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	10/19/2004		Appt. Dorothy Flynn, Mental Health Advisory Council, 1st term to 12/31/07.	18	291
	10/19/2004		2004-2006 contract w/Comforts of Home Assisted Living.	18	292
	10/19/2004		Amend. CDBG subgrantee agree. w/Two Rivers Community Land Trust for homebuyer initiated program.	18	292
	10/26/2004		CDBG subgrantee agree. w/City of Landfall for the Landfall sidewalk improvement project.	18	298
	10/26/2004		CDBG subgrantee agree. w/City of Woodbury for the city walk project.	18	298
	11/02/2004		Appt. Cindy Evans, Mental Health Advisory Council, 1st term to 12/31/07.	18	303
	11/02/2004		Appt. Bruce Eisenmenger, Adult Mental Health Professional Rep. to the Mental Health Advisory Council, 1st term expiring 12/31/07.	18	303
	11/02/2004		Appt. Alexis Small, Mental Health Advisory Council, 1st term to 12/31/07.	18	303
	11/02/2004		Appt. Kathleen Schwarten, Family Member, Mental Health Advisory Council, 1st term to 12/31/07.	18	304
	11/16/2004		Appt. Linda Eckhardt, Mental Health Professional, to the Mental Health Advisory Council, 1st term to 12/31/07.	18	317
	11/16/2004		Workshop held to review chemical health treatment and detoxification.	18	322
	11/23/2004		CDBG subgrantee agree. w/City of Cottage Grove, Highway 61 corridor project.	18	324
	12/02/2004		Interagency agreement for the WACO Children and Families Council	18	333
	12/21/2004		One-time grant from Dept. of Human Services for Children's Mental Health Services.	18	358
	12/21/2004		2005 Family Means contract for respite care services.	18	358
Financial Services	08/03/2004		Close funds 120, 124 and 316.	18	219
	08/03/2004		Presentation of the audited CAFR for 2003 fiscal year.	18	220
	08/03/2004		CAFR award for 2002 fiscal year.	18	220
HRA	08/17/2004		Appt. Richard Hammero, HRA Board, fill unexpired term to 12/31/06.	18	235
Human Resources	07/27/2004		Banding/grading, Public Information Coordinator II (Webmaster) C42-1.	18	215

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Human Resources	07/27/2004		MCIT dividend check to county in the amount of \$440,000.	18	217
	08/24/2004		Ratify the 2004-2006 Law Enforcement Labor services contract.	18	238
	10/05/2004		Executive session held to discuss negotiation strategy for 2005, 2006 and 2007.	18	283
	10/12/2004		Employee insurance benefits effective 1/1/05.	18	285
	10/12/2004		Amend and reinstate the Flexible Benefits Plan, effective 1/1/05.	18	286
	12/14/2004		Ratify the 2005 meet and confer agreements w/non-union employee groups Confidential Supervisors and Confidential employees.	18	341
	12/14/2004		Ratify the 2005 retiree health insurance for those retirees included in the lawsuit settlement.	18	342
	12/14/2004		Ratify 2005 agreements w/AFSCME and LELS.	18	342
	12/14/2004		Ratify 2005 meet and confer agreements w/Department Heads.	18	342
	12/14/2004	2004-141	2005 salary for county Sheriff.	18	351
	12/14/2004	2004-142	2005 salary for county Attorney.	18	351
	12/14/2004	2004-144	Establishing 2005 Commissioners' salaries and expenses.	18	352
	12/14/2004	2004-143	2005 salary for county Administrator.	18	352
Information Technology	07/06/2004		Sprint leased pay telephone service agree. to have pay phone installed at Point Douglas Beach.	18	200
	07/27/2004		Renew iSeries maintenance for 2004-2005.	18	215
	07/27/2004		Workshop held to review recommendations and findings from the technology strategic planning effort.	18	218
	08/03/2004		Award of bid for purchase, installation, configuration and maintenance of new iSeries 520 Server w/Pinnacle Business Systems, Inc.	18	220
	12/14/2004		Amend software license agree. w/SSA Global Technologies, Inc.	18	342
	12/14/2004		Workshop held to discuss the county website.	18	356
	12/21/2004		Contract and purchase of an enterprise faxing solution for the county network and iSeries server.	18	358
	12/21/2004		Contract w/Midwave to manage I.T.'s technical services.	18	358
Internal Auditor	09/07/2004		County's response to independent auditor's findings and recommendations.	18	247
Legislation	08/10/2004		Funding for public information video on transportation funding issues.	18	224
	08/10/2004		Contract w/John Kaul, legislative liaison services.	18	224
	12/14/2004		Workshop held to discuss the 2005 legislative agenda.	18	356
Library	08/24/2004		MELSA grant for technology enhancements.	18	238
	09/07/2004		Hire .5 FTE Library Clerk.	18	247
	11/16/2004		Additions to fee schedule for the Library Branches to have recording medial available for sale.	18	317
Public Health & Environment	07/06/2004		Agree. w/Forest Lake School District (Interagency Early Intervention Committee Fiscal Host) for early intervention network services.	18	200
	07/13/2004		Endorse the MN Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Plan.	18	206

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Public Health & Environment	08/17/2004	2004-088	Grant from Div. of Traffic Safety, MN Dept. of Public Safety for the safe community coalition project.	18	232
	08/24/2004		Grant from MN Dept. of Public Safety, Div. of Homeland Security, for emergency management performance program.	18	238
	08/24/2004	2004-095	Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Projects 2005 operating budget.	18	242
	08/24/2004		Update on Baytown Special Well Construction Area and recent location of TCE contamination source in Lake Elmo.	18	244
	08/24/2004		Workshop w/Middle St. Croix WMO to discuss the WMO's request for county support of special legislation for taxing district and levy authority.	18	244
	09/14/2004		Purchase vehicle for the Emergency Management Program.	18	254
	09/14/2004		Agree. w/MN Division of Homeland Security, funding for emergency equipment.	18	254
	09/21/2004		4th amend. w/MN Dept. of Health, for public health preparedness and response to bioterrorism grant project.	18	264
	09/21/2004		Agree. w/Community Volunteer Services and Senior Center for volunteer management and development of the WACO Medical Reserve Corps project.	18	265
	09/28/2004	2004-104	Solid waste management tax.	18	269
	09/28/2004	2004-105	Auth. to apply for clean water partnership grant.	18	270
	09/28/2004		Agree. w/City of Hugo, distribution of curbside recycling funds.	18	271
	10/05/2004		2005 fee schedules for the Dept. of PH&E.	18	278
	10/05/2004		Agree. w/City of Afton, 201 collector systems services.	18	279
	10/05/2004		Inter-county Agree. w/Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin & Ramsey counties for reciprocal use of household waste facilities.	18	279
	10/05/2004		Agree. w/City of Mahtomedi, curbside recycling funds.	18	279
	10/12/2004		Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism project agree. w/MN Dept. of Health.	18	286
	10/12/2004		Agree. w/Oakdale, distribution of curbside recycling funds.	18	286
	10/12/2004		Agree. w/Cottage Grove, distribution of curbside recycling funds.	18	286
	10/12/2004		Agree. w/Stillwater, distribution of curbside recycling funds.	18	286
	10/12/2004		Update on flu vaccines.	18	288
	10/19/2004		Agree. w/City of Woodbury for distribution of curbside recycling funds.	18	292
	10/26/2004		Agree. w/City of Forest Lake for distribution of curbside recycling funds.	18	298
	11/02/2004		Workshop held to discuss the 2004-2025 Waste Management Master Plan.	11	306
	11/02/2004		Overview of school-based chemical health services system.	18	305
	11/09/2004	2004-125	Negotiate transfer of all assets from the EMS Radio Communications Board to Regions Hospital.	18	310
	11/09/2004		Comments on the Middle St. Croix WMO Draft Plan approved as modified and will be brought back next week.	18	311
	11/16/2004		Comments to the Middle St. Croix WMO draft Watershed Management Plan.	18	317
	11/23/2004		Agree. w/Heritage Environmental Services, household hazardous waste services.	18	324

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Public Health & Environment	11/23/2004	2004-135	Regional/WACO Waste Management Master Plan.	18	330
	12/14/2004		Agree. w/Lake Elmo, distribution of curbside recycling funds.	18	342
	12/21/2004		Amend joint powers agree. w/State of MN for continuation of recycling services for county offices.	18	358
	12/21/2004		Cities Readiness Initiative grant project agree. w/MN Dept. of Health.	18	358
	12/21/2004	2004-152	Cost recovery for clandestine drug lab clean-up.	18	362
Recorder	07/13/2004		Plat of Wesley's Bay Ridge, Baytown Township.	18	208
	08/10/2004		Plat of Wyldewood Acres, New Scandia Twp.	18	224
	08/17/2004		Plat of Bay Lake Reserve, Baytown Township.	18	231
	08/17/2004		Plat of Loramere, West Lakeland Township.	18	232
	09/07/2004		Res. No. 2004-096, amending the WACO Fee Schedule Policy #1032.	18	247
	09/07/2004		Plat of Red Prairie Acres, Baytown Township.	18	248
	10/19/2004		Plat of Magler Addition in West Lakeland Township.	18	292
	10/26/2004		Plat of Manning Lake Prairie 2nd Addition, May Township.	18	298
	10/26/2004		Plat of Manning Lake Prairie Addition, May Township.	18	298
	07/27/2004		RRA-2004-004, revised Red Rock Corridor joint powers agreement.	18	213
	09/07/2004		Grant contract w/DNR, Division of Enforcement, reimbursement grant for the off highway vehicle enforcement 6/1/04 to 6/30/05	18	248
Regional Rail Authority	09/07/2004		Grant extension, Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention, East Metro Coordinated Narcotics Task Force.	18	248
	09/28/2004		Transfer ownership of K-9 "Storm" to his handler, Sergeant Doug Anschutz.	18	271
	10/26/2004		Amend. agree. w/Aramark FHC Correctional Services, Inc. for food service operation at the LEC.	18	298
	11/23/2004		Snowmobile safety enforcement grant agree. w/MN DNR.	18	324
	12/14/2004		Dispose of 167 used jail blankets by donating them to the Salvation Army, Harbor Light Shelter.	18	342
Societies	12/21/2004		Service agree. w/Motorola, Inc.	18	358
	07/27/2004		Conservation District - Health of Lakes in Washington County, 2003 report.	18	216
	12/14/2004		Operations grant to the WACO Historical Society.	18	343
Transportation-Facilities	07/06/2004	2004-073	Office space lease for the District Courts at Forest Lake.	18	201
	07/06/2004		Ex. Session held to consider a proposed settlement of the Swenberg condemnation lawsuit.	18	203
	07/13/2004	2004-078	Space lease amendment for the Dept. of Economic Security.	18	207
	07/13/2004		Swenberg condemnation settlement agreement.	18	208
	09/28/2004	2004-106	Final payment to Advanced masonry Restoration for Historic Courthouse chimney replacement.	18	271
	10/12/2004		Workshop held for an update on south and north service center projects.	18	290

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Transportation-Facilities	10/19/2004		Contract w/Hollenback & Nelson, Inc., repair of cooling tower wall at the Govt. Center.	18	292
	10/26/2004		Final payment to Comfort Systems, USA, upgrade of automatic logic controls for the energy management system at the LEC.	18	299
	11/02/2004		Workshop held to discuss improvements to Lot A, southwest parking lot, including associated detachment/annexation requests to the City of Oak Park Heights and City of Stillwater.	18	306
	11/16/2004		Update on meeting w/Oak Park Heights re: detachment/annexation of the parking lot expansion area.	18	318
	11/23/2004		Amendment No. 2 to the building custodial and snow removal contract w/Linn Building Maintenance for 2005.	18	325
	11/23/2004	2004-130	Bid award for supply and installation of replacement air conditioning units in the I.T. computer room to Northland Mechanical.	18	325
	11/23/2004		Workshop held to discuss project management for construction of the South Service Center and North Service Center/Library/Transit Center.	18	332
	12/02/2004		Update on public hearing held in Oak Park Heights on county's request for detachment and annexation of property on the south side of the Government Center.	18	335
	12/21/2004	2004-149	Award of contract for 2005 refuse hauling services to multiple bidders.	18	359
	12/21/2004		Contract w/Comfort Systems USA for WebCTRL Migration in building control systems in the heating-ventilating-air conditioning system at the Govt. Center.	18	360
	12/21/2004	2004-150	Reject bids received for window repairs and replacement at the Historic Courthouse and auth. to readvertise.	18	360
	12/21/2004		Update on the status of the application request sent to the City of Oak Park Heights for a detachment of county owned property.	18	368
	07/27/2004	2004-082	Final payment to G & S Roofing, Inc. for reroofing at the county south Maintenance Shop.	18	215
	08/24/2004		Reappt. Richard Damchik, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed to 9/22/07.	18	237
Transportation-General	09/07/2004		Award of contract to Frontier Precision, Inc. for provision of a Trimble 5603 Robotic Total Station.	18	248
	09/07/2004		Quit claim deed for conveyance of fee ownership of Forest Lake Outlet Structure and property from WACO to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District.	18	249
	09/07/2004		Brown's Creek Watershed District appointments: Gail Pundsack, 1st term expires 10/21/07; Connie Taillon, partial term to 10/21/05.	18	250
	09/21/2004		Reappt. Craig Leiser, Brown's Creek Watershed District, 4th term to 10/21/07.	18	263
	10/12/2004		Workshop held with Rice Creek Watershed District to discuss issues associated w/Hardwood Creek/Judicial Ditch #2 in Hugo.	18	290
	10/19/2004		Reappt. Duane Johnson, Valley Branch Watershed District, to 11/13/2007.	18	291
	10/19/2004	2004-118	Award of parks farm land leases for 2005.	18	292
	11/09/2004		Comments on Rice Creek Watershed District Repair Report for Judicial Ditch 2 tabled for two weeks.	18	313
	11/16/2004	2004-127	Support for stream rehabilitation of JD2/Hardwood Creek/Rice Creek Watershed District.	18	320

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Transportation-General	11/23/2004	2004-131	Withdrawing a petition for the repair and maintenance of the Forest Lake Outlet Channel.	18	325
	12/21/2004	2004-148	Bid award for 2005 vehicle and heating/cooling fuel to Kath Bros. Fuel Oil Company.	18	359
Transportation-Parks	07/06/2004		Budget amendment, use of fund balance from 213 (permits), \$9,834, for purchase of two 1-ton trucks.	18	201
	07/13/2004		Auth. to solicit bids to complete the trail repairs on CSAH 12 as addressed in Res. No. 2004-078.	18	208
	07/13/2004	2004-079	Snowmobile stud damage repair grant from the MN DNR.	18	208
	07/27/2004	2004-083	Final payment to Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems, for play structure at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve.	18	216
	07/27/2004		MN Recreation and Park Association Award of Excellence, paved trails in Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park.	18	217
	08/24/2004	2004-093	Acceptance of land acquisition grant to purchase abandon rail line.	18	241
	09/07/2004	2004-097	Bid award for CSAH 12 bike path resurfacing to Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc.	18	249
	09/21/2004		Trail Topper grant, resurfacing work on bike path adjacent to CSAH 12 between Stillwater and Mahtomedi.	18	264
	10/05/2004	2004-113	Award of multiple bids for the sale of and demolition of buildings on county land.	18	279
	10/12/2004		Memorandum of Understanding w/Denmark Township, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park Master Plan amendment.	18	288
	10/12/2004		Appt. Steven Dornfeld, Parks and Open Space, unexpired term to 12/31/06.	18	289
	10/26/2004	2004-121	Purchase of Larson Property for Big Marine Park Reserve.	18	298
	12/14/2004		Grant agree. SG-04-110 w/Met. Council for acquisition 17679 Libson Ave. N., located in the Big Marine Park Reserve.	18	344
	12/14/2004		Land transfer and replacement agreement w/Cottage Grove for Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park land.	18	344
Transportation-Roads	07/06/2004	2004-072	State bridge bonding funding, Hardwood Creek.	18	200
	07/13/2004	2004-075	Agree. w/Woodbury for turn lane and traffic signal construction at CSAH 19 and Hudson Road.	18	206
	07/13/2004	2004-076	Agree. w/Woodbury for city water and sewer provision to the South Maintenance shop.	18	207
	07/13/2004	2004-077	Final payment to Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc. for Hardwood Creek recreation trail resurfacing.	18	207
	07/13/2004		Workshop held to discuss installation of a driver feedback sign on CSAH 18 in the City of Lakeland.	18	211
	08/03/2004		Workshop held for an update on the Valley Creek Road/Century Avenue projects in Woodbury.	18	221
	08/17/2004	2004-089	Acquire Right of Way on CSAH 8.	18	232
	08/17/2004	2004-090	Variance to the policies for cost participation w/Hugo for reconstruction of a section of CSAH 8.	18	233
	08/17/2004	2004-091	Acquire r-o-w and easements for the City of Hugo in vicinity of CSAH 8.	18	234
	08/24/2004	2004-092	No parking zone on CR 55.	18	238
	08/24/2004		Supplemental Agree. No. 5 w/SRF Consulting Group, Inc., Valley Creek Road and Century Avenue S. reconstruction in Woodbury.	18	238

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Transportation-Roads	09/07/2004		Joint meeting w/MnDot, Cities of Stillwater and Oak Park Heights, and County Board to be held on 9/22/04 at Stillwater City Hall.	18	250
	09/14/2004		Supplemental Agree. No. 4 w/TKDA, Inc. for CSAH 14/8 reconstruction project.	18	254
	09/14/2004		Distribute the Environmental Assessment for the Century Avenue/Valley Creek Road Reconstruction Project, Donald Theisen RGU.	18	254
	09/21/2004	2004-103	Transfer of excess municipal funds to regular funds.	18	264
	09/21/2004		Amend. No. 1 to cooperative agree. w/City of Forest Lake, CSAH 2 construction in Forest Lake.	18	265
	09/28/2004		Agree. w/Hugo, CSAH 8 construction cost reimbursement and agree. for transfer of a portion of CSAH 8 to City of Hugo.	18	272
	09/28/2004	2004-107	Auth. execution of I-35 WE coalition Joint Powers Agreement.	18	272
	09/28/2004		Workshop held to discuss the TH 36 St. Croix River Crossing Supplemental draft EIS.	18	276
	10/05/2004	2004-112	Support Alt. B-1, St. Croix River Crossing, auth. letter commenting on the St. Croix River Crossing supplemental EIS.	18	279
	10/05/2004	2004-114	All way stop installation at CSAH 18 and CSAH 20, City of Newport.	18	280
	10/05/2004		Workshop held to review the Twin Cities Regional Transportation Policy Plan comments.	18	283
	10/12/2004	2004-115	Speed study on CSAH 9, City of Grant.	18	286
	10/12/2004	2004-116	CSAH 7 railroad crossing signals and gates, CSAH 7, May Township.	18	287
	10/12/2004	2004-117	All way stop installation at the CSAH 38 and 7th Ave. intersection, City of Newport.	18	287
	10/19/2004		Cooperative agree. w/City of Woodbury for the CSAH 13 reconstruction project, to obtain reimbursement for consultant engineering costs.	18	292
	10/19/2004		Contract w/Howard R. Green Company for final design services for reconstruction of CSAH 13 in Woodbury.	18	292
	10/19/2004		Comments on the Draft Metropolitan 2030 Transportation Policy Plan.	18	294
	10/26/2004	2004-122	All way stop installation at the CSAH 13 and CR 74/65th Street intersection in Cottage Grove.	18	299
	11/16/2004	2004-126	Final payment to Tower Asphalt, Inc., road construction on CSAH 20 in Newport, Woodbury and Cottage Grove.	18	318
	11/16/2004		MN Dept. of Transportation will hold a joint meeting at Oak Park Heights City Council Chambers on 11/30/04 to discuss the cut and cover option for the St. Croix River Crossing and TH 36 project.	18	320
	11/23/2004	2004-132	Negative declaration on the need for an EIS for the CSAH 14/8 project and approval of distribution of record of decision.	18	326
	11/23/2004		Transfer of CR 58 to May Township.	18	326
	12/02/2004		Contract w/Erickson Engineering, bridge replacement design on CSAH 18 over Valley Creek in Afton.	18	333
	12/14/2004	2004-137	Speed study, city of Grant, CSAH 9, between CSAH 12 and CSAH 7.	18	342
	12/14/2004	2004-138	Final payment to Tower Asphalt, Inc. for 2004 bituminous overlay road projects on CSAH 4, 35 and CR 15a and 68.	18	343
	12/14/2004	2004-139	TH 95 detour agree. w/MN DOT.	18	344

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Transportation-Roads	12/14/2004		Supplemental agree. No. 7 w/SRF Consulting Group, Inc., consulting services for reconstruction of Valley Creek Road and Century Ave. S. in Woodbury; and Cooperative agree. for Weir Drive construction cost reimbursement w/Woodbury.	18	344
	12/14/2004		Staff to proceed with one construction season alternative and that the Valley Creek Road be closed between Weir and Woodlane Drives w/no access to I-494.	18	347
Transportation-Surveyor	07/27/2004		Workshop held to discuss FEMA floodplain mapping; land mgmt. activities; and update on 2000 aerial photography and discussion of 2005 color aerial photography.	18	218
	08/03/2004		Set public hearing for 8/24/04, 9:00 a.m., rezoning request.	18	220
	08/17/2004		Workshop held to discuss WACO Development Code amendment.	18	235
	08/24/2004		Public hearing held - rezoning request by Norman Lee Busse, to rezone 20 acre parcel from C, Conservancy to A-4 Agricultural Zoning.	18	239
	08/24/2004		Approve request by Norman Lee Busse to rezone 20 acre parcel. County Attorney to draft a resolution for the next Board meeting reflecting the Board's action.	18	240
	09/14/2004	2004-099	Rezoning request by Norman Lee Busse, Ordinance No. 169.	18	254
	11/23/2004		Set public hearing for 12/14/04, 9:00 a.m. to consider amendment to the WACO Development Code re: ownership and management of open space in open space design subdivisions.	18	325
	12/14/2004		Public hearing held to consider an amendment to the Development Code related to ownership and management of open space.	18	344
	12/14/2004	2004-140	Ord. No. 170, text amendment to Development Code, Chapter Two, Part 3 - Zoning Regulations, Open Space Development Performance Standards Section 4.6 Ownership and Management of Open Space.	18	345
Workforce Center	07/06/2004		Contract w/East Suburban Resources, employment services for MN Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program participants.	18	200
	07/06/2004		Amend. contract #1875 w/East Suburban Resources, training and employment case management services for Dislocated Workers Program through 12/31/04.	18	200
	07/06/2004		Contract w/Community Volunteer Service, unpaid work experience opportunities for participants in the MN Family Investment Program.	18	200
	08/03/2004		2nd Agree. w/Hennepin County Dept. of Training and Employment Assistance, careers in Health Care.	18	219
	08/10/2004		Plan update for 2004.	18	224
	08/17/2004		Reappt. Jack Stoehr and Patty Venburg, Workforce Investment Board, to terms expiring 6/30/06.	18	231
	10/12/2004		Workforce Investment Board update.	18	288
	12/02/2004		Appt. Robert Wagner, WIB, 1st term to 6/30/06.	18	333

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JULY 6, 2004

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Supervisor; Sandy Cullen, Transportation Manager; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Nancy Brase, Administration Services Manager; Rose Peterson, Central Services Manager; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the June 22, 2004 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Ted Dunaski, New Scandia, to the Community Services Advisory Committee representing Developmental Disabilities, to a first term expiring December 31, 2006.
3. Approval of a one to four day temporary on-sale liquor license for the Greeder-Hinds-Comfort Post #323 (VFW) to be used at the Washington County Fair, August 4-8, 2004.
4. Approval of the 2004-2006 contract with Birchwood Arbors LLC to provide assisted living plus services.
5. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Subgrantee agreement with the City of Forest Lake for the senior center project.

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6. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Subgrantee agreement with the City of Stillwater for the Staples Park project.
7. Approval of a contract with Community Volunteer Service to provide unpaid work experience opportunities for participants in the Minnesota Family Investment Program.
8. Approval of third amendment to contract #1875 with East Suburban Resources to provide training and employment case management services for the Dislocated Workers Program through December 31, 2004.
9. Approval of contract with East Suburban Resources to provide employment services for Minnesota Family Investment Program and Diversionary Work Program participants.
10. Approval to accept grant funding from the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$66,000 for the Victim/Witness program.
11. Approval to extend a special project Real Estate Taxpayer Services Technician in the Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections Department through December 31, 2004.
12. Approval of Sprint leased pay telephone service agreement to have a pay phone installed at Point Douglas Beach.
13. Approval for the County Board Chair and the County Administrator to execute an agreement for services between the Interagency Early Intervention Committee Fiscal Host (Forest Lake School District) and the Local Primary Agency (Department of Public Health and Environment) for Early Intervention Network services.
14. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-072** as follows:

State Bridge Bonding Funding
Hardwood Creek

WHEREAS, the County of Washington has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota Transportation Fund for the reconstruction of Washington County Bridge 82J09 over Hardwood Creek; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$59,823.88 by reason of the lowest responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County does hereby affirm that any cost of the bridge in excess of the grant will be appropriated from the funds available to Washington County, and that any

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grant monies appropriated for the bridge but not required, based on the final estimate, shall be returned to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund.

15. Approval of **Resolution No. 2004-073** as follows:

Office Space Lease for the District Courts at Forest Lake

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and City of Forest Lake propose to enter into a space lease agreement for the use of office space and district court purposes within the Forest Lake City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Lake City Council has approved said lease at their regular City Council meeting April 12, 2004; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the use of space by the County for District Court activities within the Forest Lake City Hall be completed through the acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in the aforementioned lease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lease between the County of Washington and the City of Forest Lake be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all lease specifications requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

16. Approval of a budget amendment for the use of fund balance from fund 213 (Permits) in the amount of \$9,834.00 for the purchase of two 1-ton trucks.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve an agreement with Dakota County Receiving Center to provide detoxification services to Washington County. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

METROPOLITAN INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Keith Carlson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Inter-County Association, Bob Vanasek, Claudia Brewington, and John Tuma, MICA Lobbyists, presented a report on the actions of the 2004 State Legislature and the impact on MICA county members. They also presented a preview of the 2005 legislative session.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Help America Vote Act**

Kevin Corbid, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections Director, indicated that proposed rules for the Help America Vote Act will be presented by the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office to the Office of Administrative Hearing. In order to comment on the proposed rules in five working days, he is asking that the Board allow staff to draft comments to the proposed rules and submit them on the county's behalf under the County Administrator's or County Board Chair's signature.

Commissioner Peterson moved to authorize staff to draft comments on the proposed rules for the Help America Vote Act, that the County Administrator sign the comments and that they be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearing by Monday, July 12, 2004. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Voting Delegates for 2004 NACo Conference

Commissioner Stafford moved to appoint Commissioner Dennis C. Hegberg as voting delegate and Commissioner Bill Pulkrabek as alternate for the 2004 National Association of Counties in Maricopa County, Arizona, July 16-20, 2004. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported that the Metropolitan Mosquito Control has spent approximately 80% of its budget by the middle of June. They may need a special meeting to ask for additional funds. They have discovered there is another mosquito in Minnesota that carries the West Nile Virus. This mosquito is difficult to control because they are found in the swamps and wetlands.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board and Resource Recovery Project Budget meeting. He indicated that the Resource Recovery Project Board will be proposing an increase to the environmental tax on garbage.

Commissioner Hegberg suggested that the Citizen Review Panel discuss open adoption regarding grandparent's rights.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he has an insurance trust meeting this week to discuss Washington County's appeal of a worker's comp issue involving training activities that take place in the Sheriff's Department and who is or isn't covered.

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Commissioner Peterson reported that the 911 Board will hold an executive committee meeting next week to discuss new responsibilities and new roles. She also reminded the audience of a garden tour in south Washington County as a fundraiser for the Youth Service Bureau this weekend. The following weekend Family Means will be conducting their garden tour. Both of these organizations provide an enormous amount of service to the county residents. She feels it is important to show support for these organizations by attending.

Commissioner Stafford reported that Jim Schug, Mary McGlothlin, Lowell Johnson and himself met with Congresswoman McCollum for an update on homeland security from the county's perspective. He felt it was a good meeting. They discussed the 800 MHz system and that it would cost \$10 to \$12 million per county to get that going. They suggested a partnership of 50-50 would help to get that going.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

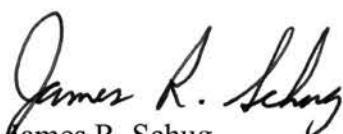
Commissioner Hegberg moved to go into Executive (Closed) Session with the County Attorney and Transportation and Physical Development Department to consider a proposed settlement of the Swenberg condemnation lawsuit. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously, the time being 10:17 a.m. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Doug Johnson, County Attorney, Richard Hodsdon, Assistant County Attorney, Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney, Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development, Douglas K. Johnson, Evergreen Land Services, County Contractor, and Patricia Raddatz, Board Secretary.

The Board reconvened at 10:44 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Attest:


James R. Schug
County Administrator


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

JULY 13, 2004

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Don Wisniewski Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Wayne Sandberg, Transportation Engineer; Marv Erickson, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Supervisor; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Cindy Koosmann, County Recorder; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy County Recorder; Jim Frank, County Sheriff; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-074** as follows:

Denial of Request from the City of Hugo for a County Tax Abatement

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo is in the process of establishing a tax abatement district to provide for the city's share of the right-of-way for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 8 reconstruction project in addition to requesting a variance to the county's right-of-way cost sharing policy as it relates to CASH 8; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County abatement policy outlines several criteria that must be met to grant an abatement; and

WHEREAS, based on the information provided to date, it does not appear that the request for tax abatement would meet the criteria in the policy; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County will consider the City of Hugo's request for a right-of-way variance when the acquisition cost information is available later this fall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Hugo's request for tax abatement is denied.

