



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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  
Susan 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 Clasen, to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. Approval of **Resolution No. 2023-100** as follows:

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING KLAYTON ECKLES TO THE  
BROWN'S CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes 103D.311 requires the county board to appoint a member to fill a vacancy in the office of watershed district manager; and

**WHEREAS**, a person appointed a watershed district manager must be a voting resident of the watershed district who is not a public officer of the county, state or federal government, except that a soil and water conservation supervisor may be appointed a watershed district manager; and



**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes 103D.311 also provides the process that must be followed in making appointments of watershed district managers, including the requirement to ensure the appointees to the watershed district are able to fairly represent the various hydrological areas within the watershed district; and

**WHEREAS**, a term is expiring for the position of watershed district manager and the county has undertaken all the necessary steps to make an appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, the county has provided the notice required to the townships and municipalities that are within the watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the county has provided the required published notice; and

**WHEREAS**, no letters of recommendation were submitted by the cities and townships within the watershed district; and

**WHEREAS**, the county has reviewed the residency of the applicant, as well as the residency of the current managers, considered the experience of the applicant to determine if he is able to represent the concerns of the various hydrological areas of watershed district, and reviewed any other material available to determine the ability of the applicant to fairly represent all the hydrological areas of the watershed district; and

**WHEREAS**, the county has determined that by making the following appointment it finds that the managers of the watershed district, including the newly appointed member, fairly represent the various hydrologic areas within the watershed district to the greatest extent possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby reappoints Klayton Eckles to a third term on the Brown's Creek Watershed District, to begin on October 21, 2023, and end on October 21, 2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs that a record of all appointments made be filed with the county auditor of each county affected by the watershed district, the secretary of the board of managers, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

2. Approval to extend 1.0 FTE Special Project Accounting Supervisor/Grant Manager position, until January 2024, in the Accounting and Finance Department.
3. Approval to extend 1.0 FTE Special Project Financial Analyst I, until January 2024, in the Accounting and Finance Department.

4. Approval to submit an application for the Shelter Capital Grant to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) in the amount up to \$10 million.
5. Approval of a Special Project 0.8 FTE Financial Technician II position in the Community Services Accounting Unit.
6. Approval to convert a 67-day position to a 1.0 FTE Special Project Case Aide position, to assist with one-time emergency rental assistance funding.
7. Approval of a Special Project 1.0 FTE Social Worker I/II dedicated to the MN Choices Initial Assessments.
8. Approval of a Special Project 1.0 FTE Eligibility Specialist position, to assist with Medical Assistance applications.
9. Set October 3, 2023, as the date for the public hearing for the proposed revisions to the Washington County Youth Access to Tobacco Ordinance #185.
10. Approval of **Resolution No. 2023-101** as follows:

#### **CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant Program funds conservation projects that restore, enhance, or protect forests, wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife in Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington County Parks stewards over 4,773 acres of land which supports wildlife and recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park contains a matrix of habitats including forest, oak savanna and prairie that require stewardship in order to continue to support an abundance and diversity of wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington County is proposing to submit a grant application to fund a forest restoration project in St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the application request is for \$201,705 for 47 acres of land to be restored and enhanced, and requires a 10% in-kind match which will be provided with existing staff time towards the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes submittal of the application listed above for funding under the 2024 Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program.



11. Approve a Fiscal Year 2023 ReLeaf Community Forestry Grants Program Application.
12. Approval of **Resolution No. 2023-102** as follows:

**REAPPOINTMENT OF SAMUEL D. GIBSON  
AS COUNTY SURVEYOR**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 389.011 allows the office of County Surveyor to be appointed by the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Commissioners appointed Samuel D. Gibson as the County Surveyor to a four-year term effective October 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Gibson is a respected professional and has strong professional relationships with officials from Washington County, Cities, Townships and the private sector; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Gibson has provided leadership as the County Surveyor to further the county vision as “a great place to live, work and play...today and tomorrow”; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Public Works Director to reappoint Samuel Gibson to another four-year term as the Washington County Surveyor, effective October 1, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby reappoint Samuel D. Gibson as the Washington County Surveyor for a four-year term, effective October 1, 2023.

