

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
JUNE 23, 2020**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES**

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (RRA) met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Miron, Johnson, and Karwoski. RRA Chair Weik presided. Also present were Kevin Corbid, County Administrator; Susan Tice, County Attorney Civil Division Chief Attorney; Alyssa Soderlund, Administrative Assistant; and county staff. Official Proceedings of the Regional Rail 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 9:15 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room.

Present:           Commissioner Lisa Weik, District 5  
                      Commissioner Gary Kriesel, District 3  
                      Commissioner Fran Miron, District 1  
                      Commissioner Wayne Johnson, District 4  
                      Commissioner Stan Karwoski, District 2

Also Present: Kevin Corbid, County Administrator  
                  Susan Tice, County Attorney Civil Division Chief  
                  Alyssa Soderlund, Administrative Assistant

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Karwoski moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

- A. Approval of the June 2, 2020, County Board meeting minutes.
  
- B. Approval of Joint Powers Agreement No. 13468 between the State of Minnesota, Department of Corrections, Facilities Division, and Washington County, by and through the Washington County Attorney's Office for reimbursement of expenses related to

prosecution services for events in state correctional facilities for the period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

- C. Approval of Amendment No. 1, Contract No. 13491, between Simacor and Washington County in the amount of \$52,000 for a total contract amount of \$150,000, and authorize its execution pursuant to Minn. Stat. 373.02.
- D. Approval of Contract No. 13434 in the amount of \$126,000 with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. to provide pre-design services to determine the feasibility of moving ahead with the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 14 Signal Replacement and Trail Construction Project.
- E. Approval of Cooperative Agreement No. 13486 (MnDOT Contract No. 1032936) between the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the City of Oakdale, and Washington County, for the period of signature through perpetuity, for the landscaping on and adjacent to Trunk Highway (TH) 36 at CSAH 13 (previously CSAH 35) Hadley Avenue.
- F. Approval of **Resolution No. 2020-065** as follows:

**AGREEMENT NO. 1032936 WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MnDOT)**

WHEREAS, Washington County will enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1032936 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the State will provide payment 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 Trunk Highway (TH) No. 36 at Hadley Avenue/County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 13 within Washington County under State Project No. 8204-73 (TH 36=118).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair and the Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 1032936", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

- G. Approval of Change Order No. 19 to Contract No. 12333 with Shafer Contracting Company Inc. in the amount of \$234,517.36 for the TH 36 at CSAH 13 (previously CSAH 35) Hadley Avenue Interchange Project (RB-2589).

- H. Approval of the Assent to Proceeding Subsequent to Initial Registration of the adjacent landowner's property along CSAH 38 (Maxwell Avenue) in the City of Newport.

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

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Resolution – Participation in the 2020 State Standard Measurement Program**

Commissioner Karwoski moved to approve **Resolution No. 2020-066** as follows:

#### **PARTICIPATION IN THE 2020 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation in 2010, outlined in MS 6.91; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Local Results and Innovation released a standard set of performance measures for counties that will aid residents, taxpayers, and state, and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties in providing services and measure residents' opinions of those services; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the County Board began its participation in the voluntary standard measures program by adopting resolution #2011-068; and

WHEREAS, a county that elects to participate in the standard measures program for 2020 may be eligible for a reimbursement of \$0.14 per capita in county government aid, not to exceed \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, counties must file a report with the Office of the State Auditor by July 1, 2020, consisting of a declaration adopting and implementing performance measures developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the county has a longstanding commitment to performance measurement and improvement that focuses on outcome goals and performance results going back to the mid-1990s; and

WHEREAS, the county has implemented a local performance measurement system, including the use of measurement and reporting to contribute to planning, budgeting, managing, and evaluating programs and processes; and

WHEREAS, the county is implementing an internal quality improvement plan to provide a framework for countywide quality improvement efforts, which includes setting targets, measuring progress, reporting on progress, and making improvements; and

WHEREAS, the county will report the results of the 11 adopted measures from this program to residents by posting the results on the county's website; and

WHEREAS, the county will continue to communicate the results of its performance measurement and improvement program with residents through the use of public meetings, news releases, an insert in the Staying in Touch countywide newsletter, and an annual report to the County Board and residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopts 11 Model Performance Measures for Counties and authorizes the County Administrator to file the declaration to participate in the 2020 Performance Measurement Program and to file the Performance Measurement Review with the Office of the State Auditor by July 1, 2020.