2. Approval to accept \$1,790 in Children's Justice Act grant funds from the Department of Human Services.
3. Approval of 2004 contract with Rule 36 Limited Partnership of Duluth III for residential services at Hamilton House in Lake Elmo.
4. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Subgrantee agreement with Two Rivers Community Land Trust for the homebuyer initiated program.
5. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Subgrantee agreement with the City of Stillwater for the North Hill improvement project.
6. Approval to authorize an increase in FTE for Associate Planner from .5 to .8 FTE in the Administration Department.
7. Approval for the Department of Public Health and Environment to endorse the Minnesota Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Plan.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-075** as follows:

Cooperative Construction Agreement with the City of Woodbury
for Turn Lane and Traffic Signal Modifications and Construction
at CSAH 19 (Woodbury Drive) and Hudson Road

WHEREAS, the county and City of Woodbury desire to complete turn lane construction and traffic signal modifications at CSAH 19 (Woodbury Drive) and Hudson road; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative effort between the county and city is the most appropriate method to facilitate the construction; and

WHEREAS, the attached cooperative construction agreement for the completion of the construction provides the means for the county and city to cooperate in this construction activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the cooperative agreement between the county and City of Woodbury to facilitate the turn lane construction and traffic signal modifications and complete said agreement by the signatures of the County Board Chair and County Administrator.

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9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-076** as follows:

Cooperative Agreement with the City of Woodbury for
City Water and Sewer Provision to the South Maintenance Shop

WHEREAS, the county and City of Woodbury desire to complete construction activities to provide city water and sewer for the Transportation and Physical Development's South Maintenance Shop in Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative effort between the county and city is the most appropriate method to facilitate the construction; and

WHEREAS, the attached cooperative construction agreement for the completion of the construction provides the means for the county and city to cooperate in this construction activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the cooperative agreement between the county and City of Woodbury to facilitate the provision of city water and sewer to the county South Maintenance Shop and complete said agreement by the signatures of the County Board Chair and County Administrator.

10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-077** as follows:

Final Payment to Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc. for
Hardwood Creek Recreation Trail Resurfacing

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on December 23, 2003, approved the contract to Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc. and executed the contract for the resurfacing installation on Hardwood Creek Trail; and

WHEREAS, Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc. be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-078** as follows:

Space Lease Amendment for the
Department of Economic Security

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and the State of Minnesota entered into a space lease agreement numbered 9838 on January 22, 1992 for the use of office space; and

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WHEREAS, the County of Washington and the State of Minnesota wish to continue the space use arrangement facilitated by Amendment No. 6 that will continue the original lease for an additional two year period.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the continued use of space by the State of Minnesota be continued through the acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in Amendment No. 6; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lease amendment between the County of Washington and State of Minnesota be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all lease specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's Office.

12. Approval of the Swenberg Condemnation settlement agreement.
13. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-079** as follows:

Acceptance of a Snowmobile Stud Damage Repair Grant
From the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has grant funds available for fixing trails damaged by snowmobiles with studded tracks; and

WHEREAS, the separated trail adjacent to CSAH 12 was damaged by snowmobiles with studded tracks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County agrees to accept a grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$55,000, and that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure that all aspects of the proposed project will be completed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Parks Division of the Transportation and Physical Development Department be authorized to advertise for bids to complete the trail resurfacing project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John Elholm, Senior Planner – Parks, is hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement as necessary to implement the project on behalf of Washington County.

Approval for the Parks Division to solicit bids to complete the trail repairs on CSAH 12 as addressed in Resolution No. 2004-078.

14. Approval of the Plat of Wesley's Bay Ridge, Baytown Township.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-080** as follows:

Probation and Parole Officers Week

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers are an essential part of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safeguarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers are trained professionals who work in partnership with community agencies and groups; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers promote prevention, intervention, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers provide services, support, and protection for victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation officers advocate community and restorative justice; and

WHEREAS, all Community Corrections staff play a vital role in supporting the work of probation and parole officers; and

WHEREAS, Washington County probation and parole officers provide a cost-effective service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim July 19 - 23, 2004, as "Probation and Parole Officer Week" and encourages all citizens to honor these probation and parole officers and to recognize their achievements.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Purchase of Development Rights for Two Stillwater Township Parcels**

John Bower, Carnelian-Marine Watershed District, presented a proposal to use county funds for the Purchase of Development Rights Program to match local and landowner funds to acquire a conservation easement over the Curtis parcel (2 acres) and a large portion of the Kaye property (8-10 acres) in Stillwater

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Township. The financing plan includes funds from adjacent landowners, Stillwater Township, Carnelian-Marine Watershed District and Washington County.

(Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting)

Commissioner Kriesel moved to authorize \$50,000 from the county's Purchase of Development Rights Program to acquire a conservation easement of open space over the Curtis parcel and a portion of the Kaye property in Stillwater Township contingent upon County Board approval of wording in the conservation easement documents; and authorize that Washington County and the Carnelian-Marine Watershed District co-hold the conservation easement over said parcels. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Help America Vote Act

Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections, reviewed the county's comments to the Office of Administrative Hearings regarding proposed rules the Secretary of State's Office is considering. Some of the comments addressed rules that restrict the use of application cards to the official card approved by the Secretary of State's Office; and restriction to a voter's ability to file a complaint. Other comments addressed technical administrative changes.

July 20, 2004 Board Meeting

James Schug, County Administrator, advised the Board that Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek will be attending the Annual National Association of Counties Conference next week. Given the fact that there will only be three Commissioners, he asked if there was any interest in canceling next week's Board meeting? No time sensitive items are scheduled for next week.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to cancel the July 20, 2004 County Board meeting. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

MCIT Meeting Update

Mr. Schug reported on a meeting held last week with the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust to discuss the workers compensation coverage for volunteers in law enforcement who are in training. MCIT staff will further analyze the issue and report back to the MCIT Board in August. Mr. Schug announced that county staff did purchase an interim protection policy for volunteers as a stopgap measure.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

(Commissioner Pulkrabek returned)

Commissioner Peterson reported on the AMC Transportation meeting. A consensus was reached. They would support an increase in the gas tax; They would maintain the integrity of the existing CSAH formula and the new money would be divided differently; and that there would be a stable funding source for transit. The out state Commissioners would support metropolitan counties raising their sales tax ½ cent for transportation. This group will meet twice in August.

Commissioner Stafford stated that the Metropolitan Radio Board and the Metropolitan 911 Board are considering the possibility of merging their two groups. These are very preliminary discussions.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE


Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to discuss installation of a driver feedback sign on CSAH 18 in the City of Lakeland. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were James Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Wisniewski, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Adam Bruening, Jack Simonson, 3M, Earl Hookman, 3M, Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin and Mary Divine, Pioneer Press.

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JULY 27, 2004**

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Mike Rogers, RRA Planner, Jim Luger, Parks Director; Mike Polehna, Parks Manager; John Elholm, Parks Planner; Konrad Koosmann, Washington Conservation District Manager; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; Barbara Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Jim Frank, County Sheriff; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Cindy Koosmann, County Recorder; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:20 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Mike Rogers, RRA Planner, Jim Luger, Parks Director; Mike Polehna, Parks Manager; John Elholm, Parks Planner; Konrad Koosmann, Washington Conservation District Manager; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; Barbara Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Jim Frank, County Sheriff; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Cindy Koosmann, County Recorder; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

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1. Approval of the July 6 and 13, 2004 Board Meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the following Proclamation:

Washington County Proclamation
"Dog Days of August"

WHEREAS, The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club was founded in 1969 by a group of individuals who committed their time and effort to achieve approval from the American Kennel Club (AKC) to conduct All-Breed Dog Shows and Obedience Trials. In 1995, the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club became a member of the American Kennel Club; and

WHEREAS, The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club conducted early shows in gymnasiums, auditoriums, and tented outdoor show sites. The Club formed a long-term relationship with the Washington County Agricultural Society and now conducts its shows at the Washington County Fairgrounds in two pavilion-type structures. The Club's well-maintained grassy outside show rings are the only dedicated dog show facility in the five-state area; and

WHEREAS, The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club strives to be forward thinking and innovative. In August 1994, the Club offered one of the very first licensed AKC Agility Trials in the United States, as well as demonstrations in Lure Coursing; and

WHEREAS, The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization and is continually expanding its educational efforts. Since 1989, the Club has featured an Information Booth at its shows and has provided a variety of dog education publications at no charge; and

WHEREAS, The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club has actively supported the Washington County 4-H Dog Project for more than 20 years, with many of its members serving as trainers for the students. Each year, approximately 100 boys and girls, ages 9-19, take part in the program, and participants regularly reach the 4-H State Final Competition; and

WHEREAS, The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club invites the public to attend the St. Croix Valley Dog Shows in August at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. Nearly 3,000 dogs from the United States and Canada attended last year's event and competed in conformation, obedience, and agility. Admission and parking are free, and families will have the opportunity to see approximately 150 breeds and talk with the owners. Information about the show is available on the club's web site at www.scvkc.org;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily congratulates the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club on its accomplishments and declares August as the "Dog Days of August" in Washington County.

3. Approval of abatements on Trucking Properties parcel 36.028.22.22.0037 in the amount of \$14,462.00.

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4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-081** as follows:

Approving the Sale of the Following Tax-Forfeited Parcel
to the City of Cottage Grove for a Public Purpose

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale parcel 18.027.21.14.0001, which has forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the parcel is classified as non-conservation, and the classification and sale has been approved by the Department of Natural Resources and the City of Cottage Grove; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove has made the proper application for acquiring this piece of land for a public purpose, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby determines the value of parcel 18.027.21.14.0001 is \$200.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the sale of parcel 18.027.21.14.0001 to the City of Cottage Grove for the public purpose described in their application: Redevelopment of Senior Housing Units.

5. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Subgrantee agreement with Two Rivers Community Land Trust for the Community Initiated Program.
6. Approval to accept continuing emergency funds from the State of Minnesota, Office of Justice Programs for the Victim/Witness Program.
7. Approval of banding/grading recommendations of the Comparable Worth Committee for Public Information Coordinator II (Webmaster) C42-1.
8. Approval to renew contract with James R. Schug for County Administrator.
9. Approval to renew iSeries maintenance for 2004-2005.
10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-082** as follows:

Final Payment to G & S Roofing, Inc. for
Reroofing at the County South Maintenance Shop

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners on December 16, 2003 approved a bid award to G & S Roofing, Inc. for reroofing work at the county south road maintenance shop; and

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WHEREAS, G & S Roofing, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all the work involved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that G & S Roofing, Inc. be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-083** as follows:

Final Payment to Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems for
Play Structure at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners on April 1, 2003 approved a bid award to Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems for the design, provision and installation of a new play structure in the "Destination" area of the Lake Elmo Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems has satisfactorily completed all the work involved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Health of Lakes in Washington County – 2003 Report

Bob Fossum, Water Resource Planner, Washington Conservation District, presented a report on the health of Washington County lakes. There are over 400 DNR protected lakes and wetlands in Washington County and about 210 are greater than 100 acres. Forty-seven lakes were monitored in 2003. The lakes are graded from A, which is very clear water, little algae to D and F, where there is significant algal production and recreation is impossible during summer. Seventeen lakes were graded A or B from clear to some algal production; Twenty-one lakes were graded C with periodic algal blooms inhibiting clarity and recreation; and Nine lakes were graded D and F. Mr. Fossum indicated that there are many high quality and high use lakes in Washington County.

Commissioner Stafford asked that at some future date a more comprehensive workshop be held on the impaired lakes in Washington County.

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TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Steve Benoit, Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, presented the Board with the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association Award of Excellence for the partnerships involved in developing new paved trails in Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park. The partnerships included the Metropolitan Council and 3M.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, asked the Board to reserve the date of September 29, 2004 for the League of Local Governments meeting at the Prom Center in Oakdale. He reported that Debbie Pierce, Special Agent in Charge of the Minnesota FBI will be the presenter and will discuss local issues associated with anti-terrorism and homeland security.

Mr. Schug advised the Board that the county will receive a dividend from the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust in the amount of \$440,000. That money will be used for funding long-term retiree health insurance.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported that the mayors from Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Lake St. Croix Beach, St. Mary's Point and Afton met last week and held a long-term visioning session. He thanked Wayne Sandberg, Rich Malloy and Mary Farmer-Kubler for attending that meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the NACo Conference held in Phoenix last week. He attended a subcommittee meeting on the environment which discussed new technology to handle garbage by converting it to natural gas. Costs for this system were not available. He also attended a meeting where the Mayor from Akron Ohio indicated they have changed the names of three schools to Community Learning Centers to incorporate more coordination between the cities, school districts and counties. He also reported on the Resource Recovery meeting he attended last week. The budget was passed and will be coming to the County Board. It appears the county will not be raising the environmental service charge.

Commissioner Peterson reported on a phone call she received from a resident in Newport responding to an article on Oak Park Heights and the environmental service charge on garbage. The caller was hostile when she first called, but thanked Commissioner Peterson after it was explained why the garbage tax was taken off the tax roll and placed on those who used it. She suggested it might be helpful to run another article on that subject in the Commissioners Newsletter. Also, give hints about recycling.

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

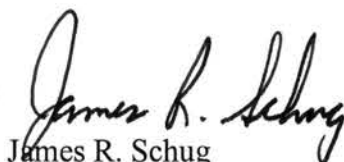
The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Information Technology for a presentation of recommendations and findings from the technology strategic planning effort. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Mary McCarthy and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development, Survey/Land Management, to discuss the following items: Review of FEMA floodplain mapping project; review land management activities; and update on 2000 aerial photography and discussion of funding for acquisition of 2005 color aerial photography. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Wisniewski, Mike Welling, John Baer, Craig Hinzman, Chris Neperud, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Dennis O'Donnell, Linda Krafthefer, Kevin Corbid and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest:


James R. Schug
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 3, 2004**

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Edison Vizuete, Financial Services Director; Kathy Trombly-Ferrin, Supervisor; Melinda Kirk, Accounting Supervisor; Geri Olson, Accountant II; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Sandy Cullen, Transportation Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Cindy Koosmann, County Recorder; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Carmen Wells, 3389 Oxford Bay, Woodbury, spoke about the court system. She was given a ticket for failing to stop at a stop sign and she feels she was innocent. The incident happened in Cottage Grove. She feels the process is flawed and there is no recourse for an honest person. County Attorney Doug Johnson indicated this was a city matter, the county had no authority, but would talk to Ms. Wells to explain the process.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of a two-year \$30,000 demonstration grant from the National Center for Civic Innovation to secure citizen participation in improving Washington County's existing performance measurement activities.
2. Approval of the second amendment to an agreement with Hennepin County Department of Training and Employment Assistance to provide job preparation and training services for incumbent workers, underemployed and unemployed persons seeking careers in Health Care through an H1-B grant which began July 1, 2002 through March 31, 2005.
3. Approval to close Fund 120, Use of State Institutions, Fund 124, Community Circles, and Fund 316, LEC Capital Lease Bonds.

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4. Approval to award a bid for the purchase, installation, configuration and maintenance of a new iSeries 520 Server in the amount of \$71,779.45 with Pinnacle Business Systems, Inc.
5. Approval to set a public hearing for August 24, 2004 to consider an application to rezone a 20-acre parcel of property from C, Conservancy District to A-4, Agricultural District in Stillwater Township.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Presentation of the CAFR Award for 2002

Edison Vizuite, Financial Services Director, presented the Board with its 18th consecutive Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2002. This CAFR was the first year of the implementation of GASB (Generally Accepted Accounting Board) Principle Number 34.

Presentation of the Audited CAFR for 2003

Mr. Vizuite presented the County Board with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2003. This was the first year the county was audited by a private CPA firm instead of the Office of the State Auditor. The Auditor's opinion was unqualified and had no formal recommendations.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked that staff review a complaint he has received from a constituent from Woodbury regarding the lack of camping spaces in the county park system and that the county should reserve some of those spaces for residents of the county. He was also concerned that the county advertised nationally to get people from other states to come here and feels this should be prohibited. Commissioner Stafford indicated he also spoke with this individual and that the Parks Commission will be hearing from the gentleman at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that tonight was National Night Out and he would be attending activities in Bayport, Oak Park Heights and St. Croix Beach. Mike Bell has resigned as Bayport Fire Chief. Scott Radke will take over. Bob Murphy, former Washington County Deputy and Stillwater Police Officer, passed away recently. His sympathy goes out to the family.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Mosquito Control meeting he attended last week. They authorized additional spending and the budget for 2005 will probably be increased more than they would like. He met with the City of Hugo on CR 8 and also met with the Rice Creek Watershed District.

Commissioner Peterson reported the grand opening of the Glen Road Overpass would take place at 10:00 a.m. on August 9.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stafford and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development for an update on the Valley Creek Road/Century Avenue projects in Woodbury. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Sandy Cullen, Rick Hodsdon, Chris Manthey, Sharon Price, Adam Josephson, Minnesota Department of Transportation Area Engineer; and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.

Attest:


James R. Schug
County Administrator


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AUGUST 10, 2004

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Bogdan Filipescu, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections Supervisor; Rebecca Ault, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Koosmann, Recorder; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy Recorder; Edison Vizuete, Financial Services Director; Pat Conley, Library Director; Mike Welling, Surveyor, Jim Frank, Sheriff; Steve Pott, Deputy Sheriff; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the July 27 and August 3, 2004 Board Meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the following proclamation:

Washington County Proclamation
National Marina Day
August 14, 2004

WHEREAS, Washington County is fortunate to have several boat marinas located throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, marinas provide a gateway for many recreational, environmental, and social opportunities for citizens and visitors not only in Washington County, but across the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County recognizes Bayport Marina for its contributions in leadership for safe pleasure boating recreation on the St. Croix River as well as for Bayport Marina's role in promoting sound conservation and environmental practices for boating-related recycling and waste disposal during the marina's 20-year history; and

WHEREAS, Washington County commends Bayport Marina and other marinas located in the county for responsible pleasure boating opportunities and practices as a social destination for families and friends who enjoy our county's waterways; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners proclaims Saturday, August 14, 2004, as "National Marina Day in Washington County."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognizes National Marina Day at the Bayport Marina as an opportunity for citizens to enjoy an antique boat exhibition and open house with boating safety and educational exhibits for children and adults.

3. Approval of a contract with John Kaul, d.b.a. Capitol Gains, for legislative liaison services.
4. Approval to fund a public information video on transportation funding issues in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.
5. Approval of tax abatement on Kohl's property in the City of Cottage Grove in the amount of \$26,416.
6. Approval of a one to four day temporary on-sale liquor license for the Greeder-Hinds-Comfort Post #323 to be used at the Washington County Fairgrounds on September 23, 24 and 25, 2004.
7. Approval of the Workforce Investment Act plan update for 2004.
8. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant subgrantee agreement with the City of Woodbury for the City Walk project.
9. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant subgrantee agreement with the City of Oakdale for the Oakdale Rehabilitation Project.
10. Approval of a new county policy #2022 making it mandatory for current and new county employees to enroll in direct deposit of their salaries in a bank or financial institution of their choice.
11. Approval of the Plat of Wyldewood Acres in New Scandia Township.

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The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land to City of Cottage Grove

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-084** as follows:

Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land to the City of Cottage Grove for an Authorized Public Use

WHEREAS, the City of Cottage Grove has made the proper application for acquiring parcel 20.027.21.32.0004 for a public use, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, desires to see this parcel of land, which has forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, conveyed to the City of Cottage Grove, free of charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends to the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Minnesota to grant the application of the City of Cottage Grove.

Parcel Identification Number: 20.027.21.32.0004
Legal Description: Outlot B, Pine Glen 2nd Addition
Municipality: Cottage Grove
Date Forfeited: 7/21/03
Approximate Size: 8.84 Acres
Assessed Value: \$220,000
Authorized Public Use: City Park and open space

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land – City of Stillwater

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-085** as follows:

Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land to the City of Stillwater for an Authorized Public Use

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater has made the proper application for acquiring parcel 33.030.20.33.0042 for a public use, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, desires to see this parcel of land, which has forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, conveyed to the City of Stillwater free of charge.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends to the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Minnesota to grant the application of the City of Stillwater.

Parcel Identification Number: 33.030.20.33.0042

Legal Description:

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Municipality: City of Stillwater

Date Forfeited: 7/21/03

Approximate Size: 0.69 acres

Assessed Value: \$150,700

Authorized Public Use: Location for Storm Water Pond

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land – City of Lake Elmo

Commissioner Hegberg moved to table the resolution for conveyance of tax forfeited land to the City of Lake Elmo to obtain more information on the authorized public use. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land – City of Woodbury

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-086** as follows:

Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land to the
City of Woodbury for an Authorized Public Use

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury has made the proper application for acquiring parcel 17.028.21.14.0001, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, desires to see this parcel of land, which has forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, conveyed to the City of Woodbury, free of charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends to the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Minnesota to grant the application of the City of Woodbury.

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Parcel Identification Number: 17.028.21.14.0001

Legal Description:

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POINTE, AND LYING N OF THE E EXT OF THE S LN OF OUTLOT G,
OVERLOOK POINTE.

Municipality: City of Woodbury

Date Forfeited: 7/21/03

Approximate Size: 0.35 Acres

Assessed Value: \$100.00

Authorized Public Use: Public Road Right-of-Way

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Introduction of the Proposed 2005 Budget

Jim Schug, County Administrator and Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, presented the proposed 2005 budget. The proposed budget meets the guidelines the Board authorized during the workshop held a few months ago. The proposed budget calls for an increase in expenditures of 1.5% and also a levy increase of 5.5%. Because of the significant growth in the tax base due to new construction and increasing values of existing properties, the tax rate is scheduled to decrease from approximately 31.2% to 28.6%. Workshops will be scheduled with the Board between now and September 14. The preliminary budget will be set on September 14 in preparation for the Truth-in-Taxation hearing on December 2. Setting of the final levy and adoption of the budget will take place on December 14. Workshops will also be scheduled with the departments between September 14 and the 28.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported the deaths of several individuals: Commissioner Rose Arnold, St. Cloud; Commissioner Hal Norgard, Ramsey County; and John Dooley who was active in county politics and worked for the township organization. She announced that Greg Riebel, Cottage Grove Police Officer is retiring. She thanked him for his dedication in serving the City for 30 years. Commissioner Peterson reported on the grand opening of the Glen Road overpass last week. She thanked the Wakota Bridge Coalition, the City of Newport and supporters of funding from federal and state governments. Commissioner Peterson announced that she was elected vice chair of the AMC Transportation Committee last week by.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust will now cover training for the law enforcement volunteers at an additional charge for counties who utilize them in their reserve units.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he was sent correspondence from the Tanners Lake Homeowners Association regarding the poor water quality of Tanners Lake. They are asking for assistance from the county, Oakdale and the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that the Board adopted a proclamation proclaiming August 14 as "National Marina Day". The Bayport Marina will have an open house on Saturday with hot dogs and brats, chips, cookies and beverages. The public is welcome to attend. He also reminded the Board that the Workforce Center will hold a customer appreciation ceremony this Thursday at the R.H. Stafford Library. He reported that Susan Cardinal, MAAA staff person, passed away last week. She will be missed by that group.

Commissioner Stafford reported on the AMC meeting he attended last week. He is in a group that is studying county governance, the size, shape, form and what it does. They had a very productive meeting. A final report will be presented at the AMC Conference.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Commissioner Hegberg moved to go into Executive (Closed) Session to discuss right of way acquisition for the County State Aid Highway 8 project in Hugo. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously. Present for the executive session were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were James Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Doug Johnson, Don Theisen, Sandy Cullen, Chris Manthey and Patricia Raddatz.

The County Board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

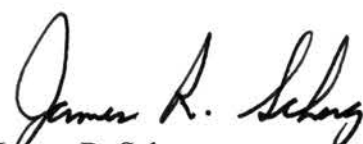
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections to discuss a proposal for countywide assessment. No business was transacted and the public

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was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Bruce Munneke, Win Miller, Marine of St. Croix City Council, Larry Flaherty, Mahtomedi City Council, Lee Hunt, Lake Elmo Mayor, Dennis Seefeldt, Chair, New Scandia Township, Becky Petryk, Hugo City Council, Lloyd Becker, Mahtomedi resident, James Cuff, Dellwood City Council, Judson Marshall, Mahtomedi Mayor, John McPherson, Chair, West Lakeland Township, Gary Kriesel, Stillwater City Council, Ken Tolzmann, Assessor, City of Forest Lake, Mary Divine, Pioneer Press and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 17, 2004

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Sr. Program Manager; Cindy Koosmann, Recorder; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy Recorder; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Jim Frank, County Sheriff; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to reappoint Jack Stoeher, Rehabilitation Representative, and Patty Venburg, Small Business Representative to the Workforce Investment Board to terms expiring June 30, 2006.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-087** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption for the
Mississippi Longtails

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Longtails (Pheasants Forever, Inc.) has made application to the Gambling Control Board for the exemption from certain requirements contained in M.S. 349.166 sub 2 in order to conduct a raffle at The Point Restaurant, 12386 Pt. Douglas Rd. S., Hastings, MN on September 14, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does not oppose issuance of exemption consistent with the application.

3. Approval of the plat of Bay Lake Reserve, Baytown Township.

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4. Approval of the plat of Loramere, West Lakeland Township.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Sue Hedlund, Sr. Program Manager, reviewed statistics from the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety showing that from 1998 to 2003, 91 persons were killed in traffic crashes and over 8,000 were injured in Washington County. In 1998 to 2002, 5.2% of motor vehicle crashes in the county were alcohol related, 9.8% of the injuries were alcohol related; and 25.3% of the fatalities were alcohol related. Washington County is eligible for a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the "Safe Community Coalition" project. This grant will be used to focus on increasing seat belt use by teens, reducing drinking and driving by teens and young working adults and focus on areas in the county where high crash rates occur.

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-088** as follows:

Authorization to Submit a Grant Proposal and Enter Into
an Agreement with the Division of Traffic Safety in the Minnesota
Department of Public Safety for the "Safe Community Coalition" Project

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment enter into a grant agreement with the Division of Traffic Safety in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the project entitled "Safe Community Coalition" during the period from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment, is hereby authorized to execute such grant agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Right of Way Reconstruction of CSAH 8

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-089** as follows:

Resolution to Acquire Right of Way on
County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 8

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BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County proceed to improve a portion of County State Aid Highway 8 between the west county line and TH 61, located in Sections 19 and 20, Township 31 North, Range 21 West, in the City of Hugo.

And that the officers of said county, including the County Engineer, the County Administrator and the County Attorney, shall proceed and are hereby authorized to proceed to acquire, by negotiations and purchase, right of way to establish said highway plus sight corners, permanent slope, drainage and utility easements, and temporary construction easements. And such officers are specifically authorized to take such action and execute such instruments if any be necessary, to acquire said right of way and associated easements.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Variance to the City of Hugo for Right of Way Cost Participation

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-090** as follows:

Resolution for a Variance to the Policies for Cost Participation
Between Washington County and the City of Hugo for
Reconstruction of a Section of County State Aid Highway 8

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo, the City of Lino Lakes, Washington County, and Anoka County are planning for the improvement and reconstruction of CSAH 14/8; and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of the CSAH 8 corridor requires the acquisition of property for right-of-way, permanent slope, drainage and utility easements, and temporary construction easements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo has requested R/W Cost Sharing Variance 5, where the County would pay 45% of the R/W costs; and

WHEREAS, based on the current R/W estimate of \$3.7 million, Washington County would be responsible for over \$1.6 million in R/W costs; and

WHEREAS, the planning for the project does, to the best of our abilities, reflect the County's access spacing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo will be paying approximately 40% of the non-federal share of the Washington County portion of the project; and

WHEREAS, this local percentage is greater than other recent projects due to the property acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo's participation meets the intent of the Policies for Cost Participation, which historically have shown Cities paying 20 to 25 percent of the project costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County grant a variance to the Policies for Cost Participation, specifically R/W Cost Sharing Variance 5, for the reconstruction of CSAH 8 in the City of Hugo.

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Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Agreement with the City of Hugo to Acquire Right of Way for Oneka Parkway and Fenway Avenue Extension

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-091** as follows:

Resolution to Acquire Right of Way and Easements for the
City of Hugo in Vicinity of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 8

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo, the City of Lino Lakes, Washington County, and Anoka County are planning for the improvement and reconstruction of CSAH 14/8; and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of the CSAH 8 corridor requires the acquisition of property for right-of-way, permanent slope, drainage and utility easements, and temporary construction easements; and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of CSAH 8 corridor triggers the need for the City of Hugo to construct related and integrated roadways and attendant improvements, such as storm water ponding; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the CSAH 8 corridor right of way will be led by Washington County, and will include identifying and describing necessary easements, negotiation with property owners, contracting with property appraisers, experts and legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, in certain cases, the property which Washington County will acquire is contiguous to, part of, or located very near the property which Hugo must acquire; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo has requested Washington County acquire right of way and easements for Oneka Parkway and Fenway Avenue extension; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo will provide to Washington County legal descriptions or plats for right of way and easements for all City properties proposed to be acquired by Washington County by September 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo agrees to pay for all costs related to acquisition of City properties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Attorney is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Hugo for all services related to acquisition of City properties.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Housing and Redevelopment Authority Appointment**

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint Richard Hammero, Cottage Grove, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2006. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson announced that the City of St. Paul Park will be celebrating its 20th community event with a parade on Saturday afternoon.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stafford and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to discuss a Washington County Development Code amendment. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Wisniewski, Mike Welling, Dennis O'Donnell, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Kevin Corbid and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE STATE AUDITOR

The Board met in workshop session with the Minnesota State Auditor, Patricia Anderson to discuss local government issues. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also

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present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Ron Johnson, Edison Vizuete, Patrick Singel, Jim Frank, Steve Pott, Marc Hugunin, resident of Grant, Tanya Weinert, Kevin Corbid and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



R.H. Stafford, Chair

County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 24, 2004

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 were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Mike Welling, County Surveyor; Jim Luger, Parks Director; John Elholm, Parks Planner; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Diane Elias, Management Analyst II; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Bogdan Filipescu, Supervisor; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Deputy Director; Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Pat Conley, Library Director; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; Cindy Koosmann, County Recorder; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the August 10, 2004 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint Richard Damchik, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Board of Managers, to a three-year term expiring September 22, 2007.
3. Approval of an amendment to a contract with the Washington Conservation District for activities related to the South Washington County Groundwater Surface Water Interaction Project.
4. Approval of funding agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2004 Community Development Block Grant program and designate a Labor Standards Officer.
5. Approval of the HOME subgrantee agreement with Two Rivers Community Land Trust for the Community Initiated Program.

