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	02/05/2008		2008 contract w/Human Services, Inc. for mental health, chemical health, transportation, and elder-care services.	22	35
	02/12/2008		Additional 1 FTE Social Worker in the Mental Health/Chemical Health Unit.	22	47
	02/19/2008		2007 Child Protection Citizen Review Annual Report.	22	57
	02/19/2008		2008 CDBG and HOME Annual Plan.	22	57
	02/26/2008		2008 cooperative agree. w/Community Services, Sheriff, and County Attorney to administer the Child Support Enforcement Program.	22	64
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	03/04/2008		Amend #1, 2008-2011 contract w/Haven Chemical Health Systems, LLC, add outpatient chemical dependency treatment services for adolescents.	22	73
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	03/25/2008		Amend the 2007 CDBG Annual Action Plan to allocate HOME funds in the amount of \$214,757 to Two Rivers Community Land Trust; and approve a 30 day public comment period.	22	95
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	05/20/2008		Contract amend.. #1 w/Two Rivers Community Land Trust to provide an additional \$214,757 in HOME funds to develop up to six additional homes that will be sold to low-moderate income individuals.	22	185
	05/20/2008		Amend. th3 2007 CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Action Plan to apply for a \$675,000 Section 108 loan for the Trailside Senior Living Project.	22	187
	06/03/2008		Appt. Julia Beagan, Stillwater Residence Rep., Mental Health Advisory Council, 1st term to 12/31/2010.	22	191
	06/03/2008		Accept grant from the Dept. of Human Services to fund additional respite care for families w/children w/a serious emotional disturbance.	22	192
	06/03/2008		Family Child Care Providers of the year.	22	194
	06/10/2008		Accept \$22,239.70 in base funding and an additional \$150,704.52 in one-time funding for 7/1/07-6/30/08 for mental health crisis and stabilization services infrastructure.	22	199
	06/24/2008		Appt. Kristine Jarchow, Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Citizen Advisory Committee, 1st term to 6/30/10.	22	209
	06/24/2008		Wayland Campbell, DHS Director, Child Support Enforcement Division, presented a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding compliance w/State and Federal child support regulations.	22	212
Financial Services	02/05/2008		Draw down the Debt Service Fund (310) fund balance to meet debt service obligations for the 2007A CIP general obligation bonds.	22	35
	05/20/2008		Change name of Financial Services to Accounting and Finance Department.	22	185
HRA	01/08/2008		Public hearing - Housing and Redevelopment Authority request to modify redevelopment area and create a housing TIF district in Forest Lake.	22	9
	01/08/2008		Continue Public hearing to modify redevelopment area and create a housing TIF district in Forest Lake to February 5, 2008.	22	10
	01/15/2008		Appt. Kuchen Meyer to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board to a 1st term expiring 12/31/10.	22	22
	02/05/2008		Appt. Jeannie Miller, HRA Board of Commissioners, 1st term to 12/31/2010.	22	35
	02/05/2008		Continued public hearing from 1/8/08 re: modify redevelopment area and create a housing TIF District in Forest Lake.	22	37
	02/05/2008	2008-015	Modifying the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 2, the TIF Plan for TIF District No. 2-1, Creating TIF District No. 2-2, and adopting a TIF Plan.	22	37
	04/22/2008	2008-056	2009 Qualified Allocation Plan for low income housing tax credits.	22	148
Human Resources	01/08/2008		Reappt. Vincent Anderson, Personnel Board of Appeals, to 12/31/10.	22	4

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Human Resources	01/08/2008		Amend county's cafeteria plan language of "dependent" to include among others, unmarried children under the age of 25, regardless of student status effective 1/1/08.	22	7
	01/15/2008		Ratify three-year agree. w/Attorney Association.	22	17
	01/15/2008		Ratify 2008 health insurance for Supervisor's Association.	22	17
	02/05/2008		2008 benefits for employees in the LELS Union.	22	35
	02/05/2008		Workshop held to discuss the employee self service software project.	22	44
	02/26/2008		Ratify three-year agree. w/Teamsters Essential Captain Commander Union.	22	64
	03/25/2008		Ratify a three-year 2008 to 2010 agreement w/IUO Engineers Local 49.	22	92
	03/25/2008		Revise Personnel Rules and Regulations Section #14, Personnel Board of Appeals.	22	93
	05/06/2008		Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan for Confidential Employee Group.	22	160
	05/13/2008		Ratify a three-year 2008-2010 agree. w/Teamsters Local 320 Correctional Officers/911 Unit.	22	169
	06/17/2008		MCIT update.	22	205
Information Technology	02/05/2008		Accept electronic signatures on contracts w/IBM Corporation.	22	36
	02/05/2008		Data/voice cabling contract w/Network Design, Inc.	22	36
	02/12/2008	2008-017	Auth. agree. w/Hewlett Packard for five blade servers and three years hardware support.	22	47
	02/19/2008	2008-020	Execution of agree. w/ Hewlett Packard for computer server hardware and three years support.	22	56
	02/26/2008		Workshop held to review the status of recent investments in information technology infrastructure and outline the major initiatives planned for the coming year.	22	71
	03/18/2008		Workshop held to review status of the county's enterprise content management initiative.	22	88
	03/25/2008		Continue Web Hosting and Content Management agree. w/Clockwork Media for 2008.	22	93
Legislative	06/24/2008		Agree. w/Zix Corporation, email encryption solution.	22	209
	01/22/2008		Letter of support for City of Oakdale request for special legislation to provide for 35 year tax increment financing redevelopment districts to reverse the trend of blight and decay that exists in the area of Oakdale Mall and the Tanner's Lake commercial area.	22	28
	02/05/2008		Report on tour by the House of Representatives Capital Investment Committee of the Big Marine Park and the Disable Veterans Rest Camp.	22	43
	02/19/2008		Update on transportation funding, and funds for acquisition and land development of the Big Marine Park Reserve.	22	60
	02/26/2008		Support legislative efforts of Comfort Lake-Forest Lake to become a metropolitan watershed management organization, but require them to submit their budget and work plan to Chisago and Washington Counties for approval.	22	69
	02/26/2008		Support SF 2666 and HF 2924, convey two parcels of tax-forfeited land to Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District.	22	69

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Legislative	02/26/2008		Support SF 2665 and its companion House File to allow the county to sale by private sale, tax-forfeited land to adjacent owners for property on Long Lake in Mahtomedi/Dellwood.	22	69
	02/26/2008		Legislative update: Transportation bill passed.	22	70
	02/26/2008		Comm. Peterson asked that a letter be sent to all legislators who voted for the transportation bill and the override.	22	70
	03/04/2008		Update on: tax-forfeited land issues; transportation funding; bonding bills; and state budget shortfall.	22	75
	03/11/2008		Legislative update on transportation funding; conference committee formed to discuss the two bonding bills; House and Senate have passed a non-controversial tax bill; cut in short-term offenders aid; freeze on chemical dependency treatment rates; accounting change in payment from the state for mental health services; and the Governor's budget has no reduction in county program aid.	22	83
	03/18/2008		Legislative update: the noncontroversial tax bill signed by the Governor; cut in short-term offenders aid in 2009; and reduction in the sentence-to-service program grants to counties.	22	87
	03/25/2008		Legislative update: Sentence to service adjustments would not affect WACO.	22	95
	03/25/2008		Comm. Hegberg met w/Chisago County Board to explain WACO's position on the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District legislation.	22	96
	04/08/2008		Governor line-item vetoed several items in the bonding bill including I-94 transitway study; Central Corridor light rail line, and Union Depot rehabilitation/restoration.	22	134
	04/15/2008	2008-054	Support of H.R. 5613 and S. 2819 the protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008.	22	141
	04/15/2008		Legislative update: conference committee and activity on the supplemental budget from both the House and the Senate; and Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District legislation.	22	143
	04/22/2008		Legislative update: State's budget shortfall; raising the threshold for sealed bids from \$50,000 to \$100,000; changes made in absentee ballot election rules for armed services personnel; mega-conference committee reviewing the health and human services bill.	22	154
	04/22/2008		Comm. Hegberg to pursue requiring the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District to obtain budget and management plan approval from Chisago and Wash. Counties.	22	158
	05/06/2008		Comm. Hegberg asked for information on how much the transit tax is on real estate taxes.	22	166
	05/06/2008		Legislative update.	22	166
	05/13/2008		Legislative update.	22	181
	05/20/2008		Overview of new program approved by the 2008 legislature providing a market value exclusion for property tax purposes for the homestead property of an honorably discharged veteran who has a service-connected disability rating of 70% or higher.	22	187
	05/20/2008		Legislative update.	22	188
	06/10/2008		Rep. Karla Bigham, District 57A, reviewed the 2008 legislative session.	22	199

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Legislative	06/10/2008		Formal presentation of the 2008 legislative session will be presented by MICA and the county legislative liaison in the next 2 to 3 weeks.	22	201
	06/24/2008		Senator Katie Sieben, District 57, presented update on the Midwest Regional Rail initiative concerning high-speed passenger rail.	22	209
	06/24/2008		WACO legislative update.	22	212
Library	01/08/2008		Reappt. Gary Vidlock, Library Board, 2nd and final term to 12/31/10.	22	3
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Bonita Sindelir, Library Board, 2nd and final term to 12/31/10.	22	4
	01/08/2008		Contract for service provided to Stillwater Public Library for 2008.	22	8
	02/12/2008		Accept donation of \$1,000 from the Woodbury Lions Club for the R.H. Stafford Library.	22	48
	02/26/2008		Contract for service provided to the Bayport Public Library for 2008.	22	65
	03/11/2008		Amend. contract w/SirisDynix Corp. for maintenance of Library's integrated library system, HORIZON.	22	78
	03/18/2008		Amend county fee schedule to include a \$9.00 fee for flash drives to store files created on personal computers in the Library.	22	85
	05/13/2008	2008-069	Marine Branch Library hours.	22	170
	06/03/2008		Appt. John Sievert, Library Board, partial term to 12/31/2008	22	191
	06/17/2008	2008-083	Transfer the Self Service Center to the Law Library effective 7/1/08.	22	205
Property Records/Tax Services	01/08/2008	2008-004	Sale of tax-forfeited land to the City of Cottage Grove for an authorized public purpose.	22	8
	01/15/2008		Amend #1 to assessing contract w/City of Forest Lake.	22	18
	01/15/2008		Amend. No. 1 to Joint Powers Agree. w/MN Counties Computer Cooperative; and reappt. Kevin Corbid as delegate to the MCCC and Kristin Tuenge and Joanne Helm as alternate delegates.	22	18
	01/15/2008	2008-010	Conveyance of Tax-forfeited lands for an authorized public use.	22	21
	02/05/2008		Contract w/US Imaging for conversion of microfiche aperture cards to image for automated retrieval and business continuity.	22	36
	02/05/2008		Assessment year 2007 payable year 2008 assessment classification and valuation change list.	22	36
	02/19/2008		Printing contract w/NBS Data Management Group for taxation and valuation related mailings for calendar year 2008.	22	56
	02/26/2008	2008-026	Lawful gambling exemption application from Hastings Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.	22	65
	03/04/2008		Liq. Lic., SSG Corporation, 4/1/08 to 3/31/08.	22	73
	03/11/2008		Auth. Local Registrar to sign Statement of Commitment for WACO to participate in the newly developed statewide marriage database.	22	80
	03/18/2008		Renew contract w/Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. for computer aided mass appraisal system and assessor web site.	22	85
	03/18/2008		Renew liq. lic. and consumption and display permits for the Veteran's Rest Camp, 4/1/08 - 3/31/09.	22	86
	03/18/2008		Renew liq. lic. for Stoneridge Golf Club, 4/1/08 - 3/31/09.	22	86

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Property Records/Tax Services	03/18/2008		Renew liq. lic. w/Afton Alps, Inc. 4/1/08 - 3/31/08.	22	86
	03/18/2008		Renew liq. lic. for the Point, Inc., 4/1/08 - 3/31/09.	22	86
	03/18/2008	2008-036	Lawful gambling exemption for the Missi-Croix Ruffed Grouse Society.	22	86
	03/18/2008		Renew liq. lic. for the Withrow Ballroom, 4/1/09 - 3/31/09.	22	87
	03/25/2008		Workshop held to review mortgage foreclosure and efforts provided in counseling to homeowners who may be facing foreclosure.	22	96
	03/25/2008		Workshop held to review final pay 2008 taxes and pay 2009 valuations.	22	97
	04/01/2008		Dance permit, Withrow Ballroom, 4/1/08 - 3/31/09.	22	99
	04/01/2008		Liq. Lic. Outing Lodge at Pine Point, 4/1/08 - 3/31/09.	22	99
	04/01/2008		\$10 till tap processing fee for the Sheriff's Office.	22	100
	05/13/2008		Contract w/Graphic Design, print and deliver ballots for the 2008 primary and general elections.	22	171
	05/13/2008		Fourth amend. to agree. w/Ramsey County for tax payment processing.	22	171
	05/13/2008	2008-070	Right-of-Entry of the National Park Service to five tax forfeited parcels located along the St. Croix River in the areas of Scandia and May Township.	22	171
	05/20/2008		Overview of new program approved by the 2008 legislature providing a market value exclusion for property tax purposes for the homestead property of an honorably discharged veteran who has a service-connected disability rating of 70% or higher.	22	187
	05/20/2008	2008-072	premises permit application from the Cottage Grove Lions Club.	22	189
	06/03/2008		Abatement on parcel #19.032.21.14.0011, JR Johnson Supply, Inc.	22	192
	06/03/2008		Joint Powers agree. w/Oakdale to provide election administration services.	22	194
	06/17/2008		Board of Equalization convened.	22	208
	06/17/2008		Board of Equalization held and continued to June 24, 2008	22	217
	06/24/2008	2008-086	Application to conduct excluded bingo by the St. Paul East Park Lions Club.	22	209
	06/24/2008	2008-087	Repurchase - TFL by heir of former owner.	22	210
Public Health & Environment	01/08/2008		Reappt. Terry Smith, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/08.	22	3
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Becky Meyer, Minnesota Extension Committee, 1st full term to 12/31/10.	22	4
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Dr. David Hale, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 3rd term to 12/31/08.	22	4
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Debra Esse, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/08.	22	4
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Jon Mueller, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 4th and final term to 12/31/08.	22	4
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Raymond Stevens, Groundwater Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/09.	22	4
	01/08/2008		Appt. Marguerite Rheinberger, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 1st term to 12/31/08.	22	4

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	01/08/2008		Reappt. Joyce Welander, Minnesota Extension Committee, 3rd and final term to 12/31/10.	22	4
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Joseph Bauer, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 3rd term to 12/31/08.	22	5
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Robert Byerly, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 3rd term to 12/31/08.	22	5
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Sheriff Bill Hutton, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/08.	22	5
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Bo Bogotty, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/08.	22	5
	01/08/2008		Reappt. James Keller, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 3rd term to 12/31/08.	22	5
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Katherine Grimm, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory 3rd term to 12/31/08.	22	5
	01/08/2008		Agree. w/contracted wellness program staff for on-site county employee wellness activities: Mary Hanf, Laura Holmes, Therese A. May, Lucinda Pepper, Carla Schoenecker, and Shwan Svendon-Cates.	22	8
	01/08/2008		Agree. w/Xcel Energy, auth. to operate a fluorescent lamp recycling and reimbursement program.	22	8
	01/08/2008	2008-003	Grant agree. w/MN Dept. of Public Safety for the Safe Communities Coalition.	22	8
	01/15/2008		Appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee to 1st terms to 12/31/09: Jon Whitcomb; Rick Vanzwol; and Julia Welter.	22	16
	01/15/2008		Appointments to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to 1st terms expiring 12/31/08: Mary McComber; Robert Livingston; and Stacy Bohl.	22	16
	01/15/2008		Accept 2008 funding in the amount of \$50,000 from Ucare MN for expansion of the aging health promotion activities.	22	18
	02/05/2008		Amend. Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism and Infectious Diseases project agree. w/MN Dept. of Health.	22	36
	02/05/2008		2008-2010 home health care contract w/Metro PCA Services, Inc., home and community based services for elderly and disabled residents.	22	36
	02/05/2008		Accept Natural Resource Block Grant from the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources for 2008.	22	36
	02/05/2008		Update on MN's electronics recycling law and inform residents on where to recycle their electronics.	22	42
	02/12/2008		Application for a NACo 2008 Achievement Award for Catching Our Breath, an asthma initiative.	22	48
	02/12/2008		Mini-grant agreements w/Cities of Afton, Birchwood, Cottage Grove, Newport, and Oak Park Heights to assist in planning activities re: health and safety of the community during a community-wide public health emergency.	22	50
	02/26/2008	2008-027	Auth. to submit a grant application to be an Accreditation Preparation and Quality Improvement Demonstration Site.	22	66

