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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The following actions were taken at the Oct. 5, 2021, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

### **County Board makes appointment to Mental Health Advisory Committee**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners appointed Karl Olson, Oak Park Heights, to the county's Mental Health Advisory Committee Oct. 5.

Olson will serve as a consumer representative during a partial term expiring Dec. 31, 2023.

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### **Asphalt & Concrete Inc. will repair Forest Lake service center, transit center lots**

Asphalt & Concrete Inc. will repair the asphalt in the Forest Lake service center and transit center parking lots, after the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a \$439,640 contract with the company Oct. 5.

The Forest Lake Service Center parking lot was constructed in 2005 and the Forest Lake Transit Center parking lot was constructed in 2007. Over time, both lots have seen significant wear and tear shown through the cracking of the asphalt and possible subgrade deterioration. In working with Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC on the design of the project, it was determined that the most cost-effective solution to repairing the damaged parking lots is to remove the existing asphalt to the subgrade, make repairs to the subgrade that has deteriorated, and replace the asphalt with new material.

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### **County will continue to distribute emergency rental assistance money**

Washington County will receive an additional \$2 million to provide rental assistance to residents, after the County Board approved an agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

The county could receive an additional \$1 million for the program in the future.

The county has received almost \$8 million for the program since the beginning of this year, and has disbursed all it as of Sept. 23, providing rental and utility assistance to more than 1,200 households.

The additional money will be available through September 2022.

Of those who have received assistance, about half make less than 30% of the median area income; families received 63% of the assistance, and single adults received the remainder.

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### **County Board declares October Cyber Security Awareness Month**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners declared October as Cyber Security Awareness Month in Washington County Oct. 5.

The federal Department of Homeland Security and the National Cyber Security Alliance have sponsored the month of October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month since 2004.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month is designed to educate public and private sector partners with the goal to raise awareness about risks and issues surrounding information security.

The Washington County's Information Technology Department works diligently to ensure the protection of its data systems and information. In 2021, cybersecurity risks continued to be addressed through updated training for employees, advancing threat detection capabilities, and continuous improvement to incident response. Cybersecurity efforts have significantly focused on ensuring the security and integrity of election systems and data.

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### **County Board conducts job performance review of county administrator**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners conducted a job performance review of Kevin Corbid, county administrator, Sept. 28, and provided a public report at its Oct. 5 meeting.

While the content and discussion of performance evaluations are private data on the employee involved, Corbid authorized public comments during the Oct. 5 board meeting.

The comments noted that the board continues to be pleased with Corbid's performance. The board said that the county's response under his leadership to the pandemic and the county's ability to successfully continue to provide services and ensure the safety of customers and employees.

The board noted that during the past year, Corbid was able to build relationships and work collaboratively with many partners, which was key to the county's success.

The board is also pleased with the financial and budget management and the progress that is being made to ensure major projects are completed in the county. The board also said that the progress that is being made related to diversity, equity, and inclusion and stated its support for those efforts. The board pointed out Corbid's communication skills as a strength, as well as his deep knowledge of county issues and the care that he shows for the work that is being done in all county departments.

During the performance discussion, the board discussed goals with Corbid for the coming year.

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