13. Approve Change Orders 3 and 4 to Contract No. 13967 with A-1 Excavating Inc. for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 21 Culvert Project.
14. Approve Contract No. 15838 to Kellington Construction Inc. for \$239,975 for carpentry on the Northern Household Hazardous Waste and Yard Waste project.
15. Approve Contract No. 15827 to Hoffman & McNamara Co. for \$223,310 for landscaping and irrigation on the Northern Household Hazardous Waste and Yard Waste project.

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

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Resolution for 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report**

Washington County Community Development Agency Deputy Executive Director Karly Schoeman presented a resolution to approve the 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This report is submitted annually and reports progress toward meeting CDBG/HOME Annual and Consolidated Plan goals in three areas: funds invested in projects and activities to meet housing and community development needs in Washington County; households and persons assisted; and actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing.

Commissioner Clasen moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-103** as follows:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WASHINGTON COUNTY’S 2022  
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND  
EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT  
PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING  
SUBMISSION OF SUCH GRANT REQUEST TO THE UNITED  
STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Washington County is an Entitlement Community for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington County is entitled to HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding through its participation in the Dakota County HOME Consortium with the cities of Coon Rapids and Woodbury and the counties of Anoka, Dakota and suburban Ramsey; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington County Community Development Agency (the “Agency”) has entered into a Subrecipient Agreement with Washington County to administer and manage the CDBG and HOME programs (collectively, the “Programs”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Programs require the submission of a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (the “CAPER”) every year in accordance with Chapter 91 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAPER requires a fifteen day public notice and public hearing before approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the required public comment period for the CAPER was held from July 28, 2023 through August 22, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency held a public hearing on August 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dakota County HOME Consortium will hold a public hearing on September 26, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAPER must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by September 28, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, that the Washington County 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for the CDBG and HOME programs is approved for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Commissioner Miron 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.

## **LIBRARY**

### **Resolution Proclaiming September 2023 as Library Card Sign-up Month**

Library Director Jacquie Kramer presented a resolution to declare September 2023 as Library Card Sign-Up Month in Washington County. Ms. Kramer reported that this is an annual campaign to celebrate the valuable resources available to anyone with a library card. Ms. Kramer reported that so far this year, the library has seen the highest number of new library card sign-ups since before the COVID-19 pandemic. Library checkouts are also exceeding pre-pandemic levels, with the digital collection having grown 119% since 2019. Ms. Kramer expressed her pride on the excellent work being done by library staff in the libraries and at outreach opportunities throughout the community.

Commissioner Clasen moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-104** as follows:

#### **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH 2023 PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians play a crucial role in the education and development of young people, from storytimes for children to college and career planning for teens; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all backgrounds to engage with one another across cultural, ethnic, generational, and economic lines, strengthening the social fabric of the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries help people of all ages navigate the complexities of life, providing access to research, information, and services that allow everyone to lead more productive and fulfilling lives; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; and

**WHEREAS**, a library card sparks creativity and empowers all people to explore new passions and interests and pursue a path of lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are constantly transforming and expanding services to meet the evolving needs of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a Washington County Library card provides access to a diverse collection of books, databases, and other materials that can be accessed both in person and online.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims September 2023 as Library Card Sign-up Month and encourages everyone to sign up for a library card today.

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.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Resolutions to Approve the Proposed 2024 Budgets and Levies**

Deputy County Administrators Jennifer Wagenius and Jan Lucke presented the 2024 proposed budgets and levies, and countywide mission directed funding allocations and projects. Ms. Wagenius reported that in the past couple months, the board has been reviewing and considering the recommended 2024 budget and its implications, and hearing from each department on challenges and opportunities addressed within this proposal.

Ms. Wagenius stated that Washington County continues to be a fast-growing county, both in terms of population and tax base. That growth drives demand as well as the need for service delivery improvements and enhancements. This proposed budget, and corresponding levy increase, responds to changes in service delivery demands, respects the investments of taxpayers, increases organizational efficiency, and invests in county employees.