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Public Health & Environment	03/11/2008		Agree. w/Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers for volunteer management services.	22	78
	03/11/2008		Groundwater Plan 2008 work plan.	22	81
	03/11/2008		MN Dept. of Health update on the Perfluorochemicals found in southern WACO.	22	82
	03/25/2008		Continue for one year, two Community Health Specialist special project positions.	22	93
	03/25/2008		Licenses for use of real property for collection of household hazardous waste.	22	94
	03/25/2008		Agree. w/Dakota County for use of their data base for the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families Program.	22	94
	03/25/2008		2008/2009 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Project Board budget increase by \$200,000 for a Second Harvest Heartland food rescue program.	22	94
	04/01/2008		Appt. Michael Madigan, South Washington Watershed District, 1st term to 5/1/11.	22	100
	04/08/2008		Reappt. Jack Lavold, South Washington Watershed District, to 5/1/11.	22	131
	04/08/2008	2008-047	Proclaim April 7-13, 2008 as Public Health Week in Washington County.	22	131
	04/08/2008	2008-050	WACO 2008 Farm Family of the Year, Cahanes family.	22	133
	04/15/2008		Grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials to implement the Accreditation Preparation and Quality Improvement Demonstration Site Project.	22	142
	05/06/2008		Submit grant proposal to the Office of Traffic Safety in the MN Dept. of Public Safety for the Safe Communities Coalition Project.	22	160
	05/06/2008		Appt. & reappt. to the Car-Mar-St. Croix Watershed District: appt. Richard Caldecott and Victoria to terms expiring 6/21/2011; and appt. Jason Husveth, to fill an unexpired term to 6/21/10.	22	162
	05/13/2008		Workshop held to review the WACO MN Student Survey Trends Report - 1992-2007.	22	183
	05/20/2008		Appt. Thomas Polasik, Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District, partial term to 6/21/2010.	22	185
	05/20/2008		Comments on the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Capital Improvement Plan.	22	186
	05/20/2008		Recycling grant agree. w/Hugo and Stillwater for distribution of curbside recycling funds.	22	186
	06/03/2008		Comments to the City of Oakdale and St. Mary's Point, Local Water Management Plans.	22	195
	06/03/2008	2008-078	Declaring a state of emergency, Hugo Tornado that occurred on 5/25/08.	22	195
	06/03/2008		Update on county actions taken after the Hugo tornado on 5/25/08.	22	196
	06/17/2008		Comments on City of Cottage Grove, Local Water Mgmt. Plans.	22	203
	06/17/2008		Comments to MPCA re: 3M Oakdale Disposal Site Proposed Cleanup Plan for Perfluorochemicals.	22	206
Public Works-Facilities	01/08/2008		Reappt. Manley Ellertson, Historic Courthouse Advisory, 3rd term to 12/31/09.	22	3
	01/08/2008		Reappt. Sheila Colbert, Historic Courthouse Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/09.	22	4

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Public Works-Facilities	01/08/2008		Reappt. Jean Brown, Historic Courthouse Advisory, to a 4th and final term to 12/31/09.	22	4
	01/15/2008	2008-006	Acceptance of a grant from the Hardenbergh Foundation.	22	18
	01/15/2008	2008-007	Acceptance of a grant from the Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation.	22	18
	01/15/2008		Contract w/Fluid Interiors for technical services for modular furniture at various county facilities.	22	19
	01/15/2008	2008-008	Bid award for Law Enforcement Center cooling tower replacement to Master Mechanical, Inc.	22	19
	01/15/2008		Information on design credits for service center construction amendments.	22	20
	01/22/2008		Lease agree. w/Michael and Courtney Bengston located within Lake Elmo Park Reserve.	22	27
	02/12/2008	2008-018	Historic Courthouse Civil War era cannon donations and purchase.	22	48
	02/12/2008		Contract w/BLI Lighting Specialists, Law Enforcement Center parking ramp lighting upgrade.	22	48
	02/12/2008		Table action to terminate the Campus 2025 improvement contract #4215, structural steel, and contract #4273, metal fabrication supply w/Five Star Welding and Fabricating, Inc. to February 19, 2008.	22	49
	02/12/2008		Change Order #1, contract w/Five Star Welding & Fabricating, Inc.	22	49
	02/19/2008	2008-021	Bid award for electrical services to Parsons Electric, LLC.	22	56
	02/19/2008		Change Order #003, Frerichs Construction Co., purchase and installation of an additional uninterruptible power supply for the Disaster Recovery Data Center.	22	57
	02/19/2008	2008-022	Final payment for the WACO Headwaters Service Center - Forest Lake and Library Building construction project.	22	58
	02/19/2008		Change Order #1 to contract w/Ramsey Excavating, Inc.	22	58
	02/19/2008		Table indefinitely auth. to terminate Campus 2025 Improvement Contract #4215, structural steel, and Contract #4273, metal fabrication supply w/Five Star Welding and Fabricating, Inc.	22	58
	02/19/2008	2008-023	Emergency repairs at the WACO Service Center - Cottage Grove.	22	59
	03/04/2008	2008-030	Marine Branch Library lease.	22	74
	03/11/2008	2008-032	Historic Courthouse Civil War era cannon, use of gambling funds.	22	79
	03/18/2008	2008-037	Bid award for landscape maintenance services to The Brickman Group, LTD, LLC.	22	86
	04/08/2008		Workshop held to discuss the WACO Household Hazardous Waste and Public Works South Shop site master plan.	22	137
	04/22/2008		Appt. Alice Smith, Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, partial term to 12/31/08.	22	148
	05/06/2008		Contract w/Oertel Architects, architectural and engineering services for the Household Hazardous Waste Facility Project.	22	163
	05/06/2008		Update on the Campus 2025 project.	22	164
	05/06/2008		Change Order #1 to contract w/Veit & Company, Inc. for resistance piers and micropiles installed in the LEC building.	22	164
	05/13/2008		Workshop held to discuss the campus south wing remodeling project.	22	184

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	06/03/2008	2008-075	Reject bids for the LEC automated control system replacement project.	22	193
	06/24/2008	2008-088	State of Minnesota lease at the WACO Woodbury Service Center.	22	210
	06/24/2008	2008-090	Proclamation on the acceptance and placement of the Historic Civil War Era Cannon.	22	213
	06/24/2008		Dedication ceremony unveiling the cannon to be held on July 4, 2008 at the Historic Courthouse, 10:30 a.m.	22	214
Public Works-General	02/05/2008		Letter indicating a decision not to act on a Petition for an EAW for a proposed 800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton.	22	42
	02/05/2008		Workshop held to review county comments on the Draft EIS on the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Project.	22	44
	02/12/2008		Workshop held for an update on the comprehensive plan transportation and transit section.	22	52
	04/08/2008		Comments on the Marine on St. Croix Comp Plan.	22	132
	04/08/2008		Mining permit for the Wash. County gravel pit in May Township.	22	132
	05/06/2008	2008-065	Contract award for demolition of buildings on county land, 7330 Manning Avenue North, Grant, to Roger Peterson Construction.	22	161
	05/20/2008		Programmatic maintenance agree. w/Brown's Creek Watershed District, maintenance of county-installed stormwater structures and facilities installed under permit from the Watershed District.	22	186
	06/03/2008		One-year Special Project Senior Engineer Technician.	22	192
Public Works-Parks	01/08/2008		Reappt. Christopher Ness, Parks and Open Space Commission, 3rd and final term to 12/31/10.	22	3
	01/15/2008	2008-009	Cottage Grove Ravine land exchange agree. w/Metropolitan Council	22	19
	01/15/2008		Reimbursement of acquisition costs at Grey Cloud Island Regional Park w/Metropolitan Council	22	20
	01/15/2008		County Parks Directors awarded the Outstanding Conservationist Certificate for 2007 by the Washington Conservation District.	22	21
	02/26/2008	2008-029	Support of land additions to the statutory boundary of William O'Brien State Park.	22	67
	03/11/2008	2008-035	Award of pay equipment for Big Marine Park Reserve to Flanagan Sales, Inc./Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems.	22	80
	03/18/2008		Appt. Stanley Karwoski, Parks and Open Space Commission, 1st term to 12/31/10.	22	85
	03/25/2008		Contract w/Polfus Implement to purchase two Kubota Utility Vehicles for the Parks Division.	22	94
	03/25/2008		Workshop held to discuss the Joint Powers Agree. establishing the metropolitan transportation area sales tax joint powers board.	22	97
	04/15/2008		Donate one annual vehicle permit to the Historical Society's Sesquicentennial event, 5/10/08.	22	139
	04/15/2008		Jurisdictional transfer of roads and beach within Big Marine Park Reserve Cooperative agree. w/May Township and real estate purchase agreement.	22	140
	04/22/2008		Use of up to 20 annual vehicle park permits to promote and market the Parks Division.	22	149

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	05/13/2008		Use of 1,500 daily vehicle park permits for WACO Library's 2008 summer reading program.	22	172
	05/13/2008		Update on the Big Marine Park Reserve grand opening scheduled for 6/7/08 and the Historic Courthouse cannon dedication ceremony on July 4, 2008.	22	181
	06/03/2008		Parks Division to conduct a deer hunt in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve.	22	193
	06/10/2008		Big Marine Park Reserve grand opening a big success.	22	201
Public Works-Roads	01/22/2008	2008-019	Workshop held for an update on the Cottage Grove Southwest Area Transportation Study.	22	31
	02/12/2008		Supporting the timely replacement of the Hastings High Bridge (US Highway 61 Bridge over the Mississippi River) in Hastings, MN.	22	48
	02/19/2008		Town road allotments.	22	56
	03/11/2008	2008-031	Agency agree. w/MN DOT for the advance construction of CSAH 15.	22	78
	03/11/2008		Contract w/Randall D. Frey, purchase of right of way for reconstruction of CSAH 25, Century Ave. in Woodbury.	22	79
	03/11/2008		Executive session held to consider proposed settlement options for Axdahl parcel pertaining to reconstruction of CSAH 15.	22	84
	03/18/2008	2008-044	Workshop held to review the draft Joint Powers Agree establishing the metropolitan area sales tax.	22	88
	03/25/2008		Contract w/McKinzie Metro Appraisal for professional appraisal/consulting services for the reconstruction of CSAH 18.	22	94
	03/25/2008		Auth. parking restrictions on CSAH 18 after reconstruction.	22	94
	03/25/2008	2008-045	Amend contract w/Cities of Stillwater and Oak Park Heights for the development of a short-term use and long-term improvement plan for roadways that provide immediate service to the WACO Government Center.	22	95
	03/25/2008		Contract w/SRF Consulting Group for preliminary design services for the CSAH 2 (Broadway Avenue) improvement project in Forest Lake.	22	95
	04/01/2008		Overview of the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) and metro area sales tax and excise tax.	22	100
	04/01/2008	2008-046	Public comments taken on CTIB and metro area sales tax and excise tax.	22	101
	04/01/2008		Declaration to be part of Metropolitan Transportation Area and auth. to enter into JPA agreement establishing CTIB.	22	124
	04/01/2008		Adopting a sales and use tax for the County of Washington.	22	125
	04/08/2008	2008-048	Coop. Agree. w/City of Woodbury for construction of Radio Drive, I-94 Ramps, I-94 frontage road cost reimbursement and maintenance.	22	132
	04/08/2008		Agency agreement for the advance construction of CSAH 18.	22	132
	04/15/2008		Bid award for crackseal provision and application on county roads for 2008 to American Pavement Solutions, Inc.	22	140
	04/15/2008	2008-053	Establish county road in May Township.	22	140
	04/15/2008		Acquire right of way on CSAH 18.	22	142
	04/22/2008		Auth. parking restrictions on CSAH 15 after reconstruction.	22	148

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Public Works-Roads	04/22/2008	2008-060	Bid award for CSAH 18 bridge reconstruction to CS McCrossan.	22	151
	04/22/2008	2008-061	Bid award for 2008 bituminous road overlays to Tower Asphalt.	22	152
	05/06/2008		2008 transportation division construction and maintenance projects.	22	164
	05/06/2008	2008-067	MN/DOT limited use permit relating to pedestrian trail along I-94 at CSAH 13.	22	164
	05/06/2008		Workshop held to discuss the Counties Transit Improvement Board.	22	168
	05/13/2008		Utility Relocation agree. w/Xcel Energy Services, Inc., CSAH 15 right of way.	22	171
	05/20/2008		Status and outcomes of a feasibility study for the removal/salvage options for Bridge No. 5600 located in St. Paul Park/Inver Grove Heights.	22	187
	05/20/2008		Cooperative agree. for construction cost reimbursement and maintenance between City of Lakeland and Wash. County, City of Lakeland Shores and Wash. County, for the CSAH 18 reconstruction project.	22	190
	05/20/2008		Workshop held to review the Metropolitan Council Draft 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program.	22	190
	06/03/2008	2008-077	Memorandum of understanding with the City of Hugo, MN Dept. of Transportation for access management on TH 61 in Hugo.	22	194
	06/10/2008	2008-079	Bid award for seasonal materials, sand, aggregate limerock, and plan mixed bituminous.	22	199
	06/10/2008	2008-080	Bid award for chemical weed control provision and application on county roads for 2008 to Central Applicators.	22	200
	06/10/2008	2008-081	Bid award for CSAH 18 reconstruction to Forest Lake Contracting.	22	201
	06/17/2008	2008-084	Proceed w/Natural Preservation Route designation request on CSAH 18.	22	206
	06/17/2008	2008-085	Bid award for CSAH 15 reconstruction to Tower Asphalt, Inc.	22	207
	06/24/2008		Contract w/Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. construction staking services for reconstruction of CSAH 18 in Lakeland and Lakeland Shores.	22	210
	06/24/2008	2008-089	Amend. #1 to Met Council grant agree. No. SG-2006-71, transit center in Forest Lake.	22	211
Public Works-Surveyor	01/08/2008		Reappt. Richard Adams, Board of Adjustment & Appeals, to 12/31/10.	22	4
	02/12/2008		Comments, with the addition of West Lakeland's recommendation for extension, to the EIS until an actual fly ash sample has been analyzed.	22	50
	02/26/2008		Appt. Terry Zoller, 1st term to 12/31/01, and Kent Grandlienard, Baytown Township to fill an unexpired term to 12/31/09 on the Planning Advisory Commission.	22	68
	04/22/2008		Extend the 15 day time limit an additional 15 days to approve or deny the need for an EAW for a proposed 800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton.	22	157
	05/06/2008		Comments from Commissioner Kriesel re: Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Project in West Lakeland Township to be added to county comments.	22	163
	05/06/2008		County comments (including Comm. Kriesels) re: adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Project in West Lakeland Twp.	22	163

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Public Works-Surveyor	05/13/2008		Appt. Shane Bauer, Board of Adjustment & Appeals, 1st term to 12/31/2010.	22	169
	05/13/2008		Hearing held for the determination on need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for an 800 MHz Telecommunication Radio Tower in the City of Afton.	22	172
	05/13/2008	2008-071	Denial of the petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the WACO Sheriff's Office proposed 800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton.	22	179
	05/20/2008		Workshop held to review goals and objectives of the WACO 2030 Comprehensive Plan.	22	189
	06/03/2008		Comments on the North St. Paul and St. Mary's Point draft comprehensive plans.	22	193
	06/24/2008		Set public hearing date to consider an amendment to WACO Subdivision Ord. for July 22, 2008.	22	212
Regional Rail Authority	02/19/2008		RRA meeting held: Comm. Peterson Chair, Comm. Hegberg Vice Chair; RRA minutes of 12/18/07; Commissioner travel in 2008; an, Resolution No. RRA-2008-001, support for 2008 federal requests for the Rush Line, Red Rock, and High Speed Rail Corridors.	22	55
	02/19/2008		Workshop held to discuss the preliminary results of the Met. Council's Transit Master Study.	22	61
	03/11/2008		February 19, 2008 minutes & Met. Council update on the 2030 Transit Study.	22	77
	06/03/2008		RRA meeting held: Meeting minutes from 3/11/08; and Resolution No. RRA-2008-002, memorandum of understanding with the City of Hugo, MN Dept. of Transportation for access mgmt. on TH 61 in Hugo, and adjacent to the Rush Line Transitway Corridor.	22	198
	06/24/2008		RRA meeting held: Meeting minutes from 6/3/08; and Resolution No. RRA-2008-003, Amend. No. 2 to Grant Agree. No. 85937 w/MN/DOT; and short discussion on Rush Line Corridor bus funding.	22	215
Sheriff	01/08/2008		Additional 1 FTE Deputy Sheriff Patrol Officer.	22	8
	01/08/2008		Motorola change order #9 to the Radio Service Agree. for a three month extension through 3/31/08.	22	8
	01/22/2008	2008-012	2008 Criminal Gang Strike Force and Narcotics Task Force Grant - Narcotics Division.	22	27
	01/22/2008		Contract award to Vinco, Inc. for construction services for the Hugo T-Mobile radio site.	22	27
	01/22/2008	2008-013	2008 Criminal Gang Strike Force and Narcotics Task Force Grant - Gang Strike Force.	22	27
	01/22/2008		800 MHz radio site license agree. w/T-Mobile Central LLC for co-location on their Hugo tower site.	22	27
	02/05/2008		800 MHz radio site license agree. w/MN State Colleges and Universities and the City of Mahtomedi for installation of antennas and placement of an equipment shelter at the water tank on the Century College Campus.	22	36
	02/05/2008		Contract w/John Israel for general law enforcement system computer maintenance.	22	36
	02/19/2008		Contract award to H.M. Cragg Company for supplying and installing a -48 VDC Power Systems for the 800 MHz radio system.	22	57