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

**Resolution – Land and Water Legacy Program Project Contribution and Conservation Easement for Stanton Property in the City of Afton**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve **Resolution No. 2020-067** as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A LAND AND WATER LEGACY CONTRIBUTION FOR PERMANENT PROTECTION OF THE STANTON PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 84C and Minnesota Statutes Sections 373.40 and 394.25, Washington County is authorized to acquire and improve land and interests in land for the purposes of preserving open space, including natural and scenic areas and agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 103A.201, which specifically promotes the protection of wetlands, and Minnesota Statutes Section 103A.202, which specifically declares that it is in the public interest to preserve the wetlands of this state to conserve surface waters, maintain and improve water quality, preserve wildlife habitat, reduce runoff, provide for

floodwater retention, reduce stream sedimentation, contribute to improved subsurface moisture, and enhance the natural beauty of the landscape; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has enacted the Acquisition of Development Rights Ordinance #175 to establish a program for the preservation of open space, parks and public water, commonly referred to as the Land and Water Legacy Program and has established the policies, rules and official controls governing such acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, Washington County issues general obligation bonds to provide long-term stable funding to acquire land and interests in land for conservation purposes pursuant to the passage of the November 2006 Ballot Question: Preservation of Water Quality, Woodlands and Other Natural Areas; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has determined that the subject property referred to as Stanton Property and described later in this resolution, meets the requirements of the Land and Water Legacy Program and that the Washington County Board of Commissioners considers the proposed land to merit protection; and

WHEREAS, Washington County will serve as holder of the conservation easement over the property; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board on June 23, 2020 approved a Land and Water Legacy Program contribution of \$507,500 toward the Stanton land protection project located at 2398 St. Croix Trail South, Afton, MN (Parcel ID: 14.028.20.23.0001); and

WHEREAS, stewardship activities completed will be in accord with a Management Plan approved by the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its Chairperson and Administrator to execute on behalf of the County all documents necessary to make this contribution toward the permanent protection of the Stanton property, legally described as follows:

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROTECTED PROPERTY

The land is described as follows:

The West 30.00 feet of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 28 North, Range 20 West, City of Afton, Washington County, Minnesota, which lies Southerly of Putnam Boulevard South (also known as Afton-Lakeland Road) and which lies Northerly of the following described line:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said West Half of the Northwest Quarter; thence Northerly, along the East line of the said West Half of the Northwest Quarter, a distance of 930.00 feet to the point of beginning of said line to be described; thence Northwesterly to a point on the West line of said West Half of the Northwest Quarter which is 1200.00 feet South from the Northwest corner of said West Half of the Northwest Quarter as measured along said West line of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter and said described line there terminating.

AND

All that part of the West One-Half of the Northwest Quarter (W1/2 of NW1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Twenty-Eight (28), Range Twenty (20), which lies Southerly of the following described line:

Commencing at a point on the East line of said W1/2 of NW1/4 930 feet North from the SE corner of said W1/4 of NW1/4; thence Northwesterly in a straight line to a point on the West line of said W1/2 of NW1/4 and 1,200 feet South from the NW corner of said Section 14; EXCEPT all that part of said West One-Half of the Northwest Quarter (W1/2 of NW1/4) which lies easterly of the westerly right-of-way of the former State Highway No. 95, now known as County State Aid Highway 18, as now located.

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

### **County Service Reopening**

County Administrator Kevin Corbid reported that on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, the county will begin Phase III of reopening. There will no longer be centralized reception at the front doors; instead, reception will occur in individual departments. Most services are still by appointment, and walk-in customers will be served as possible. Libraries will be opened to reduced capacity, and continuing curbside pickup for those most vulnerable or at-risk. License Center operations have been challenging with the volume of customers calling for appointments or walking in for services. Staff have been working very hard to continue to provide services while practicing social distancing requirements.

### **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](http://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 Karwoski moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik, and it was adopted unanimously. The County Board meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

## **BOARD WORKSHOP – PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

The Board met in workshop session to discuss yard waste services in Washington County. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, Johnson, and Weik. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jennifer Wagenius, Jan, Lucke, residents, and county staff.

## **BOARD WORKSHOP – ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session to discuss Land and Water Legacy Program contribution to the City of Belwin-City of Afton-Stanton conservation area park project and conservation easement terms. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, Johnson, and Weik. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jennifer Wagenius, and county staff.

## **BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**

The County Board met as the Board of Appeal and Equalization at 11:33 a.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin J. Corbid".

Kevin Corbid  
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fran Miron".

Fran Miron  
County Board Chair