Washington County serves the community, and the critical funding for mandated and core function services impacts lives and are embedded within this budget. In the areas of health, wellbeing, and safety of residents and clients, Washington County prosecutes crimes, provides patrol and



dispatch, and probation or community correction services. The county provides public health and safety net services, including food support, health care, environmental programs, employment help, child and adult protection, services for those with disabilities, and economic support for those who are in need. The county also protects people and provides safety through quality roads and infrastructure, including the well-loved parks and libraries. The county provides services that support residents with licensing, birth, death, marriage, and real estate records, property tax collection and elections. Behind the scenes, the county's internal services departments support this work with technology, financial management, and employment support.

Ms. Wagenius reported that the board and employees are committed to quality work and services. That commitment is reflected throughout the organization in strong financial management and responsible use of public resources. For many years, Washington County has maintained a triple A bond rating, which is the highest credit rating available. The county has had the second lowest tax rate in the metropolitan area.

Deputy Administrator Jan Lucke reviewed some of the key factors impacting the 2024 proposed budget. These factors include incorporating legislative outcomes, responding to changes in service delivery demands, increasing organizational efficiency, investing in county employees, and boosting capital investment.

Ms. Lucke reported that many of the changes in the 2024 proposed budget respond to outcomes of the 2023 legislative session, both in funding and service delivery, including nearly \$5.9 million in new, ongoing funding for county operations. Without this new money, the levy would have required an 8.59% increase to meet 2024 operational needs, meaning the new funding from the Legislature offset the proposed levy increase by 4.64%. In addition, the Legislature approved \$6 million in new ongoing capital funding for county transportation projects and \$1.9 million in new ongoing capital funding for county park projects. There is additional new funding from the 2023 Legislature, both ongoing and one-time, that is not included in the 2024 recommended budget.

Ms. Lucke reported on new ways of doing county business in 2024. The Government Center is not well-served by transit, and inmates released from the county jail can struggle with transportation. In 2024, the county will pilot a new rideshare program for inmates being released. Additionally, the proposed budget includes shifting to a digital evidence management system, which requires new software and new staff for the Sheriff's Office and Attorney's Office. The budget proposes to purchase new software to coordinate social media posts across the county's accounts, and new software to manage digital assets, such as photos, videos, and other images to be catalogued and easily retrieved. The budget also includes even-year election expenses and accommodates a Presidential election in 2024, as well as a new communication specialist and a new permanent position for ongoing/year-round election support in the Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department.

Ms. Lucke reported that the budget continues the expansion of the county's diversity, equity, and inclusion work. This year, there is greater emphasis on the county's external facing presence, and a bilingual signage study is proposed, as well as updating audiovisual equipment in the board room to allow for closed captioning, and make the parks equity coordinator a permanent position using new funding from the Legislature. The recommended budget includes adding two new social



workers in the Community Services Department and a contracted multisystemic therapist in the Community Corrections Department to support clients struggling with mental health.

With a 43% forecasted population increase included in the 2040 comprehensive plan, departments strive to keep pace and increase materials, services, and programs accordingly. This year, the recommended budget includes new levy to expand library materials, and new levy to increase staff from part-time to full-time in the Minnesota Extension office to increase programming for master gardener and 4-H programs. Inflationary pressures and additional funding for fuel, salt, fleet, and building materials is also reflected in the budget. It is also anticipated that inflation will be a topic of discussion in labor negotiations this fall.

Ms. Lucke reported that several departments this year requested positions and resources to increase organizational efficiency. Five departments requested additional administrative assistants. In addition, it is recommended to add procurement and grant specialists to the Accounting and Finance Department and the Sheriff's Office. These positions will help support the need for training and staff support, particularly in the ever-changing federal requirements.

Technological investments present a great opportunity to increase efficiency and productivity. The recommended budget includes investing in a virtual private network (VPN) and moving the organization away from Citrix for remote access. The recommended budget includes adding distributed antenna systems at the Cottage Grove Service Center and Public Works North Shop to increase cell phone service within county buildings. The budget includes three additional Information Technology staff, including an audiovisual specialist, a business analyst, and an application specialist to provide direct support to departments.