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6. Approval to modify the Local Mental Health Advisory Council member composition to allow individuals who work in the county but do not reside here to fill the professional positions on the committee.
7. Approval to ratify the 2004-2006 Law Enforcement Labor services contract as follows:
 1. Duration:
Three year agreement effective January 4, 2004 through January 13, 2007.
 2. Wages:
Effective 1/4/04, 3.0% general adjustment.
Effective 1/2/05, 0% general adjustment.
Effective 1/1/06, 2.0% general adjustment.
During the duration of the Agreement, the salary schedule has been compressed and longevity steps are reduced to 5, 10 and 15 year steps.
 3. Health Insurance:
2004 \$433.00 (single)
\$589.00 (family)
2005 Insurance reopener
2006 Insurance reopener
 4. Clothing Allowance:
2004 Retain language of current Agreement (\$570).
2005 \$585
2006 \$600
 5. Field Training Officer Compensation
Language has been modified to provide one hour of straight time compensation for each assigned shift that an employee is assigned as Field Training Officer. Such employees may receive the FTO compensation in the form of pay or compensatory time.
 6. Holidays:
Delete Columbus Day and add Day After Thanksgiving.
8. Approval to accept a grant in the amount of \$17,298 from the Metropolitan Library Services Agency (MELSA) for technology enhancements.
9. Approval and authorization from the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to receive funding through the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.
10. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for the environmental and preliminary design services for reconstruction of Valley Creek Road and Century Avenue South in the City of Woodbury, for a cost not to exceed \$234,063.
11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-092** as follows:

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No Parking Zone on County Road 55
(Norell Avenue North)

WHEREAS, residents of the area near County Road 55 (Norell Avenue North) and Boot Lake expressed concerns for traffic and pedestrian safety where County Road 55 abuts Boot Lake shoreline; and

WHEREAS, a field review by Traffic Engineering staff concluded that prohibiting parking from the intersection of 150th Street North and CR 55 to approximately 1,000 feet south of the intersection would be beneficial since parked vehicles encroach on the driving lanes of County Road 55 and obstruct drivers' visibility, especially when pedestrians are present; and

WHEREAS, the May Township Board of Supervisors has indicated its support for this parking restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Engineer to establish a No Parking zone on County Road 55 from its intersection with 150th Street to 1,000 feet south of the intersection and to install and maintain appropriate signing for that parking restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners delegates authority to the County Engineer to extend or reduce the size of the No Parking zone by 50% (500 feet) if he or she determine the need to accommodate unforeseen or changing conditions.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Rezoning Request by Norman Lee Busse, Stillwater Township

The Board Chair presented an overview of today's public hearing to consider a rezoning request by Norman Lee Busse, Stillwater Township, to rezone a 20 acre parcel of property from a C, Conservancy Zoning Designation to an A-4, Agricultural Zoning Designation. The Board Secretary noted that the notice of public hearing was published and a copy of the notice is on file.

Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner, presented a review of the rezoning request by Mr. Busse as outlined in her memo of August 16, 2004. Ms. Terwedo indicated that this property is located east of CR 15 and north of Highway 96. There is currently one residential dwelling on the property and there is a mixture of woodlands and meadow. Most of the land north of Highway 96 is zoned A-4, Zoning (four dwelling units per 40 acres). This is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan. This site is presently zoned Conservancy because Brown's Creek runs directly west of the site. That area is environmentally sensitive, but this area just to the east is not as environmental sensitive as that drainage area.

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Ms. Terwedo indicated that the Planning Advisory Commission approved this request at its meeting of July 27, 2004. The minutes from that meeting were included in the County Board's packet.

Commissioner Stafford asked if any portion of the 20 acres could be considered for a conservation easement? Ms. Terwedo indicated it has not been discussed on this specific parcel. Nor have areas to the west of this parcel. Also, that area is in the shoreland district because it is within a thousand feet of the site. If the rezoning is approved, only one additional residential site would be approved. At that time they would look at setbacks, septic and all the environmental issues that are required as part of any type of development on the property.

Commissioner Peterson asked if there are any water holding areas on this site? Ms. Terwedo indicated that there are two small wetland depressions on the site, one is up front and the other is to the rear of the property. If a potential residential site is developed, they would look at runoff from any type of residential structure being placed on that site.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he was concerned about the driveway. Ms. Terwedo indicated that he would need to get an access permit from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. If the property is subdivided staff would look at alternatives such as shared driveways and they would need to meet spacing requirements from the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Norman Lee Busse, 12320 Dellwood Road, stated in reviewing his request he met with the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District to see what the impact would be on Brown's Creek. He was told that the impact would be very minimal.

The Board Chair asked for further comments from the audience; none were heard. The Board Secretary indicated that she had received all documentary evidence. The Board Chair closed the public hearing at 9:25 a.m.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the request by Norman Lee Busse to rezone a 20 acre parcel of property, located in Stillwater Township, from a C, Conservancy Zoning designation (two dwelling units per 40 acres) to an A-4, Zoning Designation (four dwelling units per 40 acres). Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

The Board Chair directed the County Attorney's office to draft a resolution for the next Board meeting reflecting the County Board's action.

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TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**DNR Grant for Acquisition of a Portion of the Point Douglas Trail**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No 2004-093** as follows:

Acceptance of Land Acquisition Grant to
Purchase Abandon Rail Line

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has grant funds available in their "Local Trails Connection" Program; and

WHEREAS, Washington County applied for these funds, to match Federal TEA-21 funds, for the acquisition of an abandoned railroad bed along the Mississippi River between Prescott, WI and Hastings, MN; and

WHEREAS, Washington County was successful in receiving this grant.

BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County agrees to accept a grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$100,000, as partial funding for this trail project, and that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure that all aspects of the proposed project will be completed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once acquired, the Washington County Parks Division, of the Transportation and Physical Development Department, assures that the facility will be maintained for no less than 20 years;

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that John Elholm, Senior Planner-Parks, is hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement as necessary to implement the project on behalf of Washington County.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-094** as follows:

Classification of Parcel 17.029.21.32.0003 as
Non-Conservation Land

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale or conveyance, parcel 17.029.21.32.0003 that forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, the parcel has been reviewed by the designees of the County Board of Commissioners and has been recommended for classification as non-conservation land as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that parcel 17.029.21.32.0003 has been reviewed and complies with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, and 282.018, or other statutes that require withholding of tax forfeited land from sale or conveyance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby classifies parcel 17.209.21.32.0003 as non-conservation land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the City of Oakdale for the sale or conveyance of said land.

Parcel I.D. Number: 17.029.21.32.0003
Legal Description: PART OF TRACT A, BEING THE NORTH 335
OF THE WEST 258 FEET OF SAID TRACT,
REGISTERED LAND SURVEY #102

Municipality: City of Oakdale
Date Forfeited: 7/21/04
Approximate Size: 1.98 Acres M/L
Assessed Value: \$1,699,200.00

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Resource Recovery Project Board's 2005 Operating Budget

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-095** as follows:

Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Projects 2005 Operating Budget

WHEREAS, the Ramsey/Washington County Joint Powers Agreement for the Resource Recovery Facility provides that authority for approval of Resource Recovery Project budgets and for establishing the tipping fee at Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Facility (Facility) remains with the respective County Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project Board has prepared and recommended a proposed Project budget for 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey and Washington Counties, in order to accomplish environmental and public health goals, have each contracted with waste haulers to assure the delivery of waste to the Facility through July, 2007, at a reduced tipping fee; and

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WHEREAS, the agreements with haulers are of two types, an All Waste Agreement and a Specific Tonnage Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Counties included in both types of agreements the following provision regarding an increase in the tipping fee: "The tipping fee will escalate beginning January 1, 2005 according to the Midwest Urban Consumer Price Index, calculated and published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The tipping fee will escalate annually on January 1st each year thereafter during the remaining term of the Agreement. Any annual escalation will not exceed 3 percent. The period of July 1 through June 30 of the previous year will be used to calculate the percentage change for each succeeding year. The County will provide at least a 90 day notice prior to any change in the tipping fee:" and

WHEREAS, the Specific Tonnage Delivery Agreements includes an additional provision that establishes the tipping fee at a higher rate, but provides a credit to the hauler at the end of the year in an amount that makes the tipping fee equal to that of the All Waste Contract tipping fee if the Specific Tonnage hauler delivers waste according to the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the information on the Midwest Urban Consumer Price index for the period June 2003-June 2004 indicates that the index has increased by 2.7%, which results in an increase of the tipping fee to \$39.00 per ton beginning January 1, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following 2005 Resource Recovery Project Budget as recommended by the Resource Recovery Project Board:

Appropriations	
Administration	\$ 735,902.00
Service Fee	<u>16,681,042.00</u>
	\$17,416,944.00
Financing Sources	
Washington County Participation	\$ 4,366,425.00
Ramsey County Participation	11,805,519.00
Interest Income	45,000.00
State of Minnesota	<u>1,200,000.00</u>
	\$17,416,944.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2005 the tipping fee shall be \$39.00 per ton for waste delivered pursuant to All Waste contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2005, the tipping fee shall be \$41 per ton for waste delivered pursuant to the Specific Tonnage Delivery Agreements and that this \$41 per ton tipping fee may be reduced pursuant to the credit provision in paragraph II.F. of the Specific Tonnage Agreement.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

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Baytown Special Well Construction Area Update

Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager, presented an update on the Baytown Special Well Construction Area which was established in 1988 in response to a chemical contamination, Trichloroethene (TCE), found in the groundwater with higher concentrations at the Lake Elmo Airport. The EPA published a draft health risk report on TCE at the end of 2001 and based on this information the Minnesota Department of Health lowered the level at which TCE was considered safe in drinking water from 30 parts per billion down to 5 parts per billion. The boundaries of the special well construction area were expanded at that time. The establishment of a new interim health standard renewed the search for the source of contamination. Within the last year TCE was found in the Franconia aquifer. Up to that point it was believed that the Franconia was protected by a confining layer above it. The Minnesota Geological Survey has been hired to study in the area of the fault to better understand contaminant flow and figure out why there is contamination in the Franconia.

Bruce Brott, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Supervisor, reviewed efforts to try and find the sources for the TCE contamination. Recently, they discovered higher concentrations of TCE in Lake Elmo near the Hagberg Country Market, 49,000 parts per billion, and believe that is a significant source for the contamination. A former metal fabrication facility had occupied that property. There is no evidence that the market contributed in any way to the contamination. He indicated that since a source has been identified, they can do some things to mitigate this source and see some improvements. Mr. Brott indicated that a feasibility study was done on well 2 in the City of Bayport. They recently received a report identifying alternatives the city can look at. A short term alternative would be to blend the water. A long term alternative would be a carbon filtration for the municipal well water. The city will need to evaluate these alternatives.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment and the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization to discuss the WMO's request for county support of

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special legislation for creation of a water management taxing district and levy authority. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Mary McGlothlin, Cindy Weckwerth, Amanda Goebel, Kevin Corbid, Joanne Helm, Linda Krafthefer, Dave Beaudet, Middle St. Croix WMO, John Jansen, Middle St. Croix WMO, Joella Givens, Middle St. Croix WMO, Ron Nelson, Middle St. Croix WMO, Jim Gilles, Middle St. Croix WMO, Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin, and Mary Divine, Pioneer Press.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review updated inventory and cost of mandates and county core functions in the Health and Human Service areas and outstanding supplemental requests. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Mary McGlothlin, Lowell Johnson, Sue Hedlund, Tom Adkins, Barb McGinnis, Maureen Walton, Dan Papin, Patrick Singel, Michelle Kemper, Sue Harris, Rick Hodsdon, Edison Vizuite, Jim Frank, Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin, and Mary Divine, Pioneer Press.


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Don Wisniewski Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Jeff Travis, Public Health and Environment Program Manager; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy Recorder; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the August 17 and 24, 2004 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval for the County Board Chair to sign the county's response to the Independent Auditor's findings and recommendations contained in the draft report on the internal control structure and compliance for the year ending December 31, 2003.
3. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Human Services, Inc. contract for 2004.
4. Approval to hire a new .5 FTE Library Clerk funded with existing dollars available due to vacancies in temporary positions.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-096** as follows:

Amending the Washington County Fee Schedule Policy #1032

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WHEREAS, MN Statute 2000 increased the recording surcharge by \$.50 effective August 1, 2001 to June 30, 2004 for appropriation to the legislative coordinating commission for the task force on electronic real estate recording; and

WHEREAS, no new legislation was passed regarding this surcharge in 2004 and the surcharge was allowed to sunset; and

WHEREAS, the statutory recording fees in Chapters 357.18 and 508.82 are therefore reduced by \$.50; and

WHEREAS, updated plat books were printed by the Surveyor's Office in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the fee established in the Survey and Land Management section of the Washington County Fee Schedule Policy #1032 for plat books is \$25.00 per copy; and

WHEREAS, as an enhanced customer service, the 2004 plat books will be available at the Recorder's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County Fee Schedule Policy #1032 be amended as follows:

Recorder	
Abstract Recording Fees	minimum \$19.50
Torrens Memorial	\$19.50
Torrens Transfer	\$34.50
Plat Book	\$25.00

6. Approval of plat of Red Prairie Acres located in Baytown Township.
7. Approval to authorize execution of a grant agreement extension with the Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention, Department of Public Safety, State of Minnesota for the East Metro Coordinated Narcotics Task Force.
8. Approval of grant contract with the State of Minnesota, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Enforcement, for a reimbursement grant for the off highway vehicle enforcement from June 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.
9. Bids were received for a Trimble 5603 Robotic Total Station as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Equipment Cost</u>	<u>Trade in Allowed</u>	<u>Total County Cost</u>
Frontier Precision, Inc.	\$31,988.00	\$4,000.00	\$27,988.00
Northwest Lasers, Inc.	32,188.00	4,000.00	28,188.00

Approval to award contract to Frontier Precision, Inc. for provision of a Trimble 5603 Robotic Total Station.

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10. Bids were received for bike path resurfacing on CSAH 12 as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Unit Price Cost</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Road Surface Tech.	\$1.35/S.Y	\$30,804.30
Bergman Company	\$1.39/S.Y.	\$31,717.20

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-097** as follows:

Bid Award for CSAH 12 Bike Path Resurfacing to
Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete trail resurfacing on CSAH 12, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on August 30, 2004, with Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc. be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Road Surfacing Technologies, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Commissioner Stafford moved to appoint Commissioners Peterson and Pulkrabek to the Primary General Canvass Board to be held on September 17, 2004. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioners for the General Election Canvass Board will be appointed at a future Board meeting.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a quit claim deed for conveyance of fee ownership of Forest Lake Outlet Structure and property from Washington County to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Brown's Creek Watershed District Appointments**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint Gail Pundsack to a first term expiring October 21, 2007 and Connie Taillon to fill an unexpired term to October 21, 2005 on the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of Managers. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 as follows: Yes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford and Hegberg; No, Commissioner Peterson.

Highway 36 Partnership Alternative

Jim Schug, County Administrator, advised the Board that the Minnesota Department of Transportation is trying to set up a meeting with the City of Oak Park Heights, the City of Stillwater and the County Board members to discuss the Trunk Highway 36 Partnership Study alternatives. They are suggesting a date of September 22 in the afternoon at 4:30 or 6:00. Commissioner Kriesel stated that 6:00 would work best for him, but either time would work.

2005 Budget Presentation

Mr. Schug outlined the meeting for next week's 2005 budget presentation. There will be an open house to review the 2005 budget at 4:00 followed by the regular Board meeting at 4:30. Public comments will be taken during the Board meeting prior to the adoption of the proposed budget.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on his trip to the Republican National Convention last week in New York City. He reported that no county tax dollars were used to pay for that trip.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he toured the one source recycling center in Minneapolis last week.

Commissioner Peterson announced that the Red Rock Corridor will hold two open houses this week. The first will be on September 8 in Cottage Grove at 4:30 and the second on September 9 at the St. Anthony Park Library beginning at 4:30.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.


BOARD WORKSHOP WITH OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review updated Inventory and Cost of Mandates and County Core Functions in Community Services and Transportation and Physical Development Departments. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Patrick Singel, Michelle Kemper and Don Wisniewski.

2005 BUDGET HEARINGS

The Board meeting was followed by 2005 budget hearings with the following departments: Administration, Financial Services, Human Resources, Information Technology and General Operations.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



R.H. Stafford, Chair

County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Chris Volkers, Court Administrator; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Edison Vizuite, Financial Services Director; Tanya Weinert, Financial Services; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Barb Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Deputy Director; Cindy Koosmann, Recorder; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Sandy Cullen, Transportation Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Jim Frank, County Sheriff; Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; Jennifer Blanchard, Administration; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-098** as follows:

Resolution Recommending Approval to Set Aside a
Portion of the Annual Distribution of Net Revenue
From Tax-Forfeited Land Sales

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Chapter 282 gives the county board the authority to manage tax-forfeited property that is located within Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the county auditor is to distribute the net revenue of the county's tax-forfeited sale fund to the local taxing districts after payment

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of county administrative expenses, according to one of two prescribed apportionment plans; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 282.08 subdivision 4(ii) allows the county board to set aside up to 20% of net proceeds for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Parks system consists of a 4,293 acres county park system and a 182 miles system of bicycle/pedestrian trails and serves over 1,100,000 visitors annually.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners directs the Department of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections to annually set aside 20% of the net proceeds from the tax-forfeited sale fund for acquisition and maintenance of county parks and recreational areas.

2. Approval to purchase a vehicle for the Emergency Management Program area of the Department of Public Health and Environment through Emergency Management Performance Grant funds.
3. Approval and authorization from the County Board Chair and Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to receive funding for emergency equipment related to community emergency preparedness and weapons of mass destruction.
4. Approval to distribute the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Century Avenue/Valley Creek Road Reconstruction Project and designate the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) contact as Donald Theisen, County Engineer/Deputy Director.
5. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 4 to Contract No. 1579 with TKDA, Inc. for the environmental and design services for reconstruction of Anoka County State Highway 14 and Washington County State Aid Highway 8 for a cost not to exceed \$124,517.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-099** as follows:

Resolution Approving a Rezoning Request by Norman Lee Busse
Ordinance No. 169

WHEREAS, Washington County is authorized to carry on County planning and zoning activities in the unincorporated areas of the County pursuant to MINN. STAT. CHAPT. 394; and

WHEREAS, the Washington 2015 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners on April 22, 1997 and became effective October 1, 1997 as Washington County Ordinance No. 124 and was amended on March 26, 2002 to Washington County 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

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WHEREAS, MINN. STAT. § 473.865 requires counties to adopt the official controls described in their Comprehensive Plan so as to implement the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Development Code was adopted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners and became effective on October 20, 1997 as Washington County Ordinance No. 127; and

WHEREAS, Norman Lee Busse is the owner of a 20 acre parcel of property legally described as Part of the Southeast One Quarter of the Southwest One Quarter of Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, Stillwater Township, Washington County, Minnesota, which is located in an area zoned C-Conservancy under the Washington County Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Busse has submitted an application to amend the Washington County Zoning Ordinance to change the land use designation and zoning from a C-Conservancy designation (2 dwelling units per 40 acres) to A-4, Agricultural (4 dwelling units per 40 acres).

WHEREAS, the request was referred to the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission which after holding a public hearing on July 27, 2004 recommended approval of the request; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2004, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Adopt an ordinance to amend the Washington County Development Code conducted a public hearing on the request; and

WHEREAS, the records of the public hearing consist of the minutes of the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission of July 27, 2004 and the staff reports, correspondence, presentations by staff of Washington County Division of Survey and Land Management, Mr. Norman Lee Busse and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the record indicates that in granting the requested amendment:

1. The proposed land uses and zoning would be in conformance with the Washington County Comprehensive Plan, A Policy Guide to 2020 and the Washington County Development Code.
2. The proposed densities of the site would be consistent with adjacent land uses, including the Agricultural zoning district to the north, east and west in Stillwater Township, and the TZ, Transitional zoning to the south.
3. The proposed zoning would not constitute spot zoning.
4. There would be vehicular access to the site.
5. The rezoning request to A-4, Agricultural zoning district would be an environmentally sound use of this property and there is no negative off-site impact, as a result of the rezoning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the foregoing reasons, the request of Norman Lee Busse to amend the Washington County Development Code to rezone the parcel legally described as:

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Part of the Southeast One Quarter of the Southwest One Quarter of
Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, Stillwater
Township, Washington County, Minnesota

is granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Zoning Administrator is directed to make the changes set forth in the Washington County Development Code and cause the same to be published and codified according to law and from and after the effective date of Amended Ordinance 169.

Washington County Development Code Amendment

Washington County Ordinance No. 169

An Ordinance Amending the Washington County Development Code, Including Zoning Maps.

The Board of Commissioners of Washington County ordains:

- Section 1:** The Washington County Development Code be amended to rezone 20 acres of property legally described as Part of the Southeast One Quarter of the Southwest One Quarter of Section 18, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, Stillwater Township from C-Conservancy District to A-4, Agricultural Zoning District.
- Section 2:** The Washington County Zoning Administrator is hereby directed to amend the Washington County Development Code, including zoning maps, in accordance with the foregoing amendment.
- Section 3:** Effective date. This Ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota this 14th day of September, 2004.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, stated that on July 13, the County Board approved the authorization of \$50,000 from the county's purchase of development rights program fund to contribute towards a protection of a parcel in Stillwater Township. The resolution at that time indicated that the county would co-hold a conservation easement on that title with the Carnelian-Marine Watershed District. Since that time, Stillwater Township has agreed that as part of their contribution to the preservation of that parcel, they would also like to be a co-holder on the easement.

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Commissioner Peterson moved to authorize the County Board Chair and Administrator to execute all necessary documents related to the acquisition of a conservation easement for the Kaye and Curtis parcels in Stillwater Township, and that Washington County, Carnelian-Marine Watershed District and Stillwater Township be the co-holders to that conservation easement. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2004

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, presented the Board Chair with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 2004 budget document. Ms. O'Rourke thanked the Board, the Department Heads, Sue Kuss and Marilyn Akey.

Proposed 2005 Budget Overview

Jim Schug, County Administrator and Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, presented an overview of the 2005 proposed budget.

The Board Chair opened the meeting for comments from the audience.

Lynn Vernon, 9596 Otchipwe Court North, Stillwater – Ms. Vernon spoke in support of the Extension Service and requested that the budget remain the same as 2004 and that the supplemental request be approved. She is a Master Gardener and feels this is an important program to Washington County. There are approximately 115 Master Gardeners in the county and last year they provided 6,500 volunteer hours. If those volunteer hours were translated into paid hours it would be approximately \$104,000.

Mary Alice Nelson, 509 Broadway Street South, Stillwater – Ms. Nelson is a member of the Citizen Review Panel and supports the Community Service Department's request for a social worker, child protection position.

Bonnie Juran, 9784 – 57th Street North, Lake Elmo – Ms. Juran spoke in support of the Extension Service and its Master Gardening services. She works with the home insect control. She feels this is a valuable community service.

Bob Bystrom, 8845 North Lansing Avenue, Stillwater – Mr. Bystrom spoke in support of the Extension Service. He has heard that the Master Gardener program is no longer needed because horticultural information is available from other sources, especially the internet. Much of the information on the internet came from Extension experts, and Master Gardeners have been working with them to update the

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information. However, there is also contradictory information on the internet generated from Alabama to Alaska. But if you check with Minnesota Extension sources you get accurate Minnesota specific information and if you need to know more, ask a Washington County Master Gardener to learn how that information applies specifically to Cottage Grove, Woodbury or Stillwater. He does not believe that fund raising can be their primary activity and their effectiveness depends on some level of county funding for program staff.

Myron Tank, 10249 80th Street South, Cottage Grove – Mr. Tank is a member of the county Extension Committee and is here to support Extension. The proposed budget for 2005 will take a 20% decrease from 2004. He feels their programs are working well and are worthwhile. They are generating revenue from other sources and they continue to look for alternative sources for revenue. He asked that the Board continue to support extension and give them the time to pursue some other sources of revenue. The supplemental request that the Extension Committee presented to the Commissioners will allow them to continue staffing the programs that are currently running.

Kayla Schiltgen, 15901 Ingersoll Avenue North, Hugo – Ms. Schiltgen supports Extension and is a 4-H member. She is 17 and started 4-H in the 4th Grade. She does not know what she would do without the program. She feels it has built and shaped her into who she is today. She has experienced things that would not have been possible if it weren't for 4-H—community services, helping other people raise animals, learning about yourself and who you are, and making friends that will last forever. She asked for continued support of Extension services.

Jake Benesh, 11740 Lockridge Avenue North, Stillwater – Mr. Benesh stated this is his first year in 4-H. He has had a wonderful experience in 4-H. He has worked with the younger kids in 4-H. He feels this is a good program for youth to develop their leadership skills. He has used these skills in school. He asked the Board to keep supporting the Extension Service.

Mr. Schug responded to Ms. Nelson's request for the child protection position and indicated it has been included in the recommended budget. The University of Minnesota Extension supplemental request referenced by most of the speakers was contained in the Commissioner's budget book, but is not contained in the resolution. That request was for approximately \$17,220 which would allow the Master Gardener to continue at a .5 FTE position and would insure that the 4-H Coordinators would remain at full time.

Resolution Certifying Proposed Property Tax Levies for Washington County Payable 2005

Board Chair Stafford suggested that the Board consider increasing the proposed budget from a 5.5% to 5.8% increase. After the budget is set tonight, the budget cannot go up, it can only go down. This

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would give the Board more flexibility and the opportunity to look at individual issues that each Commissioner has already expressed that they have. The Board can always reduce the budget in December.

Mr. Schug indicated that if the Board took the action suggested by Commissioner Stafford, that would increase the expenditures, gross levy and the net levy by \$201,797. Other supplemental requests total about \$230,000 with an additional request tonight of \$17,200.

Commissioner Peterson stated the Board gave the staff a parameter to work under. She is not sure she feels comfortable changing it. They asked staff to come in with a budget, they were hired for their expertise, and they prioritized. She feels if the Board was really going to go to that level of support, then that parameter should have been given to staff.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he will support the resolution now, but does not believe he will support a 5.8% increase in December.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he will reluctantly support the increase to 5.8%. But, his goal for the next couple months is to eliminate or phase out a number of programs he has outlined. He would like the county to have the lowest tax rate and not the second lowest in the State. He does not plan on supporting the final budget in December if it looks like today's budget.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-100** as follows:

Resolution Certifying Proposed Property Tax Levies for
Washington County Payable 2005

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following proposed tax levies for payable 2005:

Washington County	\$66,699,097
Includes Washington County Special Levy for the Housing & Redevelopment Authority for Landfall of \$200,000	
Regional Rail Authority	\$ 223,500

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Action on Proposed 2005 Budget

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-101** as follows:

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Resolution Adopting the Washington County
Proposed Budget for Payable 2005

<u>OPERATING FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE INC/(DEC)</u>	<u>GROSS LEVY</u>	<u>STATE AIDS</u>	<u>CERTIFIED LEVY</u>
General Government	\$77,311,597	\$36,125,500	(\$385,300)	\$40,800,797	\$4,626,498	\$36,174,299
Social Services	29,384,900	16,085,300	0	13,299,600	1,508,073	11,791,527
Public Works - Road & Bridge	17,560,200	11,583,500	(660,000)	5,316,700	602,873	4,713,827
Public Works - Parks	2,463,300	1,656,400	(55,200)	751,700	85,237	666,463
Regional Rail Authority	545,200	3,900	(317,800)	223,500	0	223,500
Library	5,053,300	248,000	0	4,805,300	544,884	4,260,416
Debt Service - County Wide	8,034,682	0	(489,400)	7,545,282	0	7,545,282
Debt Service - Library District	647,218	0	0	647,218	0	647,218
Subtotal:	\$141,000,397	\$65,702,600	(\$1,907,700)	\$73,390,097	\$7,367,565	\$66,022,532
<u>CAPITAL FUNDS</u>						
CIP Projects Fund	916,300	581,700	455,000	789,600	89,535	700,065
Capital Repair	515,000	978,400	463,400	0	0	0
Historic Courthouse	43,900	63,100	19,200	0	0	0
Subtotal:	1,475,200	1,623,200	937,600	789,600	89,535	700,065
Total 2005 Budget:	<u>\$142,475,597</u>	<u>\$67,325,800</u>	<u>(\$970,100)</u>	<u>\$74,179,697</u>	<u>\$7,457,100</u>	<u>\$66,722,597</u>
<u>OTHER LEVY PAYMENT</u>						
Less Regional Rail Authority (RRA) - a separate taxing authority				(223,500)	0	(223,500)
HRA Landfall				200,000	0	200,000
Total Washington County 2005 Levy (Operating plus HRA Landfall minus RRA):				<u>\$74,156,197</u>	<u>\$7,457,100</u>	<u>\$66,699,097</u>

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**Resolution Certifying Proposed Property Tax Levy for Washington County Housing and
Redevelopment Authority Payable 2005**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-102** as follows:

Resolution Certifying Proposed Property Tax Levy for
Washington County Payable 2005

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following proposed tax levy for payable 2005:

Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority	\$2,451,235
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Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Tanner's Lake Meeting

Mr. Schug announced that the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District will be hosting a public meeting on Thursday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Oakdale City Hall to discuss the efforts they have made to improve water quality in Tanner's Lake. The Board is invited to attend. The homeowners around the lake have been invited to the meeting also.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg announced that the Metropolitan Mosquito Control has finalized its budget and it is double digit.