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Sheriff	02/26/2008	2008-028	Auth. to enter into a grant agree.(s) w/MN Dept. of Public Safety, State Patrol Division for the 2008 Operation NightCAP grant(s).	22	66
	02/26/2008		Joint Powers Agree. w/MN, Commissioner of Corrections, to house MN Dept. of Corrections offenders in the WACO jail.	22	67
	03/04/2008		Accept \$162 donation from Prosperan/WACO Bank, Oakdale, for K-9 unit.	22	74
	03/11/2008	2008-033	Agree. w/MN DNR, 2008 Federal Boating Supplement grant.	22	79
	03/11/2008		Set public hearing for April 1, 2008 to consider a \$10 fee for Till Tap requests.	22	80
	03/11/2008	2008-034	Agree. w/MN DNR, 2008 State Boat and Water Safety grant.	22	80
	03/25/2008		Contract w/Vinco, Inc., radio site construction services at Mahtomedi and Somerset, WI, for the 800 MHz Radio System.	22	95
	04/01/2008		Award contract to Omni Contracting, Inc. antenna and tower work at Somerset, Wi, for the 800 MHz Radio System.	22	99
	04/01/2008		Public hearing held to consider a \$10 fee for till tap civil service processing.	22	100
	04/01/2008		\$10 fee for till tap.	22	100
	04/08/2008	2008-049	Recognizing the Public Safety Operators and Dispatchers in WACO in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.	22	133
	04/08/2008		Ex. Session held to discuss property acquisition in Afton for the 800 MHz radio tower site.	22	136
	05/06/2008		Change order #10 to the Radio Service Agree.	22	161
	05/06/2008	2008-066	Acquire Morgan Property for the purpose of constructing a stealth design radio tower in Afton.	22	162
	05/13/2008		Hearing held for the determination on need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for an 800 MHz Telecommunication Radio Tower in the City of Afton.	22	172
	05/20/2008		Service Agree. w/L3 Communications Mobile Vision for the squad video camera project.	22	186
	06/03/2008	2008-076	Auth. Execution of grant agree. for 2008 supplemental boating safety sub grant program.	22	193
	06/03/2008		Accept a \$500 donation from Inver Grove heights residents, James and Karen Taylor, purchase a side scan sonar for the Water Patrol Division.	22	193
	06/17/2008	2008-082	Commitment to remove the public safety radio tower in Afton upon abandonment or discontinuation of use.	22	203
	06/17/2008		Amend. #1, contract w/Omni Contracting, Inc. construction services for five 800 MHz Radio Sites, extend to 8/31/08.	22	203
	06/17/2008		Amend JPA w/MN Dept. of Corrections, housing offenders in the county jail.	22	204
	06/24/2008		Amend contract w/Vinco, Inc. construction services for five 800 MHz Radio Sites extending the contract to July 31, 2008.	22	212
	06/24/2008		Contract w/PSC Alliance, Inc., consulting services to complete the 800 MHz Radio System.	22	212
	06/24/2008		Contract w/Harris Stratex, supply, install, and commission microwave radio systems for the 800 MHz Radio System.	22	212
Societies	01/15/2008		Operations grant to the WACO Ag Society for 2008.	22	16

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Societies	01/15/2008		Louise Smallidge received the 2007 Outstanding Conservation Supervisor Award.	22	21
	02/19/2008		Auth. \$5,000 to be paid to the WACO Historical Society for the publication A History of Washington County: Gateway to Minnesota History by Robert J. Goodman.	22	60
Veterans Service	03/04/2008		Accept \$32,375 from the MN Dept. of Veterans Affairs; and auth. for a two year 0.25 FTE special project position supported by the grant.	22	74
	03/04/2008		Request for workshop to discuss various organizations helping the returning veterans from Iraq.	22	74
	05/06/2008		Accept funds received during 2007 for the Veterans Services Emergency Assistance fund, \$1594.	22	160
Workforce Center	01/22/2008		Amend contract w/HIRED, Inc. to modify annual budget and number of participants w/Andersen Dislocated Worker Project.	22	26
	01/22/2008		Amend contract w/Workforce Resource, Inc. to modify annual budget and number of participants w/Andersen Dislocated Worker Project.	22	27
	01/22/2008		Amend. contract w/Employment Action Center to modify annual budget and number of participants w/Andersen Dislocated Worker Project.	22	27
	02/19/2008		Workforce Investment Act, Title 1B Master Grant.	22	56
	03/18/2008		Amend. #1 w/East Suburban Resources contract to provide job skills training, job development and placement, for people enrolled in the Diversionary Work Program and MN Family Investment Program.	22	85
	03/18/2008		Amend. #8 w/East Suburban Resources, extend group training and other services to 12/31/08.	22	85
	03/25/2008		Contract w/Community Volunteer Services and Senior Centers, for unpaid experience placements for Diversionary Work Program and MN Family Investment Program.	22	92
	03/25/2008		Appt. Janelle Schmitz, Workforce Investment Board, 1st term to 6/30/11.	22	92
	04/15/2008		Appt. Duane Gatzke, Workforce Investment Board, 1st term to 6/30/11.	22	139

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JANUARY 8, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth, and Hegberg. Absent none. Board Chair Kriesel presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; Steve Gransee, Division Manager, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Rebecca Ault, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2007**

The Board Chair asked for unfinished business from 2007. There was none. Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn sine die. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

A new roll call was taken. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Orth and Hegberg.

**ELECTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 2008**

The County Administrator declared nominations open for temporary Board Chair. Commissioner Peterson nominated Commissioner Kriesel as temporary chair. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations and Commissioner Kriesel was unanimously elected temporary chair.

Temporary Chair Kriesel declared nominations open for Board Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners for 2008. Commissioner Peterson nominated Commissioner Hegberg. Commissioner Orth seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard. Commissioner Peterson moved to elect Commissioner Hegberg as Washington County Board Chair for 2008. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Orth moved to nominate Commissioner Peterson as Vice Chair for 2008. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard. Commissioner Orth moved to elect Commissioner Peterson as Vice Chair for 2008. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek thanked Commissioner Kriesel for the outstanding job he did as County Board Chair in 2007. Board Chair Hegberg presented outgoing Chair Kriesel with a plaque honoring him for his service as Chair for the past year.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

### BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2008

Commissioner Orth moved to set meetings of the Washington County Board of Commissioners for the year 2008 for the first four Tuesdays of each month excluding any Tuesday which is a legal holiday, at 9:00 a.m. and that the Chair can call an evening meeting when necessary to conduct business or to allow for evening access by citizens or interested parties. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the December 18, 2007, Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-001** as follows:

#### Award of 2008 Newspaper Publication Bids

WHEREAS, pursuant to bid advertisement, newspaper publication bids were received until 2:00 p.m., December 5, 2007 for the following publications:

- 1) Official Board Proceedings (Board minutes in summary form)
- 2) Legal Notices
- 3) Delinquent Real Estate Tax List
- 4) Financial Statement (first & second publication)

WHEREAS, timely bids were received from the Lillie Suburban Newspapers, St. Croix Valley Press, White Bear Press, and the Forest Lake Times; and

WHEREAS, Washington County newspaper publishing awards are based on lowest index number for all bids; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority contained in Minn. Stat. 331A.12 the Department of Transportation and Physical Development may designate

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the Washington County Web Site as the official publication of transportation projects legal notices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby awards newspaper publication bids for 2008 as follows:

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| 1) | Official Proceedings of the Washington County Board of Commissioners (Board Minutes in Summary Form): | Lillie Suburban  |
| 2) | Legal Notices:  | Lillie Suburban  |
| 3) | Notice and List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent:  | Lillie Suburban  |
| 4) | First Publication of the Financial Statement for year ending December 31, 2007:                       | Lillie Suburban  |
| 5) | Second publication of the Financial Statement to be distributed as an insert:                         | White Bear Press |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County, MN web site is designated the official publication for transportation project legal notices; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each newspaper.

3. Approval of appointments/reappointments to advisory committees for 2008:

District 1

Lloyd Knudson, Hugo, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a fourth and final term to December 31, 2009;

Bo Bogotty, Forest Lake, reappointed to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen's Advisory Committee, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Gary Vidlock, Mahtomedi, reappointed to the Library Board, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Christopher Ness, Marine on St. Croix, reappointed to the Parks and Open Space Commission, to a third and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Terry Smith, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2008;

District 2

Todd Bruehl, Woodbury, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009

Manley Ellertson, Oakdale, reappointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

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District 3

Richard Gustafson, Stillwater, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

Marguerite Rheinberger, Stillwater, appointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a first term expiring December 31, 2008;

District 4

Sheila Colbert, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009;

Daniel Bigham, Cottage Grove, appointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a first term expiring December 31, 2008;

District 5

Jean Brown, Woodbury, reappointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a fourth and final term expiring December 31, 2009;

At Large

Janice Meyer, Afton, reappointed to the Audit Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2010;

Richard Adams, St. Paul Park, reappointed to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals, to a term expiring December 31, 2010;

Susan Kaintz, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Committee, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2010;

Raymond Stevens, Stillwater, reappointed to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009;

Bonita Sindelir, Woodbury, reappointed to the Library Board, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Joyce Welander, Stillwater, reappointed to the Minnesota Extension Committee, to a third and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Becky Meyer, Oakdale, reappointed to the Minnesota Extension Committee, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2010;

Vincent Anderson, Stillwater, reappointed to the Personnel Board of Appeals, to a term expiring December 31, 2010;

Dr. David Hale, St. Paul, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2008;

Debra Esse, Woodbury, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2008;

Jon Mueller, Stillwater, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a fourth and final term expiring December 31, 2008;

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Robert Byerly, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2008;

Sheriff Bill Hutton, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2008;

Bo Bogotty, Forest Lake, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2008;

James Keller, Denmark Township, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2008;

Katherine Grimm, St. Paul, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2008;

Joseph Bauer, Stillwater, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2008;

The County Board affirms the following committee appointments:

Bill Sullivan, Oakdale, Law Enforcement Representative, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a first term expiring December 31, 2009;

Travis Schwantes, Public Defender Representative, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a term expiring December 31, 2009;

Sheriff Bill Hutton, County Law Enforcement, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009;

Mary Waldkirch, Victims Representative, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a term expiring December 31, 2009;

Sonnie Smith, Minority Representative, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a term expiring December 31, 2009;

Linda Eckhardt, Mental Health Professional Representative, reappointed to the Mental Health Advisory Council, to second and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Suzanne Hurlburt, Consumer Representative, reappointed to the Mental Health Advisory Council, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Peggy Herzog, Consumer Representative, reappointed to the Mental Health Advisory Council, to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2008;

Anja Kuehne-Welsh, Consumer Representative, appointed to the Mental Health Advisory Council, to a first term expiring December 31, 2010;

Bruce Eisenmenger, Adult Mental Health Professional, reappointed to the Mental Health Advisory Council, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Kathleen Downing, Family Member, reappointed to the Mental Health Advisory Council, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2010.

4. Approval of a Memorial Day appropriation of \$100 each, upon request, in 2008 for the Stillwater Citizens' Memorial Day Association and Washington County posts and barracks.

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5. Approval of Policy #6009, Travel Policy for Elected Officials, including Airline Travel Credit.
6. Approval of purchase of service agreement with Human Services, Inc. for domestic abuse assessment and treatment, the P.L.A.C.E. program in Stillwater, the Community Options Program, and the VOICES program.
7. Approval to renew Purchase of Service Agreements with: White Bear Lake Community Counseling Center, Forest Lake Youth Service Bureau, and the Youth Service Bureau, Inc.
8. Approval to renew contracts for Multi Systemic Therapy (MST), a research-based intensive in-home therapy program and alternative to juvenile placement.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-002** as follows:

Accept a Title II Juvenile Justice Grant from the  
Office of Justice Programs

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Corrections has an increasing number of juveniles on probation from culturally diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Corrections has a significant number of juveniles on probation for assaultive offenses; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Corrections has been awarded a Title II Grant to continue implementation of two evidence-based interventions for high-risk juveniles on probation; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Corrections will continue a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the second year of a 3 year grant cycle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Community Corrections is authorized to execute such agreements and amendments, as are necessary to implement the Title II Grant from January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2008.

10. Approval of the January 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 contract with Alpha and Omega USA (dba) Travelon Transportation to provide transportation services for adults using waived services.
11. Approval of the 2008 contract with the American Red Cross Twin Cities Area Chapter to provide emergency social services and crisis response services to Washington County Community Services.
12. Approval of the 2008-2011 contract with Bachmann & Associates, Inc. for adult outpatient chemical dependency treatment.

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13. Approval of contract amendment with Blue Plus, a Minnesota health maintenance organization, to provide care coordination services for enrollees of the Managed Care for Persons with Disabilities program.
14. Approval of the 2008-2011 contract with Burkwood, Inc. for adult residential chemical dependency treatment.
15. Approval of the 2008-2010 contract with CommonBond Communities to provide financial case management, a home and community-based service.
16. Approval of the 2008-2011 contract with Dakota County Receiving Center for adult residential chemical dependency treatment and detoxification services.
17. Approval of the 2008-2010 contract with Family Means to provide home and community-based services.
18. Approval of the 2008-2011 contract with Kinnic Falls Alcohol-Drug Abuse Services, Inc. for adult residential chemical dependency treatment.
19. Approval of the 2008-2010 contract with Metro Social Services, Inc. to provide home and community-based services.
20. Approval of the 2008-2011 contract with On Belay of Minnesota – Anthony Lewis Center for adolescent outpatient chemical dependency treatment.
21. Approval of the 2008-2010 contract with People, Inc. to provide home and community-based services.
22. Approval of the January 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, contract with Twin Cities Transportation, Inc. to provide transportation services for adults using waived services.
23. Approval of the 2008-2011 contract with We Care Counseling Center for adult outpatient chemical dependency treatment.
24. Approval of the Washington County Plan for administration of the Child Care Assistance Program for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.
25. Approval to amend the county's cafeteria plan language of "dependent" to include among others, unmarried children under the age of 25, regardless of student status", to take effect January 1, 2008.

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26. Approval of an additional 1.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff Patrol Officer in the Sheriff's Department.
27. Approval of Washington County Library contract for service provided to Stillwater Public Library for 2008.
28. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-003** as follows:

Authorization to Enter a Grant Agreement with the  
Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the  
Safe Communities Coalition

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment enter into a grant agreement with the Office of Traffic Safety in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the project entitled "Safe Communities Coalition" during the period from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 for the amount of \$24,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lowell R. Johnson 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.

29. Approval of an agreement with Xcel Energy for the authority to operate a fluorescent lamp recycling and reimbursement program.
30. Approval to enter into agreements with the following contracted wellness program staff for on-site county employee wellness activities: Mary Hanf, Laura Holmes, Therese A. May, Lucinda Pepper, Carla Schoenecker, and Shawn Svendon-Cates.
31. Approval of Motorola Change Order #9 to the Radio Service Agreement for a three month extension through March 31, 2008.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

**PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-004** as follows:

Resolution Approving the Sale of Tax-Forfeited Land to the City  
of Cottage Grove for an Authorized Public Purpose

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale #21.027.21.41.0032, which has forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes; and

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WHEREAS, the parcel is classified as non-conservation, and the classification and sale of the parcel 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, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby determines the value of parcel #21.027.21.41.0032 is \$13,200; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the sale of parcel 21.027.21.41.0032 to the City of Cottage Grove for the public purpose described in their application.

Municipality: Cottage Grove

Parcel Identification Number: 21.027.21.41.0032

Authorized Public Purpose: Future development "Red Rock Corridor"

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

### **Request to Modify Redevelopment Area and Create a Housing TIF District in Forest Lake**

The County Board Chair presented a brief overview of today's public hearing to consider a request by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to modify an existing Redevelopment Plan Project No. 2 and to Create a New Housing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District No. 2-2, TrailSide Senior Living in Forest Lake. The Board Secretary indicated that notice of the public hearing was published and the affidavit of publication is on the record.

Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Executive Director, presented their request to use tax increment to enable the construction of an affordable senior housing development in Forest Lake. They propose to expand the project area to include the two parcels in Forest Lake, the proposed HRA senior rental building and the proposed Walker Methodist market rate building. They will use the tax increment from the Walker Methodist parcel to help pay for the debt service. The HRA proposal consists of 70 units, 35 one bedrooms, 35 two bedrooms, with an aggressive affordability range. They would like 20% of the units as low as \$400 to \$500 per month in rent, but all of the development will be below 60%AMI or about \$38,000 to \$39,000 a year for one or two person senior households. The HRA building is proposed to be architecturally integrated with the Walker building, and 10% will be designed for the disabled. The Walker facility, named the Forest Bay Lodge, will be up to 176 units and will consist of both market rate independent living and assisted living with a memory care unit as well.

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Ms. Dacy stated that the project costs for the HRA building are estimated to be about \$15.2 million. They are proposing to finance with bonds about half of the project costs. They would like to use the tax increment to help pay for the B Series Bonds on the project. The bonds to be sold will be about \$8 million and will be split into two series, A Series and B Series. They are looking for the tax increment financing to help with the B Series, and then the A Series will be supported from the cash flow from the project. At the February meeting, they will also be asking the county to pledge its general obligation so they can get the lowest rate possible. They are analyzing who needs to be the issuer on the bonds. State law requires that with TIF, the county would have to be the issuer on the B Bonds, and they are trying to find a solution that they could have just one issuer on both series of bonds. The rest of the project costs will be financed by HRA funds or loans or grants.

Ms. Dacy indicated that if there is no tax increment, the project cannot proceed. They are offering very affordable rents, but they have to pay the bills to run an apartment building, so the TIF helps in the annual cash flows. She asked that the County Board continue the public hearing to February 5, 2008, at which point they would ask the Board to approve the resolution.

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

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

Commissioner Peterson moved to continue the public hearing to consider a request by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to modify an existing Redevelopment Plan Project No. 2 and to Create a New Housing Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-2, TrailSide Senior Living in Forest Lake to February 5, 2008. Commissioner Orth seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Commissioner Committee Appointments**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to appoint Commissioners to the MELSA Board, Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, and the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Board as follows:

MELSA – Commissioner Myra Peterson

Metropolitan Emergency Services Board – Commissioner Greg Orth and Commissioner Myra Peterson

Metropolitan Mosquito Control Board – Commissioner Dennis C. Hegberg and Commissioner Myra Peterson

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported that she attended the organizational meeting of a coalition that will be advocating for the Hastings Bridge. She reiterated that a report was written in 1989 identifying bridges that needed to be replaced in the east metro: Bridge No. 3 was the Stillwater Bridge; Bridge No. 4 was the Hastings Bridge; Bridge No. 8 was the Wakota Bridge; and No. 10, was the St. Paul Park Bridge. The Stillwater and Hastings bridges both had lower ratings than the Wakota Bridge. She felt the Wakota Bridge was built because they did have a coalition of multi-jurisdictions. The Hastings Bridge coalition is underway and she encouraged Stillwater to get its coalition up and running.

Commissioner Peterson reminded the Board of two MICA meetings coming up this month on the 16th and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. March 5 is the Transportation Alliance meeting at the legislature and encouraged all the Commissioners to attend that meeting also. She will be attending a meeting in Hastings with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss transportation. She encouraged the Commissioners to attend one of those meetings. One meeting is on January 10 at 7:30 in Hastings, another is in Lakeville on January 16, and one in St. Paul on Wednesday, January 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Pulkrabek will be meeting with constituents tomorrow. Also, the Finance Committee will meet today after the Board Workshops.

Commissioner Orth, reported on a flood meeting he attended in Woodbury last Friday. The South Washington Watershed District discussed funding sources. On January 23 at 5:00 p.m. there will be an open house at the Government Center to address the National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA Flood Maps and insurance issues. He also noted that 3M will be holding a PFC meeting in Woodbury on Thursday night. He will not be able to attend because the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Committee will also be meeting. He asked that someone from the Public Health and Environment department attend that meeting in Woodbury. Commissioner Peterson volunteered to attend that meeting for him.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that the bus service from Forest Lake to Minneapolis started yesterday. He is happy to say that they had overflow parking.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he has been working with the Veteran's Rest Camp on their 2008 budget. He met with Mayor Zeller of Lakeland to discuss the County Road 18 project.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

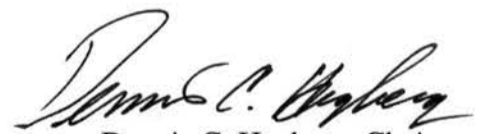
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

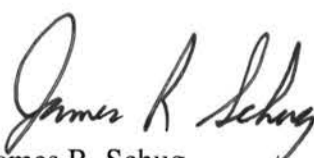
The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the 2008 Commissioner Committee Assignments. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Orth, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Patricia Raddatz, Tom Adkins, Dan Papin, Pat Conley, Yvonne Klennert, Stillwater Courier, and Kevin Giles, Star Tribune.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration for Comp Plan discussion on housing and Library siting issues. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Orth, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Pat Conley, Don Theisen, John Elholm, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Amanda Hollis, and Barbara Dacy.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

  
James R. Schug  
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JANUARY 15, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Commissioner District 5 vacant due to the death of Commissioner Greg Orth. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Rebecca Ault, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Corey Slagle, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Engineer; Carolyn Phelps, Historic Courthouse Coordinator; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Sr. Planner; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chair Hegberg asked for a moment of silence in memory of County Commissioner Greg Orth, who died on January 12, 2008.

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-005** as follows:

Resolution in Memory of Commissioner Gregory Orth

WHEREAS, Washington County Commissioners and staff are deeply saddened by the death of District 5 Commissioner Gregory Orth; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Orth led a lifetime of public service, which includes over two decades as Police Chief for the City of Woodbury and six years as public safety director; and

WHEREAS, during Commissioner Orth's short time on the County Board he had already become active in many program areas, including public safety, transportation, community services, community corrections and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Board members and staff remember him as a quiet leader and a very conscientious commissioner who worked hard on behalf of his district and the entire county; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Orth was also known by those who loved him as a caring father and grandfather and a good friend.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the lifelong accomplishments of Gregory Orth and remembers him for his outstanding service to Washington County.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **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 Commissioner committee assignments for 2008:

#### **DENNIS C. HEGBERG**

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)  
 Board of Directors  
 District X (Alternate)  
 Environment and Natural Resources  
 Audit Committee  
 Finance Committee  
 Groundwater Advisory Committee  
 Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
 Library Board  
 Library Park Association  
 Metro Alliance for Healthy Families  
 Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc.,  
 Metropolitan GIS Policy Committee  
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control  
 Metro Transitways Development Board (Alternate)  
 Minnesota Association of Governments Investing for Counties (AMC Appointment)  
 Minnesota County Extension, Washington County  
 Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (AMC Appointment)  
 Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)  
 National Association of Counties (NACo)  
 Environment, Energy and Land Use  
 Public Employee Retirement Association (State Appointment)  
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board (Alternate)  
 Regional Rail Authority  
 Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board  
 Rush Line Rail Corridor

#### **BILL PULKRABEK**

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)  
 General Government  
 Economic Development Committee

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**BILL PULKRABEK (continued)**

Finance Committee  
 Legislative Committee  
 Minnesota Inter-County Association  
 National Association of Counties (NACo)  
     Public Lands  
 Parks and Open Space Commission  
 Personnel Committee  
 Plat Commission (Alternate)  
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board  
 Regional Rail Authority

**GARY KRIESEL**

Andersen Community Advisory Committee  
 Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)  
     Board of Directors (Alternate)  
     General Government  
     Human Services  
 Audit Committee  
 Community Services Advisory  
 Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp  
 Economic Development Committee (Alternate)  
 Historic Courthouse Advisory Council  
 Law Library Board  
 Library Board (Alternate)  
 Library Park Association (Alternate)  
 Mental Health Advisory Council  
 Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (Alternate)  
 Metropolitan Energy Task Force  
 Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)  
 Minnesota County Extension, Washington County (Alternate)  
 Minnesota Transportation Alliance (Alternate)  
 National Association of Counties Delegate  
 Planning Advisory Commission  
 Plat Commission/Real Estate Acquisition Committee)  
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board  
 Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board  
 Regional Rail Authority

**MYRA PETERSON**

Association of Minnesota Counties  
     Board of Directors  
     District X Representative  
     Corrections Subcommittee (Alternate)  
     Legislative Steering Committee  
     Transportation  
 Community Corrections (Alternate)  
 Groundwater Advisory Committee (Alternate)  
 Legislative Committee  
 Hastings Bridge Coalition  
 I-494 Wakota Bridge Coalition  
 MELSA  
 Metro Alliance for Healthy Families (Alternate)  
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board  
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Executive Committee  
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control

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**MYRA PETERSON (continued)**

Metropolitan Mosquito Control Executive Commission  
 Metropolitan Transportation Advisory  
 Metro Transitways Development Board  
 Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA)  
 Minnesota Statewide Radio Board  
 Minnesota Transportation Alliance  
     Board of Directors and Legislative Committee)  
 National Association of Counties (NACo)  
     Transportation  
 Parks and Open Space Commission (Alternate)  
 Red Rock Rail Corridor  
 Regional Rail Authority  
 Rush Line Corridor (Alternate)

**COUNTY STAFF REPRESENTATIVES**

Community Action Program for Ramsey/Washington Counties  
     Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director

Metro GIS Policy Board  
     Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator

2. Approval of appointments to the Groundwater Advisory Committee to first terms expiring December 31, 2009; Jon Whitcomb, Water Management Organization Representative; Rick Vanzwol, Watershed District Representative; and, Julia Welter, Local Government Representative.
3. Approval to appoint the following individuals to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to terms expiring December 31, 2008: Mary McComber, Local Government Representative; Robert Livingston, Local Government Representative; and Stacy Bohl, Allied Health Representative.
4. Approval of the operations grant to the Washington County Agricultural Society for 2008.
5. Approval of purchase of service agreement with Tubman Family Alliance for services provided to victims and families of domestic violence.
6. Approval of the re-certification application by the Community Services Department for adult rehabilitative mental health services through the Department of Human Services.
7. Approval of the 2008 – 2011 contract with Haven Chemical Health Systems, LLC for adult residential chemical dependency treatment and adult outpatient chemical dependency treatment.
8. Approval of the 2008 - 2010 contract with REM Minnesota for home and community based services.

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9. Approval of 2008 contract with Hope House of St. Croix Valley to provide home and community based services.
10. Approval to ratify a three-year 2008-2010 agreement with the Attorney Association as follows:
  1. Duration:  
Three years, effective January 13, 2008 through January 8, 2011.
  2. Wages:

Effective January 13, 2008	3.0%
Effective January 11, 2009	3.0%
Effective January 10, 2010	3.0%
  3. Health Insurance

2008	<u>Open Access \$20 Office Visit Copay</u>
	Single \$433/month
	Single + Child(ren) \$433/month
	Single + Spouse \$589/month
	Family \$619/month
	<u>Open Access \$25, 30, Select Choice \$25 Office Visit Copay and Three for Free</u>
	Single \$480/month
	Single + Child(ren) \$524/month
	Single + Spouse \$708/month
	Family \$829/month
	Flex credits \$62.00/month
2009	Insurance Reopener
2010	Insurance Reopener
  4. Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan:  
Allow the Association to meet with MSRS about creating a Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan provided the plan is cost neutral.
11. Approval to ratify the 2008 health insurance for Supervisor's Association as follows:

## Health Insurance Contribution

2008	<u>Open Access \$20 Office Visit Copay</u>
	Single \$433/month
	Single + Child(ren) \$433/month
	Single + Spouse \$589/month
	Family \$619/month

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Open Access \$25, 30, Select Choice \$25 Office Visit Copay and Three for Free

Single	\$480/month
Single + Child(ren)	\$524/month
Single + Spouse	\$708/month
Family	\$829/month

12. Approval to revise Human Resources Policy #5003 Employee Recognition Program to include IRS requirements regarding gift cards and taxable income.
13. Approval to revise Human Resource Policy #5014 Comparable Worth to reflect a change in the responsibilities of the Comparable Worth Committee.
14. Approval of Amendment #1 to assessing contract with the City of Forest Lake for a term of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011.
15. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperate (MCCC); and to reappoint Kevin Corbid as Delegate to the MCCC and Kristin Tuenge and Joanne Helm as alternate delegates.
16. Approval to accept 2008 funding in the amount of \$50,000 from UCare Minnesota for expansion of the aging health promotion activities.
17. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-006** as follows:

## Acceptance of a Grant from the Hardenbergh Foundation

WHEREAS, the Hardenbergh Foundation has grant funds available for operating support; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Courthouse seeks funding for operating support.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County agrees to accept an operations grant from the Hardenbergh Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 and that the county has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure that the grant will be used as intended.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carolyn Phelps, Parks Coordinator-Historic Courthouse, is hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

18. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-007** as follows:

## Acceptance of a Grant from the Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation

WHEREAS, the Hubbard Foundation has grant funds available for restoration support; and

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WHEREAS, the Historic Courthouse seeks funding for restoration support.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County agrees to accept a restoration grant from the Hubbard Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 and that the county has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure that the grant will be used as intended.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Carolyn Phelps, Parks Coordinator-Historic Courthouse, is hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

19. Bids were received for the LEC Cooling Tower as follows:

Area Mechanical	\$329,600
Master Mechanical, Inc.	\$317,000
P & D Mechanical Contracting	\$388,000
Northland Mechanical	\$355,000

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-008** as follows:

Bid Award for Law Enforcement Center Cooling Tower  
Replacement to Master Mechanical, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the replacement of the Law Enforcement Center cooling tower, the county solicited bids for this service; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on December 4, 2007, with Master Mechanical, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Master Mechanical, Inc. be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Master Mechanical, Inc. for all labor, materials, equipment and services to complete cooling tower replacement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Master Mechanical, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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.

20. Approval of service contract with Fluid Interiors for the provision of technical services for modular furniture at various county facilities.

21. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-009** as follows:

Approval of the Cottage Grove Ravine Land Exchange Agreement  
with Metropolitan Council

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WHEREAS, in December of 2004, the Metropolitan Council approved Washington County's request to remove land from Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, for the construction of the South Service Center; and

WHEREAS, the agreement stipulated that land similar to the land removed from the park must be replaced on an acre for acre basis by December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the agreement further stipulated which parcels of land were to be used for this replacement; and

WHEREAS, land has recently been put up for sale that is not one of the stipulated parcels, but is within the planned boundary of the regional park; and

WHEREAS, Washington County would prefer to purchase replacement land from willing sellers, rather than waiting for the specified parcels – which could lead to condemnation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to the terms of the new Land Exchange Agreement and hereby authorizes the County Board Chair and County Administrator to execute the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

The Board Chair welcomed the Stillwater Area High School group with students from Kathleen Ferguson Quinn and Brad Benson's Social Studies Classes.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Information on Design Credits for Service Center Construction Amendments**

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, reported that during the service center construction projects there were change orders related to the heating and cooling mechanical systems. At the time those change orders were brought before the Board it was indicated that those change orders were partially due to design errors and that the county was working with the design firms to receive help in paying for those change orders. Between the two projects, the county is receiving credits of \$165,383.88. The county will receive credits from Ankeny-Kell Architects and Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, Inc. for other design work they are doing for the county on other projects.

### **Reimbursement of Acquisition Costs at Grey Cloud Island Regional Park**

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve an agreement with the Metropolitan Council in the amount of \$182,094 for the partial reimbursement of acquisition costs at Grey Cloud Island Regional Park. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**Washington Conservation District Award**

Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District Manager, and Louise Smallidge, Washington Conservation Board Supervisor, presented Jim Luger, former Parks Director, and John Elholm, current Parks Director, with the Outstanding Conservationist certificate for 2007 for the Washington County Parks Division. This award is in recognition of the county's efforts in implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota's natural resources.

Commissioner Peterson recognized Louise Smallidge for receiving the 2007 Outstanding Supervisor Award.

**PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-010** as follows:

Resolution Recommending Approval of Conveyance of  
Tax-Forfeited Lands for an Authorized Public Use

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo has made proper application for acquiring the parcels listed below, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the parcels have been classified as non-conservation, and the classification and conveyance of the parcels has been approved by the Department of Natural Resources and the cities and townships; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, desires to see these parcels of land, which have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, conveyed to the local municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo has requested each parcel be conveyed for the public use of drainage and utility purposes.