Ms. Lucke reported on budget recommendations for wages and benefits, and employee development and support. Placeholders are included for wage and benefits that matched last year's settlement pattern, and increased insurance premiums. The maximum premium increase allowed under the current contract with HealthPartners is 9%. The recommended budget includes an increase to the county's tuition reimbursement program from \$200,000 in 2023, to \$250,000 in 2024, to help grow the current talent. The budget also increases funds to recognize employees on key anniversary dates. It is also recommended to add positions to departments that are seeing employee fatigue related to workload, and expanding support for employee mental health. Employees per capita is reflectively flat over time. The addition of 27.2 new positions is recommended; however, with the decrease of expiring special project and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) positions, there is a net increase of 7.9 FTEs. Of the new positions added, approximately \$1.2 million is funded with levy and \$1.3 million is funded with non-levy.

In addition to traditional sources such as state aid, the transportation sales tax and wheelage tax, the budget is carrying \$6.6 million in new transportation capital funding and \$1.9 million in new parks capital funding.

Ms. Lucke reported that levy the that was previously allocated to payments for debt service and payments to Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) has been allocated to one-time capital projects this year as it was not needed for debt or OPEB. Combined, this totals \$4.8 million, of which \$3.9 million is directed to the Central Service Center and \$969,000 to design improvements at the Park

Grove Library. \$850,000 of transmission line tax revenue will be directed to one-time capital projects. Capital investments include \$5.9 million for facilities, \$44.2 million for road and bridge, \$4.8 million for information technology and software, and \$3.7 million for parks.

Ms. Wagenius reported that the 2024 recommended budget includes a 3.95% levy increase, which supports community and employee investments. Land and Water Legacy and Regional Rail levies remain flat. County Program Aid grew by more than 31%. The Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit project, including any debt payment, is entirely funded by transit sales tax. There is no property tax levy being used to fund that project.

Ms. Wagenius reported that running concurrently with the budget process is an opportunity for departments to prioritize one-time funding requests for countywide Mission Directed Budget (MDB) under Policy #2202. The recommended projects have been highlighted during department budget presentations.

Ms. Wagenius reviewed tax impacts. The proposed 3.95% levy increase results in a 7.3% decrease in the county's tax rate, given the more than \$1 billion in new construction within Washington County during the last assessment year, and the appreciation of property throughout the county. The Land and Water Legacy and Regional Rail Authority levies remain consistent with the prior budget. When comparing net levy to new construction in the community, staff continues to see unprecedented levels of new construction value added to the county's tax base with pay 2024 new construction value exceeding \$1 billion for the first time in the county's history. All of these factors result in a county tax bill that would be \$9 higher, per year, under this recommendation, for a median valued home that had a median increase in its value. That increase results in a percentage increase of 1.0%. (Not all residents will experience the same level of increase.) Had the Legislature not increased funding to the county for core operations and services, this budget would have resulted in an annual increase of \$47 per year for that same taxpayer.

County Administrator Kevin Corbid presented the following resolutions, continued on the next page.

## Resolution Adopting the Proposed 2024 Budget for Washington County

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-105** as follows:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY Proposed BUDGET FOR PAYABLE 2024						
OPERATING FUNDS	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY	FUND BALANCE Contrib/(Use)	GROSS LEVY	STATE AID (CPA)	CERTIFIED LEVY
General	\$189,020,300	\$108,499,000	\$128,400	\$80,649,700	\$14,646,000	\$66,003,700
Community Services	\$58,112,100	\$34,673,100	(\$72,500)	\$23,366,500	\$0	\$23,366,500
Library	\$9,917,200	\$590,000	\$0	\$9,327,200	\$0	\$9,327,200
Parks	\$4,568,000	\$2,476,100	\$0	\$2,091,900	\$0	\$2,091,900
Public Works	\$27,809,700	\$18,157,900	\$0	\$9,651,800	\$0	\$9,651,800
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$289,427,300</b>	<b>\$164,396,100</b>	<b>\$55,900</b>	<b>\$125,087,100</b>	<b>\$14,646,000</b>	<b>\$110,441,100</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>						
Capital Parks Projects	\$4,215,900	\$4,215,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Projects - Other	\$4,830,500	\$4,175,400	\$0	\$655,100	\$0	\$655,100
Capital Repairs	\$6,016,900	\$1,250,000	\$0	\$4,766,900	\$0	\$4,766,900
Capital Road & Bridge	\$44,172,800	\$44,022,800	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$59,236,100</b>	<b>\$53,664,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,572,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$5,422,000</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</b>						
Debt Service - General	\$14,153,100	\$0	\$1,487,700	\$15,640,800	\$0	\$15,640,800
Debt Service - Referendum	\$1,193,200	\$0	\$17,900	\$1,211,100	\$0	\$1,211,100
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$15,346,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,505,600</b>	<b>\$16,851,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$16,851,900</b>
<b>Total Proposed 2024 Budget:</b>	<b>\$364,009,700</b>	<b>\$218,060,200</b>	<b>\$1,561,500</b>	<b>\$147,511,000</b>	<b>\$14,796,000</b>	<b>\$132,715,000</b>
<b>Total Washington County Proposed 2024 Levy:</b>				<b>\$147,511,000</b>	<b>\$14,796,000</b>	<b>\$132,715,000</b>

Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted 4-1 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Bigham, and Kriesel. Nay, Commissioner Clasen.



**Resolution Certifying the Proposed Property Tax Levy Payable 2024 for Washington County**

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-106** as follows:

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY PAYABLE 2024**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following proposed tax levy for payable 2024:

**Washington County    \$132,715,000**

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.

**Resolution Certifying the Proposed Property Tax Levy Payable 2024 for the Washington County Regional Rail Authority**

Commissioner Bigham moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-107** as follows:

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR  
THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY  
PAYABLE 2024**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following proposed tax levy for payable 2024:

**Regional Rail Authority    \$660,000**

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.



**Resolution Adopting the Proposed 2024 Budget for the Washington County Regional Rail Authority**

Commissioner Bigham moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-108** as follows:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PAYABLE 2024						
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	EXPENDITURES	OPERATING TRANSFERS AND REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY	FUND BALANCE Contrib/(Use)	GROSS LEVY	STATE AID (CPA)	CERTIFIED LEVY
Regional Rail Authority	\$720,700	\$60,700		\$660,000	\$0	\$660,000
<b>Total Proposed 2023 Budget:</b>	<b>\$720,700</b>	<b>\$60,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$660,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$660,000</b>
<b>Total Washington County Regional Rail Proposed 2024 Levy :</b>				<b>\$660,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$660,000</b>

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.

**Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Property Tax Levy Payable 2024 for the Washington County Community Development Agency**

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-109** as follows:

**RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX  
LEVY FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PAYABLE 2024**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 469.033 subdivision 6, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby consent to the special tax levy of the Washington County Community Development Agency in an amount not to exceed:

**Washington County Community Development Agency \$6,159,334**

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.

## **Approve Final Countywide Mission Directed Funding Allocations and Associated Countywide Projects**

Ms. Wagenius presented the list of recommended Mission Directed Budget pool projects during the budget presentation. They are as follows:

Department	Request	Amount
ADM	Quality Improvement Consultant	\$80,000
ADM	Digital Asset Management Solution	\$34,000
ADM	Social Media Management System	\$20,000
CSD	Social Services Supervisor-Training & Onboarding	\$40,600
CAP	Park Grove Library Design Services	\$531,000
CAP	Secure Virtual Private Network (VPN)	\$200,000
CAP	Board Room Audio Visual Upgrades	\$550,000
ITD	.gov Conversion	\$100,000
PRT	Election Equipment Fund	\$200,000
PWD	Bilingual County Signage Study	\$75,000
PWD	Parks Tree Replacement	\$20,000
SHR	Ride Share	\$100,000

Commissioner Bigham moved to approve final countywide mission directed funding allocations and associated countywide projects. Commissioner Miron seconded the motion, and it was adopted 4-1 as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Bigham, and Kriesel. Nay, Commissioner Clasen.

## **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](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 Miron moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

The County Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The board met in workshop session for an update on stormwater design, housing development, and a new appraisal for Outlot A at Red Rock Crossing/Newport Transit Station. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, and Bigham. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, and Jennifer Wagenius.

Attest:

*Kevin Corbid*

Kevin Corbid  
County Administrator

*Gary Kriesel*

Gary Kriesel  
County Board Chair