Commissioner Peterson asked for the Board's comments on the CSAH formula before the meeting on Wednesday.

Commissioner Stafford thanked Administration and department heads for the great job they did on the budget process. He appreciated the public input this evening. He understands their concerns and the Board will do the best they can with the dollars they have.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reminded the public that the polls close at 8:00 p.m. so there is still time to vote.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

2005 DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARINGS

The Board meeting was preceded by 2005 budget hearings with the following departments: Community Services, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections and Recorder.

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2005 BUDGET PREVIEW AND OPEN HOUSE

The County Board meeting was preceded by an informal open house for the public concerning the proposed 2005 county budget. Budget information was displayed in the County Board Room and staff members were available to provide information and answer individual questions concerning the proposed budget.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



R.H. Stafford, Chair

County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:10 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Lowell Johnson, Deputy Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to appoint Marit Bjork, Oakdale, to the Child Protection Citizen Review Panel, to a first term expiring June 30, 2006.
2. Approval to reappoint Craig Leiser, Grant, to the Brown's Creek Watershed District to a fourth term expiring October 21, 2007.
3. Approval of the following proclamation:

Washington County Proclamation
 Gregory A. Reibel Day in Washington County
 Thursday, October 7, 2004

WHEREAS, Officer Gregory A. Reibel has provided outstanding police and paramedic services for the citizens of the City of Cottage Grove; and

WHEREAS, Officer Reibel joined the City of Cottage Grove police department in 1974 as a part-time dispatcher; and

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WHEREAS, Officer Reibel served as an Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic until he became Police Officer/Paramedic on June 1, 1977, and Officer Reibel has served the community with distinction in the Office of Community Affairs until his official retirement on Friday, September 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Officer Reibel has contributed in many ways to provide a high standard of public safety education and law protection in Cottage Grove with the Crime Prevention Council, National Night Out, DARE, 9-1-1 training for school children, Youth Safety Camp, McGruff Safe House, crisis negotiator for Washington County with the Special Response Team; and

WHEREAS, Officer Reibel has worked with Commissioner Myra Peterson, District 4, on many occasions concerning public safety and education programs in her district; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation Officer Reibel's career as a public servant and declares Thursday, October 7, 2004, as "Officer Gregory A. Reibel Day in Washington County"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily congratulates Officer Reibel for his community service during his career as a Police Officer/Paramedic and extends its gratitude to him for 30 years of service for the benefit of the citizens of Cottage Grove and Washington County.

4. Approval of the HOME Subgrantee Agreement with Human Services, Incorporated for the Home Free Supportive Housing Program.
5. Approval of the HOME Subgrantee Agreement with Two Rivers Community Land Trust for the Townhome Acquisition Project.
6. Approval of and authorization for Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the Fourth Amendment to the Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism grant project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health.
7. Approval and execution of Trail Topper grant for resurfacing work to be completed on the bike path adjacent to CSAH 12 between Stillwater and Mahtomedi.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-103** as follows;

Washington County
Transfer of Excess Municipal Funds to Regular Funds

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 162.08, Subd 4 (3d), provides that accumulated balances in excess of two years of municipal account

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apportionments may be spent on projects located outside of municipalities under 5,000 population when approved solely by resolution of the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Transportation transfer all funds in excess of three years apportionment into the Regular Construction Account.

9. Approval and execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Forest Lake for environmental and preliminary design services for proposed construction of CSAH 2 in Forest Lake.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Lowell Johnson, Deputy Director, reviewed a proposed agreement with the Community Volunteer Services and Senior Center for volunteer management and development of the Washington County Medical Reserve Corps project. The Medical Reserve Corps program is part of the National Citizen Corps initiative to mobilize and coordinate volunteers to respond to disasters of all kinds. Examples of services to be provided include: Create a pool of community medical professionals and other support volunteers to provide emergency staffing and support services to respond to public health emergencies; Provide credential and background checks on persons volunteering; Interview and recommend volunteers; Enter volunteer information into data bases; Attend meetings and coordinate with county and regional public health; and Assist in the development of procedures to deploy volunteers during a time of emergency. The total amount to be paid for these services will not exceed \$83,210 and is funded with Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant funds (2004 and 2005) from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Commissioner Peterson asked if there will be continued funding from the Federal government in the future? Mr. Johnson indicated that plans call for ongoing funding for at least four years. Commissioner Peterson suggested computerized calling for the volunteers.

Commissioner Hegberg suggested that this area of volunteers has not been covered by workers comp for liability. There needs to be some discussion so corresponding laws in this area will be passed to determine how they are covered and what the liabilities are. Mr. Johnson indicated that at the State level there is a lot of discussion about liability protection for medical personnel acting in a volunteer capacity.

Commissioner Stafford suggested asking some of the volunteers if they would be interested in taking a First Responder Course. That could possibly be funded through various programs. He also believes Senior Citizens could be used for some of the administrative items.

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Commissioner Peterson suggested persons who speak different languages would be beneficial.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve an agreement with Community Volunteer Services and Senior Centers, Stillwater, Minnesota, for volunteer management and development of the Washington County Medical Reserve Corps project with the Department of Public Health and Environment. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reminded the Board that on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00 in the Stillwater City Hall, the Minnesota Department of Transportation will be hosting a forum with the cities of Stillwater and Oak Park Heights and Washington County to review the Highway 36 corridor plan. He indicated that the entire Board is invited to attend.

Mr. Schug also announced that the annual League of Local Governments will meet at the Prom Center in Oakdale on September 29, 2004. The topic will be on homeland security and the featured speaker will be Debbie Strebel Pierce, Special Agent in Charge of the Minneapolis Division of the FBI.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Transportation Advisory Board meeting she attended last week to discuss funding for regional projects. She informed the Board that the AMC Policy Committee reached a consensus to advocate that new CSAH money will be allocated 60% needs and 40% vehicle registration. There were a number of policies that the group is advocating for and they are consistent with what has been discussed: ½ cent sales tax in the metro area to pay for transit, additional bonding money, an increase in the gas tax of 5 cents, second year 5 cents and third year would be indexed, wheelage tax, state bonds and also talk about road impact fees.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board meeting was preceded by a workshop with the Community Services Advisory Committee for an update of the Committee activities and review the purpose and role of the Committee. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jennifer Menke Blanchard, Dan Papin, Patrick Singel, Richard Backman and the following Community Services Advisory Committee Members: Sue St. Sauver, John Rheinberger, Barb Troolin, Greg Orth, Rob McDonough and Judge Mary Hannon.

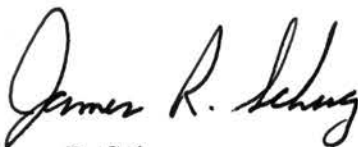
2005 DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARINGS

The Board meeting was followed by 2005 budget hearings with the following departments: Community Corrections, Public Health and Environment, and Transportation and Physical Development.



R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 28, 2004**

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Deputy Director; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Edison Vizuite, Financial Services Director; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Suzanne Pollack, Community Services Supervisor; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Bogdan Filipescu, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Rebecca Ault, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michael Jay, Forest Lake, advised the Board that he has still not been paid for a construction project he performed for the Rice Creek Watershed District. The last time he was before the Board, several months ago, he was told that the Board would look into it, but he hasn't heard anything from them. He also has not heard from Commissioner Hegberg. He believes that the Anoka, Ramsey and Washington Counties should take action against the Rice Creek Watershed District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the September 7 and 14, 2004 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of child foster care daily basic maintenance, initial clothing allowance and Difficulty of Care (DOC) rates for 2005.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-104** as follows:

Solid Waste Management Tax

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WHEREAS, the 1997 Minnesota Legislature enacted a bill eliminating both the SCORE sales tax and the Solid Waste Generator Assessment, replacing them with the Solid Waste Management Tax; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of determining if political subdivisions owe this tax and how much tax is owed, Minnesota Statutes §297H requires political subdivisions that subsidize tipping fees at solid waste management facilities to identify the "market price" for solid waste management services, which is defined as "the lowest price available in the area, assuming transactions between separate parties that are willing buyers and willing sellers in a market"; and

WHEREAS, this law requires political subdivisions to identify the market price and submit their findings to the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance by October 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey County and Washington County Boards of Commissioners in 1997 by resolution each identified \$29 per ton as the "market price" for purposes of Solid Waste Management Tax, effective January 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS both Ramsey and Washington Counties maintained the \$29 per ton "market price" for 1998 through 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, Washington County, and Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project staff have worked cooperatively to identify the market price for Ramsey and Washington Counties, beginning January 1, 2005, and have determined a different market price which requires approval by County Board resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes identification of \$27.09 per ton as the "market price" for purposes of the Solid Waste Management Tax, which reflects a waste disposal tipping fee of \$20.09 per ton at the Pine Bend Landfill plus an estimated transportation cost of \$7 per ton, and authorizes submittal by the Department of Public Health and Environment of this "market price" and supporting documentation to the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance.

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-105** as follows:

Authorization to Apply for Clean Water Partnership Grant

WHEREAS, funds are available from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Clean Water Partnership Grant program to assist Washington County in improving drinking water quality in domestic wells that have elevated nitrate-nitrogen levels in drinking water in the southern portion of Washington County through the promotion, implementation, and maintenance of appropriate Best Management Practices for both rural and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, nitrate contamination is impacting domestic and municipal water supplies in this area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Phase II Cottage Grove Area Nitrate study will assist Washington County in protecting drinking water in domestic and municipal wells and increase public awareness concerning the linkage between land use practices, surface water and groundwater quality, and public health; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 1:1 in-kind and/or cash match; and

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WHEREAS, no additional levy or program changes will be necessary to achieve this match; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health and Environment Department will be working in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Extension, the South Washington Watershed District, the Washington Conservation District, and the City of Cottage Grove to complete the proposed investigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Environmental Program Manager from the Department of Public Health and Environment to apply for the MPCA's Clean Water Partnership Grant and to sign the grant agreement and all other documents on behalf of the County, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form and execution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the total project cost of the Phase II Cottage Grove Area Nitrate Study will not exceed \$157,340 and that Washington County and project partners will provide fifty percent (up to \$81,750) of total project costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County matching funds will be contributed to the project without additional County levy or program changes to the approved 2004 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that submittal of an application does not obligate Washington County to accept a grant if so offered.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County will come before the County Board with a resolution to accept the grant if awarded.

5. Approval of an agreement with the City of Hugo for distribution of curbside recycling funds up to \$30,849 over the 2004 and 2005 grant cycle.
6. Approval to transfer ownership of Washington County Sheriff's Office K-9 "Storm" to his handler, Sergeant Doug Anschutz.
7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-106** as follows:

Final Payment to Advanced Masonry Restoration for
Historic Courthouse Chimney Replacement

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on June 8, 2004, approved a bid award to Advanced Masonry Restoration and signed a contract with the same company for the replacement of chimneys and masonry repairs at the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Masonry Restoration has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Advanced Masonry Restoration be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

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8. Approval of Washington County/City of Hugo Cooperative Agreement for CSAH 8 construction cost reimbursement and maintenance and approval of agreement for the transfer of a portion of CSAH 8 to the City of Hugo.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Board Chair Stafford presented Family Child Care Provider, Center Caregiver of the Year and a School Age Caregiver of the Year certificates of recognition to the following individuals: Karen Berglund, Marine-on-St. Croix and Renee Johnson, Woodbury, 2004 Family Child Care Providers of the year; Vida MacDonald, Rutherford Elementary – Adventure Club, 2004 School Age Caregiver of the Year; and Mary Oswald, Warm World Child Development Center, 2004 Center Caregiver of the year.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-107** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of I-35 WE Coalition Joint Powers Agreement

WHEREAS, growth in the Northeast Twin Cities Metropolitan area is occurring which impacts cities in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County recognizes that growth occurring in one community has the potential to impact additional communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington County along with Anoka County, the Cities of Hugo, Forest Lake, Lino Lakes, Centerville, and the Town of Columbus along with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Council have been meeting informally as the I-35 WE Coalition to address this growth and its affects on transportation and land use; and

WHEREAS, to continue to pursue solutions to the transportation and land use impacts, the I-35 WE Coalition needs to formalize itself through the creation of a Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a Joint Powers Agreement will allow the I-35 WE Coalition to continue to provide benefit to the traveling public and promote the stewardship of the public infrastructure and future land use development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the Joint Powers Agreement for the I-35 WE Coalition and authorizes its Chair and the County Administrator to sign the Agreement.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-108** as follows:

Approving the Classification of Tax Forfeited Parcels
as Non-Conservation

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale or conveyance the following parcels of land that forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcels have been reviewed by the designees of the County Board of Commissioners and have been recommended for classification as non-conservation land as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that the following parcels have been reviewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, and 282.018, and other statutes that require withholding of tax forfeited land from sale or conveyance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby classifies the following parcels as non-conservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the cities and townships in which the parcels are located for the sale or conveyance of said lands.

<u>PIN</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
15.027.21.23.0052	Cottage Grove	Outlot C, East Meadow Cliff 2 nd add
20.027.21.23.0054	Cottage Grove	Outlot A, Pine Glen
18.032.21.11.0001	Forest Lake	PT GV 2, S18T32R21, EXC PT Frankson's Clear Lake Subdivision
20.031.21.11.0040	Hugo	LT 32 BLK 1, Oneka Lake View (common ele)
08.029.21.11.0021	Lake Elmo	PT GV LT 1, S8T23R21, (Long legal)
16.029.21.14.0007	Lake Elmo	LTS 1 & 2 BLK 2, Kenridge Add
12.031.20.43.0007	Marine on St. Croix	Outlot B, Marine on St. Croix
25.028.22.44.0003	Newport	Outlot B, Wild Ridge Estates
25.028.22.44.0004	Newport	Outlot C, Wild Ridge Estates
25.028.22.44.0005	Newport	Outlot D, Wild Ridge Estates
25.208.22.44.0006	Newport	Outlot E, Wild Ridge Estates
25.028.22.44.0015	Newport	LT 2 BLK 2 Wild Ridge Estates, Exc:
31.029.21.11.0083	Oakdale	LT 3 BLK 1, Ridgecrest View
30.030.21.32.0003	White Bear Lake	Outlot A, Bacchus White Bear Hills 2 nd
30.030.21.32.0017	White Bear Lake	LT 14 BLK 1, Bacchus White Bear Hills 2 nd
30.030.21.32.0018	White Bear Lake	LT 15 BLK 1, Bacchus White Bear Hills 2 nd
06.028.21.33.0015	Woodbury	LT 8 BLK 3, Meadowood Pond 1 st
34.029.21.44.0008	Woodbury	PT E1/2-SE14-SE1/4, S34T29R21 Lying S of MN DOT HWY R/W 33/82-43

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Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the Board meeting at 10:03 a.m.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2004 AMC Achievement Award Applications

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-109** as follows:

2004 AMC Achievement Award Applications

WHEREAS, the Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Directors has recognized the many valuable innovations and improvements taking place in Minnesota county government through the Minnesota County Awards program; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota County Achievement Awards are granted annually to those counties that have initiated efforts resulting in one or more of the following criteria: achievement may be utilized by other counties or provide lessons for others to use; achievement is highly innovative; project results in tangible benefits; or the achievement required substantial initiative, leadership and commitment; and

WHEREAS, counties seeking achievement awards for 2004 must submit a formal application that has been approved by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the following applications for a 2004 AMC Achievement Award:

Joint East Metro Public Safety Training Facility
Sheriff's Office and Office of Administration

Child Support "The Choice is Yours" Education Project
Community Services Department

Flood Map Modernization Project
Department of Transportation and Physical Development

Strategy for Success: Core Competencies Defined
Human Resources Department

Court Administration Performance Evaluation Process
Court Administration

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

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Conservation Easement

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that last Friday, the county, Carnelian-Marine Watershed District, Stillwater Township and land owners closed on the conservation easement and sale of what has been known as the Curtis property. This action will protect the headwaters of Silver Creek.

Commissioner Kriesel commended all the parties involved in this transaction. He received an e-mail from Mr. Bower complementing Jane Harper for her involvement.

Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 10:07 a.m.

League of Local Governments Meeting

Mr. Schug reminded the Board that tomorrow, September 29 at 6:00 p.m. the Washington County League of Local Governments will be hosting its annual meeting at the Prom Center in Oakdale. The featured speaker is the head of the Minneapolis Office of the FBI, Special Agent in Charge Debbie Pierce.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel addressed the comments made by Michael Jay at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Jay was critical of the County Board for not taking action on a Rice Creek Watershed District issue. Commissioner Kriesel understood that the only county involvement with watershed districts is to appoint someone to that watershed district. He does not believe the Board has any authority over watershed districts. He asked the County Attorney if that was correct.

George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney, stated that watershed districts are statutorily created governmental entities. Counties have little oversight over watershed districts. Counties are often at odds with watershed districts and the only recourse counties have is to sue watershed districts.

Mr. Schug informed the Board that there has been a lot of communication from the community, agencies and jurisdictions involved in Rice Creek issues. A workshop will be held on October 12 to bring the parties together to discuss some of the issues. This would not particularly address Mr. Jay's concerns. The county would not get into the lawsuit portion of that issue.

Commissioner Hegberg responded to Mr. Jay's comments about not returning his phone calls. He feels that once the lawsuit is filed, the discussion ends with everyone except for the attorneys. Staff has kept him informed and has been updated on Mr. Jay's concerns and is aware that they have not been resolved satisfactorily. He assumes the court process is continuing. He received correspondence from a

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gentleman in the Brown's Creek Watershed District and that gentleman is suing because Mr. Jay got paid.

Commissioner Peterson stated that staff gave her a response to a questionnaire from a 72-year old Grandmother who is caring for her grandchildren ages 17, 14, 13 and 12. She will share the response to the questions with the Board. Every day, she learns about another Grandparent who is raising children and she feels they are heroes.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

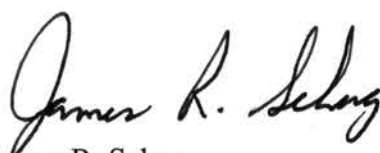
2005 DEPARTMENT BUDGET HEARINGS

The Board meeting was followed by 2005 budget hearings with the following departments: Library, County Attorney, County Sheriff and Court Administration.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to discuss the TH 36 St. Croix River Crossing Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Don Wisniewski, Don Theisen, Joe Lux, Mike Rogers, Rick Arnebeck, Minnesota Department of Transportation Area Manager and Todd Clarkowski, Minnesota Department of Transportation Area Engineer.


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

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WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
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The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 10:15 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Jim Frank, County Sheriff; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Sandy Cullen, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Planner; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Menke Blanchard, Management Analyst II; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the September 21, 2004 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to designate the 2004 Association of Minnesota Counties official delegate list as follows: Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg; County Administrator Jim Schug, Deputy Administrator Molly O'Rourke and Community Services Director Dan Papin.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-110** as follows:

Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land
to the City of Lake Elmo for an Authorized Public Use

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo has made the proper application for acquiring parcel 28.029.21.13.0002 for a public use, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo provided additional information to the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, State of Minnesota,

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regarding the proposed public use of this parcel of tax-forfeited land as a waste water treatment site; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, State of Minnesota, desires to see this parcel of land conveyed to the City of Lake Elmo, free of charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends to the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Minnesota to grant the application of the City of Lake Elmo.

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-111** as follows:

Designating a Labor Standards Officer and
Environmental Review Officer for the Community
Development Block Grant and HOME Programs

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 participates in the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) with Anoka, Dakota and suburban Ramsey Counties, in the Dakota County Consortium; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires the designation of a Labor Standards Officer for the administration and enforcement of Federal labor standards requirements under the CDBG Program; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a designation of a certifying officer for environmental reviews associated with the CDBG and HOME Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Services is the manager of the department that administers the CDBG and HOME programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners designates Diane Elias, CDBG Program Coordinator, Community Services Department, as the Labor Standards Officer for the CDBG Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners designates Dan Papin, Community Services Director, as the certifying officer for environmental reviews associated with the CDBG and HOME Programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes Dan Papin, Community Services Director, or Jim Schug, the County Administrator, to execute all official documents related to the CDBG and HOME Programs, in accordance with Washington County Contract Administration Guidelines.

5. Approval to establish the 2005 fee schedules for Hazardous Waste Generators, Solid Waste Facilities, Individual Sewage Treatment Systems (ISTS), Food/Beverage/Lodging Program,

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Public Pools, Manufactured Home Parks/Recreational Camping Area/Youth Camps and Private Well Water Testing.

6. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of agreement with the City of Mahtomedi for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
7. Approval to enter into an agreement with the City of Afton to provide Operation and Maintenance Services to the 201 Collector Systems.
8. Approval of inter-county agreement with Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties for reciprocal use of household hazardous waste facilities and authorize execution by Board Chair and Administrator.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-112** as follows:

Support Alternative B-1 for the St. Croix River Crossing and
 Authorize Letter Commenting on the St. Croix River
 Crossing Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has reviewed alternative designs for a St. Croix River Crossing with MN/DOT and County transportation staff; and

WEHREAS, the need for a grade-separated roadway on Trunk Highway 36, east of Trunk Highway 5 has been demonstrated; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of County transportation staff, MN/DOT staff, and citizen input have been duly considered.

NOW, THEREBORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses Alternative B-1 as its preferred alternative for a St. Croix River Crossing bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses construction of a grade-separated facility on Trunk Highway 36 between Trunk Highway 5 and the River Crossing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign and distribute the attached letter commenting on the St. Croix River Crossing Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

10. Bids were received for sale of houses and buildings for the Highway Department and Parks Big Marine Park Expansion as follows:

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Bidder	House 7210 Manning	Pole Barn 7210 Manning	House 17611 Libson	House 11087 170 th St.	House 11303 Lomond	Pole Barn 11303 Lomond
<u>Sale & Removal</u>						
Hursh, David						\$175.06
Otting House Movers	\$10,900		\$13,600	\$1,100	\$4,800	
Semple Building Movers	4,200					
<u>Demolish & Removal</u>						
Addyman & Son, Inc.	\$7,250	\$1,850	\$7,950	\$11,250	\$12,850	\$1,550
Lodahl Demolition	\$5,100	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$11,200	\$10,750	\$1,500
Semple Exc & Trucking	\$0000	\$2,800	\$6,800	\$15,900	\$15,800	\$2,100

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-113** as follows:

Award of Multiple Bids for the Sale of and
Demolition of Buildings on County Land

WHEREAS, bids were requested for the removal of buildings and structures located on property within the Big Marine Regional Park to continue development of the park and structures located on property within the CSAH 15 project corridor; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on September 27, 2004 for houses at 7210 Manning, 17611 Lisbon Ave., 11087 170th St., 11303 Lomond and a pole barn at 11303 Lomond and 7210 Manning Ave.; and

WHEREAS, the highest responsible bidder for the house at 7210 Manning Ave., 17611 Libson Ave., 11087 170 St. N and 11303 Lomond is Otting House Movers and the pole barn at 11303 Lomond is David Hursh; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for the demolition of the pole barn at 7210 Manning was Addyman & Son, Inc.; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Otting House Movers for the houses at 17611 Lisbon, 11303 Lomond, 11087 170th St. N. and 7210 Manning and David Hursh for the pole barn at 7210 Manning be accepted under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bid of Addyman & Son, Inc. for demolition of the pole barn at 7210 Manning be accepted and the County enter into a contract with Addymen & Son, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bill of sale for the houses at 11303 Lomond, 17611 Lisbon, 11087 170 St. N. and 7210 Manning Ave. between the County and Otting House Movers and the pole barn at 11303 Lomond with David Hursh and the contract for the demolition of the pole barn at 7210 Manning with Addyman & Son, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-114** as follows:

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All Way Stop Installation at the CSAH 18 (Bailey Road) and CSAH 20
(Military Road) Intersection Located in the City of Newport

WHEREAS, the intersection of CSAH 18 (Bailey Road) and CSAH 20 (Military Road) currently operates as a tee intersection with the CSAH 20 approach stop controlled; and

WHEREAS, this intersection has experienced increased traffic volumes due to the Wakota Bridge Project, a redesign of the CSAH 18 & I-494 Interchange, additional construction and development in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Bailey Nursery site has recently realigned its main entrance to line up with CSAH 20, allowing for safe all-way stop control; and

WHEREAS, a traffic analysis shows that this intersection does meet the criteria set forth in the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for an all way stop.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation and Physical Development to install and maintain the appropriate signs to establish an all way stop condition at the intersection of CSAH 18 (Bailey Road) & CSAH 20 (Military Road) located in the City of Newport.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reported that prior to the Board meeting, the County Board and Department Heads met with a number of employees who were being honored for 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service with Washington County. The event was held at the Lake Elmo Inn.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS- QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Mosquito Control Executive meeting he attended last week. They discussed the use of a different chemical that is specific to mosquito larva and is longer lasting. It is three times as expensive, but with the cost of helicopters and manpower it might even out. Commissioner Hegberg asked that staff review the contracts for rent of bed space in the county jail to possibly reduce the cost. Mr. Schug indicated that they are looking at that matter. The reason this hasn't been done sooner is that there were contracts in place with Ramsey County, Chisago County, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Federal US Marshall and the state, and the county didn't want to be bidding against ourselves on the other contracts because they new they would have to be lowered. Now that those entities are not using the county facility, the Sheriff has talked about things the county should be looking at to at least be able to meet the revenue projection on jail bed rentals.

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Commissioner Peterson reported on the following items: Joint meeting with the Library Directors and MELSA Trustees to discuss service delivery. She felt it was productive. They will continue to have these joint meetings three or four times a year. She received a letter from NACo announcing her appointment to the National Transportation Steering Committee. She announced that the county's transportation video should be ready by next week. She asked that a copy of the video be placed in all county libraries.

Commissioner Stafford suggested that the county announce the availability of the transportation video for civic group meetings in the Staying in Touch Newsletter.

Commissioner Stafford thanked Administration staff for the great job they did in setting up the League of Local Governments meeting last week. It was a good turn out and the topic on homeland security was very informative.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

2005 BUDGET HEARINGS

Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Barbary Dacy, HRA Executive Director, presented their 2005 proposed budget.

Supplemental Requests and Discussion

Commissioner Peterson moved to reject funding for all of the supplemental requests. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to amend the motion by authorizing an additional \$5,700 for the 4-H coordinators to remain at the current staffing level. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the amended motion and the motion failed on a 3-2 vote as follows: No, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Stafford and Peterson; Yes, Commissioners Kriesel and Hegberg.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to amend the motion by authorizing \$30,000 for a nurse practitioner case manager through a contract with another agency such as HSI. Commissioner Stafford seconded the amended motion and the motion failed on a 3-2 vote as follows: No, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel and Peterson; Yes, Commissioners Stafford and Hegberg.

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Commissioner Stafford moved to amend the motion by authorizing \$53,500 for a Deputy Sheriff position. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the amended motion and it failed on a 4-1 vote as follows: No, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Peterson and Hegberg; Yes, Commissioner Stafford.

The motion to reject funding for all of the supplemental requests was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Peterson and Hegberg; No, Commissioner Stafford.

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to review the Twin Cities Regional Transportation Policy Plan comments. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Wisniewski, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Sandy Cullen, Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin; and Marc Hugunin, City of Grant resident.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

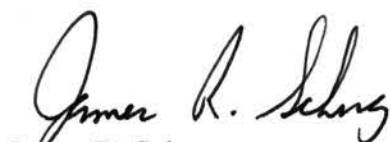
The Board met in Executive (Closed) Session at 1:00 p.m. to discuss negotiation strategy for 2005, 2006 and 2007. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kay McAloney, Jeneen Johnson, Frank Madden, County Labor Relations Consultant, and Patricia A. Raddatz, Board Secretary.

The Board rose out of Executive Session at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stafford and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



R.H. Stafford, Chair

County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 12, 2004

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Commissioner Kriesel absent. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Patrick Singel Community Services Deputy Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Supervisor; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the September 28, 2004 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Todd Bruehl, Woodbury, to the Community Corrections Advisory Committee representing District 2, to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2005.

3. Proposals were received for employee insurance benefits as follows:

Medical Insurance

HealthPartners

PEIP (Public Employee Insurance Program)

Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Medica

Life Insurance

Minnesota Life

Aetna

MII

Met Life

Harleyville

Dental Insurance

HealthPartners

Assurant

AFLAC

Delta Dental

Aetna

PEIP (Public Employee Insurance Program)

Long Term Disability Insurance

Reliastar

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Life Insurance

AFLAC
Unimerica
PEIP (Public Employee Insurance Program)

Long Term Disability Insurance

Unimerica
AETNA

Short Term Disability Insurance

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Approval to accept proposals for employee insurance benefits effective January 1, 2005 as follows:

<u>Benefit</u>	<u>Carrier</u>
Medical Insurance	HealthPartners
Dental Insurance	HealthPartners
Life Insurance	Minnesota Life
Long Term Disability	Reliastar
Short-Term Disability	Assurant

4. Approval to amend and reinstate the Flexible Benefits Plan effective January 1, 2005.
5. Approval to enter into the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health.
6. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of agreement with the City of Oakdale for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
7. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of agreement with the City of Cottage Grove for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
8. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of Agreement with the City of Stillwater for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-115** as follows:

Request to Authorize the Commissioner of Transportation to Perform
a Speed Study to Determine a Reasonable and Safe Speed Limit

Location: City of Grant
County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 9 (Jamaca Ave. N., 110th St. N.
Julianne Ave. N. 119th St. N. Keystone Ave. N.) between CSAH 12 (75th
Street North) and CSAH 7 (122nd St. N.). Portions of this road have not
been studied since 1981. Due to additional development in Grant, it is
appropriate to restudy the area.

