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The following actions were taken at the May 5, 2020, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting via virtual systems, with staff in person at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

Washington County will receive additional funds to assist with homelessness

Washington County will accept an additional \$12,350 to provide services for those experiencing homelessness, after the County Board accepted the money May 5.

The county has already received \$337,329 from the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) to be used for services from July 1, 2019, through Sept. 30, 2021. Following that award, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency provided \$236,130 to be added to the current contract over the same time period.

Now, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency has awarded Washington County an additional \$12,350. The money will be used by the Washington County Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) for direct assistance to those experiencing homelessness.

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Washington County will receive funds to pay for St. Croix Bluffs parkland

The Metropolitan Council will reimburse Washington County for 75% of the cost of purchasing land next to St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park in Denmark Township to add to the park, after the County Board accepted the money May 5.

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The county purchased several parcels of land to be added to the park through its Land and Water Legacy Program for \$2.97 million. The Metropolitan Council will reimburse the Land and Water Legacy Program up to \$2.2 million.

The grant requires the county place standard restrictive covenant agreements on the property.

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Scott Peterson Construction Inc. will repair windows in Historic Courthouse

Scott Peterson Construction Inc. will repair the windows in the Washington County Historic Courthouse, after the County Board approved a \$168,900 contract with the company May 5.

The project will repair poor and failing windows at the Historic Courthouse, planned after a 2018 inspection of the Historic Courthouse roof, exterior walls, windows, and doors.

The facility exterior is on the National Register of Historic Places, so replacing the windows with modern windows is not an option.

A request for quotes to make needed repairs was sent to 13 contractors from the Minnesota Historical Society specialist directory, and Peterson Construction was the only contractor that responded.

The specialized historic restoration work includes removing glass wood stops, scraping off old caulking or sealant, and repairing it. Existing glass will be glazed, and sashes painted; deteriorated sills or trim will be restored, and loose caulking will be removed and re-caulked. The project will also open all operational windows, restoring rotted or deteriorated areas in multiple window sashes, and repair missing or broken ropes before existing hardware is re-installed.

The project has been approved by State Historical Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society, and the Stillwater Heritage Preservation Commission. Funding will come from a state grant and the Historic Courthouse Restoration Fund, which is funded by fund-raising events.

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