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 applications of the local municipality for conveyance of the following parcels:

17.031.21.12.0011	Outlot B, Creekview Preserve 2 <sup>nd</sup> Addition
17.031.21.22.0010	Outlot A, Creekview Preserve 3 <sup>rd</sup> Addition
17.031.21.23.0001	Outlot C, Creekview Preserve
17.031.21.23.0039	Outlot B, Creekview Preserve 3 <sup>rd</sup> Addition
17.031.21.24.0006	Outlot B, Creekview Preserve
17.031.21.44.0037	Outlot A, Sweat Grass Meadows 3 <sup>rd</sup> Addition
20.031.21.14.0002	Outlot A, Rice Lake Meadows
20.031.21.41.0004	Outlot B, Rice Lake Meadows 2 <sup>nd</sup> Addition
20.031.21.41.0026	Outlot A, Rice Lake Meadows 3 <sup>rd</sup> Addition
32.031.21.21.0039	Beaver Ponds 5 <sup>th</sup> Addition

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION****Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board District 3 Vacancy**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint Kuchen Meyer, Afton, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners to a first term expiring December 31, 2010. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported on a meeting she attended yesterday to discuss the Central Corridor. This corridor has a deadline of February 27 to determine a number of issues that need to be resolved. The Governor has indicated that he is willing to support up to \$840 million. There is a discrepancy as to where the Central Corridor is going to go; will it go to the Depot; will there be a tunnel at the University; and how will those issues be paid for.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he will be attending a meeting this evening at the Stillwater Public Library to discuss Xcel Energy's desire to place fly ash in West Lakeland Township.

**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 9:35 a.m.

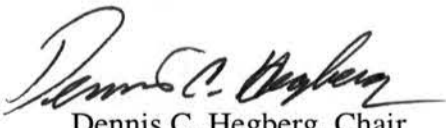
**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the Washington County Comprehensive Plan Update 2030. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Ann Pung-Terwedo; Mike Rogers, Jane Harper, Don Theisen, Amanda Hollis, Larry Timmerman, Lowell Johnson, Dennis O'Donnell, Ted Schoenecker, John Elholm, Kevin Corbid, Joe Lux, and Kevin Giles, Star Tribune.


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**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review printing and advertising options for the Staying in Touch Newsletter. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Nancy Brase, and Steve Nelson.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

  
James R. Schug  
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JANUARY 22, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Joe Lux, Senior Planner; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Engineer; John Elholm, Parks Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Carol Peterson, Election Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; and Steve Nelson, 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 January 8, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Robert Rafferty, AMI Representative to the Mental Health Advisory Council, to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
3. Approval to appoint Sheila Colbert, Cottage Grove, to the Community Corrections Advisory Board as a District 4 representative to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2008.
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-011** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Joint Powers Agreement with  
Dakota, Carver, and Olmsted Counties for a 2008 Residential Survey

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WHEREAS, Washington County has participated with Dakota, Carver and Olmsted County to execute a 2008 Residential Survey in order to assess residential opinions and the performance of county government; and

WHEREAS, the counties have agreed to collaborate on a joint Residential Survey in 2008, selecting the National Research Center, Inc. to conduct the survey and compile results; and

WHEREAS, Washington County will act as the fiscal agent for the joint survey, executing and managing the contract with the National Research Center, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the counties must enter into a joint powers agreement in order to carry out the Residential Survey initiative; and

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement is authorized under MINN. STAT. § 471.59.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Board Chair and County Administrator to execute a joint powers agreement with Dakota, Carver, and Olmsted Counties to conduct a residential survey of households in the four counties and to analyze the results, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

5. Approval to amend Washington County Policy #1032 to include the Joint Mediation Session Fee of \$103.00 for 2008.
6. Approval of the January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 contract with the American Red Cross to provide transportation services for adults using waived services.
7. Approval of the 2008 – 2011 contract with Avalon Programs, LLC for adult outpatient chemical dependency treatment.
8. Approval of the 2008 – 2011 contract with Human Services, Inc. for adult and adolescent outpatient chemical dependency treatment.
9. Approval of the 2008 – 2011 contract with Cedar Ridge, Inc. for adult residential chemical dependency treatment.
10. Approval of the 2008 – 2009 contract with Working on Life's Fulfillment, Inc. to provide home and community based services for persons with developmental disabilities.
11. Approval of contract amendment number one with HIRED, Inc. to modify the annual budget and number of participants for HIRED's work with the Andersen Dislocated Worker Project.

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12. Approval of contract amendment number one with the Employment Action Center to modify the annual budget and number of participants for EAC's work with the Andersen Dislocated Worker Project.
13. Approval of contract amendment number one with the Workforce Resource, Inc. to modify the annual budget for Workforce Resource's work with the Andersen Windows Dislocated Worker Project.
14. Approval to revise Policy #2506, Petty Cash and Change Funds to create a change fund for the Community Corrections Sentence to Service Program.
15. Approval of a lease agreement with Michael and Courtney Bengston for county owned property located within Lake Elmo Park Reserve.
16. Approval of 800 MHz radio site license agreement with T-Mobile Central LLC for co-location on their Hugo tower site located on 147<sup>th</sup> Street.
17. Approval of contract award to Vinco, Inc. for construction services for the Hugo T-Mobile radio site.
18. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-012** as follows:

2008 Criminal Gang Strike Force and Narcotics Task  
Force Grant – Narcotics Division

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Commissioner of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs 2008 Criminal Gang Strike Force and Narcotics Task Force;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute and sign the grant and any amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the program on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

19. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-013** as follows:

2008 Criminal Gang Strike Force and Narcotics Task  
Force Grant – Gang Strike Force

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Commissioner of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs 2008 Criminal Gang Strike Force and Narcotics Task Force;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute and sign the grant and any amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the program on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

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### **Request by the City of Oakdale**

Craig Waldron, City of Oakdale Administrator, presented their request for the county's support in the passage of special legislation to provide for 35 year tax increment financing redevelopment districts (10 year duration extensions) to reverse the trend of blight and decay that exists in the area of the Oakdale Mall and the Tanner's Lake commercial area.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve a letter supporting the City of Oakdale's request for special legislation to provide for 35 year tax increment financing redevelopment districts (10 year duration extensions) to reverse the trend of blight and decay that exists in the area of the Oakdale Mall and the Tanner's Lake commercial area. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **District 5 County Commissioner Vacancy**

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, presented options for the Board to consider to fill the vacancy in Commissioner District 5 caused by the death of Commissioner Greg Orth on January 12, 2008. There are two different methods by which the Board can fill the vacancy, by special election or through an appointment process. If a special election were considered the earliest date to fill the vacancy would be in 52 days and the longest would be in 90 days. The cost to conduct a special election is estimated to be \$50,000. That person would serve out the remainder of the current term, to 2010. In the appointment process, the Board would need to make the appointment at a regular or special meeting of the County Board and it must be by resolution. That individual would serve until a special election was held in November, 2008, and then that person would serve out the remainder of the current term, to 2010. No additional costs would be incurred by the county for filling this vacancy by the appointment option.

Commissioner Peterson stated that the County Board has a number of issues that it will be working on this next year. She believes it would be important that there is active representation from the Woodbury area.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, reported that he did have an opportunity last week to talk to the City Administrator of Woodbury. The City Council and Mayor met in workshop on an informal basis following

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Commissioner Orth's death. They couldn't take formal action, but they did express a strong preference for the appointment process. They were concerned about the timing of a special election and want to have the city represented as fully and as soon as possible.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he spoke to Woodbury Mayor Hargis and he also indicated yesterday they had a meeting and they felt the same way. They would like to have somebody represent them that could hit the ground running. The name of former Commissioner Stafford came up because of his background and experience. They felt that would be acceptable to them.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked if the Board went with the appointment process, other than soliciting the opinion of the City of Woodbury, what would be the process for other individuals who may want to be considered. Mr. Schug stated the new law is silent on the process. It would be up to the County Board to decide if it wanted to seek persons who might be interested to go through some sort of a screening process.

Commissioner Peterson stated she is leaning toward an appointment process, but she wants to make sure that whoever they appoint would not be a candidate in the fall. She feels it is important to appoint someone who can come in and participate and represent the City of Woodbury. She thinks it's important that the Board does not give someone a leg up in the fall election.

Commissioner Kriesel agreed with those comments. He has had conversations with Mr. Stafford during the last few days and he indicated that he would be interested in the appointment and his intention would be not to run. He is leaning toward the appointment process.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he agrees with Commissioner Kriesel. He is not a fan of a special election because it is expensive, it would be highly partisan and because of the low voter turnout, he does not feel that would be representative of the Woodbury residents. If they appoint, that person would only serve until the end of the year and it would give whoever is interested in possibly running time to gear up on their campaign. He recommended that the Board solicit the opinion formally of the City of Woodbury as far as who they would like to see, but also have some kind of timeframe to allow others who might be interested an opportunity to apply for the appointment.

Mr. Schug stated that former Commissioner Stafford has indicated his intent not to run. The county cannot make that a condition or control it through any type of an agreement.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the appointment process; that the date for appointment be February 5, 2008; and that individuals who may be interested in appointment submit a letter of intent and their resume to the Office of Administration by the end of the day on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Commissioner Peterson asked that if individuals are interested in applying to be appointed what would they fill out and how would that process work. Will the Board review the applications on the 5<sup>th</sup> or come in on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January and look at the applications. She feels this is fairly nebulous and that it should be tightened up a little bit.

It was the consensus of the County Board that they would hold televised interviews prior to the County Board meeting on February 5, 2008 of applicants who have submitted a statement of interest and resume to the Washington County Office of Administration by January 29, 2008.

Mr. Schug noted that a press release would be prepared and that a notice would be placed on the county web site stating the intent to appoint and that interested persons should submit a statement of interest and resume to the Office of Administration by January 29, 2008.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson asked that Mark Furman be invited to speak on the Central Corridor at a future Regional Railroad Authority meeting. She also attended the Metropolitan Transit Development Board. They are scheduling tours to visit out state Minnesota county projects. She asked that Commissioners try to attend one of these trips. At the AMC Board of Director's meeting she attended last Friday, she asked if other counties sold ads in their newsletters. No one at that meeting did. She asked the Commissioners to keep March 5 open for Transportation Day at the Capital. She distributed a list of State entities that have county representation.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated it has been established that the City of Oakdale runs ads in their newsletter. He received in the mail last week a School District 622 community education newsletter and there were several ads in that. He got his driver's license renewal in the mail from the State of Minnesota and there were three advertisements in that envelops. He reminded the public that caucuses are coming up on February 5 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the HRA meeting he attended last week. Their budget is doing well because vacancies are down. They are putting a lot of emphasis on screening occupants.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

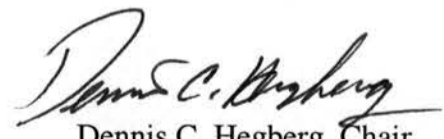
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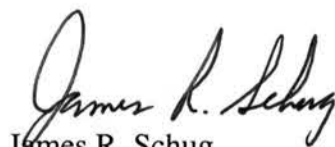
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works for an update on the Cottage Grove Southwest Area Transportation Study. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Wayne Sandberg, Joe Lux, Ted Schoenecker, John Elholm, and Harley Will.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

  
James R. Schug  
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. Board Chair Hegberg 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 Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Jeff Travis, Environmental Program Manager; Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTERVIEW PERSONS INTERESTED IN DISTRICT 5 COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT**

The County Board interviewed Gabriel E. Berntson and R.H. "Dick" Stafford for the Commissioner District 5 vacancy caused by the death of Commissioner Greg Orth.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Resolution Appointing a Commissioner to Fill the District 5 Vacancy**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-014** as follows:

Resolution Appointing R. H. "Dick" Stafford as  
Washington County Commissioner for the Fifth District

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2008, a vacancy was created on the Washington County Board of Commissioners by the passing of Commissioner Greg Orth; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Orth represented Washington County's Fifth Commissioner District; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §375.101 provides for the vacancy to be filled either through a special election or through appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissions feels it vital that District 5 have representation on the Board as soon as law allows; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §375.101 subd. 4 authorizes the County Board to fill the vacancy by appointment through resolution at a regular or special meeting of the County Board; and

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WHEREAS, the person appointed to the vacancy would only serve in the appointed position until the qualification of the successor elected at a special election held in conjunction with the County's November 4, 2008 general election; and

WHEREAS, because the Board of County Commissioners has determined that filling the vacancy by appointment will serve the best interests of the residents of District 5; and

WHEREAS, filling the vacancy through the Statute's special election option will prove costly and time consuming, delaying the representation of District 5 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has solicited applicants for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has studied the applications submitted and interviewed the applicants for the vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 375.101 subd. 4, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints R.H. "Dick" Stafford Washington County Commissioner for District 5 to serve until the qualification of the successor elected at a special election which will be held in conjunction with the County's November 4, 2008 general election.

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

#### **Administer the Oath of Office to the Newly Appointed Commissioner**

The Honorable Judge Greg Galler, Judicial Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to R.H. "Dick" Stafford.

Commissioner Stafford was seated as a member of the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the January 15 and 22, 2008 Board meeting minutes.

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2. Approval to appoint Jeannie Miller, Cottage Grove, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board, to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
3. Approval to appoint Ann Bebeau, West Lakeland Township, to the Child Protection Citizen Review Panel, to a first term expiring June 30, 2010.
4. Approval to amend Policy #2803, Fund Descriptions, to identify funding sources for the post retirement health care benefits.
5. Approval to renew licensing agreement with the Multi Systemic Therapy Group.
6. Approval of contract with Betmar Languages, Inc. for language interpretation and translation for the period of January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.
7. Approval of the 2008 – 2011 contract with Fairview Recovery Services for adult outpatient chemical dependency treatment.
8. Approval of the 2008 – 2010 contract with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the housing coordinator position.
9. Approval of the 2008 contract with Human Services, Inc. for mental health services, chemical health services, transportation, and elder-care services.
10. Approval to amend Policy #2202, Mission Directed Budget Policy.
11. Approval to draw down the Debt Service Fund (310) fund balance to meet debt service obligations for the 2007A CIP general obligation bonds.
12. Approval of 2008 benefits for employees in the L.E.L.S. Union as follows:
  1. Increase benefit flex credits by \$12.00 a month.
  2. Monthly county contribution to health insurance:
 

<u>Open Access \$20 Office Visit Copay</u>	
Single	\$433.00
Employee + Child(ren)	\$433.00
Employee + Spouse	\$589.00
Family	\$619.00

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Open Access \$25, \$30 Office Visit Copay, Select Choice \$30 Office Visit Copay and Three for Free

Single	\$480.00
Employee + Child(ren)	\$524.00
Employee + Spouse	\$708.00
Family	\$829.00

13. Approval to accept electronic signatures on contracts with IBM Corporation.
14. Approval of data/voice cabling contract with Network Design, Inc. for the period of February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2009.
15. Approval of contract with US Imaging for conversion of microfiche aperture cards to image for automated retrieval and business continuity.
16. Approval of the 2008 – 2010 home health care contract with Metro PCA Services, Inc. to provide home and community based services for elderly and disabled residents of Washington County.
17. Approval for the county to accept Natural Resource Block Grant funding in the amount of \$70,973 from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for 2008.
18. Approval of amendments to the Public Health Preparedness and Responses to Bioterrorism and Infectious Diseases project agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health and authorization for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter into the agreement.
19. Approval of the 800 MHz radio site license agreement with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the City of Mahtomedi for the installation of antennas and the placement of an equipment shelter at the water tank located on the Century College Campus.
20. Approval for permission to enter into a contract with John Israel for general law enforcement system computer maintenance.

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

**PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the assessment year 2007 payable year 2008 assessment classification and valuation change list as presented. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

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**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FROM  
JANUARY 8, 2008**

**Request to Modify Redevelopment Area and Create a Housing TIF District in Forest Lake**

The County Board Chair indicated that today's public hearing was continued from January 8, 2008, and is being held to consider a request by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to modify an existing Redevelopment Plan Project No. 2 and to Create a New Housing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District No. 2-2, TrailSide Senior Living in Forest Lake.

Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director, reviewed their request. She explained that if the Board adopted the resolution today, that would 1) expand the geographic area, or add two parcels in the project area in the county and establish a scattered site program for affordable senior housing; and, 2) the Board would be overlaying a housing tax increment district over the two parcels. The Housing Authority would use the tax increment to help with the expenses of the affordable housing development they are proposing to construct. Ms. Dacy stated that the public hearing was continued to this date to allow the Washington County Planning Commission to complete its review. The County Planning Advisory Commission met on January 22, 2008 and passed a resolution that verified that they feel that the expansion of the geographic area into Forest Lake is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan. The City of Forest Lake has adopted the resolutions required by statute to authorize the HRA to undertake this project.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Commissioner Hegberg informed the Board that because he works for Frandsen Bank and Trust who has a financial interest in the loan underlying this project, he will abstain from any motion.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-015** as follows:

A Resolution Modifying the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 2, the Tax Increment Financing Plan for Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-1, Creating Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-2 and Adopting a Tax Increment Financing Plan Relating Thereto.