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WHEREAS, the authority to determine the safe and reasonable speed on a County Highway resides with the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, changes in residential density, traffic patterns, and travel speeds have affected the above referenced location; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all parties to have reasonable and safe speeds posted on our county highways; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Grant has passed a resolution in support of a speed study in this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation and Physical Development to request that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation perform a speed survey to determine the reasonable and safe speed limit at the above referenced location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Transportation and Physical Development is hereby authorized to install and maintain signing consistent with the resulting order.

10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-116** as follows:

CSAH 7 Railroad Crossing Signals and Gates

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Washington enter into an agreement with the Canadian National Railroad Company and the Commissioner of Transportation for the installation and maintenance of railroad crossing signals and gates at the intersection of 122nd Street North (CSAH 7) with the tracks of the Canadian National Railroad Company in May Township, Minnesota, and appointing the Commissioner of Transportation agent for the County to supervise said project and administer available Federal Funds in accordance with Minnesota Statute, Section 161.36. The County's share of the cost shall be 10 percent of the total signal cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and County Administrator be and they are hereby authorized to execute said agreement for and on behalf of the County.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-117** as follows:

All Way Stop Installation at the CSAH 38 (Glen Road)
& 7th Avenue Intersection Located in the City of Newport

WHEREAS, the intersection of CSAH 38 (Glen Road) & 7th Avenue currently operates as a tee intersection with the CSAH 38 approach stop controlled; and

WHEREAS, this intersection has experienced increased traffic volumes as part of the Wakota Bridge Project, a redesign of the Glen Road interchange, additional construction and development in the area; and

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WHEREAS, a traffic analysis shows that this intersection does meet the criteria set forth in the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for an all way stop.

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The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Chemical Dependency Contract

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve Amendment Number One to the Haven Chemical Health Systems, LLC, d.b.a., The Haven in Woodbury for chemical dependency primary inpatient treatment for women. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford abstained; and Commissioner Kriesel absent.

Workforce Investment Board

Marc Cove and Jeanine Swanson, Workforce Investment Board members, reviewed activities related to the WIB strategic plan for the upcoming year and gave a brief summary of key accomplishments over the past year. They have scheduled meetings with various cities in Washington County to strengthen the county's economy by developing and connecting business and workforce.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Peterson moved to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Denmark Township to address township concerns to the amendment of the St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park Master Plan. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Flu Vaccines

Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment, announced that they have received about half of the flu vaccines they normally receive due to the contamination of a supply from England. She informed the Board that they will continue to hold clinics at the senior locations, but the public clinics

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all parties to have reasonable and safe speeds posted on our county highways; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Grant has passed a resolution in support of a speed study in this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation and Physical Development to request that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation perform a speed survey to determine the reasonable and safe speed limit at the above referenced location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Transportation and Physical Development is hereby authorized to install and maintain signing consistent with the resulting order.

10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-116** as follows:

CSAH 7 Railroad Crossing Signals and Gates

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Washington enter into an agreement with the Canadian National Railroad Company and the Commissioner of Transportation for the installation and maintenance of railroad crossing signals and gates at the intersection of 122nd Street North (CSAH 7) with the tracks of the Canadian National Railroad Company in May Township, Minnesota, and appointing the Commissioner of Transportation agent for the County to supervise said project and administer available Federal Funds in accordance with Minnesota Statute, Section 161.36. The County's share of the cost shall be 10 percent of the total signal cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair and County Administrator be and they are hereby authorized to execute said agreement for and on behalf of the County.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-117** as follows:

All Way Stop Installation at the CSAH 38 (Glen Road)
& 7th Avenue Intersection Located in the City of Newport

WHEREAS, the intersection of CSAH 38 (Glen Road) & 7th Avenue currently operates as a tee intersection with the CSAH 38 approach stop controlled; and

WHEREAS, this intersection has experienced increased traffic volumes as part of the Wakota Bridge Project, a redesign of the Glen Road interchange, additional construction and development in the area; and

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WHEREAS, a traffic analysis shows that this intersection does meet the criteria set forth in the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for an all way stop.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation and Physical Development to install and maintain the appropriate signs to establish an all way stop condition at the intersection of CSAH 38 (Glen Road) & 7th Avenue located in the City of Newport.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Chemical Dependency Contract

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve Amendment Number One to the Haven Chemical Health Systems, LLC, d.b.a., The Haven in Woodbury for chemical dependency primary inpatient treatment for women. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Stafford abstained; and Commissioner Kriesel absent.

Workforce Investment Board

Marc Cove and Jeanine Swanson, Workforce Investment Board members, reviewed activities related to the WIB strategic plan for the upcoming year and gave a brief summary of key accomplishments over the past year. They have scheduled meetings with various cities in Washington County to strengthen the county's economy by developing and connecting business and workforce.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Peterson moved to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Denmark Township to address township concerns to the amendment of the St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park Master Plan. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Flu Vaccines

Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment, announced that they have received about half of the flu vaccines they normally receive due to the contamination of a supply from England. She informed the Board that they will continue to hold clinics at the senior locations, but the public clinics

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will be reduced from eight to three: Forest Lake, Stillwater and South Washington County. Homeland Health will be administering those public clinics. Arrangements have been made to provide flu shots to nursing homes.

Transportation Funding Video

The Board viewed the County Transportation Funding video produced by John Kaul, Capitol Gains, Incorporated. The video communicates the challenges that Minnesota and the metropolitan area are experiencing in building and maintaining a transportation infrastructure that meets the growing transportation needs of residents and businesses with the limited funding that is currently allocated to highways and transit. The video will be made available to libraries, civic groups, cities and other counties.

Parks and Open Space Commission Appointment

Commissioner Stafford moved to appoint Steven Dornfeld, Woodbury, to the Parks and Open Space Commission to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2006. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he has asked the County Administrator to write a letter to New Scandia Township. They are looking at becoming a city and would like pros and cons of doing that and how that may change their relationship to the county.

Commissioner Peterson announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, October 13, at 9:00 a.m. to celebrate the opening of Hinton/Radio Drive between Cottage Grove and Woodbury.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stafford and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

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2005 Budget Presentations

The Board meeting was followed by 2005 budget presentations by the Washington Conservation District and Washington County Water Management Organizations.

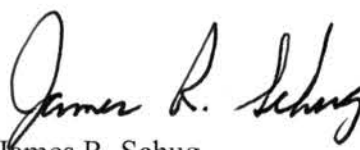
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

The Board met in workshop session with the Rice Creek Watershed District to discuss issues associated with Hardwood Creek/Judicial Ditch #2 in Hugo. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Wisniewski, Don Theisen, Cindy Weckwerth, Amanda Goebel, Steve Hobbs and Jim Leroux, Rice Creek Watershed District; John Waller, resident of Hugo, Mike Jay, Jay Brothers Construction; Paul Haik, John Bower, Carnelian-Marine Watershed District; Travis Germundson, Department of Natural Resources; and Tony DeMars, EOR.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development for an update on south and north service center projects. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Sue Kuss, Don Wisniewski, Don Theisen, Mike Rogers, Keith Potter, Barbara Dacy and Richard Gauger.


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 19, 2004**

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Steve Gransee, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Bogdan Filipescu, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Becca Ault, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Carol Peterson, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy County Recorder; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director Vong Lee, Information Technology; Eltayeb Elhassan, Information Technology; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the October 5, 2004 Board meeting minutes amended as follows: Page 282, last paragraph, last sentence: "Yes, Commissioners Stafford and Hegberg".
2. Approval to reappoint Duane Johnson, West Lakeland Township, to the Valley Branch Watershed District Board of Managers to a three-year term expiring November 13, 2007.
3. Approval to appoint Dorothy Flynn, New Scandia, as a District 1 member to the Mental Health Advisory Council to a first term expiring December 31, 2007.
4. Approval of Second Amendment to an agreement with Ramsey County for tax payment processing services.

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5. Approval for the Community Corrections Director to sign a work order to re-write software used to track clients in the Family Court Division.
6. Approval of the 2004-2006 contract with Comforts of Home Assisted Living to provide assisted living plus services to eligible Washington County residents.
7. Approval of an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant subgrantee agreement with Two Rivers Community Land Trust for the Homebuyer Initiated Program.
8. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of an agreement with the City of Woodbury for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
9. Approval of the Plat of Magler Addition in West Lakeland Township.
10. Approval of contract with Hollenback & Nelson, Inc. in the amount of \$36,000 for repair of cooling tower wall at the Government Center.
11. Approval of contract with Howard R. Green Company for final design services for the reconstruction of Washington County State Aid Highway 13 in Woodbury for a cost not to exceed \$454,787; and approval of a cooperative agreement with the City of Woodbury, for the same project, to obtain reimbursement of \$145,280 for the consultant engineering costs.
12. Bids were received for the lease of agricultural land as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Pine Point</u>	<u>Cottage Grove</u>	<u>St. Croix Bluffs</u>	<u>Lake Elmo</u>	<u>Big Marine</u>
Anderson, Donald				\$92.50	
Berwald, Ken	\$47.00				
Herman, Gordon		\$61.10	\$127.20	\$102.10	
Herman, Steve		\$75.00	\$125.00		
Lepinski, Jerry					\$47.50
Mayer, Craig		\$40.00	\$ 80.00		
McCullough Farms					\$38.50
See, John				\$93.25	
Tank, Gordon & Myron		\$50.00	\$123.25	\$92.00	

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-118** as follows:

Award of Parks Farm Land Leases for 2005

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the leasing of agricultural land in County parks, the County solicited bids for the use of this land; and,

WHEREAS, bids were opened on September 27, 2004 with highest bidders being Ken Berwald for Pine Point Park, Gordon Herman for St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, Jerry Lepinski for Big Marine Park Reserve, Gordon Herman for Lake Elmo Park Reserve and Steve Herman Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park; and,

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WHEREAS, Gordon Herman has subsequently withdrawn his bid for the St. Croix Bluffs Regional park land; and

WHEREAS, Steve Herman is the second highest responsible bidder for the St. Croix Bluffs Regional park land; and

WHEREAS, Steve Herman indicates a willingness to enter into a lease for the St. Croix Bluffs park land, thus, obviating the necessity for rebidding this parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bids of Ken Berwald, Jerry Lepinski, Gordon Herman and Steve Herman be accepted and the County enter into a lease agreement with these bidders for the respective parcels of land noted previously in this resolution under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lease between the County and Ken Berwald, Jerry Lipinski and Gordon Herman and Steve Herman be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and County Administrator without further action of the County Board and conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County release Gordon Herman's bid bond and return the bid bond to him.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-119** as follows:

Approving the Appraised Value, Authorizing the Public Auction
and Fixing the Terms of the Sale for Seven Parcels of Tax Forfeited Land

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners desires to bring these 7 parcels of tax forfeited land back to the tax rolls as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the best way to achieve this goal is by selling them through a public action; and

WHEREAS, the appraised value of each parcel is set according to the Policy of Tax Forfeited Property in Washington County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the appraised value of each of the 7 parcels appearing on the attached list be approved; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the authorization for the public auction be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3, 2004, in the Board Room at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale shall be for cash only, and that all sales shall be for full payment, except parcel 17.029.21.32.0003, which could be sold for a 10% down payment and one installment of the balance (90%) to be paid in 60 days from the date of the sale.

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<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Estimated Market Value</u>	<u>Approved Value</u>	<u>Short Legal</u>
10.032.21.24.0024	Forest Lake	\$1,400.00		LT 2, BLK 8 KG'S FOR HILLS
32.032.21.22.0002	Forest Lake	\$111,600.00	\$75,000.00	N 1158FT OF W 175FT W1/2S32
17.029.21.32.0003	Oakdale	\$1,699,200.00	\$1,250,000.00	N 335FT OF W 258 RLS 102
15.032.21.42.0003	Forest Lake	\$500.00		S15T32R21
27.030.21.43.0005	Grant	\$100.00		SUNNYBROOK
31.029.21.11.0009	Oakdale	\$1,000.00		PT NE NE S31T29R21
17.028.21.11.0179	Woodbury	\$2,200.00		PT OL A STRAT FARM 2 ND

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Property Tax Payments

Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections, presented an update on the second half property taxes that were due last Friday, October 15. He indicated that the collection process has been timely. He thanked the County Board for approving the contract with Ramsey County for the automated payment processing project, which has allowed Washington County to keep current with tax payments. He believes all postings will be completed by the end of the week.

Mr. Corbid also informed the Board that the on-line payment option is being utilized by taxpayers. So far they have 1,700 payments made by either electronic check or credit card since May 1 for a total of \$2.7 million. A few more than half have been credit card payments.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve County comments on the Draft Metropolitan "2030 Transportation Policy Plan" and authorized the County Board Chair to sign the letter to the Metropolitan Council. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

General Election Update

Kevin Corbid displayed the election result site on the county web page. Roughly 5,000 new registered voters have been added to the rolls since the primary election. He also updated the Board on absentee ballot requests. Over 10,000 absentee ballots have already been processed at the county. They are expecting a good voter turn out in Washington County.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek announced that he was asked to serve on a committee that will be working with the Minnesota State Council on Disability and Minnesota Legal Assistance Group looking at voting equipment requirements for the disabled.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Public Employee Retirement Association meeting he attended last week. Reports were given on fund balance for the post fund and the entire fund. One more report will be given before their recommendation is given to the Legislature. He also reported on the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust meeting he attended. He stated that the dividends will be going down from previous years.

Commissioner Hegberg received a letter on the Electric Transmission Planning meeting for the Twin Cities area on October 27 where they will be discussing transmission lines. The Public Utility Commission (PUC) did not allow waste-to-energy to be a renewable resource. He believes that the wind power companies are working to ensure they get all the renewable resource tax credits and that waste-to-energy doesn't. He asked that a letter be written to the PUC asking them to reconsider their position. Commissioner Kriesel indicated that the Metropolitan Energy Task Force has written letters asking that waste be considered a renewable energy source. They will also be lobbying at the Legislature this session. Commissioner Peterson indicated that the PUC serves as a quasi-judicial body and it may be important to write a letter to each of the utility commissioners in addition to the legislative activity.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
Deputy Administrator


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 26, 2004

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 were Commissioners Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mary McGlothlin, Public Health and Environment Director; Cindy Koosmann, County Recorder; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy County Recorder; Jody Moran, County Recorder's Office; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Jim Luger, Parks Director; Wayne Sandberg, Transportation Engineer; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Bogdan Filipescu, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Jane Harper, Principal Planner; Diane Elias, Community Services; Sue Kuss, Budget/Financial Analyst; Jennifer Menke Blanchard, Management Analyst II; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Stafford to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the October 12, 2004 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the Regional Parcel Data Sharing and Distribution Agreement with public parties between Washington County and the Metropolitan Council, extending the 2002 agreement through December 31, 2008.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-120** as follows:

Approving the Revised Policy No. 4003
Tax Forfeited Property in Washington County

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has approved a policy for the Tax Forfeited Property in Washington County on February 20, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners find that revisions are necessary to improve the process for conveying or selling tax forfeited property.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the revised Policy No. 4003 – Tax Forfeited Property – in Washington County, Minnesota.

4. Approval of an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Subgrantee Agreement with the City of Landfall for the Landfall Sidewalk Improvement project.
5. Approval of an amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Subgrantee Agreement with the City of Woodbury for the City Walk project.
6. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of agreement with the City of Forest Lake for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
7. Approval of Plat of Manning Lake Prairie Addition in May Township.
8. Approval of the Plat of Manning Lake Prairie 2nd Addition in May Township.
9. Approval of amendment to the agreement with Aramark FHC Correctional Services, Inc. for food service operation at the Law Enforcement Center.
10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-121** as follows:

Purchase of Larson Property for
Big Marine Park Reserve

WHEREAS, Washington County is interested in acquiring the property described herein in May Township, for inclusion into the Big Marine Park Reserve and whereas the owners agree to sell the property to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes its Chairman and Administrator to execute on behalf of the county a purchase agreement and any other document necessary for the county to purchase the property legally described as follows:

Lot "A" of the Plat of "Oak Lane", as the same is on file and of record in the Office of Register of Deeds of Washington County, Minnesota, Excepting therefrom all that part thereof lying southerly of the following described line:

Commencing at the southwest corner of Lot "A" of Oak Lane, as on file and of record; thence northerly along the westerly line of said Lot "A" of "Oak Lane" on an assumed bearing of N 13° 30' W for 99.0 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence N 68° 30' E for 149.0 feet to the approximate original shoreline of Big Marine Lake; thence N 73° 45' E for 212 feet, more or less, to a point on the present shoreline of Big Marine Lake, said point being the end of the line to be described.

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For the sum of \$118,000 in total, upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached Purchase Agreement.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-122** as follows:

All Way Stop Installation at the County State Aid Highway 13 and
County Road 74/65th Street Intersection Located in the
City of Cottage Grove

WHEREAS, the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 13 and County Road (CR) 74/65th Street currently operates has a two way stop controlled intersection with the CR 74/65th Street approaches stop controlled; and

WHEREAS, this intersection has experienced increased traffic volumes due to the opening of the Hinton-Tower connection of CSAH 13; and

WHEREAS, a traffic analysis shows that this intersection does meet the criteria set forth in the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for an all way stop and

WHEREAS, based on discussion at the October 19th County Board Meeting, signs indicating an all way stop have already been installed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation and Physical Development to maintain the appropriate signs establishing an all way stop condition at the intersection of CSAH 13 & CR 74/65th Street located in the City of Cottage Grove that were previously installed.

12. Approval of final payment to Comfort Systems, USA in the amount of \$10,684.50 for the upgrading of the automatic logic controls for the energy management system at the Law Enforcement Center.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2004 Canvass Board for State General Elections

County Administrator Schug stated that the County Canvassing Board would meet on Friday, November 5 at 10 a.m., to canvass the state general elections, and that the Board was required to appoint two of its members to the Canvass Board. He added that the appointments had to be from Districts #2, #4, or #5 – those being districts without County Commissioner elections this year. Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint Commissioner Stafford and Commissioner Pulkrebek to the County Canvass Board. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust Annual Meeting

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint Commissioner Hegberg as the county's delegate to the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust annual meeting to be held in conjunction with the AMC annual conference in St. Cloud on December 6, 2004, at 1 p.m., and to appoint Jim Schug, County Administrator, as the alternate delegate. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

2005-2009 Capital Improvement Plan (C.I.P.)

Sue Kuss, Budget/Financial Analyst, reviewed the county's draft 2005-2009 Capital Improvement Plan. She advised the Board that the plan is essentially the same as the adopted 2004-2008 C.I.P except now 2009 projects have been added. A major change to the projects planned for bond funding from future bond issuances is the substitution of \$9.9 million in 2009 bond funds, originally planned for the Valley Creek Jurisdictional Transfer for two road projects: CSAH 13 (Bailey Road to Glen Road, Woodbury) and CSAH 19 (Park Crossing to ¼ mile south of Bailey Road, Woodbury). Another change reflected in the draft C.I.P. is the delay in construction of additional floors at the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) from 2004 to 2007 to coincide with the expansion of the district court facility. As a result of this delay, proceeds from the 2003 bond issuance will be dedicated to construction of the second service center which has been advanced from 2009 to 2006.

The C.I.P. reflects the county's intent to sell \$79.2 million in bonds in 2007 and \$22.1 million in 2009. Significant 2009 projects that the Board may not have heard of before are an upgrade of the chiller system in the Government Center, the jurisdictional transfer of CR 244 in Mahtomedi and Dellwood, a modern restroom at Lake Elmo Park Reserve, a play structure at Square Lake Park, and the metro wide radio system. A funding source has not been identified for all projects, including regional rail, components of the St. Croix Bluffs Park beach area, and an emergency generator upgrade in the Government Center.

The C.I.P. will now be sent to communities for their comments, with responses due back by December 10. Staff then will respond to the comments and bring the final C.I.P back to the County Board on January 4, 2005, for final adoption.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to send the draft 2005-2009 Capital Improvement Plan out to communities for their comments. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.


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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest:


James R. Schug
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Bogdan Filipescu, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Senior Program Manager; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Greg Miller, Attorney for Cheryl Hilyar, asked the Board to remove an item that is on the Consent Calendar and requested discussion of that item. The item is a resolution to not approve the repurchase of two tax forfeited properties located in the Cities of Lake Elmo and Oakdale by Ms. Hilyar. The properties are her home and a double bungalow.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Hegberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the October 19, 2004 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Bruce Eisenmenger as an Adult Mental Health Professional Representative to the Mental Health Advisory Council, to a first term expiring December 31, 2007.
3. Approval to appoint Cindy Evans as a District 4 member to the Mental Health Advisory Council, for a first term expiring December 31, 2007.
4. Approval to appoint Alexis Small as a District 5 member to the Mental Health Advisory Council, for a first term expiring December 31, 2007.

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5. Approval to appoint Kathleen Schwarten as a Family Member to the Mental Health Advisory Council, for a first term expiring December 31, 2007.
6. Approval to appoint Christie Lea Thompson as a District 4 member to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, for a first term expiring December 31, 2006.
7. Approval to set the Truth-in-Taxation hearing for Thursday, December 2, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. and a continuation hearing for Monday, December 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Property Located in the Cities of Oakdale and Lake Elmo

Commissioner Kriesel moved to table discussion on a resolution not approving the repurchase of tax forfeited property by Cheryl Hilyar for PIN 16.029.21.14.0007 and PIN 31.209.21.11.0083 until such time as more information is made available. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek.

Detachment and Annexation of Lot 2, Block 1, Pat Lakes Estates in the City of Grant

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve a petition by Keith F. and Jennifer A. Mueller for the detachment of their property, Lot 2, Block 1, Pat Lake Estates in the City of Grant, from Independent School District #834 and the annexation to Independent School District #832. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Appraised Value and Authorizing Parcels for Private Sale to Adjacent Landowners

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the Board meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-123** as follows:

Resolution Approving the Appraised Value, Authorizing
the Private Sale to Adjacent Landowners and Fixing the
Terms of the Sale for the Attached 13 Parcels of Tax Forfeited Land

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners desires to bring these 13 parcels of tax forfeited land back to the tax rolls as soon as possible; and

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WHEREAS, the best way to achieve this goal is by selling them through a private sale to adjacent landowners; and

WHEREAS, the appraised value of each parcel is set according to the Policy of Tax Forfeited Property in Washington County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the appraised value of each of the 13 parcels appearing on the attached list be approved; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the authorization for the private sale to adjacent landowners be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 2004, in the Board Room at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale shall be for cash only, and that all sales shall be for full payment.

Parcel No.	Municipality	Estimated Market Value	Approved Value	Short Legal
30.028.20.12.0001	Afton	\$100.00	\$10.00	PT NE1/4 S30T28R20
02.030.21.21.0007	Grant	\$100.00	1.00	PT LT 3 BLK 1 Withrow
03.031.21.24.0003	Hugo	\$2,000.00	\$1.00	PT SE1/4NW1/4 S3T31R21
21.029.21.33.0002	Lake Elmo	\$200.00	\$1.00	PT SW-SW S21T29R21
20.030.21.41.0039	Mahtomedi	\$100.00	\$1.00	PT SE1/4 S20T30R21
32.030.21.24.0003	Mahtomedi	\$3,000.00	\$10.00	OL A Bevin Acre Lots
03.032.20.12.0009	New Scandia	\$500.00	\$1.00	OL C Scandia Ranchettes
03.032.20.13.0003	New Scandia	\$400.00	\$1.00	OL D Scandia Ranchettes
17.029.21.21.0005	Oakdale	\$500.00	\$5.00	OL B SUN MEAD 4 TH
31.029.21.23.0075	Oakdale	\$500.00	\$1.00	LT 11 BLK 7 Lake Park Ad
21.030.20.44.0020	Stillwater	\$100.00	\$1.00	PT LT 41 BLK 7 Carl&Schule
28.030.20.42.0012	Stillwater	\$100.00	\$1.00	PT LT 14, CO AUD PLT 2
29.030.20.41.0082	Stillwater	\$100.00	\$1.00	PT LT 1 BLK 4 Sinclairs AD

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 9:35 a.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Overview of School-Based Chemical Health Services System

Sue Hedlund, Senior Program Manager, presented an overview of the new Washington County School-based Chemical Health Services System. This new system is a model of school, government and community collaboration where resources are being shared to more effectively address adolescent alcohol, tobacco and drug use.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS- COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek commended all the individuals who are running for office today. He feels it takes a certain amount of courage and fortitude to put your name on the ballot, win, lose or draw.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Metropolitan Mosquito Control meeting he attended last week to discuss next year's budget. He also attended the Solid Waste Coordinating Board meeting.

Commissioner Peterson indicated she attended a joint meeting with the 911 Board and Metro Radio Board to discuss combining those two groups.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment to discuss the 2004-2025 Waste Management Master Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, George Kuprian, Mary McGlothlin, Judy Hunter, Jeff Travis, and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.

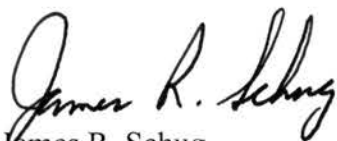
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to discuss improvements to Lot A, the southwest parking lot, including associated detachment/annexation requests to the City of Oak Park Heights and the City of Stillwater for county owned properties within the two block government center campus. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel,

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Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Wisniewski, Ann Pung-Terwedo; Dave Beaudet, Mayor, City of Oak Park Heights, and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
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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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Lowell Johnson, Deputy Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Bogdan Filipescu, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Rebecca Ault, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the October 26 and November 2, 2004 Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-124** as follows:

Resolution Approving the Classification and the Appraised
Value, Authorizing the Private Sale to Adjacent Landowners and
Fixing the Terms of the Sale for the Additional Parcel of Tax
Forfeited Land PIN 29.030.20.41.0106

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners desires to bring this parcel of tax forfeited land back to the tax rolls as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the best way to achieve this goal is by selling it through the private sale to adjacent landowners; and

WHEREAS, the appraised value of this parcel is set according to the Policy of Tax Forfeited Property in Washington County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that parcel PIN 29.030.20.41.0106 shall be classified as non-conservation; and

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the appraised value of parcel PIN 29.030.20.41.0106 be approved at \$5,000.00; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the authorization for the private sale to adjacent landowners be granted, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.01; that the sale will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 2004, in the Board Room at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale shall be for cash only, and that the sale shall be for full payment.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Radio Communications Board Assets

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-125** as follows:

Negotiate Transfer of All Assets from the EMS Radio Communications Board to Regions Hospital

WHEREAS, since 1981, the East Metro counties have jointly owned the EMS Radio Communications System ("System") through the EMS Joint Powers Board; and

WHEREAS, the System has been managed and operated at the Medical Resource Control Center ("MRCC") at Regions Hospital, under a written agreement between the EMS Board and Regions Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the MRCC provides radio communications and medical direction to emergency medical providers and ambulances bound for East Metro hospitals; and

WHEREAS, both Ramsey County and Washington County have resolved to terminate funding for the EMS System and dissolve the EMS Board at the end of 2004, for budgetary reasons, even though they continued to value the services for their citizens; and

WHEREAS, during the 2003 and 2004 legislative sessions, long-term funding for the ongoing operation of the MRCC has not been secured; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2004, Regions Hospital proposed to the EMS Radio Board that Regions Hospital continue to operate the MRCC on and after January 1, 2005, and requested that the EMS Board transfer ownership of the EMS Radio Communications System equipment to Regions Hospital, effective January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2004, the EMS Radio Communications Board ("EMS BOARD), a Joint Powers Board made up of Commissioners from Ramsey County and Washington County, voted unanimously to accept the proposal from Regions Hospital; and

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WHEREAS the financial value of the EMS Radio System components is minimal; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners concludes that a transfer by donation of the EMS radio communications system equipment to Regions Hospital for the ongoing operation and management of the MRCC is conducive to the interest of the County's inhabitants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the EMS Radio Communications Board, subject to a grant of similar authorization from the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, to negotiate a transfer of all of its assets, including radio equipment, radio frequency licenses, and leasehold rights, as well as its obligations, including those under various equipment lease agreements, to Regions Hospital, 640 Jackson Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, effective January 1, 2005.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Comments on the Middle St. Croix Waste Management Organization's Draft Plan

Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager, presented a brief overview of staff comments to the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization Draft Watershed Management Plan. Comments included the following:

Funding of Watershed Activities – Recommended a statement be added to Section 6.7 Financing Approaches stating that “Washington County will not approve funding for any Capital Improvement project without the project first being submitted to the county for project review and funding approval on a case-by-case basis.”

Water Governance – Include a section on criteria adopted by the county in April 2002, Revised Implementation Plan for Water Governance. This criteria is used to determine whether or not a water management organization has an effective water management program and whether it is an implementing and functional organization. Also update their 1996 Joint Powers Agreement to meet the Board of Water and Soil Resources standards.

Groundwater Resources – Request that they integrate groundwater more fully into the plan. Also adopt draft rules for groundwater when they are developed by the Groundwater Consortium. Continue participation in the Groundwater Consortium and shared studies.

Watershed Rules – Develop rules for permitting new development to address surface water runoff and erosion.

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Plan Implementation- Develop an implementation schedule to specifically address timing of specific projects.

Ms. Weckwerth stated they have also challenged the WMO to specifically address flooding in their area. The watershed district has deferred the authority to the cities or township. Staff believes they need to take an overall watershed look at flooding issues in that area.

