The program reduces habitat management costs and provides educational experiences for visitors.

Dan started a seed harvesting program in the county that collects and utilizes seeds from native plants to restore and plant new prairies. In 2022, the program harvested more than 100 pounds of seed with an estimated value of more than \$12,300.

Teamwork Award Recipients

The recipients of the Teamwork Award are Robin Luger and Nicole Schmitt, from the Community Services Department.

While faced with open staff positions and co-workers out on leave, Robin and Nicole worked together to ensure that the Community Services accounting division never fell behind. In addition to their own duties, Robin and Nicole learned how to perform the duties of other staff roles and have worked extra days and late nights in the office. Thanks to their steadfast efforts, invoices were paid, mail was processed, and deposits were delivered to the Accounting & Finance Department all in a timely manner.

Because of Robin and Nicole's teamwork, work in Community Services continued seamlessly and staff was able to provide the best service possible to clients without interruption. Robin and Nicole truly embody Washington County's mission of providing quality services through the cooperation of dedicated people.

Excellence in County Government Award Recipient

The Excellence in County Government Award is chosen each year by the county administrator to honor an individual or group that has made an outstanding contribution to Washington County.

County Administrator Kevin Corbid was pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's Excellence in County Government Award is Twyla Pennel, Administrative Services Manager from the Department of Public Health & Environment (PHE).

Twyla has worked for Washington County since 1998, with more than 20 of her 25 years in PHE, and throughout that time, Twyla has contributed significantly to a culture that expects and demonstrates excellence.

Twyla's steady, accurate, and dedicated approach to her work allows PHE staff to achieve their potential. She ensures that PHE staff are well informed and consistently have the resources they need to not just do their job, but to do their job in an exceptional way. Twyla consistently goes above and beyond to meet the needs of the public. She patiently and thoughtfully interacts with hundreds of residents with countless public health related needs and requests, and she deftly

connects individuals with the best source of information. Twyla understands the county vision and works to carry out that vision in all parts of her daily work. She truly exemplifies excellence in county government.

Commissioner Bigham moved, seconded by Commissioner Miron, to recess for a reception to celebrate the Employee Recognition Award recipients. The motion was adopted unanimously, and the County Board recessed at 9:20 a.m.

The County Board reconvened at 9:54 a.m.

ACCOUNTING & FINANCE

Resolution to Amend the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery Plan

Community Services Director Jen Castillo presented a resolution to amend Washington County's ARPA project plan, which was adopted by the Washington County Board in August 2021.

Ms. Castillo reported that the Community Services Department is requesting to amend three ARPA projects to meet the needs of the department and Washington County residents. The request includes a decrease to the County Emergency/Transitional Housing Capital Project from \$8,000,000 to \$7,000,000. This decrease will fund an increase in two other projects. The Housing Outreach Team Supervision project will increase by \$150,000 to extend the term of the current FTE to the end of 2024. The Transitional/Emergency housing project will increase by \$850,000 due to the continued need for temporary hotel sheltering. The temporary sheltering project is necessary to stay in place until a permanent solution is developed. The increase will also fund a housing manager position for the county. The housing manager will prioritize and focus on the emergency/transitional housing ARPA projects. This position will allow the Community Services Department to streamline housing and homeless services and increase the coordination across the department. Both the Community Services Department and the Accounting & Finance Department recommend approval of the resolution.

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-030** as follows:

RESOLUTION AMENDING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT RECOVERY PLAN

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, The United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provides fiscal relief funds to State and Local Governments, and other programs areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, ARPA provided \$65.1 billion in direct aid to counties and allocated hundreds of billions of dollars for public health assistance for vulnerable populations, education and housing stabilization, economic recovery assistance and direct assistance for families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is a direct recipient of \$50,975,893.00 under ARPA, of which the full amount of the funding has been received as of June 9, 2022, to address the expenditures and impacts of COVID-19 and to replace revenue shortages related to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, through the certification signed by the County, the county agrees to spend the funds as required in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub L. No. 117-2) and agrees to regularly report its spending as required by the United States Department of the Treasury, and

WHEREAS, county staff reviewed ARPA eligibility and potential spending options with board members individually and in board workshops on April 13, 2021 to overview ARPA funding for local governments, on May 25, 2021 to review ARPA funding guidance, and on July 27, 2021 to discuss ARPA planning, and on July 12, 2022 to update the recovery plan; and

WHEREAS, county staff reviewed the requirements as outlined in ARPA and the Final Rule provided by the United States Department of Treasury (effective on April 1, 2022), as it developed a plan for recommendation to the county board; and

WHEREAS, the county board, by resolution, accepted the ARPA funds and adopted a county project plan on August 24, 2021 and updated the plan on July 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the county board wishes to amend the following ARPA projects: County Emergency/Transitional Housing Capital Project, County Emergency/Transitional Housing Project, and Housing Outreach Team Supervision Project; and

WHEREAS, the county board wishes to decrease the Emergency/Transitional Housing Capital Project from \$8,000,000 to \$7,000,000 with no scope change; and

WHEREAS, the county board wishes to amend the Housing Outreach Team Supervisor project to increase the funding from \$250,000 to \$400,000 and extend the position to the end of 2024; and

WHEREAS the county board wishes to amend the Emergency/Transitional Housing project to increase the funding from \$800,000 to \$1,650,000 for the continued need of temporary hotel sheltering, to provide prepared meals to the shelter residents and fund an FTE position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the changes and directs staff to update the recovery plan accordingly under the following categories authorized in ARPA and the final guidance:

- Revenue Replacement – Provisions of Government Services

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the county administrator or his designee to prepare necessary budget amendments authorizing ARPA expenditures as identified in this resolution.

Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Bigham, Clasen, and Kriesel. Nays, none.

PUBLIC WORKS

Contracts for County State Aid Highway 5 (Owens Street) Improvement Project

Engineer Andrew Giesen presented a construction contract for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 (Owens Street) Improvement Project, and two cooperative agreements with the City of Stillwater. This project is identified in the Capital Improvement Plan as project #RB-2613.

Mr. Giesen reported that the scope of this project includes resurfacing, sidewalk construction and extensions, and curb and gutter reconstruction on CSAH 5 from Olive Street to Sycamore Street.

Mr. Giesen reported that four bids were received, and Valley Paving was selected as the lowest bid. This contract will be funded by Highway State Aid Funds and the City of Stillwater.

In addition to the construction contract, the Public Works Department recommends approval of two cooperative agreements for this project. These agreements include a construction cost agreement and a maintenance agreement with the City of Stillwater. The cost agreement defines design and construction responsibilities and splits costs according to the county cost's participation policy. The maintenance agreement defines maintenance responsibilities and requires the city to maintain its watermain and sanitary sewer, as well as city streets.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Contract No. 15371 for \$3,201,421.80 with Valley Paving for the CSAH 5 Improvement Project. Commissioner Miron seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Cooperative Cost Agreement No. 12833 and Cooperative Maintenance Agreement No. 12834, between the City of Stillwater and Washington County for the CSAH 5 Improvement Project. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

Work Zone Awareness Week

Tim Parkos, Senior Engineer Technician, presented a resolution to recognize April 17-21, 2023, as National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW). NWZAW is an annual spring campaign held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones, and reminding drivers to use extra caution when driving in work zones.

Mr. Parkos reported that April 19 is “Go Orange Day,” which encourages people to wear orange to show support of work zone safety.

Commissioner Bigham moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-031** as follows:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 17-21, 2023 AS WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK TO PROMOTE WORK ZONE AWARENESS AND SAFETY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) partnered with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to create the National Work Zone Awareness Week campaign, held annually in April prior to the construction season in much of the nation; and

WHEREAS, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an event that takes place across the United States, with partnerships between state departments of transportation (DOT), national road safety organizations, government agencies, private companies, and individuals; and

WHEREAS, a safe roadway environment for our employees, residents, and visitors is a critical component of Washington County’s goal of promoting the health, safety, and quality of life of citizens; and

WHEREAS, everyone deserves to get home safely, but excessive speed, driver distraction, fatigue, and impairment on roadways jeopardize the safety of road workers and road users alike; and

WHEREAS, FHWA has designated April 17 through April 21, 2023, as National Work Zone Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the theme for National Work Zone Awareness Week in 2023 is “You play a role in work zone safety. Work with us.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby designates April 17-21, 2023, as Work Zone Awareness Week in Washington County.

Commissioner Clasen seconded the motion, and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Bigham, Clasen, and Kriesel. Nays, none.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Resolution for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Communication Center Division Manager Darlene Pankonie presented a resolution recognizing and honoring the Public Safety Telecommunicators in Washington County during National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week will recognize and celebrate the work of telecommunicators that help save millions of lives each day. These individuals are a critical first contact that citizens have with emergency services. The public safety telecommunicators of the Washington County Emergency Communications Response Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients. Washington County would like to thank and honor the individuals who serve every day as public safety telecommunicators by adopting the resolution.

Commissioner Clasen moved to approve **Resolution No. 2023-032** as follows:

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK
APRIL 9, 2023 – APRIL 15, 2023

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require law enforcement, fire or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our citizens, law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Washington County Emergency Communications Response Center; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are a critical first contact our citizens have with emergency services and are most often considered the community's "first" first responders; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators of the Washington County Emergency Communications Response Center have contributed

substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of April 9, 2023, through April 15, 2023, to be National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Washington County, and extends its appreciation and thanks to these individuals for the vital contribution they make to keep our citizens and public safety responders safe.

Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Bigham, Clasen, and Kriesel. Nays, none.

Marsha Pacolt Award

Sheriff Dan Starry recognized that Emergency Communications Response Center Manager Darlene Pankonie was awarded the Marsha Pacolt Award at the MN 911 PSAP Conference on March 22, 2023. This recognition is awarded at the discretion of the Minnesota Chapter of APCO (Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials)-NENA (National Emergency Number Association) Executive Board and the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association. Ms. Pankonie received this award for her significant and enduring impact on 9-1-1 in the State of Minnesota.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Emergency Declaration Resolutions

Emergency Services Manager Doug Berglund presented two resolutions for approval, declaring a state of emergency for the recent storm and spring flooding.