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Washington, Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

1.01. It has been proposed and approved by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the County of Washington (the "Authority") that the Board approve the modifications to the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 2 (the "Project

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Area”) to reflect increased geographic area, increased project costs and increased bonding authority, pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 to 469.047 and Laws of Minnesota 1974 chapter 475, inclusive, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

1.02. It has been proposed and approved by the Authority that the Board approve the modifications to the Tax Increment Financing Plan (the “Existing Plan”) for Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-1 (the “Existing District”) to reflect increased geographic area, increased project costs and increased bonding authority within the Project Area, pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 469.1799, 469.001 to 469.047 and Laws of Minnesota 1974 chapter 475, inclusive, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

1.03. It has been further proposed and approved by the Authority that the Board approve the creation of Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-2 (the “Proposed District”) within the Project Area and approve and adopt a Tax Increment Financing Plan (the “Proposed Plan”) relating thereto pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 469.1799, 469.001 to 469.047 and Laws of Minnesota 1974 chapter 475, inclusive, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

1.04. The Authority has caused to be prepared, and this Board has investigated the facts with respect thereto, a modified Redevelopment Plan for the Project Area, a modified Existing Plan for the Existing District and a Proposed Plan for the Proposed District, defining more precisely the property to be included, the public costs to be incurred and other matters relating thereto.

1.05. The Authority and the Board have performed all actions required by law to be performed prior to the approval and adoption of the modified Redevelopment Plan, modified Existing Plan and Proposed Plan.

1.06. The Board hereby determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the County and the Authority at this time to approve and adopt the modified Redevelopment Plan for the Project Area, the modified Existing Plan for the Existing District, to create the Proposed District and to approve and adopt the Proposed Plan relating thereto.

## Section 2. General Findings.

2.01. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the assistance to be provided through the adoption and implementation of the modified Redevelopment Plan, modified Existing Plan and Proposed Plan (collectively the “Plans”) are necessary to assure the development and redevelopment of the Project Area.

2.02. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the Plans conform to the general plan for the development and redevelopment of the County as a whole in that they are consistent with the County’s comprehensive plan.

2.03. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the Plans afford maximum opportunity consistent with the sound needs of the County as a whole for the development and redevelopment of the Project Area by private enterprise.

2.04. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the modification, approval and adoption of the Plans is intended and, in the judgment of this Board, its effect will be to promote the purposes and objectives specified in this Section 2 and otherwise promote certain public purposes and accomplish certain objectives as specified in the Plans.

2.05. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the County made the above findings stated in this Section 2 and has set forth the reasons and supporting facts for each determination in the Plans and Exhibit A to this Resolution.

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### Section 3. Specific Findings for the Proposed District.

3.01. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the Proposed District constitutes a "tax increment financing district" as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174, Subd. 9. The Proposed District also constitutes a "housing district" as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174, Subd. 11, and further constitutes a "qualified housing district" as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174, Subd. 29.

3.02. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the proposed development or redevelopment in the Proposed District, in the opinion of this Board, would not reasonably be expected to occur solely through private investment within the reasonably foreseeable future and, therefore, the use of tax increment financing is deemed necessary.

3.03. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the Forest Lake Economic Development Authority has determined that there is a need for the Authority to proceed with the redevelopment of the TrailSide Senior Living housing project and has forwarded its recommendation to the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Forest Lake (the "City").

3.04. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the Council of the City has conducted a public hearing on the need for the redevelopment of the TrailSide Senior Living housing project and the Council has authorized the Authority to proceed with said redevelopment.

3.05. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the expenditure of tax increment within the Proposed District primarily serves a public purpose.

3.06. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the County made the above findings stated in this Section 2 and has set forth the reasons and supporting facts for each determination in the Plans and Exhibit B to this Resolution.

### Section 4. Approvals and Adoptions.

4.01. The modifications to the Redevelopment reflecting increased geographic area, increased project costs and increased bonding authority within the Project Area are hereby approved by the Board of the County.

4.02. The modifications to the Existing Proposed Plan reflecting increased geographic area, increased project costs and increased bonding authority within the Project Area are hereby approved by the Board of the County.

4.03. The creation of the Proposed District within the Project Area and the adoption of the Proposed Plan relating thereto are hereby approved by the Board of the County.

### Section 5. Filing of Plans.

5.01. Upon approval and adoption of the Plans, the Board shall request the Authority to cause said Plans to be filed with Washington County, the Minnesota Department of Revenue and the Office of the State Auditor.

4.02. The County Auditor is requested to certify the original net tax capacity and the original local tax rate of the Proposed District, as described in the TIF Plan, and to certify in each year thereafter the amount by which the original net tax capacity of the Proposed District has increased or decreased. The Authority is authorized and directed to forthwith transmit this request to the County Auditor in such form and content as the County Auditor may specify, together with a list of all properties within the Proposed District for which building permits have been issued during the 18 months immediately preceding the adoption of this resolution.

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### EXHIBIT A – GENERAL FINDINGS

The reasons and facts supporting the findings for the Plans for the Project Area, Existing District and Proposed District pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.175, Subdivision 3, are as follows:

1. Finding that the assistance to be provided through the adoption and implementation of the Plans is necessary to assure the development and redevelopment of the Project Area.

The tax increment assistance resulting from the implementation of the Plans is necessary for the proposed project to proceed. Please refer to Exhibit III-D of the Proposed Plan.

2. Finding that the Plans conform to the general plan for the development of the City as a whole in that they are consistent with the County's comprehensive plan.

The City of Forest Lake and the Forest Lake Economic Development Authority have both approved the development plans for the housing project and through the adoption of their respective resolutions on November 26, 2007 have found the Plans to be consistent with the City's comprehensive plan. In addition, the County's Planning Advisory Commission adopted a resolution on January 22, 2008 determining that the modifications to the County's Redevelopment Plan, including modification of the Existing District and creation of the Proposed District, are consistent with the County's comprehensive plan. Further, the Board has reviewed the Plans and has also determined that they are consistent with the County's comprehensive plan.

3. Finding that the Plans afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the County as a whole, for the development and redevelopment of the Project Area by private enterprise.

Please refer to the attached Exhibit B for specific information relating to the Proposed District.

4. Finding that the approval and adoption of the Plans is intended and, in the judgment of the Board, its effect will be to promote the public purposes and accomplish the objectives specified in the Plans.

The tax increment that will be generated due to the approval and adoption of the Plans will assist in financing the public improvements and eligible expenses as detailed in the Plans.

### EXHIBIT B – SPECIFIC FINDINGS FOR PROPOSED DISTRICT

1. Finding that the Proposed TIF District is a "housing district" and further is a "qualified housing district" as defined in Minnesota Statutes.

The Proposed District will consist of 246 units of senior housing. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174, Subdivision 11, 70 of these units will be available for households with incomes less than 60% of the area median income ("AMI"). Of these 70 units, 14 are prepared to be available to households at 30% AMI, 46 units at 50% AMI and the remaining 10 units at 60% AMI, which initially qualifies the Proposed District as a housing tax increment district.

Further, the Proposed District also meets the criteria for a qualified housing tax increment district. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174, Subdivision 29 the property within the Proposed District receiving tax increment assistance meets the rent restriction requirements and the low-income occupancy test for a qualified low-income housing project under section 42(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2002. Further, the Proposed District meets the following:

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- (a) income limitations required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1761, subdivision 1(1),
- (b) square footage limitations for non residential uses required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1761, subdivision 1(2),
- (c) income requirements for qualified residential rental projects under section 142(d) of the Internal Revenue Code and required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1761, subdivision 3. This subdivision 3 requires that a housing tax increment district composed of residential rental property must satisfy the income requirements initially and prospectively, that is, for the district's duration.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1761, subdivision 4, failure of the Proposed District to comply with the above requirements is subject Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.1771 (violations).

2. Finding that the proposed development or redevelopment, in the opinion of the Board, would not occur solely through private investment within the reasonably foreseeable future and, therefore, the use of tax increment financing is deemed necessary.

Redevelopment activities within the Proposed District include construction of approximately 70 units of affordable senior rental housing and 176 units of market rate rental housing commencing in 2008 and concluding in 2010.

County staff has reviewed the estimated redevelopment costs and the available methods of financing and has determined that tax increment assistance is necessary to make the redevelopment project economically feasible and to allow the project to proceed at this time.

3. Finding that expenditure of tax increment serves a primarily public purpose.

The expenditure of tax increment is not intended as a private benefit and any such benefit is incidental. Public benefits resulting from the proposed project include (i) an increase in the State, County and City tax bases of over \$22,000,000; the creation of 70 units of affordable senior rental housing; and (iii) the development of property which is not now in its highest or best use.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Stafford, and Kriesel; Commissioner Hegberg abstained; and Commissioner Peterson absent.

#### **EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTION FOR COLIN GOULETTE OF BAYPORT**

Colin Goulette was present to receive the following resolution.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-016** as follows:

Resolution Honoring  
Colin Goulette, Bayport, Minnesota,  
Upon Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was established on February 8, 1910, to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and to develop personal fitness; and

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WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America help its members develop into American citizens who have a high degree of self-reliance with personal qualities of initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; gain the desire and skills to help others in need of assistance; understand the principles of American social, economic, and governmental systems; and gain skills for participation and leadership in American society; and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest one achievable by Scouts and is the pinnacle of achievement of established requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; and

WHEREAS, only four percent of all Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award that places the Scout in a select group of boys who have excelled in gaining lifelong skills for their future education, business, and service careers; and

WHEREAS, Colin Goulette of Troop 113 in Bayport, Minnesota, has been notified by the Boy Scouts of America that he has earned the Eagle Scout Award for his contributions as an active dedicated Boy Scout; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily congratulates Colin Goulette on his accomplishment in obtaining the Boy Scouts' highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners wishes him further success as he journeys through life.

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

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Jeff Travis, Environmental Program Manager, provided a brief overview of Minnesota's electronics recycling law and informed the public of opportunities for residents to recycle their electronics. The Department of Public Health and Environment has partnered with a group of manufacturers to collect and recycle electronic items covered under the law, free of charge, at the household hazardous waste facility (HHWC). The hours are Tuesday evenings 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the CRT facility, which is located north of the county HHWC, and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the HHWC located in Oakdale.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve a letter indicating a decision not to act on a Petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for a proposed 800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION****Commissioner District 5 Committee Appointments**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to appoint Commissioner Stafford to the following committees: Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition, and the Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Project Board. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

**Meeting with Ramsey County**

Mr. Schug advised the County Board of the annual meeting with Ramsey County to discuss east metropolitan issues. They are looking at scheduling this meeting for March 18, 25 or April 1. The meeting will be held at the Oak Marsh Golf Club in Oakdale. Commissioner Hegberg indicated that he would not be available on March 18 or 25.

**Capital Investment Finance Committee**

Mr. Schug reported that last Wednesday, the House of Representatives Capital Investment Committee toured the east metro area to look at projects that have requested State bonding. That tour included the Big Marine Park in May Township and Scandia, and the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp. Commissioners Hegberg and Kriesel attended the tour, along with State Representatives Matt Dean, Bob Dettmer, and Julie Bunn.

Mr. Schug reminded the Board that there will be a legislative reception at Oak Marsh Golf Club in Oakdale this Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Pulkrabek commented on a newspaper article regarding Local Government Aid. He feels the formula needs to be reformed or abolished. Cites like North Oaks, White Bear Lake and Stillwater get money from the State of Minnesota, but Oakdale, Woodbury, and Lake Elmo get zero money. He believes that is wrong.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on a Boom Site meeting he attended to determine who would manage that site. Public commentary indicated that the DNR should continue that management. He attended a Fly Ash public meeting in Oak-Land Junior High. He recognized the Stillwater Courier who recently received the Mills Trophy which is one of the State's top journalism awards.

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Commissioner Stafford reported that he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Washington County which is the parks and open space group. He informed them that if he was appointed to the position of County Commissioner he would be resigning from active participation in that group.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the MICA meeting that was held on January 23. They discussed unfunded mandates. He attended the Minnesota Extension Committee meeting. He reminded the viewing public to attend their caucus tonight.

### **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 Stafford and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Human Resources to discuss the employee self service software project. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kay McAloney, Vicki DeFord, Harley Will, Terry Giebel, Mjyke Nelson, Patrick Gangl, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Kevin Giles, Star Tribune.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

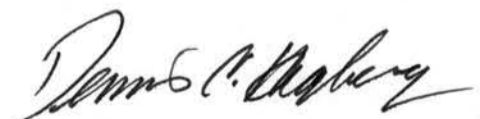
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### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to review county comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Project. No business was

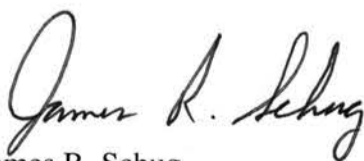
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Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Public Health and Environment Deputy Director; Fred Anderson, Epidemiologist; Sheriff Bill Hutton, Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Sr. Planner; Dennis O'Donnell, Sr. Planner; and Steve Nelson, 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 Stafford to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to establish Reserves and Designations of fund balances for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.
2. Approval for an additional 1.0 FTE Senior Social Worker in the Mental Health/Chemical Health Unit of Community Services.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-017** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of Agreement with  
Hewlett Packard

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is authorized to enter into an agreement by purchase order, with Hewlett Packard for the purchase of five (5) blade servers and three (3) years hardware support.

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4. Approval to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Woodbury Lions Club for the purchase of additional adult audio books to enhance the R.H. Stafford Branch Library's collections.
5. Approval to submit an application for a National Association of Counties 2008 Achievement Award for the Catching Our Breath: Washington County Asthma Initiative.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-018** as follows:

Historic Courthouse Civil War Era Cannon Donations and Purchase

WHEREAS, after the Civil War, the grounds of the Washington County Courthouse was the site of a historic Civil War cannon monument which was subsequently donated for scrap metal used in the production of World War I armaments; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Historic Courthouse provides a benefit to all county citizens as a part of the county's rich history; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council endorsed the acquisition of a Civil War era cannon and its placement on the grounds of the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2007, the Washington County Board of Commissioners resolved to support the fundraising efforts of a citizen group to acquire a Civil War era cannon and accept its placement on the grounds of the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the citizen group has since requested the County accept individual donations for acquiring the Civil War era cannon go directly to the County and that the County purchase the cannon when sufficient funds are received; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Washington County Parks Director or his designees to accept individual donations for acquisition of the Civil War era cannon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes establishing a discrete fund for the purpose of purchasing a Civil War era cannon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, without further action, authorizes the purchase of a Civil War era cannon at such time that sufficient donations have been received to cover all costs associated with the purchase, delivery and placement of the cannon on the grounds of the Washington County Courthouse.

7. Approval of contract with BLI Lighting Specialists to complete Law Enforcement Center parking ramp lighting upgrade.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-019** as follows:

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Resolution Supporting the Timely Replacement  
of the Hastings High Bridge (US Highway 61 Bridge Over the  
Mississippi River) in Hastings, Minnesota

WHEREAS, US Highway 61 crosses the Mississippi River at the City of Hastings via the Hastings High Bridge; and

WHEREAS, this bridge is a two-lane bottleneck connecting two four-lane roadways; and

WHEREAS, this bridge was constructed in 1951; and

WHEREAS, this bridge has had its load limit reduced to 40 tons; and

WHEREAS, this bridge currently carries 32,000 vehicles per day and is expected to carry approximately 47,000 vehicles per day in 2030; and

WHEREAS, this bridge has been defined as fracture critical, scour critical, and functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, a Mn/DOT report completed by the Michael Baker Corporation identified that the bridges tacks welds are "of very poor quality", water leakage has deteriorated deck joints, bridge bearings are badly corroded or contracted, and there are mission bridge bolts and plates; and

WHEREAS, the current bridge is not scheduled for replacement until 2018 at the earliest; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of state, counties, and cities to see the replacement of the Hastings Bridge prior to 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby request that the Commissioner of Transportation identify funding for the replacement of the Hastings High Bridge so that it can be completed prior to 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners additionally requests that the Hastings High Bridge Project be placed on a fast track for completion.

9. Approval of Change Order #1 to contract with Five Star Welding & Fabricating, Inc. for the Government Center Campus Improvements project in the amount of \$120,705.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Campus 2025 Improvement Contract with Five Star Welding and Fabricating, Inc.**

Pat Michenfelder, attorney for Five Star Welding and Fabricating, asked the Board to delay consideration of terminating the contract with Five Star Welding and Fabricating. He stated there has been an ongoing dialog between himself, Five Star, and Kraus-Anderson's attorneys. In his judgment the dialog has been cordial

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and to date productive. He believes this dialog can continue to be productive and it's his understanding that Kraus-Anderson is open to the ideal of continuing that dialog for an additional week.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, asked if this item were postponed for a week, would that cause any issues with the county.

Don Theisen, Director of Public Works, indicated that he is glad the Five Star team is here and are taking this seriously. Throughout this issue, their main concern has been project schedule and protecting the county's financial interest. They agree with the request of Five Star to table this issue for a week to meet to see if they can accomplish what is in the best interest of the project schedule and budget and find a resolution to this issue.