Ms. Weckwerth indicated that the review process has been delayed by two weeks. Comments are due November 16 and the final adoption by the WMO would be sometime mid-May of 2005. The County Board held a workshop with members of the WMO to discuss legislative authority. The WMO Board members indicate they intend to seek legislative authority for levying taxes. Questions raised by Commissioner Stafford at the workshop were addressed in a previous e-mail. The Revenue Department sent an opinion discussing taxing authority indicating that Water Management Organizations were not recognized as a taxing authority. The WMO is in the process of initiating meetings with the cities and townships of the WMO to discuss the idea of taxing and obtaining resolutions from those communities.

Commissioner Stafford addressed the issue of levy authority. He stated that he would oppose the WMO's effort for legislative authority for levying taxes unless there is specific reference that the members of the WMO would have to be elected officials. He feels that is a critical issue. Another problem with WMO's is that any one community can torpedo a whole project because there needs to be unanimous consent.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, advised the Board that the WMO received a letter from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources indicating they do not have a problem with the WMO seeking special legislation to have taxing authority and they cited the Middle Mississippi WMO in Hennepin County. The issue that Commissioner Stafford raised was communicated to the WMO. They are going back to their members and asking to see if they should reconstitute their Board to make sure it is made up of elected officials or at least that all of the elected bodies from those organizations support this legislation.

Commissioner Stafford would like it clearly stated that any legislation that enables them to levy taxes can only be done by elected members.

Commissioner Hegberg agreed that taxing authorities should be done by elected members. He does not believe the flooding portion is emphasized enough. He thinks that the cities should be the permitting authority and suggested removing the comments about the WMO developing watershed rules regarding permits for new developments on Page 3, Watershed Rules.

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Commissioner Peterson believes that additional revenues are being spent for administration of another WMO and it is her belief that money could be saved for taxpayers throughout Washington County if the WMO's and watershed districts would be unified.

Ms. Weckwerth asked Commissioner Peterson if she would like to reiterate the goal of water governance to consolidate more of the Water Management Organizations, but recognize that in lieu of that, Washington County has established the eight criteria in a revised plan and then put those forward.

Commissioner Peterson stated that there has been success in the joining of the South Washington County Watershed and the East Mississippi WMO. She believes that is how it should be. The county shouldn't be creating additional administrative costs.

Commissioner Kriesel agrees with Commissioner Peterson. He feels there should be some consolidations, not only in WMO's but other governmental agencies. He does disagree with Commissioners Hegberg and Stafford regarding the taxing authority.

Ms. Weckwerth indicated that she would make the recommended changes and bring it back to the Board for action next week.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the comments on the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization's Draft Plan as modified. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Comments on Rice Creek Watershed District Repair Report

Ms. Weckwerth reviewed the Rice Creek Watershed District Repair Report for Judicial Ditch 2 and the four options: Traditional repair, meandered channel at the official profile, stable stream rehabilitation and ongoing minor maintenance. The Department of Public Health and Environment reviewed the four options and recommended the stable stream rehabilitation as the best alternative. Ms. Weckwerth indicated that the public hearing on this matter will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 10 at the Shoreview City Hall, Council Chambers.

John Waller, resident of Hugo, stated that this ditch has been in existence for nearly 100 years. He and his brother are asking for the minimum maintenance. He is asking that the County Board not support the stable stream rehabilitation and support the minor maintenance or traditional repair.

It was Board consensus to wait for county comment until the public hearing is held tomorrow evening. Commissioner Stafford asked if it were possible to request the Rice Creek Watershed District to keep the public comment period open to allow the county to comment? Ms. Weckwerth indicated that the

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watershed districts want to work closely with the counties and if the county made a request to extend the comment period she believes that would be a reasonable request.

Commissioner Hegberg indicated that he will attend the public hearing tomorrow evening and request that the comment period be extended for another two weeks so staff can review it.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to table the comments on Rice Creek Watershed District for two weeks. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

It was the consensus of the Board to not act on the application for repurchase of tax forfeited property by Cheryl Hilyar at this time. There is a proposal to transfer the property to a contractor who would manage the demolition and construct a new house on the site. The county would like to investigate this proposal further.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

County Comments on Oakdale's Tax Increment Finance Plan Modification

Mr. Schug advised the Board that the county has received from the City of Oakdale a proposal to modify Tax Increment Financing Plan No. 6 which is the Bergen Plaza. Included in that proposal is an amendment to its budget extending the time for which the TIF District would continue to collect increment. A draft letter with the county's comments on the proposal has been developed and is before the Board today.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the county comments on the City of Oakdale's modification to the Tax Increment Financing Plan for TIF District No. 6 (Bergen Plaza). Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

2005 Truth-in-Taxation Update

Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections, presented an update on the 2005 Truth-in-Taxation notices that will be sent out on Friday, November 12. They will also be available on the county website prior to mailing.

Commissioner Peterson mentioned that she has been asked about special taxing districts and what they are. She would like to have examples and a general explanation about those listed on the web site.

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Board Meeting Dates for November and December

Mr. Schug advised the Board that November 30 is a fifth Tuesday, so there will not be a County Board meeting on that date. Thursday, December 2 the Board will hold the Truth-in-Taxation hearing. On Tuesday, December 7 three of the Commissioners plan on attending the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference and the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust meeting in St. Cloud, so there may not be a quorum for that meeting. Mr. Schug suggested that a Board meeting be held on Thursday, December 2 prior to the Truth-in-Taxation meeting and then cancel the Board meeting on December 7. The Board will address this issue at next week's meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel noted that he will be attending a special Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting this afternoon to discuss the Whispering Oaks development. He will also be attending the Oak Park Heights City Council meeting this evening to discuss the detachment/annexation of Oak Park Heights land behind the Government Center.

Commissioner Kriesel commended Deputy Sheriff Mike Bonn and the Sheriff's Office for the apprehension of four individuals involved in mail theft of approximately 70 mailboxes. Officer Bonn responded and apprehended the suspects.

Commissioner Kriesel recognized and congratulated his younger brother Commissioner-elect Gary Kriesel, who is in the audience this morning.

Commissioner Hegberg thanked the voters who reelected him. He also thanked the opponents for the good discussions they had prior to the elections. Commissioner Hegberg announced that he will be leaving Lake Area Bank effective Friday, November 12. He will be concentrating on his job of county Commissioner.

Commissioner Peterson will attend a meeting with Senator Marko and cities in southern Washington County and Hastings to discuss the Red Rock Corridor.

Commissioner Stafford presented a Certificate of Recognition to Commissioner Dennis Hegberg for his 15 years of serve to Washington County. The Board congratulated him.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

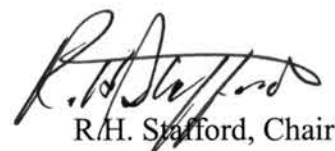
The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections to discuss proposed 2005 property taxes. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Sue Kuss, Kevin Corbid, Joanne Helm, Bogdan Filipescu and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



R.H. Stafford, Chair

County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 16, 2004

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 were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were Jim Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Cindy Weckwerth, Program Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Division Manager; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Jim Frank, County Sheriff; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Hegberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Stafford to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to appoint Linda Eckhardt as a Mental Health Professional to the Mental Health Advisory Council to a first term expiring December 31, 2007.
2. Approval of the following additions to Fee Schedule for the Library Branches to have recording media available for sale: 3.5" diskettes, 50¢/each; CD-R disks, 50¢/each; and CD-RW disks, \$1.00/each.
3. Approval of comments to the Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization regarding their Draft Watershed Management Plan; and approval of letter on behalf of the Commissioners to be signed by the Board Chair.
4. Approval of proposed fee changes in Policy and Procedure Number 1032, for Mylar and blueprint copies.

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5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-126** as follows:

Final Payment to Tower Asphalt, Inc. for Road Construction on
County State Aid Highway 20 in Newport, Woodbury and Cottage Grove

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on April 30, 2002 approved a bid award to Tower Asphalt, Inc. and signed a contract with said company for the milling and bituminous overlay and installation of box culvert on CSAH 20 in Newport, Woodbury and Cottage Grove; and

WHEREAS, Tower Asphalt, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tower Asphalt, Inc. be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Update on Meeting with Oak Park Heights

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a report to the Board of a meeting he and Commissioner Kriesel attended last week at the City of Oak Park Heights regarding the detachment/annexation of the parking lot expansion area. A formal detachment/annexation application was submitted to the city without the \$3,000 non-refundable application fee. The county felt that it is doing most of the work in preparing the necessary resolutions, documents, petitions, legal descriptions and engineering plans and believed the fee should be waived. Areas discussed with the city included the following:

Application Fee - The City Council waived the \$3,000 fee with the provision that the county reimburse the city for expenses associated with the review of the documents, traffic studies and engineering designs.

Street Transfer to Stillwater – The Mayor asked the county to consider in the annexation the transfer of half of the street of Oxboro to the City of Stillwater at the center line. The county made an offer to pay 75% of the reconstruction of Oxboro Avenue on a one time basis along with the \$20,000 one time maintenance payment. In addition, the county would agree to provide snow and ice control on that street. No conclusion was reached.

No Future Annexation – The city asked that the county guarantee that there would be no future annexation of Oak Park Heights property into Stillwater. Mr. Schug felt this is an issue between the two

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cities, but indicated that the county was probably not interested in agreeing to that because it could restrict some future development that 50 years from now might make sense.

Reattachment – The Council and Mayor indicated an interest in having an agreement that would reattach any properties on the current annexation or possibly the rest of the campus if it ever ceased to be a county government facility and was transferred to private ownership. Mr. Schug indicated to the Council that it was such a remote possibility considering the fact that the county has invested millions of dollars into the site and is proposing another \$45 to \$50 million for the courts expansion and LEC addition. He recommended against a reattachment agreement.

Ring Road – The city was concerned about this proposal and the problems this would create for area residents, particularly those who live along Paris Avenue and the east end of 62nd Street. Mr. Schug informed the Council that this was a preliminary and tentative plan proposed by the architect. Also, with the eventual installation of a traffic signal on 62nd and Osgood, along with a four-way stop sign on 62nd Street and Oxboro this would help alleviate problems in directing traffic to the Government Center.

Mr. Schug related other issues raised by the city: Patrol cars using the back egress on the east side of the LEC to exist the campus; concerns about Sheriff's cars cutting through the Walgreen's Parking lot; and employees driving through the parking lot of the apartment building across Oxboro. He indicated to them that anytime these concerns have been expressed to the county they have been addressed immediately. He has talked to the Sheriff about some of these concerns and he's agreed to talk to the deputies to clarify their exit patterns.

Mr. Schug stated that the City of Oak Park Heights will be holding a public hearing on November 30 to allow the neighbors to comment on the proposal. Staff is looking for direction from the County Board related to acquisition, preparing for possible petition or continue to have conversations with the City of Oak Park Heights for a petition that would be supported by the two cities and the county.

Commissioner Kriesel feels that some of these issues long-term can be worked out. He feels the Board should wait until after the November 30 public hearing before it makes a decision.

Commissioner Peterson stated she will agree to that, but she does not want to curtail this forever. She feels the Board should take action at the first meeting in December.

Commissioner Stafford agreed to wait until after their public hearing, but then a decision will need to be made in early December.

Commissioner Hegberg also agreed to wait for the public hearing, but is willing to resolve this issue quickly.

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Commissioner Kriesel asked what kind of presentation or information will be given at the meeting? If county staff is not there some things could be lost in the mix. Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development, believes the county should be there.

Mr. Wisniewski advised the Board that when the county submitted its application it asked the City of Oak Park Heights to make a decision by mid-December. He believes they are still on that time schedule.

Highway 36 Meeting

Mr. Schug announced that the Minnesota Department of Transportation will hold a joint meeting at the Oak Park Heights City Hall on November 30 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the cut and cover option for the St. Croix River Crossing and TH 36 project.

Homeland Security Conference

Mr. Schug announced that there will be a conference on Homeland Security scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Paul River Center.

County Board Meetings in December

Commissioner Peterson moved to hold a County Board meeting on Thursday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Truth-in-Taxation meeting and to cancel the December 7 County Board meeting due to the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference and the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust meeting. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Rice Creek Watershed District Repair Report for Judicial Ditch #2

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the public hearing he attended last Wednesday to discuss the Rice Creek Watershed District Repair Report for Washington County Judicial Ditch #2. He indicated that the City of Hugo faxed him a copy of their response to Rice Creek Watershed District and a resolution. He asked the Mayor to address that letter. Commissioner Hegberg stated he agrees with the City of Hugo's position.

Mayor Fran Miron, City of Hugo, reviewed the city's position on the proposed JD2 repair report as outlined in their letter and resolution to the Rice Creek Watershed District dated November 15, 2004. The City of Hugo supports a Hardwood Creek/JD2 repair and corridor restoration report that: 1) Includes a restoration project that returns the ditch to its official profile along its entire reach from Rice

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Lake downstream to Highway 61; 2) Provides an outlet from Rice Lake at an elevation no higher than the official profile; and 3) Clearly states if, for any reason, the project does not result in the return of the ditch to the official profile, thereby, denying the basic drainage rights to the residents benefited, property owners would be fully compensated for the loss of those drainage rights. The City does not believe the stable stream restoration design option is consistent with the project expectations. The City feels that the straight repair option is more consistent. The Rice Creek Watershed District staff identified their stable stream restoration project as the most cost effective project, but did not identify any land acquisition costs as part of that project.

Mayor Miron asked that the county act on this quickly and pass this resolution and send letters to Anoka and Ramsey County asking them for their support and their encouragement to their representatives on the watershed district to support the City of Hugo's position.

Commissioner Kriesel feels that the traditional repair should be looked at now. If it doesn't work long-term something else could be done. If the stable stream option is used, you're not sure what nature is going to do and that could turn out to be even more of a problem. He's leaning toward the traditional repair.

Commissioner Stafford agrees with and respects the comments of Commissioner Hegberg. It's his district and he has been involved with this issue for many years.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-127** as follows:

A Resolution in Support for Stream Rehabilitation of
JD2/Hardwood Creek/Rice Creek Watershed District

WHEREAS, The Rice Creek Watershed petitioned itself to repair Judicial Ditch 2 (JD2) in order to balance the District's diverse needs in the JD2 system; and

WHEREAS, the needs of JD2 are given to provide drainage for adjacent property owners, storm water conveyance to the cities of Hugo and Forest Lake, and protection of the resources of the district, in accordance with the goals stated in the Water Resources Plan; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the JD2 Rehabilitation Project with water quality initiatives provides the district with a fiscally prudent repair design of JD2 that will mitigate flooding, improve the biological condition of Hardwood Creek, and improve water quality downstream in the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the traditional repair alternative provides for a fiscally sound alternative with neutral to good flood mitigation, stormwater conveyance, good expectations for biologic condition improvements, good expectations for downstream water quality, and lower impacts to wetlands; and

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WHEREAS, Peltier Lake is the direct recipient for waters flowing from Hardwood Creek and Peltier Lake is an impaired waters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the implementation of the traditional repair for Hardwood Creek/JD2 at the compromised official profile; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the water quality initiative for protection of downstream water bodies, as defined on Page 7-5 in the approved Rice Creek Watershed Management Plan.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

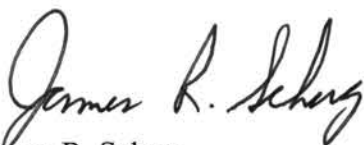
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Community Services to review chemical health treatment and detoxification. No business was transacted and public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Tom Adkins, Patrick Singel, Cindy Rupp, Mark Kuppe, Human Services, Inc. and Sandy Morelli, Human Services, Inc., and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



R.H. Stafford, Chair

County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 23, 2004

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 were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Sandy Cullen, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Bogdan Filipescu, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Rebecca Ault, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resource Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Cindy Koosmann, County Recorder; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-128** as follows:

Resolution Approving the Application for Cancellation of
 Forfeiture of Parcel PIN 31.029.21.11.0009 and Recommending its
 Acceptance by the Department of Revenue

WHEREAS, the owners of parcel PIN 31.029.21.11.0009 have been notified in April 2003 of the expiration of the period of redemption; and

WHEREAS, the owners attempted to redeem their property from delinquency by sending in time a payment in full amount for back taxes, penalties, interest and fees; and

WHEREAS, the payment was erroneously posted against another parcel owned by the same people; and

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WHEREAS, on July 21, 2003, the period of redemption on this property has run and title passed to the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections, as the executor of the duties of the County Auditor acknowledged the clerical error that occurred on the 5th of May 2003; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 279.33 and 279.34 allow the County Auditor to initiate and the County Board to approve the application for cancellation of forfeiture when an administrative error is discovered.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application for cancellation of forfeiture of parcel 31.029.21.11.0009 be approved; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHERER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners recommends its acceptance by the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-129** as follows:

Conveyance of Tax-Forfeited Land for an Authorized
Public Use to the City of Stillwater

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater has made the proper application for acquiring parcel 29.030.20.14.0011, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, desires to see this parcel of land, which has forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, conveyed to the City of Stillwater, free of charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends to the Commissioner of Revenue of the State of Minnesota to grant the application of the City of Stillwater

Parcel Identification Number: 29.030.20.14.0011
Legal Description: Lot 11, Castle Hills Addition
Municipality: City of Stillwater
Date Forfeited: 7/21/03
Approximate Size: 0.76 Acres
Assessed Value: \$100.00
Authorized Public Use: Storm Water Outlet

3. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant subgrantee agreement with the City of Cottage Grove for the Highway 61 Corridor project.
4. Approval of agreement with Heritage Environmental Services for household hazardous waste services and authorize execution by Board Chair and Administrator.
5. Approval of snowmobile safety enforcement grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

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6. Bids were received for supply and installation of replacement air conditioning system and a dry gaseous agent fire suppression system in the Information Technology Computer room as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt. #1	Total Bid
Northland Mechanical	\$103,500	\$27,500	\$131,000
Northern Air Corp.	\$112,900	\$29,623	\$142,523
Harris Mechanical	\$122,500	\$20,860	\$143,360
Cool Air Mechanical	\$122,100	\$23,300	\$145,400
Egan	\$127,961	\$29,920	\$157,881
Uhl Company	\$135,100	\$24,300	\$159,400
Newmech Companies	\$139,200	\$27,700	\$166,900
Doody Mechanical	\$180,000	\$21,000	\$201,000

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-130** as follows:

Bid Award for Supply and Installation of Replacement
Air Conditioning Units in the Information Technology Computer Room to
Northland Mechanical

WHEREAS, in order to complete supply and installation of replacement air conditioning units and a dry gaseous agent fire suppression system in the information technology computer room, the County solicited bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, bids were opened on November 8, 2004, with Northland Mechanical being the lowest responsible bidder; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Northland Mechanical be accepted and the County enter into a contract with Northland Mechanical under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the County and Northland Mechanical be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

7. Approval to set a public hearing for December 14, 2004, 9:00 a.m. to consider an amendment to the Washington County Development Code regarding the ownership and management of open space in open space design subdivisions.
8. Approval and execution of Amendment No. 2 to the building custodial and snow removal contract with Linn Building Maintenance for 2005.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-131** as follows:

Withdrawing a Petition for the Repair and Maintenance of the
Forest Lake Outlet Channel

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WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2004-006 on January 6, 2004; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorized a petition for the Repair and Maintenance of and Conveyance of Fee Ownership of Forest Lake Outlet Structure; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution also authorized the County to petition for the repair of the outlet channel and commence such a project; and

WHEREAS, the real property more fully described in Document No. 3469351 and attached hereto has been deeded to the Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, because this transfer has been completed, the Petition is no longer needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners withdraws the Petition for Forest Lake Channel Repair dated January 6, 2004.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Transfer of County Road 58 to May Township

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the agreement for the transfer of County Road 58 from Manning Avenue (County State Aid Highway 15) to Keystone Avenue (CR 57) to May Township. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Environmental Assessment for CSAH 14/8 Reconstruction

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-132** as follows:

Negative Declaration on the Need for an EIS for the CSAH 14/8 Project and
Approval of Distribution of Record of Decision

WHEREAS, Washington County is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for the County State Aid Highway 14/8 Reconstruction Project; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule 4410.4300 Subp. 22 requires an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) be prepared for the project; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment (EA) document has been prepared as a part of the National Environmental Policy Act process and the state environmental process to fulfill the requirements of both 42 U.S.C. 4332 and M.S. 116D, and has been circulated for review and comment; and

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WHEREAS, based on the information contained in the CSAH 14/8 EA and comments received on the EA, findings of fact include:

The type and extent of environmental affects are similar to effects associated with other road construction projects and the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects.

No cumulative potential effects of related or future projects exist that would pose significant environmental effects.

The anticipated environmental effects are subject to mitigation by ongoing regulatory authorities.

The extent of environmental effects can be anticipated and controlled as a result of experience with other similar highway improvement projects with similar environmental effect; and

WHEREAS, no regulatory reviewing agencies indicate a need for an EIS; and

WHEREAS, based on criteria in Minnesota Rule 4410.1770 the project does not have significant environmental effects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the EA for the CSAH 14/8 Reconstruction Project was adequate and a negative declaration is made on the need for an EIS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the distribution of the Record of Decision documenting this decision.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to remove from the table applications for repurchase of properties located at 8961 37th Street North, Lake Elmo, PIN 16.029.21.14.0007 and 827 Greenway Avenue North, Oakdale, PIN 31.029.21.11.0083. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Application for Repurchase of Property in Lake Elmo

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-133** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing the Repurchase of the Property at
8961 37th Street in Lake Elmo (Parcel Number 16.029.21.14.0007)

WHEREAS, parcel number 16.029.21.14.0007 went into tax forfeiture on the 21st of July, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment found the property to be in violation of County Public Health Nuisance Ordinance No. 165; and

WHEREAS, the former owner has submitted an application for repurchase; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has the authority and responsibility to establish conditions as it relates to the repurchase of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners determines that the best interest of the public is served by approving the application for repurchase only if the repurchaser agrees to the following conditions subsequent to transfer of title to the repurchaser:

1. The repurchaser, Ms. Cheryl Hilyar, provides a signed purchase agreement with a third party that transfers the property into that person's ownership within 14 days after Board approval of the repurchase application.
2. The third party purchaser agrees to submit a plan to abate the public health nuisance that currently exists on the property within 14 days after the County Board approves the application for repurchase.
3. The third party purchaser agrees to the abatement of the public health nuisance and asbestos contamination in a manner that is consistent with the Washington County Public Health Ordinance No. 165. The public health nuisance and the asbestos contamination abatement must be completed within 180 days following the sale of the property to the third party purchaser.
4. The repurchaser agrees to reimburse the County for its direct administrative costs related to the property after forfeiture. The costs include the securing of the property, contamination investigative reports and administrative costs. The direct costs equal \$3000. Repurchaser shall reimburse the County these costs within 14 days after the sale of the property to the third party repurchaser.
5. The repurchaser pays the required repurchase amount as determined by state law (taxes, penalties, and fees).

The repurchaser and the third party purchaser shall state their agreement with these conditions by signing the condition acknowledgement form attached to this resolution. All parties agree that the county will transfer only a fee simple determinable to the repurchaser and retain the reversionary interest. If any of these conditions are not complied with, the ownership of the property will revert to the State of Minnesota, and Washington County as administrator, transferring ownership of the property back to the public. If the owner refuses to convey the property as outlined in these agreement, they recognize and consent to the County bringing an action in District Court to require transfer of the property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the repurchase application, with the preceding conditions subsequent is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that only a fee simple determinable will be deeded to the repurchaser with the reversionary interest remaining in the State; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once it is determined that all conditions have been complied with, the reversionary interest will be deeded to whomever is the owner of the property, merging the ownership into a fee simple absolute.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek.

Application for Repurchase of Property in Oakdale

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-134** as follows:

Resolution Not Approving the Repurchase by Previous Owner,
of Parcel PIN 31.029.21.11.0083

WHEREAS, the taxes for parcel PIN 31.029.21.11.0083 for years payable 2000 through 2004 have not been paid; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2004, the period of redemption has run, the parcel, which was non-homestead, went tax forfeited, and the title passed to the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the previous owner of the property, Cheryl J. Hilyar, has requested the Washington County Board of Commissioners to repurchase this parcel pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 282.241; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 282.241 allows non-homesteaded forfeited property to be repurchased at the discretion of the County Board within one year from the date of forfeiture, if the County Board determines that repurchase will correct undue hardship or injustice, or repurchase will permit use of the lands that best serve the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment found the property to be in violation of County Public Health Nuisance Ordinance No. 165; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakdale have expressed opposition to the repurchase of this parcel of tax forfeited property; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has the authority and responsibility to establish conditions as it relates to the repurchase of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application for repurchase of property PIN 31.029.21.11.0083, submitted by Cheryl J. Hilyar, is hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections is hereby directed to work with the City of Oakdale on the possible conveyance of the property.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Update on Auction of Oakdale Gas Station Tax Forfeited Property

Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections, advised the Board that Beal Bank, the mortgage holder on the gas station in Oakdale, was not interested in repurchasing the gas station. Staff has obtained a contract with a realtor to list and market this property for a minimal fee of \$500. The auction will take place on Friday, December 3, 2004.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Commissioner Stafford moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-135** as follows:

Regional/Washington County Waste Management Master Plan

WHEREAS, Washington County is required by Minn. Stat. 115A and 473.803 to revise the County's Waste Management Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Policy Plan, adopted by the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance on January 15, 2004 and approved by the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board on November 19, 2003, provides the framework for the county waste management planning in the metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board joint powers agreement specified the preparation of one waste management master plan document for the six member counties in the region; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, as an active member of the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, participated in the preparation and review of the Regional Solid Waste Master Plan, along with the other five member counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin and Ramsey; and

WHEREAS, the County Board established a Waste Management Planning Group to aid in the preparation of the County's master plan, per Minn. Stat. 473.803, subd. 4; and

WHEREAS, in preparing its master plan, the County also received input from representatives of cities, townships, and solid waste haulers; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board adopted the Regional Solid Waste Master Plan, 2004-2025, September 22, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Waste Management Master Plan contains new initiatives that require additional staff resources to develop and implement strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Waste Management Master Plan is an amalgam of the Regional Master Plan and sections specific to Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopts the Regional/Washington County Waste Management Master Plan proposed by the Washington County

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Department of Public Health and authorizes the Department of Public Health and Environmental to submit the Plan to the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, in order to amalgamate Washington County's document with those of the other member counties for submittal to the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance Director for review and approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the additional resource allocation of 1 FTE in the 2005 budget of the Department of Public Health and Environment for waste management program purposes.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reminded the Board that a short Board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Truth-in-Taxation hearing at 7:00 p.m. He also noted that next Tuesday, November 30 is a fifth Tuesday and there will not be a County Board meeting. Also, the County Board meeting for December 7 has been canceled due to the Association of Minnesota Counties conference and Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust annual meeting

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg asked that the Housing and Redevelopment Authority investigate applying for Community Development Block Grant funds to build homes or apartments for the disabled near the proposed transit center being planned in Forest Lake.

Commissioner Peterson thanked the Parks staff for their help in School District 833's cross-country run event held at the St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to discuss project management for construction of the South Service Center and North Service Center/Library/Transit Center. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Wisniewski, Richard Gauger, Don Theisen, Mary McCarthy, Jeff Travis, Kevin Corbid, Keith Potter, Judy Hunter and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.



R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 2, 2004**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Edison Vizuete, Financial Services Director; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the November 9 and 16, 2004 Board Meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Greg Orth, Woodbury, to the Community Corrections Advisory Committee to a first term beginning January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006.
3. Approval to appoint Robert Wagner, Rehabilitation Representative, to the Workforce Investment Board to a first term expiring June 30, 2006.
4. Approval for the County Board Chair and the County Administrator to execute, on behalf of Washington County, the interagency agreement for the Washington County Children and Families Council.
5. Approval and execution of contract with Erickson Engineering for bridge replacement design of Bridge 5673 on County State Aid Highway 18 over Valley Creek in Afton in the amount of \$60,870 conditioned upon the execution of a contract as required by law.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections, advised the Board that the tax forfeited gas station property in Oakdale is scheduled to go to public auction for sale tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 p.m. An application to repurchase this property was received this afternoon from Robert A. Williams, managing partner of Bobby & Steve's Auto World stores. Beal Bank, the mortgage holder on this property, sold their interest in the mortgage to Mr. Williams. All rights and interest for the property have been transferred to Mr. Williams. The repurchase application states they have experience in gas station operations and those that have pollution issues. The application was accompanied by two cashier checks that total roughly \$350,000—\$250,000 of that money is used to pay off the taxes, penalties and fees owed to the local jurisdictions and the other \$100,000 is what would be used to pay off the federal and state tax liens if the Board approves the repurchase. This amount of money would not cover the county's cost in this matter.

Paul Steffenson, Attorney for Robert A. Williams, stated that Mr. Williams paid a fair amount of money to Beal Bank for the mortgage. The applicant is not seeking hardship, they feel that the repurchase would be in the best public interest. Mr. Williams feels he would be a good owner, clean up the property and will run it as a viable business. He's been in this business for 50 years and has dealt with many pollution issues and has looked at this site quite a bit. They understand there will be additional costs for the county.

Robert Williams, 4047 Cleveland Street, Columbia Heights – Mr. Williams feels that his repurchase of this property would be in the best interest of the public. He has been looking for an opportunity to bring his business to this area. This land is very polluted, but he has experience in successfully treating similar issues. He feels they would be a great fit for that community.

