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The following actions were taken at the March 5, 2019, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

County Board approves appointments to citizen advisory boards

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a number of appointments to county citizen advisory boards March 5.

The appointments are:

- Kellie Reynolds was appointed as the District 4 representative on the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to serve a partial first term ending Dec. 31, 2019;
- Avis Peters was appointed as the District 3 representative on the University of Minnesota Extension Committee, to serve a partial first term ending Dec. 31, 2021; and
- Robin Anthony was appointed as a business representative on the Workforce Development Board to serve a partial first term ending Dec. 31, 2020.

The county has several citizen advisory boards and commissions. See the county website at www.co.washington.mn.us, and see the note under the FAQs at the bottom of the home page.

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County Board approves liquor license applications for county establishments

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved applications for the renewal of liquor licenses for several establishments in the county March 5.

The applications are for:

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- an off-sale liquor license for CAP Operations, Inc., Point Liquors in Denmark Township;
- an on-sale and Sunday liquor license for Stoneridge Golf Club, Inc., in West Lakeland Township;
- an on-sale license, a Sunday liquor license, and a consumption and display permit for the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp Association in May Township; and
- an on-sale and Sunday liquor license for VR US Holdings, Inc., for Afton Alps Resort in Denmark Township.

Washington County processes all liquor licenses for townships within the county. The county is required by the state to review the Liquor Liability Insurance Certification provided by the applicant. In addition, the Sheriff's Office, Attorney's Office, and the Department of Public Health and Environment complete compliance/verification checks.

All requirements for these applications have been completed, and the appropriate fees were paid by the applicants. The license fees pay for the costs of the county for administration, compliance, and verification checks.

Contact: Steve Gransee, Taxpayer Services & Election Divisions Manager, 651-430-8272

County Board accepts \$40,000 grant from Huelsmann Foundation to improve Historic Courthouse

The Washington County Board of Commissioners accepted a \$40,000 grant from the Huelsmann Foundation March 5 to be used to make improvements at the county's Historic Courthouse.

The Historic Courthouse, completed in 1870, has a variety of repairs needed to maintain the building, as identified by a recent county study. The grant, which will be received over two years, will assist in needed repairs to the doors and windows of the building.

The Historic Courthouse, at the intersection of Pine and Third streets in Stillwater, saw 9,109 visitors in 2018, some of whom went on 779 tours. Space in the building was rented by members of the community 73 times during the year, and was used for a number of public programs. It is also home to two local organizations that rent space in the building.

The county has recently surveyed the condition of the building's roof, bricks and mortar, and windows. Repairs to the building's windows are estimated to cost \$81,975, and window replacement

is estimated at \$260,260. The remainder of the funds needed for the renovations will come from the courthouse's restoration fund.

Contact: Alex McKinney, Parks Manager, 651-430-4364

County Board accepts gift from Afton Apple Orchard for Sheriff's Office

The Washington County Board of Commissioners accepted \$1,443 from Afton Apple Orchard for the County Sheriff's Office, money that was collected during a weekend that showcased local first responders.

The County Board accepted the donation March 5.

During the past three years, Afton Apple Orchard has designated a weekend to donate a portion of its corn maze proceeds to local first responders. In September 2018, the Sheriff's Office was invited to be at Afton Apple Orchard to showcase the Sheriff's Office and engage with the public. Afton Apple Orchard was able to collect \$1,443 for the Washington County Sheriff's Office during the event. The money helps the Sheriff's Office mission to build public relations and give county residents the ability to ask questions, take photos, and have an overall community-building experience.

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