Commissioner Peterson moved to table the item terminating the Campus 2025 improvement contract #4215, structural steel and Contract #4273, metal fabrication supply with Five Star Welding and Fabricating, Inc., to February 19, 2008. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill**

Ron Goette, West Lakeland Town Board Supervisor, introduced a memo from the Town Board requesting that the county's comments include an extension to the Environmental Impact Statement until an actual fly ash sample has been analyzed. (The memo dated February 11, 2008 from Supervisor Ron Goette, West Lakeland Town Board is on file)

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the county comments with the addition of West Lakeland's recommendation for an extension to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill until an actual fly ash sample has been analyzed. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve mini-grant agreements with the Cities of Afton, Birchwood, Cottage Grove, Newport and Oak Park Heights to assist the local units of government in planning activities regarding the health and safety of the community during a community-wide public health emergency. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Commissioner Committee Assignments**

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the following committee assignments:

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Association of Minnesota Counties, Public Safety and Corrections Committee  
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Finance Committee  
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee  
Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Project Board  
Regional Railroad Authority  
Workforce Investment Board

Commissioner Kriesel

Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Workforce Investment Board (Alternate)

Commissioner Hegberg

Minnesota Inter-County Association  
Workforce Investment Board (Alternate)

Commissioner Peterson

Workforce Investment Board (Alternate)

Commissioner Pulkrabek

Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**Annual Meeting with Ramsey County**

It was Board consensus to schedule the annual meeting with Ramsey County for April 8, 2008 at the Oak Marsh Golf Club in Oakdale at noon.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported on the AMC Legislative committee she attended last week which discussed maintenance of effort. She shared a letter with that group about the policy that if a stand is taken against the maintenance of effort, then that should deal with all maintenance of efforts and a uniform policy should be created. She stated that she will be testifying at Senator Murphy's Transportation meeting. She presented the highlights of the new transportation bill that is proposed and it is essentially what has been suggested from AMC with the exception that it does not have any additional revenue for the wheelage tax. She received a letter from John Baird who is concerned about Highway 95, the width of the road and steep

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ditches. She asked that Jeff Van Wychen, who presented a talk on Minnesota's Shrinking Government to the AMC Legislative Steering Committee, address the County Board.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he will be going to Texas tomorrow as a Board Member of the Dear American Hero to meet with Burt Brady who meets every plane leaving for and arriving from Iraq.

Commissioner Stafford reported that he has resigned his seat on the Friends of Washington County Committee. He's been contacted by the citizens group in Afton, who he assumes is against the 800 MHz radio tower, and they want to meet with him because of his past involvement with the 800 MHz. He indicated he would meet with them, but not without the participation of Captain Pott and Commissioner Kriesel because it is his district. Next Wednesday he will be meeting with the Mayor and City Administrator of Woodbury to get up to speed on issues they may have. He noted that he has been an active member of the American Legion and they have discovered that the City of Berkley, by an 8 to 1 vote, voted to tell the Marine Corp recruiting office to leave town. This has gotten veterans' organizations all over the United States madder than heck. The only news agency covering this item is Fox.

Commissioner Hegberg met with the City of Hugo, Grant and White Bear Township to discuss a small section of road that connects all three municipalities. The City of Hugo and White Bear Township would like to have it blacktopped. Grant proposed to make it into a cul-de-sac. He advised them that would be a bad public policy. He also attended a meeting with the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District. They are going forward with special legislation to be designated a Metropolitan Watershed Management Organization. The county supported that action with the stipulation that their annual budget and property tax levy be approved by the Washington and Chisago Boards of Commissioners. He feels that the Board of Water and Soil Resources will oppose that bill.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

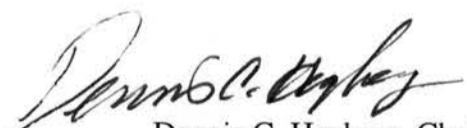
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Public Works Department for an update on the comprehensive plan transportation and transit section. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend.


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Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Mike Rogers, Harley Will, Lowell Johnson, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Jane Harper, Dennis O'Donnell, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Alex Friedrich, Pioneer Press, and Nancy Yang, Pioneer Press.



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY**

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 Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Mike Rogers, Associate Planner; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Captain Steve Pott; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:16 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Mike Rogers, Associate Planner; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Captain Steve Pott; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; and Steve Nelson, Public Information Coordinator II.

**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 February 5, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
- 2. Approval to apply for the 2007 Local Governmental Innovation Award for the “Roundabout U” which Public Works initiated to educate concerned citizens about roundabouts.
- 3. Approval of the Workforce Investment Act, Title 1B Master Grant agreement (covering adult, youth, dislocated worker, and older Americans programs) with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development from April 1, 2008 until March 31, 2011.
- 4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-020** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of Agreement with  
Hewlett Packard

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is authorized to enter into an agreement by purchase order, with Hewlett Packard for the purchase of computer server hardware, software and three (3) years support for the implementation of the Storage Area Network Solution.

- 5. Approval of printing contract with NBS Data Management Group for taxation and valuation related mailings for calendar year 2008.
- 6. Approval of town road allotments for the following townships: Baytown Township, \$11,356.13; Denmark Township, \$13,373.00; Grey Cloud Township, \$4,154.60; May Township, \$18,762.99; Stillwater Township, \$15,284.27; and West Lakeland Township, \$0.00.
- 7. Bids were received for electrical services as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Parsons Electric, LLC	\$82,464.00
Midwest Electrical Construction	\$82,800.00
Collins Electrical Systems	\$83,400.00
Hunt Electric Corporation	\$86,400.00
Polyphase Electric	\$87,240.00

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-021** as follows:

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Bid Award for Electrical Services to  
Parsons Electric, LLC

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the routine, preventative, and emergency maintenance of electrical systems at the various county facilities, the county solicited bids for this service; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on January 29, 2008 with Parsons Electric, LLC, a qualified and responsible contractor, providing the lowest bid; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Parsons Electric, LLC be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Parsons Electric, for electrical services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Parsons Electric, LLC be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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.

8. Approval of Change Order #003, Frerichs Construction Co., for the purchase and installation of an additional uninterruptible power supply (UPS) for the Disaster Recovery Data Center.
9. Approval of contract award to H.M. Cragg Company for supplying and installing -48 VDC Power Systems for the 800 MHz Radio System.

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

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **2007 Child Protection Citizen Review Annual Report**

Dani Horan, Washington County Citizen Review Panel Chair, presented their 2007 Annual Report.

### **2008 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Annual Plan**

Mary Farmer-Kubler, Supervisor, presented an overview of the draft Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program Annual Action Plan. Included in this year's plan are the following items: City of Lake Elmo, Cimarron gas service line replacement, \$50,000; Two Rivers Community Land Trust, acquisition and rehabilitation program, 313,207; Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Trailside Senior Apartments, \$200,000; CDBG and HOME Administration, \$164,772; Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program, \$250,000; Eligibility Specialist, \$48,019; and Wraparound Services, \$72,487. The total funds proposed are \$1,098,485. Staff requests approval of the funding recommendations, public hearing date of March 13, and release for public comment of the draft 2008 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Annual Plan.

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Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the funding recommendations, set public hearing date of March 13, and release for public comment the draft 2008 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Annual Plan. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Remove from Table – Five Star Welding and Fabricating Contract**

Commissioner Stafford moved to remove from table authorization to terminate Campus 2025 Improvement Contract #4215 (structural steel) and Contract #4273 (metal fabrication supply) with Five Star Welding and Fabricating, Inc. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, informed the Board that staff, Kraus-Anderson Construction and Five Star Welding and Fabricating, Inc. met on several occasions last week and developed a deadline for the delivery of the steel. He reported that Five Star took this request seriously and did improve the delivery and met most of the deadlines that were set. He reported that they met again yesterday and discussed a new schedule to complete the project and that will be formalized. He requested that the Board table this item indefinitely, so if things do change adversely they will be able to reconsider this item as needed.

Commissioner Peterson moved to table authorization to terminate Campus 2025 Improvement Contract #4215 (structural steel) and Contract #4273 (metal fabrication supply) with Five Star Welding and Fabricating, Inc. indefinitely. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

### **Change Order #1 – Ramsey Excavating, Inc.**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Change Order #1 to contract with Ramsey Excavating, Inc. for the Government Center Campus Improvements Project in the amount of \$84,663. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

### **Final Payment to Contractors on the Headwaters Service Center – Forest Lake Construction Project**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-022** as follows:

Final Payment for the Washington County Headwaters Service Center-  
Forest Lake and Library Building Construction Project

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WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on April 18, 2006 approved the bid award in 29 bid divisions for the building construction project known as the Washington County Headwaters Service Center – Forest Lake and Library in the City of Forest Lake; and

WHEREAS, Arnt Construction Company, Inc. RO-SO Contracting, Inc., FPI Paving Contractors, Inc., CR Fischer & Sons, Inc., Peterson Companies, Inc., Slate Cement, Inc., Hollenback & Nelson, Inc., Thurnbeck Steel Fabrication, Inc., Red Cedar Steel Erectors, Inc., SGO Roofing & Construction, Inc., Cosney Corporation, Meisinger Construction Company, Inc., M G McGrath, Inc., Right Way Caulking, Kendell Doors & Hardware, Inc. M G McGrath, Inc., Twin City Garage Door Company, Integrity Drywall, Inc., Twin City Acoustics, Inc., Flooring Concepts, Inc., Commercial Flooring Services, Fransen Decorating, Inc., Polyvision Corporation, A & L Construction, Inc., Mahin-Walz, Inc., Construction Supply, Inc., Master Mechanical, Inc., Total Fire Protection, Inc., and Gephart Electric Co., Inc., have satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the project specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Arnt Construction Company, Inc. RO-SO Contracting, Inc., FPI Paving Contractors, Inc., CR Fischer & Sons, Inc., Peterson Companies, Inc., Slate Cement, Inc., Hollenback & Nelson, Inc., Thurnbeck Steel Fabrication, Inc., Red Cedar Steel Erectors, Inc., SGO Roofing & Construction, Inc., Cosney Corporation, Meisinger Construction Company, Inc., M G McGrath, Inc., Right Way Caulking, Kendell Doors & Hardware, Inc. M G McGrath, Inc., Twin City Garage Door Company, Integrity Drywall, Inc., Twin City Acoustics, Inc., Flooring Concepts, Inc., Commercial Flooring Services, Fransen Decorating, Inc., Polyvision Corporation, A & L Construction, Inc., Mahin-Walz, Inc., Construction Supply, Inc., Master Mechanical, Inc., Total Fire Protection, Inc., and Gephart Electric Co., Inc., be paid in full for said contract in the amount due indicated on the final payment applications as certified by project architect and construction manager.

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

#### **Emergency Repairs at the Cottage Grove Service Center**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-023** as follows:

#### Emergency Repairs at the Washington County Service Center – Cottage Grove

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 375.22 the contracts for emergency repairs at the Washington County Service Center – Cottage Grove be entered into without the requirement of first bidding the contracts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Works Director be delegated the authority to execute all such repair contracting; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Capital Repair Fund be utilized to pay for the repairs.

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

### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Commissioner Peterson moved to authorize \$5,000 to be paid to the Washington County Historical Society for the publication of a new title, *A History of Washington County: Gateway to Minnesota History* by Robert J. Goodman. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

#### **2008 Work Plan**

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the 2008 work plan. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

#### **Legislative Update**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update. He reported that most of the focus has been on transportation funding and Washington County has been active in communicating initiatives. Another item that Washington County has requested through the legislative delegation is that funding be provided for the acquisition of land and development of the Big Marine Park Reserve. The county had requested \$8 million, but that was amended to \$3 million with a dollar-for-dollar county match; and in addition a joint request by the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp and the county of \$1 million for a separate entrance.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Kriesel reported on his trip to Dallas, Texas last week to welcome home soldiers returning from Iraq as well as those headed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Commissioner Stafford reported he has a meeting tomorrow morning with the Woodbury City Administrator and Mayor. Friday morning he is meeting with Captain Steve Pott, Commissioner Kriesel and the County Administrator to discuss the 800 MHz radio tower in Afton.

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Commissioner Peterson reported that the bid for the Wakota Bridge was accepted and construction will start in April. It should be completed by October 29, 2010. She indicated that the legislature will be voting on the transportation package this Thursday. She urged all the Commissioners to attend in support of the transportation bill.

### **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 Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

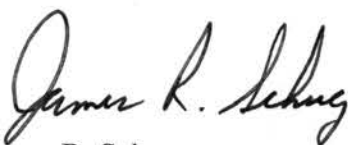
### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss Denmark Township's comments on the Land and Water Legacy Program applications. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, John Elholm, Mike Rogers, Jane Harper, Kevin Corbid, Kathy Higgins, Denmark Township Board Chair, Dick Thompson, Denmark Township, John Kummer, Denmark Township, Marc Hugunin, Mary Hauser, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Nancy Yang, Pioneer Press, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

### **REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

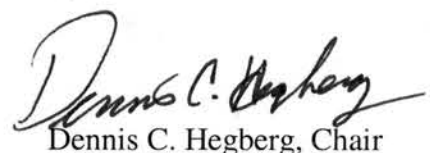
The Regional Railroad Authority met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the preliminary results of the Metropolitan Council's Transit Master Study. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, John Elholm, Mike Rogers, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Nancy Yang, Pioneer Press, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**FEBRUARY 26, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; 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 Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the February 12, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of the following resolutions:

**Resolution No. 2008-024**

Application for Regional Trail Grant to Use as Matching Funds to Acquire  
Property for the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail

WHEREAS, Washington County has adopted the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail that would connect downtown Afton with Afton State Park, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, Carpenter Nature Center, Point Douglas Park, and Prescott, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail alignment crosses two of the County Board approved Land and Water Legacy Program projects (Tim Behrends and John Leadholm), providing the county an opportunity to acquire the needed right-of-way for the trail; and

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WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the County Board authorized staff to begin valuations and negotiations on the Land and Water Legacy Program projects and to search for opportunities to leverage the county funds through outside funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Behrends and Leadholm projects are eligible for the Regional Trail Grant; and

WHEREAS, Washington County recognizes the fifty (50) percent match requirement for the Regional Trail grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Regional Trail Grant Program to acquire right-of-way for the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail.

**Resolution No. 2008-025**

Application for the Federal Recreational Trail Grant to Use  
as Matching Funds to Acquire Property for the  
St. Croix Valley Regional Trail

WHEREAS, Washington County has adopted the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail that would connect downtown Afton with Afton State Park, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park, Carpenter Nature Center, Point Douglas Park, and Prescott, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail alignment crosses two of the County Board approved Land and Water Legacy Program projects (Tim Behrends and John Leadholm), providing the county an opportunity to acquire the needed right-of-way for the trail; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the County Board authorized staff to begin valuations and negotiations on the Land and Water Legacy Program projects and to search for opportunities to leverage the county funds through outside funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Behrends and Leadholm projects are eligible for the Federal Recreation Trail Grant; and

WHEREAS, Washington County recognizes the fifty (50) percent match requirement for the Federal Recreation Trail grant program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreational Trail Grant Program to acquire right-of-way for the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail.

3. Approval of the 2008 cooperative agreement with Community Services, the Sheriff, and the County Attorney to administer the Child Support Enforcement Program.
4. Approval to ratify a three-year agreement with the Teamsters Essential Captain Commander Union as follows:

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1. Duration:  
Three years, effective January 13, 2008 through January 8, 2011.
2. Wages:

Effective January 13, 2008	3.0%
Effective January 11, 2009	3.0%
Effective January 10, 2010	3.0%
3. Health Insurance:

2008	Office Access \$20 Office Visit Copay
	Single \$433/month
	Single + Child(ren) \$433/month
	Single + Spouse \$589/month
	Family \$619/month
	Open Access \$25, \$30, Select Choice \$25 Office Visit Copay and Three for Free
	Single \$480/month
	Single Child(ren) \$524/month
	Single + Spouse \$708/month
	Family \$829/month

Flex credits – Increase \$12 per month to \$53.00 per month

2009	Insurance reopener
2010	Insurance Reopener
4. Other items:
  - A. Jury Duty  
Employees who serve on jury duty or who are subpoenaed or called as a witness may keep their per diem amount and choose not to receive a pay for the day(s) they served OR receive their regular pay and reimburse the county for their per diem amount received (they must keep the mileage reimbursement).
  - B. Clothing Allowance  
On or about July 1, 2008, the uniform allowance of \$600 will be paid to an employee as taxable income. During the 2008 transition year, any uniform purchases made from January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 through use of the purchasing card will be deducted from the value of the July 1, 2008 cash payment. No employee will receive more than \$600.00 for uniform allowance in 2008. However, carryover balances on purchasing cards must be used by December 1, 2008, or paid to the employee as taxable income the last pay period in December 2008. On or about January 1, 2009, the uniform allowance of \$625.00 will be paid to an employee as taxable Income. Thereafter all uniform allowances will be paid as taxable income on or about January 1.
5. Approval of contract for service provided to the Bayport Public Library for 2008.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-026** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption Application from  
Hastings Chapter of Ducks Unlimited

WHEREAS, the Hastings Chapter of Ducks Unlimited 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,

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12378 Point Douglas Dr., Hastings (Denmark Township), 55033, the event will take place on March 13, 2008.