Commissioner Stafford advised the Board that the Finance Committee spent a considerable amount of time this afternoon discussing this matter. It recommended to the full Board to reject the application.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to reject the application by Robert A. Williams for repurchase of tax forfeited land located at 3355 Hadley Avenue, Oakdale, Minnesota. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Corbid indicated that the real property will be on for sale at tomorrow's auction. The resolution now under consideration is personal property staff has taken out of the property and believes that a third party might have interest in. The County will store those items and notify those individuals that they can still claim that property. If they do not take that right to claim, there will be a separate auction on the personal property.

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Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-136** as follows:

Authorizing the Sale of Abandoned Personal Property at
3355 Hadley Avenue, Oakdale

WHEREAS, parcel number 17.029.21.32.0003 went tax forfeited on the 21st of July, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has approved the parcel to be sold at public auction on December 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Department of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections has notified the previous owner and all other interested parties of the sale of the real estate and the need for all personal property to be removed prior to the public auction; and

WHEREAS, the timeline provided for both the previous owner and the interested parties we were able to contact to remove any personal property has expired; and

WHEREAS, the previous owner has left personal property on the subject real property; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has the authority and responsibility, per Minnesota Statutes 282.04, Subd. 2, to provide the sale of abandoned personal property; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners determines the personal property remaining at the above parcel has been abandoned.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby declares abandoned and approves of the sale of the aforementioned personal property and directs the Department of Assessment, Taxpayer, Services and Elections to provide for the sale of the abandoned personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 504B.271.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the net proceeds from the sale be deposited in the tax forfeited tax sale fund and distributed in the same manner as if the parcel had been sold.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, updated the Board on the public hearing held in Oak Park Heights regarding the county's request for detachment and annexation of the property on the south side of the Government Center. No conclusions were reached, but progress was made. The City heard from its citizens and there were no serious objections to the county's proposal to annex that property into Stillwater and to develop it into a parking lot. There were concerns about the trees, buffering and so forth particularly on Paris Avenue. Following the public hearing the City Council did agree to move forward on a joint petition and initiate a discussion with the City of Stillwater to detach and annex the

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property, but did indicate some conditions that would have to be part of an agreement. Mr. Schug stated he was not sure those would be acceptable to the county. The County has contacted the City and restated what the county would be offering in terms of road reconstruction, maintenance agreements, moving the water line and asked that those items be built into the agreement. They were also advised what areas would probably not get County Board support. It is hoped that the City will consider this at their meeting on December 14. If they do approve it, the County would consider a proposed agreement at its meeting of December 21.

Commissioner Kriesel feels that items the Board may not be comfortable with can be worked out and that it is only a matter of semantics. If the right language is developed, he believes the county can live with some of those conditions. He is confident something can be worked out.

Mr. Schug announced that the Board will hold its Truth-in-Taxation hearing at 7:00 p.m. this evening to consider the proposed 2005 budget and tax levy.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel announced that Valley Ridge and Valley Access Channels will hold a Christmas Party with Santa on Saturday, December 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hegberg announced that he will be attending the Association of Minnesota Counties Conference next week in St. Cloud.

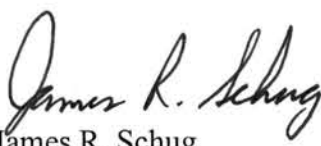
BOARD CORRESPONDENCE


Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Attest:


James R. Schug
County Administrator


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING
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The Washington County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room, to conduct a Truth-in-Taxation public hearing for the purposes of review of the proposed 2005 county budget. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were Jim Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Sue Kuss, Budget/Financial Analyst; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Chris Volkers, Court Administrator; Edison Vizuite, Financial Services Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Jim Frank, Sheriff; Jennifer Blanchard, Management Analyst II; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy Recorder; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

Board Chair Stafford opened the hearing with a welcome to those in attendance.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, gave a brief overview of the budget process to date. He stated that final action on the budget and levy will be taken on December 14 at the County Board meeting. He noted that various Department Heads are here this evening and are available to provide information or answer questions.

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, presented an overview of the proposed 2005 budget.

The Board Chair opened the meeting for comments from the audience.

Steve Gray, 1117 Summit, Mahtomedi – Mr. Gray asked about the waste control taxes. Previously he has paid about \$90 a year in the taxes for the waste facility. That fund has now been shifted to the waste control provider. How is that \$90 reflected into this tax statement? Chair Stafford stated that up until two years ago every residential improved parcel was charged \$42 per parcel, whether you generated one pound of waste a week or a thousand pounds a week. This amount was used to underwrite the tipping fee at the Newport plant. Now, the amount that is paid to dispose of trash is related to the volume generated. All but \$3 of this amount was taken off the tax statement and put on the hauler bill.

Stan Pond, 1282 Highway 35, Hudson, Wisconsin – Mr. Pond stated he owns a piece of property by County Point. He owned ten acres that was the Showboat Bowling Alley for 25 years. He sold the bowling alley and four and a half acres. His taxes on the remaining land, which he cannot develop until city sewer and water comes, costs him \$200 an acre taxes each year amounting to \$1,200 and according

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to the county records it's zoned commercial. It's not zoned commercial, it's zoned agricultural/residential. He was before the Board for about a year trying to get this thing split to sell the bowling alley. \$200 an acre in taxes is unfair. The Board Chair suggested that he talk with the County Assessors who are in attendance this evening. He asked if Mr. Pond attended the Board of Equalization on the city or county level. Mr. Pond indicated he never received the notice.

Alan James, 10745 Kimbro Avenue Court North, Grant – Mr. James stated the presentation was unexceptionable. He is retired. They built their house in 1990 for \$228,000. At the time, it was assessed considerably above that even though they had receipts to show what costs were. It has since gone up to a place where they are being forced to abandon ship and leave. The value given on this sheet is \$630,900. The taxes are \$5,700, which represents for their family about 17% of their total income. Their health care is another 28%. The CPI is around 2%; his tax at the bottom says 18.8% increase. He got a similar one last year. Probably nothing will come of this, but he feels it is his duty to look at the Board and address it and to say you're pinching us. He believes the public is intimidated and doesn't know what to do. Most people are afraid to come. The county percent is 4.5% increase. But, \$5,700 is really too much. He has told the appraisors that the figures are way off, but has been told it's worth it. He asked what should he do, sell it? He likes it here, they are good citizens, they like their neighbors. He feels there are too many people who can't handle it. He would like advice on what to do about the taxes. He is 72, should he go out and find another job? The Board Chair suggested seeking a legislative change. Property taxes are based on value, not ability to pay. The only remedy that exists today is the income adjusted homestead credit.

Robert Draine, 1275 2nd Avenue, Newport – Mr. Draine stated he does not agree with the proposal he received in the mail. How can he change it? His assessed valuation went up \$30,000. His taxes increased 6.6%. Every time Reserve Chairman Greenspan cuts interest, his salary goes down. He's been trying to sell the place, get out of Newport and Washington County. Realtors tell him because he lives in Newport he better lower the asking price. The county comes along and says it's worth more. Last year on one side of him a two and a half story barn went up bigger than the guy's house. This year the neighbor on the other side built an equipment shed for his bobcats, bulldozers and hoist. He takes good care of his property; it's nice, neat and clean. The county says it's gone up, but he feels it's gone down because of these things that Newport allows people to do. The Board Chair asked Mr. Draine if he has talked to the Assessor. Mr. Draine indicated he had not. He has lived at this address for 18 years and an Assessor has only been there one time. The Board Chair stated they are required to visit a site every four to five years, but sometimes if you're not home they do an inspection from the outdoors. He directed him to the individuals at the back of the room. Also, in the Spring when he receives a valuation notice for next year's tax he should go to the local board of appeals.

Bob Leaf, 79 Birchwood Road, Mahtomedi – Mr. Leaf asked if the budget is going up 1.54% and his tax is going up 5.8%, where is the correlation? Ms. O'Rourke stated that the budget is going up 1.5%; the

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dilemma is that what the county is receiving from the State of Minnesota is going down. The county has to increase the levy to pay for those costs the State says we have to pay for. That's why you don't see just a 1.5% increase, it's because the county has to pay for all these other things the State says. Mr. Leaf feels the county has done a good job of holding it to the 1.5% increase.

George Scharber, 1489 Goodwin Avenue North, Oakdale – Mr. Scharber stated he would have liked to receive some information on what the county is spending the money on in advance of this meeting so he could look it over and come better prepared. He does not understand why his taxes are going up 14.1% next year. He understands that part of that is levy and part of that is increased valuation. He feels a 14% increase in this economy is ludicrous. He feels it is incumbent on all levels of government, be it city or county to not just accept as a given that everything increases each year. There are a lot of people in private industry that work six days a week without benefits to try and make ends meet. If costs go up they need to figure out how to do it. He feels it is incumbent on government agencies to not just be satisfied with keeping increases to a minimum. Why can't they have a decrease in spending? The Board Chair indicated that in addition to the notice, the budget was on the web site. The cost of notifying every individual citizen of the budget at 37cents an ounce would be counter-productive to the speech Mr. Scharber just gave us about cutting costs. There is a personal obligation to seek out this information. Commissioner Pulkabek stated he agrees with a lot of what Mr. Scharber said. He did point out that in real dollars, the county's budget has gone down. On Page 5 on the bottom, the county's total budget for 2003 was \$150 million and we are looking at next year, two years later, it's going down to \$142 million. The county is actually spending about \$8 million less than two years ago.

Penny Duff, 45 12th Street, Newport – Ms. Duff stated she lives in Newport and their business is in St. Paul Park on Broadway. In the Spring their valuation went up 25% on their commercial building which is right across from the refinery and it blew up this Summer. There has been no way to get to her home or their business for a year or more because of the highway project going on. The business is down about 20% this year alone and it was also hurt last year. When the valuation went up 25% with the ridiculous amounts they are getting for property she couldn't say that wasn't true. But the tax bill is up 40.4%. The Washington County portion of that went down, but out of \$4,768 on this commercial building there is a state general tax of almost \$1,400, no meeting required she can't complain there. \$2,051 for state increment tax, whatever that is, no meeting required and she can't complain about that. The fiscal disparity tax is \$735, but no meeting was required. She does not know where to go to complain about those things. But this is killing them. Their home went up \$370, the business went up \$1,400. The Board Chair stated that to get answers on the tax increment financing and fiscal disparity tax she should talk to the individuals at the back of the room.

The Board Chair asked for further comments; none were heard.

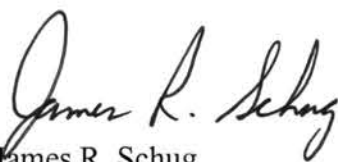
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Commissioner Peterson urged everyone to attend the local boards of equalization to address the assessed value on homes. These meetings are held in the Spring. The Truth-in-Taxation meeting is about the county budget, is the county spending the citizen's dollars wisely, not what is your property worth.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that information on the budget process is provided in the Staying in Touch Newsletters. The Departmental budget hearings are also held on TV.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



R.H. Stafford, Chair

County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 14, 2004**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:10 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Sandy Cullen, Transportation Manager; Chris Manthey, Transportation and Physical Development Design Coordinator; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Frank, Sheriff; Steve Pott, Chief Deputy; Kevin Corbid, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections Director; Dennis O'Donnell, Senior Planner; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Jim Luger, Deputy Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sue Fennern, Human Resources Coordinator; Mary McCarthy, Information Technology Director; Barb Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Mike Welling, Surveyor; Bruce Munneke, Assessor; Cindy Koosmann, Recorder; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; and Bev Hagen, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Peterson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg, to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the November 23, 2004 Board Meeting minutes.
2. Approval to amend Policy #1012, Mileage Reimbursement to increase mileage for individuals using personal vehicles on county business and establish the new mileage rate at 40.5 cents per mile, effective pay period beginning January 2, 2005.
3. Approval to reappoint Bruce Munneke as County Assessor to a new four-year term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2008.
4. Approval to ratify the 2005 meet and confer agreements with non-union employee groups including Confidential Supervisors and Confidential employees as follows:

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1. Wages – 0% general adjustment for 2005
 2. Health Insurance Contribution - \$433 for single, \$433 for employee plus child(ren), \$589 for employee plus spouse, \$619 for family with \$0 copay, \$640 for family with \$15 and \$20 copay.
 3. Cafeteria Credits – no change.
5. Approval to ratify the 2005 meet and confer agreements with Department Head non-union employee group as follows:
1. Wages – 0% general adjustment for 2005
 2. Health Insurance Contribution - \$433 for single, \$433 for employee plus child(ren), \$589 for employee plus spouse, \$619 for family with \$0 copay, \$640 for family with \$15 and \$20 copay.
 3. Cafeteria Credits – \$1,000 per year
 4. Merit programs – no change
 5. PTO Cash Out – up to 100 hours
 6. Retirement Severance Cash out of Extended Sick Leave – Up to \$12,000
6. Approval to ratify the 2005 agreements with AFSCME and LELS bargaining units as follows:
- Health Insurance Contribution - \$433 for single, \$433 for employee plus child(ren), \$589 for employee plus spouse, \$619 for family with \$0 copay, \$640 for family with \$15 and \$20 copay.
7. Approval to ratify the 2005 retiree health insurance for employees and retirees who are included in the lawsuit settlement be afforded the same level of coverage as those employees/retirees who fall under the rules and regulations, thus allowing retirees a comparable tier of coverage without a reduction in aggregate benefits.
8. Approval to amend software license agreement contract with SSA Global Technologies, Inc., to extend the software maintenance for Infinium Application Manager, Human Resources/Payroll, Flex Benefits and Query until December 31, 2005.
9. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of agreement with the City of Lake Elmo for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
10. Approval to dispose of 167 used jail blankets by donating them to the Salvation Army, Harbor Light Shelter for their use.
11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-137** as follows:

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Request to Authorize the Commissioner of Transportation
to Perform a Speed Study to Determine the Reasonable and
Safe Speed Limit at the Following Location

City of Grant

County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 9 (Jamaca Ave N, 110th St. N. Julianne Ave N, 119th St. N. Keystone Ave N) between CSAH 12 (75th Street North) and CSAH 7 (122nd St N). Portions of this road have not been studied since 1981. Due to additional development in Grant, it is appropriate to restudy the area.

WHEREAS, the authority to determine the safe and reasonable speed on a County Highway resides with the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, changes in residential density, traffic patterns, and travel speeds have affected the above referenced location; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all parties to have reasonable and safe speeds posted on our County highways; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Grant has passed a resolution in support of a speed study in this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Transportation and Physical Development to request that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation perform a speed survey to determine the reasonable and safe speed limit at the above referenced location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Transportation and Physical Development is hereby authorized to install and maintain signing consistent with the resulting order.

12. Approval and execution of operations grant to the Washington County Historical Society.
13. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-138** as follows:

Final Payment to Tower Asphalt, Inc. for 2004 Bituminous Overlay
Road Projects on CSAH 4, 35 and CR 15a and 68

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on April 14, 2004, approved a bid award to Tower Asphalt, Inc. and signed a contract to that effect for the bituminous overlays project on CSAH 4, 35 and CR 15a and 68; and

WHEREAS, Tower Asphalt, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tower Asphalt, Inc., be paid in full for the said contract work in the amount due indicated on the final payment voucher which is attached herewith and is hereby a part of this resolution.

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14. Approval and execution of land transfer and replacement agreement with the City of Cottage Grove for Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park land.
15. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-139** as follows:

T.H. 95 Detour Agreement with the
Minnesota Department of Transportation

IT IS RESOLVED, that Washington County enter into Mn/DOT agreement no. 87402 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purpose:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County Road 3 as a detour route during the culvert and guardrail replacement and other associated construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 95 from Trunk Highway 97 approximately 3.90 miles North to County Road 86 under State Project No. 1305-021 (T.H. 95=095).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLED, that the County Board Chair and the County Administrator are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

16. Approval and execution of grant agreement SG-04-110 with the Metropolitan Council in the amount of \$49,435 for acquisition of 17679 Lisbon Avenue North located in the Big Marine Park Reserve.
17. Approval of supplemental agreement No. 7 to contract #2196 with SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for consulting services for reconstruction of Valley Creek Road and Century Avenue South in the City of Woodbury for a cost not to exceed \$151,635 and approval of cooperative agreement for Weir Drive construction cost reimbursement with the City of Woodbury.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Amendment to the Washington County Development Code

The Board Chair presented an overview of today's public hearing to consider an amendment to the Washington County Development Code regarding Chapter 2, Part 3, Section 4.6 dealing with the ownership and management of open space in open space design subdivisions.

Dennis O'Donnell, Senior Planner, advised the Board that it initially discussed this subject in a workshop in August 2004 and staff was directed to proceed with the process of amending the ordinance. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on October 26, 2004, and recommended approval of the

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ordinance amendment which will give the county more power to determine exactly who should own the open space in open space design subdivisions.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the current ordinance language reads "designated open space and common facilities may be owned and managed by one or a combination of the following: 1) homeowners' association, 2) non-profit organization, 3) the county or another governmental body empowered to hold interest in real property, 4) or an individual who will use the land for open space purposes as provided by the permanent conservation restrictions." The proposal before the Board is to retain the first three items, but would eliminate the 4th item and replace it with a new section as follows: "An alternative management plan may be proposed by the owner to the county. The county shall determine whether the alternative plan is acceptable and meets the intent of the Development Code considering such factors as size, dimension, allowable use, management, and natural features of the open space. The County shall have the discretion to reject any proposed alternative plan."

Mr. O'Donnell stated that favorable written comments were received from New Scandia and Denmark Township and a favorable verbal comment from Grey Cloud Island Township was received. After the Planning Commission meeting a letter from Stillwater Township was received in favor of the amendment, but stating that it might be desirable to have language in the ordinance stating "upon consultation with the affected township, the county would then make a decision."

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

Commissioner Peterson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson moved to amend the proposed resolution to include the additional language recommended by Stillwater Township. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-140** as amended:

Resolution Approving Text Amendment to the Washington County
Development Code Chapter Two, Part 3 – Zoning Regulations
Open Space Development Performance Standards Section 4.6 Ownership
and Management of Open Space Ordinance No. 170

WHEREAS, Washington County is authorized to carry on county planning and zoning activities in the unincorporated areas of the County pursuant to MINN. STAT. CHAPT. 394; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County 2015 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners on April 22, 1997 and became effective October 1, 1997 as Washington County Ordinance No. 124; and

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WHEREAS, MINN. STAT. §473.865 requires counties to adopt the official controls described in their Comprehensive Plan so as to implement the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Development Code was adopted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners and became effective on October 20, 1997 as Washington County Ordinance No. 127; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2004, the County Board in a workshop setting considered a staff proposal to amend Part 3, Section 4.6 of the Washington County Development Code which deals with the ownership and management of the open space in open space design subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would eliminate Section 4.6(1)(D) which provided that one of the owners and managers of open space could be "An individual who will use the land for open space purposes as provided by the permanent conservation restrictions" and would add Section 4.6(2) which provides "An alternative ownership and management plan may be proposed by the owner to the County. The County shall determine whether that alternative plan is acceptable and meets the intent of the Development Code, considering such factors as the size, dimension, allowable use, management, and natural features of the open space. The County shall have the discretion to reject any proposed alternative plan;" and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing on October 26, 2004, to consider the proposed amendment and recommended approval by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2004, the Washington County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing to consider the amendment to Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 4.6; and

WHEREAS, the records of the public hearing consist of the minutes of the public hearing before the Planning Advisory Commission, the staff report, written comments from the town boards of New Scandia, Denmark and Stillwater Township, presentation by staff of the Washington County Department of Transportation and Physical Development – Land Management and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, numerous open space design subdivisions in unincorporated areas of the County have been approved and, in many cases, the ownership of the open space has been divided between the homeowners association and the original developer; and

WHEREAS, residents who have purchased individual lots in certain developments have expressed concern over both short term and long term continued use of a portion of the open space by the original developer; and

WHEREAS, there is a potential for land use conflicts under the Development Code as currently written and the Code should be amended to require that all open space be owned by the homeowners association when deemed appropriate by the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the hearing record, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby amends Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 4.6 as follows:

Section 4.6(1)(D) is repealed and stricken in its entirety

and

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Section 4.6(2) is added and reads as follows:

An alternative ownership and management plan may be proposed by the owner to the County. Upon consultation with the affected township, the County shall determine whether that alternative plan is acceptable and meets the intent of the Development Code, considering such factors as the size, dimension, allowable use, management, and natural features of the open space. The County shall have the discretion to reject any proposed alternative plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Zoning Administrator is directed to make the changes set forth in the Washington County Development Code and cause the same to be published and codified according to law and from and after the effective date of Ordinance No. 170, the previous section of Ordinance No. 127, effective October 27, 1998 in Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 4.6(1)(b) thereto is repealed.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

I-494/Valley Creek Road Interchange Reconstruction Project Decisions

Commissioner Stafford recognized visitors from the "Keep the Valley Open" committee and stated that, because of time, not everyone would be able to speak. He asked that a representative for each point of view speak.

Don Theisen, County Engineer, gave an overview of the project which was introduced in May of 2003 and has been in development since then with numerous public meetings being held. He displayed a picture of the current Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) staff approved layout and indicated that the Woodbury City Council will be considering the same layout for municipal consent approval on January 26, 2005.

Mr. Theisen presented three alternatives developed to stage the interchange construction: A) Valley Creek Road open with access to I-494; B) Valley Creek Road open with no access to I-494; and C) Valley Creek Road closed between Weir and Woodlane Drives with no access to I-494. The first two options would involve two construction seasons; the third option would require one construction season. In July, at an area business meeting, staff recommended Option C. Since that time, some area businesses approached staff with concerns and issues, formed the "Keep the Valley Open" committee, and presented another design proposal.

Sandy Cullen, Transportation Manager, discussed issues raised by the "Keep the Valley Open" committee which are: additional traffic being diverted to Tamarack and Lake Roads; inconvenience to motorists and residents; public safety vehicles; economic impact on the affected businesses; hospital and school access, and the structural life remaining in the Valley Creek westbound bridge. The committee proposal is to replace the south bridge carrying the eastbound traffic, and leave the north bridge carrying

the westbound traffic as is. MNDot has sent a reply to the group concluding that the "Keep the Valley Open" proposal does not fully address the current and projected traffic issues and that the preferred alternative remains to rebuild the entire interchange and complete the project in one construction season.

Mr. Theisen stated that the staff recommendation is to build the project in one construction season and close both bridges and interchange. It is the shortest timeframe for construction, reduces construction costs, is less disruptive to traffic on I-494 and will be easier to schedule utility relocation. Incentives to finish the project ahead of schedule will be developed in the contract.

The Board Chair opened the meeting for public comments.

Mike Galen, 8965 Hunters Trail, Woodbury – Mr. Galen is a business owner and spoke of his concern for public safety and the additional time it will take people living near Valley Creek Road to get to Woodwinds Hospital if there is a health problem. He's also concerned about pedestrian traffic across the bridge and doesn't believe the economic impact on the business has really been looked at. He asked that the best alternative be figured out before it's voted on.

Tom Casper, 1625 Queens Drive, Woodbury – Mr. Casper is the owner of Ciatti's Restaurant and believes if the bridge is closed from nine months to a year the economic impact would be incredibly difficult. The county conducted surveys of businesses affected by this reconstruction and found that 63% of the businesses chose the option to close the interchange. He couldn't believe this, so they decided to check with their fellow businessmen and started a petition. The petition stated "We the business professionals of the Valley Creek Mall area feel that closing the overpass would negatively affect our businesses and the economy of Woodbury". They concluded that the businesses did feel this would have a negative impact on businesses on both sides of the bridge. They conducted their own survey along with Robert Muir Company. The Robert Muir Company results were 100% opposite of what Washington County results were. The Keep the Valley Open survey results are that the business professionals in the impact area overwhelmingly want to keep the bridge open to traffic during construction. Their most recent proposal would satisfy all the needs of the construction and alleviate the economic impact to the community of Woodbury. He asked that the County Board take this survey into consideration and consider Alternative A which would be to close half the bridge, maintain one lane in each direction and intermittent closing of the ramps. He is also concerned about the public safety issue if the bridge is closed. If the north bridge is kept open, it has 30 more years of life in it. Finally, if the bridge is closed he hopes that the Board strongly recommends incentives to the contractor to get this job done quickly.

Paul Poncin, 7878 67th St. Ct., Cottage Grove – Mr. Poncin is the business banker for TCF and stated that his customers are the little guys who couldn't be here today to voice their opinions and concerns and he is speaking for them. He asked that the Board get the business community behind this project and focus on the incentives to make the construction time shorter.

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Kelly Doran, president of the Robert Muir Company, commended county staff and MNDOT representatives for an outstanding job of communication during this process. He stated that it's very important to provide incentives to the contractor to consolidate construction. If incentives are provided, timeframes condensed, and penalties provided in the contract to make certain the project stays on track, then his company believes the best alternative is to close the interchange down and do the project in one season.

Barry Kucharski, Northland Engineering Sales, 6949 Valley Creek Road – Mr. Kucharski is also a Woodbury resident and stated that he represents many other smaller businesses in the area that couldn't be at the meeting. A lot of these businesses are going to be hurt and they support keeping the bridge open if at all possible. If not, do the project as quickly as possible and offer the money that would be saved by doing the project in one season as an incentive. He also expressed concern about the foot traffic of area children.

Jack Lanners, MGM Wine and Spirits, stated that he is here today representing his business which is in the heart of the construction project. He wondered why the Woodlane/Bielenberg connection hasn't been made that would alleviate congestion and make access to the Tamarack interchange better. He believes this should be done before any bridge work. He stated that if businesses are given a more exact schedule of what can be done and also learn what the incentives are before moving forward with the process, there will be a lot more support from the business community and people living in the area.

Commissioner Pulkrabek questioned the difference in survey results between what the county did and the other two surveys and also what the solution might be to the foot traffic concern on the bridge. He added that there should be, in writing, very aggressive incentives to get the project done as soon as possible. He would like Mr. Lanners suggestion looked at concerning Woodland Drive and Bielenberg Drive and the Guider Drive connection.

Don Theisen stated that the school district has been notified and it does provide busing. He added that, realistically, there will be no foot traffic across the bridge while it's under construction.

Concerning the surveys, Mr. Theisen said this has been difficult. He stated that they have received surveys from the same people who have responded differently. Some of it depends on the information they have and how the surveys are phrased. The impacts can change with the different stages.

Commissioner Peterson commented that she has been impressed with the responsiveness of MNDOT and county staff in trying to get the project done as rapidly and painlessly as possible. She recognizes that it will hurt businesses to have the interchange closed, but feels the best solution is to have a shorter construction time.

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Commissioner Kriesel sympathizes with the businesses that will be impacted but really believes a shorter-term project, with the best incentives we can come up with, is the answer. He also commented that the county should work with MNDOT to keep the ramps open as long as possible. He also asked what the action was from the Woodbury City Council on this project. Mr. Theisen responded that the City of Woodbury is going to discuss the project on its agenda for January 26, 2005. The county will be asking for concurrence with today's Board decision.

Commissioner Hegberg questioned what the extra cost was if the project was done over a two-year span, and where the money for incentives would come from. Mr. Theisen responded that the extra cost could be up to \$1 million, and would probably be a combination of MNDOT and county money. The interchange is primarily being funded by the county and the state with some of the improvements off the interchange being funded with help from the city. Mr. Theisen added that incentives would come from a combination of county and state funds.

Commissioner Stafford questioned what the percentage of paying for the project was between the county and MNDOT. Mr. Theisen responded that funding is approximately 70% state and 30% county money. Commissioner Stafford commented that it would be a much wiser expenditure of money to take the extra \$1 million needed, if it were a two-year project, and use it as incentives to get the interchange completed in the shortest possible time.

Commissioner Stafford addressed the concern of the speaker who spoke of not being able to get to Woodwinds Hospital quickly in an emergency. He stated that there are four fire stations in the city and each has an ambulance.