Commissioner Bigham moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-033** as follows:

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, from March 31 through April 1, the Twin Cities Metropolitan area and Washington County experienced a severe winter storm causing wide-spread damage; and

WHEREAS, many communities throughout the county experienced power outages, where in some cases continued for two days before utility crews could restore all power; and

WHEREAS, in response to extended power outages and temperatures in the region below freezing, an overnight warming shelter was opened and made available to residents; and

WHEREAS, due to ice buildup and high winds, extensive tree damage occurred throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, downed trees and tree limbs impacted roadways and damaged property creating emergency 24-hour response from first responders and public works crews; and

WHEREAS, the scope and volume of debris spread across the county is beyond the capacity for some communities to manage effectively; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Emergency Management advises that due to the number of communities affected, and the need to manage the extreme amount of debris effectively, the county activates our Debris Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, County of Washington, State of Minnesota, declares Washington County in a State of Emergency based on the 2023 Severe Winter Storm stated above, effective April 1, 2023.

Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Bigham, Clasen, and Kriesel. Nays, none.

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-034** as follows:

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has experienced in the last two months record levels of snow pack across the entire state; and

WHEREAS, weather officials have reported water equivalent levels within the snowpack are at above normal levels; and

WHEREAS, the Twin Cities National Weather Service – based on scientific data has warned that under current conditions, major flooding is possible based on melting snow pack impacting rivers, and an increased river level threat exists due to the potential from spring rains; and

WHEREAS, current river levels are either at or forecasted to be at moderate or major flood stage; and

WHEREAS, forecasted rapidly increasing daily high temperatures heightens the risk of a rapid snow melt; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has five cities currently under a state of emergency with several more engaged in costly flood protection measures placing a demand on equipment and personnel resources; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Emergency Management advises that due to the number of communities at risk, the supply of resources to support requests for assistance could reach beyond county assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, County of Washington, State of Minnesota, declares Washington County in a State of Emergency based on the 2023 spring flood conditions stated above, and effective April 11, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is written and supported by the authority provided by Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of Emergency will continue in effect for 30 days, or until such time that emergency response or recovery efforts are no longer required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by approval of this resolution, the county Emergency Operations Plan will be activated.

Commissioner Clasen seconded the motion, and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Bigham, Clasen, and Kriesel. Nays, none.

Legislative Update

County Administrator Kevin Corbid reported that the Minnesota Legislature is currently on break, and there would not be a regular legislative update today.

Mr. Corbid reported that the issue of transportation funding is moving quickly at the Legislature. Mr. Corbid distributed eight potential principles for transportation financing for the board's consideration. The principles are also being considered by the county boards of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, and Scott counties.

- A fair and flexible policy and adequate state transportation funding are necessary to meet the needs of the regional transportation system and to support safety and capacity improvements.
- Road and transit responsibilities should be funded by statewide revenue sources. The "One Minnesota" principle should apply to any new transportation resources.
 - Alternative wording: State funding for roads and transit should be raised from statewide sources. The "One Minnesota" principle should apply to any new transportation resources.

- Any new transportation revenues should be distributed in a more proportional way to where they were generated. This could include county transportation funding formula distributions through the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), proportionate funding to MnDOT for state projects in collar counties, and direct allocations to counties.
- Retain the current distribution of the Leased Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (LMVST).
- Any transportation funds flowing to counties from new state revenues should go directly to counties, not through the Metropolitan Council or the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB).
- The state’s Corridors of Commerce (COC) program should be reformed to rank and fund suburban projects on the same basis of merit and need as those in the rest of the state.
- New transit funding should be used to:
 - Relieve counties of all transit operational and capital maintenance costs, including highway and dedicated guideway bus rapid transit.
 - Improve public safety throughout the transit system
 - Reduce reliance on, or eliminate, the regional transit taxing district levy for capital costs
 - Explore emerging and effective transit options within Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Scott and Washington counties.
- The Legislature should pursue a comprehensive post-pandemic performance study of existing and future transit needs strategies and goals considering current and emerging employment, commuting and technology trends before expanding the system.

Commissioner Karwoski moved to support the principles as presented. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners reported on meetings and other events 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

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Miron moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

The County Board meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOPS WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The board met in workshop session to discuss options to connect County Highway 15 (Manning Avenue/Stillwater Blvd) north and south of MnDOT Trunk Highway 36. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, Bigham, and Clasen. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, outside agencies, media, residents, and county staff.

The board met in workshop session to discuss Washington County's role in providing public-facing electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, and direction to submit an application for a Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant program. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, Bigham, and Clasen. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, and county staff.

Attest:

Kevin Corbid

Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

Gary Kriesel

Gary Kriesel
County Board Chair