Commissioner Peterson moved that staff proceed with the one construction season alternative and that the Valley Creek Road be closed between Weir and Woodlane Drives with no access to I-494. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Stafford asked why, on a temporary basis, a ramp couldn't be put in by the substation by Kohls in Woodbury Village that would help alleviate some of the traffic. He would like affirmation that this can't be done. He knows it's a city project, but is there a possibility that the project could be done and if so, could it be done before this project starts? Don Theisen answered that the Federal Highway Administration decides what conditions can be added to the freeway and they have already received a "no" answer because there are two interchanges within one mile of this interchange. Don Theisen stated that city staff will be consulted to see what the feasibility is for completion of a Guider Drive to Woodlane Drive connection.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**2005 Salaries for the County Sheriff**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-141** as follows:

2005 Salary for the County Sheriff

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §387.20 requires the County Board of Commissioners to set by resolution the salary of the County Sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2005 salary for the Washington County Sheriff shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2005:

Sheriff	\$112,029
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2005 salary for the Chief Deputy shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2005:

Chief Deputy	\$100,826
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Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

2005 Salary for the County Attorney

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-142** as follows:

2005 Salary for the County Attorney

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §388.18 requires the County Board of Commissioners to set by resolution the salary of the County Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2005 salary for the Washington County Attorney shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2005:

Attorney	\$111,371
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2005 salaries for the First Assistant Attorney and Executive Assistant shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2005:

First Assistant Attorney	\$100,234
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Executive Assistant	\$ 43,719
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Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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2005 Salary for the County Administrator

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-143** as follows:

2005 Salary for the County Administrator

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §375.06, Subdivision 1 authorizes the County Board of Commissioners to appoint and employ an Administrator upon such terms and conditions as it deems advisable and directs the County Board to set the Administrator's salary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2005 salary for the Washington County Administrator shall be \$121,248, not to exceed the State statutory amount which is currently \$114,288.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

2005 Salary and Expenses for the County Commissioners

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-144** as follows:

Resolution Establishing County Commissioners'
Salaries and Expenses for 2005

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §375.055, Subdivision 1, requires the County Board of Commissioners to set salaries, per diem payments, and expense reimbursement for its members prior to January 1 of the effective year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the salary rate for Washington County Commissioners be \$45,377 a year for Commissioners and \$46,957 a year for the Chair, effective January 1, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expense reimbursement for County Commissioners be for actual expenses plus mileage in accordance with County policy with no County per diem payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the County Commissioners receive the same County paid medical insurance premium and flexible medical expense account as received by the elected department heads.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Adoption of Washington County Budget Payable for 2005

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-145** as follows:

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Resolution Adopting the Washington County
Budget for Payable 2005

<u>OPERATING FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE INC/(DEC)</u>	<u>GROSS LEVY</u>	<u>STATE AIDS</u>	<u>CERTIFIED LEVY</u>
General Government	\$77,147,200	\$36,182,400	(\$385,300)	\$40,579,500	\$4,615,568	\$35,963,932
Social Services	29,430,900	16,131,300	0	13,299,600	1,512,715	11,786,885
Public Works - Road & Bridge	17,570,200	11,583,500	(660,000)	5,326,700	605,866	4,720,834
Public Works - Parks	2,472,800	1,656,400	(55,200)	761,200	85,580	674,620
Regional Rail Authority	545,200	3,900	(317,800)	223,500	0	223,500
Library	5,053,300	248,000	0	4,805,300	546,561	4,258,739
Debt Service - County Wide	8,034,682	0	(489,400)	7,545,282	0	7,545,282
Debt Service - Library District	647,218	0	0	647,218	0	647,218
Subtotal:	\$140,901,500	\$65,805,500	(\$1,907,700)	\$73,188,300	\$7,367,290	\$65,821,010
<u>CAPITAL FUNDS</u>						
CIP Projects Fund	916,300	581,700	455,000	789,600	89,810	699,790
Capital Repair	515,000	978,400	463,400	0	0	0
Historic Courthouse	43,900	63,100	19,200	0	0	0
Subtotal:	1,475,200	1,623,200	937,600	789,600	89,810	699,790
Total 2005 Budget:	\$142,376,700	\$67,428,700	(\$970,100)	\$73,977,900	\$7,457,100	\$66,520,800
<u>OTHER LEVY PAYMENT</u>						
Less Regional Rail Authority (RRA) - a separate taxing authority				(223,500)	0	(223,500)
HRA Landfall				200,000	0	200,000
Total Washington County 2005 Levy (Operating plus HRA Landfall minus RRA):				\$73,954,400	\$7,457,100	\$66,497,300

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Resolution Certifying Property Tax Levies for Washington County Payable 2005

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-146** as follows:

Resolution Certifying Property Tax Levies for
Washington County Payable 2005

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following tax levies for payable 2005:

Washington County \$66,497,300

Includes Washington County Special Levy
For the Housing & Redevelopment Authority
Landfall of \$200,000

Regional Rail Authority \$ 223,500

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Resolution Certifying Property Tax Levy for Washington County Payable 2005

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-147** as follows:

Resolution Certifying Property Tax Levy for
Washington County Payable 2005

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following tax levy for payable 2005:

Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority	\$2,451,235
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Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Jim Schug, County Administrator invited staff and constituents to a reception for retiring Commissioner Kriesel this afternoon at 2:30 p.m., hosted by the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hegberg announced that he is filing for the open county representative position on the Insurance Trust Board. He also stated that he is seeking reappointment to the PERA Board and asked that a letter of support be sent for this four-year reappointment.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the retirement of Sally Borich last week from the Community Services Department after 21 years. She stated that Sally was an effective and outstanding worker who had great care and concern for constituents.

Commissioner Peterson reported that she attended the AMC meeting and made a presentation on transportation funding. AMC passed a resolution for a funding package for transportation that was also the same funding package approved by MICA.

Commissioner Pulkrabek attended the City of Oakdale's appreciation dinner that recognizes city volunteers for their service to the city. There was a tribute to Ted Bearth, long-time city councilman and mayor, who has 30 years of service to the city. Commissioner Pulkrabek asked that recognition be sent to Mr. Bearth, and perhaps declare a Ted Bearth day in Washington County. County Administrator Schug indicated that a resolution would be brought to the Board next week. Commissioner Peterson added that she would like to contribute to wording of the resolution.

Commissioner Pulkrabek thanked Senator Brian LeClair for being in the audience at today's meeting.

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Commissioner Kriesel announced that he has mixed emotions as he attends the last of his meetings over the next week. He announced that Marlin Amundson, the finance officer for the city of Mahtomedi, passed away several weeks ago and his sympathies go out to his family and the city.

Commissioner Kriesel also thanked Senator Brian LeClair for attending the Board meeting today and noted that the senator attends quite often; this enables the commissioners to give the legislator their perspective on issues. He also mentioned that he did a ride-along with Officer Mike Bonn of the Sheriff's Department last week. He has great admiration for law enforcement people and the job these people do.

Commissioner Stafford stated that Ramsey County Commissioner Tony Bennett had surgery yesterday and he would like a letter sent to him on his recovery.

Commissioner Stafford moved to send a letter of recommendation to the PERA Board for the reappointment of Commissioner Hegberg. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Stafford indicated that on Sunday, January 2, 2005, the state will host a 100th birthday celebration for the state capitol building. Commissioner Peterson will attend the celebration, along with 86 other county representatives

Commissioner Stafford reported that at a recent MICA meeting he heard a presentation from PERA about the shortfall problems that could lead to significant increases over the next few years in both the employee and employer contributions.

Due to his election to the Woodbury City Council, Paul Rebholz has informed Commissioner Stafford that he will be resigning from the HRA Board. Commissioner Stafford advised that interviews will take place for this appointment.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION


The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the county website. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Nancy Brase, Bernadette Lantz, Bev Hagen and Mary McCarthy.

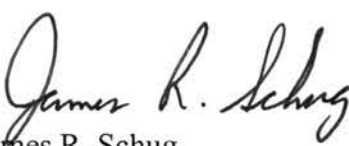
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the City of Oakdale's request for an economic development abatement. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Gary Kriesel, Joanne Helm, Kevin Corbid, Dan Hartman and Jessica Sandin, City of Oakdale, and Dave MacGillivray of Springsted,

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the 2005 legislative agenda. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Mary McGlothlin, Don Wisniewski, Jim Luger, Dan Papin, Tom Adkins, Cindy Koosmann, Sue Johnson, and John Kaul.


R.H. Stafford, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 21, 2004**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:10 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Stafford presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Mary McGlothlin, Director of Public Health and Environment; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Deputy Director; Sue Hedlund, Senior Program Manager; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Joanne Helm, Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Barb Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development; Don Theisen, County Engineer; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Jennifer Wagenius, Deputy Recorder; Sue Kuss, Budget/Financial Analyst; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the December 2, 2004 Board meeting minutes and the Truth-in-Taxation Public hearing minutes from December 2, 2004.
2. Approval of projects recommended by the County Administrator for funding through the 2003 county-wide Mission Directed Budget (MDB) Savings Pool as follows: Self Care Books for Employees, \$8,700; Geographic Information Systems Software, \$2,500; HIPAA Risk/Vulnerability Test, \$20,000; Adobe Acrobat Training, \$600; and Historic Courthouse Chimney Repairs, \$13,800.
3. Approval to set the date for the public hearing of the five-year C.I.P. for Tuesday, January 11, 2005.

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4. Approval of the program and budget update to the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan.
5. Approval of the 2005 Family Means contract for respite care services.
6. Approval to accept one-time only grant funds from the Department of Human Services for Children's Mental Health Services.
7. Approval of contract and purchase of an enterprise faxing solution for the county network and iSeries server in the amount of \$34,172.98, plus sales tax in the amount of \$2,221.24.
8. Approval of a project management consultant services contract in the amount of \$200,000 to utilize resources from Midwave to manage Information Technology Department technical services projects through successful implementation during 2005.
9. Approval to amend the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota for the continuation of recycling services for county offices and authorization of execution by the Board Chair and County Administrator.
10. Approval of and authorization for County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into the Cities Readiness Initiative grant project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health.
11. Approval of change order to the service agreement with Motorola, Inc. to be extended through December 31, 2005.
12. Bids were received for provision and delivery of vehicle fuel for 2005 as follows:

<u>Fuel Delivery Location</u>	<u>Yokum Oil Company</u>	<u>Kath Bros. Fuel Oil Co.</u>	<u>Wally Carlson & Sons</u>
<u>Government Center</u>	.030	.0000	.0000
<u>Woodbury Garage</u>			
Winter Diesel	.0015	.0000	.025
Regular Diesel	.0015	.0000	.025
Unleaded	.0015	.0000	.025
<u>Stillwater Garage</u>			
Winter Diesel	.0015	.0000	.023
Regular Diesel	.0015	.0000	.023
Unleaded	.0015	.0000	.023
<u>Sheriff's Dept.</u>			
Unleaded – 89 Octane	.0015	.0000	.025
Unleaded – 90 Octane	.0015	.0000	.025

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<u>Fuel Delivery Location</u>	<u>Yokum Oil Company</u>	<u>Kath Bros. Fuel Oil Co.</u>	<u>Wally Carlson & Sons</u>
<u>Parks –Lake Elmo</u>			
Unleaded	.050	.0200	.10
Unleaded - .89	.050	.0200	.10
Unleaded - .90	.050	.0200	.026
<u>Parks – St. Cr. Bluffs</u>			
Unleaded	.050	.0200	.050
Unleaded - .89	.050	.0200	.050
Unleaded - .90	.050	.0200	.050

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-148** as follows:

Bid Award for 2005 Vehicle and Heating/Cooling Fuel to
Kath Bros. Fuel Oil Company

WHEREAS, in order to continue operation of county vehicles and to heat and cool the Government Center on a limited basis, the county solicited bids for these needed fuel products; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on November 30, 2004, with Kath Bros. Fuel Oil Company being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Kath Bros. Fuel Oil Company be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Kath Bros. Fuel Oil Co. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Kath Bros. Fuel Oil Co. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's Office.

13. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-149** as follows:

Award of Contract for 2005 Refuse Hauling Services

WHEREAS, provision of refuse hauling services for Washington County facilities is daily necessity, the county solicited proposals for this service; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received until November 22, 2004 at which time they were opened and reviewed with the lowest responsible bidders being Tennis Sanitation for Woodbury Service Center, Transportation and Physical Development South Shop, Lake Elmo Park Maintenance Facility and Modern Campground, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park Maintenance Facility and Campground; Larson Hauling for Law Enforcement Center, Oakdale Library, Park Grove Library, Wildwood Library, Historic

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Courthouse, Point Douglas Park, Square Lake Park; Waste Management for Adopt-A-Highway program, Government Center and Tennis Rolloff L.L.C. for Transportation and Physical Development North Maintenance Shop; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposal of Tennis Sanitation, Larson Hauling, Waste Management and Tennis Rolloff, L.L.C. be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Tennis Sanitation, Larson Hauling, Waste Management and Tennis Rolloff L.L.C. under the terms and conditions set forth in the Request for Proposal documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Tennis Sanitation, Larson Hauling, Waste Management and Tennis Rolloff, L.L.C. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all RFP requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County attorney's office.

14. Approval and execution of contract with Comfort Systems USA for WebCTRL Migration in Building Control Systems in the heating-ventilating-air conditioning system at the Government Center.
15. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2004-150** as follows:

Rejection of Bids Received for Window Repairs and
Replacement at the Historic Courthouse

WHEREAS, in order to select a vendor for Window Replacement & Repairs at the Historic Courthouse the county solicited bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on December 7, 2004, with bids being received from Iyawe & Associates, Minnesota Construction, Inc., Parkos Construction, George Siegfried Construction and Braden Construction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bids received from Iyawe & Associates, Minnesota Construction, Inc., Parkos Construction, George Siegfried Construction and Braden Construction made on December 7, 2004 be rejected due to non conformance with the requirements of the bid specification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Transportation & Physical Development Department be authorized to readvertise for bids on this project.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-151** as follows:

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Resolution of Appreciation to Ted Bearth, City of Oakdale Council Member
in Recognition of his Service to the Citizens of the City of Oakdale
and Washington County

WHEREAS, Ted Bearth is retiring as a Council Member with the City of Oakdale effective December 31; and

WHEREAS, Ted Bearth has provided over 25 years of exceptional public service to the citizens of the City of Oakdale beginning in 1975 when he was first elected to the City Council and as mayor from 1991-1994; and

WHEREAS, Ted Bearth was instrumental in organizing the Summerfest event and the parade has now been named in his honor; he has taken great pride in the observance of Arbor Day to plant trees for the future; he has been very supportive of Oakdale's street reconstruction program; he has been a strong advocate for building a growing business community in Oakdale; and he has provided leadership in developing city parks and youth programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation Ted Bearth's public service to the citizens of the City of Oakdale and Washington County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily commends Ted Bearth for his dedication and many years of public service and hereby proclaims Friday, December 31, 2004, as "Ted Bearth Day in Washington County."

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMISSIONER AWARDS

Commissioner Kriesel presented Commissioner Awards to the following individuals:

Samy Youssef and Family – Mr. Youssef is the proprietor of the Main Café in Stillwater. He immigrated to America and Minnesota in 1984 and through hard work he and his family have become successful business people and citizens.

Richard and Judy Anderson – Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been involved in the following enterprises: Auto carpeting; Contracted with Washington County to operate two juvenile shelters in Stillwater; Andiamo River Boats; Cat Ballou's in Stillwater; managed Stillwater's Lily Lake Ice Arena; managed the St. Croix Valley Recreation Center; purchased the former UBC Lumberyard in downtown Stillwater and converted it to the Grand Ballroom; purchased the Lowell Inn in Stillwater; and operates a successful food catering and service business. The Andersons have a tremendous work ethic and have worked hard to achieve what they have today.

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Don Fixmer – Mr. Fixmer is the cable communication person for Washington County. He has provided outstanding service to the county for over seventeen years. The City of Stillwater had their first cablecast in 1987. He also cablecasts the cities of Bayport and Oak Park Heights. He is involved in cablecasting events such as the Lumberjack Days Parade, meetings of the cable commission and other community events.

Jim Schug and Washington County Employees – He thanked all the county employees for their great work and dedicated service.

Martha Kriesel – He thanked his wife Martha for being by his side for all his public and government employment. He presented her with a Commissioner Service Award for “Outstanding Spousal Support of a Local Government Official”.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2004-152** as follows:

Cost Recovery for Clandestine Drug Lab Clean-up

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2004, a clandestine methamphetamine drug lab at 7532 Jasmine Avenue in Cottage Grove, PID #10.027.21.32.0010, Lot 6, Block 6, Pine Tree Pond East, Second Addition (the Site), was seized and dismantled by the Washington County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2004, and October 8, 2004, the Department of Public Health and Environment, pursuant to Washington County Public Health Nuisance Ordinance #165, section 7.7, issued a notice and abatement order to the party responsible for the Site, stating that a Public Health Nuisance exists at the site as a result of the clandestine drug lab, and requiring the abatement of the Public Health Nuisance; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2004, after repeated failure by the responsible party to commence abatement activities at the site, the Department of Public Health and Environment issued a Notice of Enforcement Action to the responsible party stating the Department would be taking action to abate the Public Health Nuisance; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2004, pursuant to Washington County Public Health Nuisance Ordinance #165, section 7.14, a contractor hired by the County commenced abatement activities at the site and completed the activities on November 24, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2004, the Department of Public Health and Environment issued a letter to the responsible party stating the abatement activities were completed and that the sample results from the abatement were below the Minnesota Department of Health standard of 1ug/ft²; and

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WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Environment has incurred contractor, sampling and staff expenses of \$7,425.00 to conduct the abatement activities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Public Health Nuisance Ordinance #165, section 8.1, provides for the County Board to recover the costs of an enforcement action by assessing the costs against the real property on which the Public Health Nuisance was located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Auditor and the Department of Assessment, Taxpayer Services, and Elections to recover the County's expenses to abate the Public Health Nuisance, by placing an assessment of \$7,425.00 on the tax roll of the real property at 7532 Jasmine Avenue in Cottage Grove, PID #10.027.21.32.0010, Lot 6, Block 6, Pine Tree Pond East, Second Addition.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved authorization to accept a \$3,000 donation from the Target Corporation toward the Washington County School Based Chemical Health Initiative. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - ASSESSMENT, TAXPAYER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

Oakdale Tax Abatement Request

The Board Chair presented an overview of today's public hearing to consider a request by the City of Oakdale for county tax abatement for the Oaks Business Center Project. The Board Secretary informed the Board that the notice for tax abatement was published and a copy of that publication is in the record.

Kevin Corbid, Director of Assessment, Taxpayer Services and Elections, advised the Board that the City of Oakdale submitted an application for an economic development abatement for the Oaks Business Center Project on October 28, 2004. The city is requesting that the county abate \$2,523,511 of county tax over the next seventeen years. The proposed development will consist of just over 646,000 square feet of business and office space with an anticipated final market value of roughly \$72 million. The Finance Committee reviewed the Oakdale proposal on December 2 and the County Board held a workshop on December 14 with the City of Oakdale and their financial advisors. The following items have been placed on the record: 1. A copy of the abatement request form completed by the City of Oakdale; 2. A staff letter prepared for the County's Finance Committee; 3. A summary document that includes charts outlining the tax abatement capacity as established by state law and county policy; and 4. A chart showing a comparison of tax abatement versus tax increment financing.

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Matt Van Slooten, President, Carlson Real Estate Company, and Wayne Teig, Director of this project, presented an overview of their company and the proposed project. Their plans are for mostly an office park with a variety of property types to provide balance. There will be a main office tower in the southwest corner, coupled with two and single story offices and office condominiums on the freeway. To the north they plan to have office flex space with 70% office and 30% warehouse or tech production space. They believe this project will attract quality, professional firms and provide an estimated 1,950 jobs. They indicated there is a timing sensitivity and they hope to close on the sale in 2004.

Dan Hartman, Assistant City Administrator, City of Oakdale – Mr. Hartman stated that the City of Oakdale is requesting the full amount of abatement for the maximum number of ten years. He indicated that the amount of abatement requested is only .25% of the overall levy of the county at its highest abatement year in 2015. Under the county's policy, Oakdale's eligibility limits are never above 50% of the tax abatement capacity. The city believes that it meets five of the county's seven policy criteria: Increases tax base; provides jobs; redevelops blighted areas; financing or providing public infrastructure; and the property is not located in a TIF District. The city feels that I-94 is a strategic location for development and a multi-story corporate headquarters would be an impressive gateway into Washington County. It is likely that a less desirable market driven development will occur on the site without the proposed Carlson Business Park, resulting in loss in value, retail produces low wage jobs and it will generate more traffic. Mr. Hartman concluded that they are proposing a business arrangement with Carlson which will bring the county and school district into it. From a planning point of view this will require a PUD and an EAW before this project moves forward.

Dave MacGillivray of Springsted addressed the "but for" finding. When this project began, the city wanted under its policy, in anticipation of other participants, a rigorous exercise relative to would the project occur "but for" the use of public assistance. They found first, there is not much rate of return with or without until the last building, 160,000 square foot office is built in 2010; and, secondly, without the assistance of the three participants, the city, school district and county, the rate of return in year 2010 is just over 9% which is not a lot of money if you have to wait that long for a real estate venture and with the rate of return for all three participants after year 2010 is just under 14%. He feels that Carlson has an incentive to commit to this project and to be around to complete the project.

Carmen Sarrack, Mayor, City of Oakdale – Mayor Sarrack stated this is an important project for the City of Oakdale and for Washington County. This project will bring 1,950 professional jobs to this area, people who will live and shop in Washington County. The city is also considering terminating the Oak Marsh agreement early which is upwards of \$500,000. They are willing to work with the County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the Whispering Oaks redevelopment. He feels the City of Oakdale has always had a good working relationship with Washington County and looks forward to more projects in the future.

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The Board Chair asked for further comments from the audience; none were heard. The Board Secretary indicated that all documentary evidence has been received and placed on file.

Commissioner Peterson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson stated that when the county uses tax abatement there is an understanding with the community that they will not be using tax increment financing for any future project. She asked if that was agreeable with Oakdale. Mr. Hartman stated yes that is agreeable to them.

Commissioner Peterson stated there has been talk about shortening the Oak Marsh CTAP, where is that written or what insurances does the county have? Mr. Hartman indicated that the city council in January will have a resolution authorizing the closing of that district and working with the county. As part of the joint powers agreement it would be laid out in there.

Commissioner Peterson believes this property is properly located and potentially will develop on its own. She is torn because I-94 is a gateway and it was always been the County Board's desire to see I-94 develop to its maximum potential and that does not mean retail establishments at every intersection. She is most anxious to see another opportunity to cross the freeway other than at County Road 13 because that intersection is at capacity and having this development she sees enormous pressure on that intersection. She is concerned that if this goes forward that it is going to be important that the county work with Woodbury to try and address that overpass connecting Helmo and Beilenberg.

Commissioner Stafford stated the EAW will bring out concerns about infrastructure, but there will be tremendous burden on the county because it's not in the county's CIP, it's not even on the horizon. He is impressed with the opportunity to bring an environment into Oakdale that will benefit the entire area with higher scale salaries.

Commissioner Stafford asked about the proposed value. He has heard two numbers \$70 million and \$80 million, which figure is correct? Mr. Hartman stated there is an \$86 million construction cost indicated, but that translates into around \$72 million in value. Commissioner Stafford asked if that was using a value of 95%. Mr. Hartman stated he is not sure how that is calculated.

Commissioner Stafford asked if this is truly a 10 year project and have all agencies, except the county, committed? Mr. Hartman indicated that two have committed, the city and the school district. It is a 10 year abatement, if the county is on board, and then close it out as soon as possible.

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Commissioner Stafford stated the problem he has is there is no agreement or resolution before the Board today. He understands there are timeframes that need to be met, but the county is not necessarily bound to those. He wants this done right rather than fast. Commissioner Stafford indicated he would entertain a motion where the Board moves to approve this based on the final resolution that will be presented at the Board's next meeting. The next board meeting may not be until January.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked Craig Waldron, Oakdale City Administrator, if the Board waited until its first meeting in January would that cause any problems? Mr. Waldron believes they can make that work because they would have in effect the Board's approval and would give Carlson enough comfort to go forward.

Commissioner Kriesel asked Mr. Van Slooten to echo the response by Mr. Waldron. Mr. Van Slooten stated that to a certain extent they will be moving ahead on faith that everybody will follow through on their intentions. He would feel even more comfortable if there was unanimous support from the Board. He understands where some of the Commissioners may be coming from and the concerns about the use of abatement. He believes that the EAW will show that using the site for office and these types of uses will be complementary to traffic patterns to a lot of retail that is out there. If not for this type of cooperation the site demand will likely be towards more retail which would compound the traffic. He feels this is a good use of public facilities that are available to do this thing and he hopes the Board feels the same way.

County Administrator Jim Schug stated that the model that needs to be adopted here is a resolution and then also an agreement. The resolution is clearly not a problem, it is general enough in nature, but the agreement has many details, most of which have been worked out, but haven't yet been finalized in the agreement. The model that staff has been working on by advice of the attorney is to not approve the resolution until the agreement is also finalized. In the Woodbury tax abatement the resolution and the agreement were linked. The draft resolution contains language that the abatement agreement is attached and fully incorporated in this resolution. On advice of the attorneys, staff does not believe the resolution should be adopted until the agreement is ready to be executed at the same time. Mr. Schug advised the Board that a draft motion has been prepared that will direct staff to move forward and prepare this for the next meeting for official action by the Board.

Commissioner Peterson stated that she has a fiduciary concern and she is not encouraged about what is going on at the State government with no reductions in mandates and reduction of maintenance of efforts. Her concern is that when these abatements are issued and the long-term ramification, there are needs within the county that have to be addressed. The more they use the abatements and these types of arrangements, the more the property taxes have to bear the burden of the necessary county responsibilities or county

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core functions. If this passes, she wants this Board to fully recognize the ramification of these kinds of actions and that the county may not have the lowest tax rate or the second lowest tax rate when we embark on this type of aggressive tax abatement.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he shares Commissioner Peterson's concerns as well, but as far as the county tax rate the abatement process is almost like a wash. What the county is really doing is abating taxes that are being paid, taxes that wouldn't be there if there wasn't any development. Even though the county might have to add the abated amount to the tax levy, in a sense it's a wash, he does not see it having a negative impact. Also, he is not sure how this Board will vote, because he will not be on the Board next year. He does not know what would happen if the new commissioner, his brother who he has not discussed this with, what happens if there is some kind of approval given today, and they come back on January 4 and conditions might change.

Mr. Corbid stated that the abatement program is different than TIF. The main difference is that the county gets to choose if it wants to be involved. The other difference is how the county handles the increment in both cases. Under the tax abatement program, Carlson Companies will continue to pay the tax on its development as any other business would in the county. The county then levies an amount that it guarantees to the City of Oakdale to pay each year. That amount of money is added to the levy, but the tax rate impact is that you have a larger base because the value gets included, and a larger levy and that rate will occur by dividing those two numbers. If you didn't do this then you would have a smaller tax base divided by a smaller levy.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that the Board has a comprehensive plan and has visualized that this I-94 corridor will have the tax value, employment opportunities and look nice, and he believes Carlson Companies can provide something of this nature to this corridor. He will support the project.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to direct staff to prepare an agreement with the City of Oakdale for an economic development tax abatement for the Oaks Business Center project under Minnesota Statutes 469.1812-469.1815. The abatement should not exceed a total maximum county tax abatement over the life of the agreement of \$2,523,511. In addition, the agreement should incorporate the requirements found in the County's Tax Abatement Policy and should also include a maximum yearly abatement amount for this project, as well as the cumulative maximum as identified above. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson stated she supported the motion because this Board has always envisioned the I-94 corridor as the gateway not only to the county but to the State of Minnesota. She still has fiduciary and transportation concerns. As this site plan is developed she hopes they are taking into consideration

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how transit might be embraced to serve the employees of this project. In the grand scheme of things transit and transit use will need to be embraced for that corridor. I-94 cannot accommodate the current traffic considerations.

TRANSPORTATION AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Don Wisniewski, Director of Transportation and Physical Development, updated the Board on the status of the application request sent to the City of Oak Park Heights for a detachment of county owned property located in the city. The City held a public hearing on November 30. A number of citizens who live adjacent to the Government Center attended the meeting and county staff answered questions they had related to the proposed development of the campus. One issue that had been a question was answered at the time of the public hearing and that was whether or not a ring road would be necessary around the campus. The consultants have indicated that there will need to be some traffic control at 62nd Street and Osgood. There will probably need to be a four way stop at 62nd and Oxboro. They feel that it would not be necessary at this point to build a ring road. It would be something that could be looked at in the future if necessary, but the traffic volumes do not support a need for a ring road at this time. Staff communicated that fact to the citizens at the public hearing. As a result of that hearing the City Council directed the city attorney and administrator to begin working on an orderly annexation agreement with the City of Stillwater and at the same time they continued the hearing to December 14. There were no further comments at that meeting. The cities of Oak Park Heights and Stillwater are working on draft agreements. In working with the city engineer from Oak Park Heights, the county may not have to relocate the water line if the parking lot is built on the property that was previously occupied by homes. That would be about a \$53,000 saving in the proposed estimates. Staff's recommendation would be to continue working with the two cities and hopefully there will be an orderly annexation agreement between all three parties shortly after the first of the year.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Schug announced that the rating agency improved the county's bond rating from AA an AA+. This means if the county goes out to the market to borrow money there will be a more favorable interest rate.

December 28 Board Meeting

Commissioner Kriesel moved to cancel the December 28, 2004 County Board meeting. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek is saddened to see Commissioner Kriesel's retirement from the County Board. He has been a great elected official and more importantly a good man. He has been fair, consistent, dedicated and thorough. He has enjoyed his time sitting next to Commissioner Kriesel and looks forward to working with his brother Gary.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Mosquito Control meeting he attended. They had a lengthy discussion on the 2005 budget. The budget is going up considerably but the services are going out to the growing areas of the metro. He attended a meeting with Ramsey, Anoka and Washington County board members to discuss the Rice Creek Watershed District. The meeting was lengthy, heated and not too much was resolved completely, but they know where each one of the counties is coming from in appointments to the watershed district and recognizing the growth area which is in Forest Lake, Hugo, Anoka and Blaine areas. Also the need to take care of the stormwater runoff and recognizing that ditches are no longer agricultural ditches they are becoming important infrastructures for the growth of our areas to the north.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that it has been a pleasure working with Commissioner Kriesel. He is sorry to see him leave.

Commissioner Peterson advised the Board that she has been appointed the chair of a new solicitation funding category committee of the Transportation Advisory Board to develop criteria for a corridor and how to encourage that corridor's development.

Commissioner Peterson stated that she too has enjoyed working with Commissioner Kriesel. It is very nice to serve with a Commissioner who takes their responsibility of attending meetings so seriously. She has great respect and admiration for his commitment to serve his responsibilities to the Board and to the citizens of the county. She looks forward to working with Gary.

Commissioner Stafford stated he has known Commissioner Kriesel for a long time. It has been a pleasure to have him around and he looks forward to working the Gary.

The Board wished the viewing audience and county staff a happy holiday season.

Commissioner Pulkrabek mentioned an article from the December 17 Pioneer Press editorial page regarding the county closing Valley Creek and how it was a wise use of dollars. He stated that was a tough decision that the Board made, but he thought it was fair and the right thing to do. The editorial staff agreed with that decision and they thought it was a good use of taxpayer dollars.

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

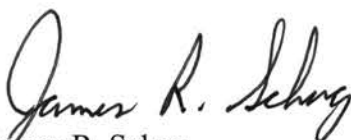
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the status of 2004 county initiatives. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Stafford, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Gary Kriesel, Kevin Corbid and Judy Spooner, Washington County Bulletin.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



R.H. Stafford, Chair

County Board