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

7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-027** as follows:

Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to be an  
Accreditation Preparation and Quality Improvement Demonstration Site

WHEREAS, the National Association of City and County Health Officials issued a Request for Applications for its Accreditation Preparation and Quality Improvement Demonstration Sites Project; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners serves as the Board of Health for Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County government has had a foundation of countywide performance measurement and improvement efforts since the mid-1990s and is committed to supporting a culture that embraces continuous improvement approaches; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment is a comprehensive, local public health department that has participated in countywide performance measurement and improvement efforts since the mid-1990s; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment has provided statewide leadership to the development of the Minnesota Planning and Performance Measurement Reporting System and the Minnesota Public Health Collaborative for Quality Improvement Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment has the capacity to successfully conduct the required activities of a demonstration site and share what is learned with colleagues at the Minnesota Department of Health, the members of the Minnesota Local Public Health Association, and other demonstration sites throughout the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Washington County Board of Commissioners to support the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment's application to the National Association of City and County Health Officials to be an Accreditation Preparation and Quality Improvement Demonstration Site.

8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-028** as follows:

Authorization to Enter into a Grant Agreement(s) with the  
Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Patrol  
Division for the 2008 Operation NightCAP Grant(s)

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, authorizes the Washington County Sheriff's Office to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, State Patrol Division for the project entitled: Operation NightCAP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute such agreements that are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-029** as follows:

#### Support of Land Additions to the Statutory Boundary of William O'Brien State Park

WHEREAS, William O'Brien State Park is a Minnesota DNR operated park located in Washington County, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota DNR desires to have three properties included in the statutory boundary of the park; so they will have the ability to negotiate a land purchase from the owners in the future, and

WHEREAS, the three properties are located adjacent to the park or are an 'inholding' within the park, and

WHEREAS, the three property owners (Balego, Stiles, Bengston) have expressed an interest in adding their land to the statutory boundary of the park, and

WHEREAS, the Marine City Council took action on January 10, 2008 in support of adding these parcels to the statutory boundary of the park, and

WHEREAS, Washington County has received a letter from the Minnesota DNR, asking Washington County to also support of these land additions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the addition of three parcels (Balego, Stiles, Bengston) to the statutory boundary of William O'Brien State Park.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve a Joint Powers Agreement between Washington County and the State of Minnesota, Commissioner of Corrections, to house Minnesota Department of Corrections offenders in the Washington County jail. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Planning Advisory Commission Appointments**

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint Terry Zoller, Stillwater, as a District 3 representative on the Planning Advisory Commission to a first term expiring December 31, 2010, and Kent Grandlienard, Baytown Township as an At Large Township representative to the Planning Advisory Commission to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2009. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Legislation**

Randy Anhorn, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Administrator, stated they are seeking legislation as a Metropolitan Watershed Management Organization under Minnesota Statute 103B. Last year the Washington County Board of Commissioners supported this legislation but it required that Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District's annual budget and property tax levy be approved by the Washington and Chisago County Boards of Commissioners. Mr. Anhorn is asking that these two requests be separated—one having the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District seek its special legislation as a Metropolitan Watershed Management Organization under Minnesota Statute 103B; and, the second would be Washington County seeking legislation to approve budgets of all watershed districts in Washington County.

Commissioner Stafford stated that what has prompted the County Board to ask for budgeting oversight in the past was that watersheds are unique, they are appointed but have taxation power. The Board feels there should be elected people involved in the budget process.

Commissioner Peterson stated it is this Board's belief that if the watershed districts in Washington County were consolidated, and reduce administrative costs, resources could be put into projects rather than administration. She will continue to articulate that desire for one watershed district in the county. She applauds Carver and Scott counties because they are the watershed district for their counties and have significantly less administrative costs and they are able to do better projects.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he is in favor of keeping the legislation as is because this is the only watershed district in the metro area that goes into a rural county. He does not feel this will set any precedent. He feels that this legislation should not include all the watershed districts because the county has not had open discussions with them. When Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed came to the county asking for its support then the issue was raised. He does not feel it would be appropriate at this time to include all the watersheds without open discussion with them. He believes this could be a pilot project to see how it would work.

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Mr. Anhorn stated his concern is that the Board of Water and Soil Resources would be opposed to linking these two actions together and muddying the waters and would potentially kill their bill. They would not be included in Minnesota Statute 103B. That is why they are requesting to separate the two. They would like to have this opportunity to put the shovel in the ground and use funds to do work.

Commissioner Peterson stated she would like them to start projects, and she would support Comfort Lake-Forest Lake becoming a metro watershed, but she would like assurances that he would be at the legislature lobbying for a pilot project where the county would have oversight over all watersheds. Mr. Anhorn stated that puts him in a tough position. As part of this process to have one county to approve and another one not participating in the process would also be problematic. He did speak with Commissioner Ben Montzka, Chisago County, and their Board is not on the same page as the Washington County Board for having their levy and budget approved.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to support the efforts of Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District in seeking legislation to amend the definition of watershed management organization in Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.205, subdivision 13 to include the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District; and, that the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District's annual budget and property tax levy, and the work plan be approved by the Washington and Chisago County Boards of Commissioners. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel; No, Commissioner Peterson.

#### **Senate File 2666 and House File 2924 – Conveyance of Tax Forfeited Land**

Commissioner Peterson moved to support the passage of Senate File 2666 and House File 2924, a request from the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District to convey two parcels of tax-forfeited land, located near the Sunrise River and abandoned Judicial Ditch 1 in the City of Forest Lake, to the watershed district. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **Support for Legislation to Allow a Private Sale of Tax-Forfeited Land**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to support Senate File 2665 and its companion House File that would allow the county to sell, by private sale, tax-forfeited land to adjacent owners for property located on Long Lake in the Cities of Mahtomedi and Dellwood, and that a drainage easement be granted to Washington County or Rice Lake Watershed District. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**Legislative Update**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, advised the Board that the transportation bill passed yesterday with a 5 cent increase in the gas tax, up to 3½ cents additional gas tax for debt service, increase in license tab fees for new vehicles, and the ¼ cent sales tax that would be authorized in the metropolitan area and does not require a referendum. What this means to Washington County needs to be analyzed and that information will be brought back to the Board.

Commissioner Peterson asked that a letter be sent to all of the legislators who voted for the bill and the override. She feels they were courageous to make those votes.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported on a Transportation Advisory Board meeting which discussed a State Transportation Plan update. She will distribute that information to the Board. Some of the information it contains is: construction costs; problems with inter-regional corridors; and aging bridges and the difficulty in funding those. She asked that high speed rail be put into this plan.

Commissioner Pulkabek reported that he and Commissioner Hegberg will be attending the National Association of Counties annual conference in Washington D.C. and will not be at next week's Board meeting.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that on Wednesday he will be attending a Minnesota Air, Water, Waste conference. He will also attend a Veteran's Rest Camp meeting that same evening. During the afternoon there will be a traffic operations study at the Stillwater City Hall.

Commissioner Stafford reported on the meeting he attended with the Administrator and Mayor of Woodbury. Last Friday he met with the Sheriff's Office, Commissioner Kriesel and the County Administrator to discuss 800 MHz. He drafted a letter in response to inquiries he had on that.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Metro Family Alliance meeting he attended yesterday. They will be requesting money from the Legislature for first time Mothers and children who are at risk. He reported on the Library Board meeting he attended last evening which discussed library hours and when the high concentration of usage is.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

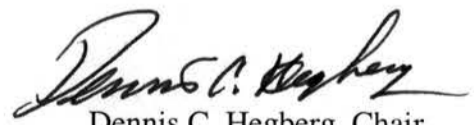
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**ADJOURNMENT**

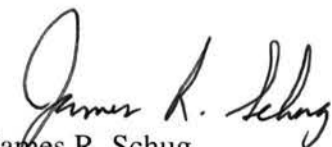
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Information Technology to review the status of recent investments in information technology infrastructure and outline the major initiatives planned for the coming year. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Amanda Hollis, Larry Timmerman, Mjyke Nelson, Barbara Fritsche, and Milan Tomaska.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

  
James R. Schug  
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**MARCH 4, 2008**

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 Peterson, Stafford, and Kriesel. Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent. Board Vice Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Suzanne Pollack, Community Services Supervisor; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Deb McDonald, Management Analyst II; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the February 19, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of Contract Amendment #1 between the State of Minnesota Tenth Judicial District and Washington County to provide a means of state reimbursement for direct payments made by the county as required by statute as part of the transfer of court administration functions from the county to the state.
3. Approval to submit a grant proposal to the Department of Human Services to fund additional respite care for families with children with a serious emotional disturbance.
4. Approval of Amendment #1 to the 2008 – 2011 contract with Haven Chemical Health Systems, LLC to add out-patient chemical dependency treatment services for adolescents.
5. Approval to renew application for an off sale liquor license for SSG Corporation, Denmark Township, for April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

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6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-030** as follows:

Marine Branch Library Lease

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and the City of Marine on St. Croix propose to enter into an annual lease agreement providing library space in the building known as Village Hall, Marine on St. Croix, MN; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marine on St. Croix has approved and signed said lease; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Branch Library enriches the community by assisting county residents in their search for information, ideas, education and recreation.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the lease between the County of Washington and the City of Marine on St. Croix 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.

7. Approval to accept a \$162 donation from the staff at Prosperan/Washington County Bank, Oakdale, to be used towards the Washington County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Commissioner Stafford moved to accept a County Veteran Service Office Enhancement Grant from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs in the amount of \$32,375; and, authorization for a two year 0.25 FTE special project position supported by the grant. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent.

Commissioner Stafford mentioned there are several groups being established to help veterans. He does not believe there is any coordination between them. He asked if it would be possible to find out who's doing what. Dan Papin, Community Services Director stated he will have the Veterans Service Officer Jon Larson look into that.

Commissioner Kriesel asked that the Board hold a workshop with the Veterans Service Officer, Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp and other veteran's groups to get these questions answered.

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## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Legislative Update**

Tax-forfeited Land – Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services stated that the bill in which parcels of tax-forfeited land that were requested to be transferred to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District was heard in the Senate Committee last week and staff presented the Board's letter of support. He also testified on the parcel in Mahtomedi that borders Long Lake that is proposed for a private sale. The Department of Natural Resources supported both bills. Both items were moved forward to the Senate's Omnibus Land Sale bill. The House heard the bill on Monday. There is not a house author to the bill on the Mahtomedi parcel for the private sale, but Mr. Corbid believes that will be taken care of in the conference committee.

Transportation – Don Theisen, Public Works Director, provided a brief overview of the 2008 Transportation Bill. Estimates for Washington County for 2009 – 2018 are: \$122,728,000 with the allocation divided 60% for construction, \$73,636,800 and 40% for operation and maintenance \$49,091,200. The local option tax that was approved allows a 0.25 percent sales tax and motor vehicle excise tax of \$20. Counties need to be part of a joint powers board. Joint powers agreements need to be formed by July 1 to become effective at the start of the next quarter which would be October 1, 2008. A workshop will be scheduled in the near future for further discussion of this bill.

Bonding Bills – Mr. Schug announced that the bonding bills were introduced in both houses. Washington County had positions on four items: I-94 transitway—county asked for \$1 million, Senate included \$750,000, House, \$500,000; Red Rock Park and Ride, both bills included \$500,000; Rush Line Park and Ride, both bills included \$500,000; and the St. Paul to Chicago High Speed Rail—Senate bill had \$2 million and the House bill \$4 million. The county's request for bond funding for the Big Marine Park was not included in either bill. \$6 million was earmarked for the Metropolitan Council which is the county's other source of funding for parks.

State budget shortfall – Mr. Schug noted that this figure is now at \$935 million. There are no details on what impact that could have on the county. The Governor has indicated that he is looking at reducing Health and Human Service funding and spending.

### **Community Services Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Stafford moved to appoint Tom Halfpenny, Woodbury, to the Community Services Advisory Committee to a first term expiring December 31, 2010. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he attended the Governor's conservation award program. The Resource Recovery Project received an award for participating with St. Paul Schools for the food to waste recycling program. The schools recycle their food waste and it is sent to hog farmers. He also attended a transportation traffic study to look at the intersection of County Road 12 and Owens.

Commissioner Stafford is reviewing a report that was written in 2005 by the Center for Finance Research, a part of the Taxpayers Association. This report showed that there were \$5 billion in dedicated funds in the State of Minnesota which they called "hidden funds". These funds are attached to a fee which keep accumulating and earning interest. Some of them get used and are very worthy, but some don't. He feels that if the State revisited these funds they could cut 20% of them and that would take care of the shortfall for this year.

Commissioner Peterson will be attending a meeting this evening at the All Saints Lutheran Church to discuss water issues surrounding 3M. Tomorrow evening there is a meeting in St. Paul Park on water issues. Tomorrow is Transportation Alliance Day at the Capitol. Woodbury will have their water quality meeting on March 10.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Stafford moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Myra Peterson, Vice Chair

County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**MARCH 11, 2008**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY 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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Planning Manager; Mike Rogers, Associate Planner; John Elholm, Parks Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Division Manager, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment; Amanda Goebel, Environmental Coordinator; John Freitag, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Barbara Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Deb McDonald, Management Analyst II; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 10:05 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Planning Manager; Mike Rogers, Associate Planner; John Elholm, Parks Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Division Manager, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment; Amanda Goebel, Environmental Coordinator; John Freitag, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Barbara Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Deb McDonald, Management Analyst II; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Kelly Parker, 1788 Orchard Drive Woodbury, introduced himself and informed the Board that he would be running for State Representative for District 56A, and addressed the issue of the ¼ of 1% sales tax. He has had discussions with many citizens from within the county and he is opposed to the recent gas increases.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the February 26 and March 4, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval and execution of a contract with National Research Center, Inc. for administering the 2008 Residential Survey.
3. Approval to appoint John Burbank, Cottage Grove, to the Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Committee to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
4. Approval of amendment to contract with SirisiDynix Corporation for maintenance of the Library's integrated library system called HORIZON.
5. Approval of agreement with the Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers for volunteer management services.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-031** as follows:

Resolution for Agency Agreement for the Advance  
Construction of CSAH 15

SP82-615-20 and 82-612-12, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 from Trunk Highway 36 to 1.6 miles north in Lake Elmo, Grant, Stillwater, and Stillwater Township

WHEREAS, CSAH 15 is under the jurisdiction of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County will use federal aid funds for a portion of the cost to reconstruct CSAH 15 as a four-lane divided roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the Washington County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute an agreement on the behalf of Washington County with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participations as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 90674", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

7. Approval of contract with Randall D. Frey to purchase right of way for reconstruction of CSAH 25, Century Avenue, in Woodbury.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-032** as follows:

Historic Courthouse Civil War Era Cannon-Use of Gambling Funds

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2007, the Washington County Board of Commissioners resolved to support the fundraising efforts of a citizen group to acquire a civil war era cannon and accept its placement on the grounds of the Historic Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2008, the Washington County Board of Commissioners resolved to accept individual donations towards acquiring the Civil War era cannon and established a discrete fund for the county to purchase the Civil War era cannon at such time that sufficient donations have been received to cover all costs associated with the purchase, delivery and placement of the cannon on the grounds of the Washington County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the citizens group wishes to expand their fundraising efforts by soliciting contributions from lawful gambling organizations; and

WHEREAS, contributions to the county for the acquisition of the cannon would be a lawful purpose under state gambling laws.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby delegates to the Washington County Parks Director the authority to accept contributions from lawful gambling organizations for purposes of acquiring a Civil War era cannon for placement on the Historic Courthouse grounds and to execute Form LG 555 on behalf of the county when accepting the contribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works shall make a monthly report to the County Board on the gambling contributions indicating the amount of contribution and the organization making the contribution.

9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-033** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Minnesota  
Department of Natural Resources – 2008 Federal  
Boating Supplement Grant

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement between the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the 2008 Federal Boating Supplement Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute such agreements that are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-034** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Minnesota  
Department of Natural Resources – 2008 State  
Boat and Water Safety Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement between the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Commissioner of Natural Resources for the 2008 State Boat & Water Safety Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute such agreements that are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

11. Approval to set a public hearing for April 1, 2008 to consider a \$10.00 fee for Till Tap requests.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

### **PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to authorize Kevin Corbid, Local Registrar, to sign a Statement of Commitment for Washington County to participate in the newly developed statewide marriage database. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Bids were received for play equipment at the Big Marine Park Reserve as follows:

Vendor	2-5 Play Equipment	5-12 Play Equipment	Safety Surfacing	Total
Flanagan Sales, Inc.	\$60,189.65	\$172,393.13	\$47,417.22	\$280,000.00
Earl F. Anderson	\$82,728.02	\$172,145.10	\$24,784.28	\$279,957.40
Fireflies Play Environments	\$106,835.00	\$156,985.00	\$11,631.46	\$275,451.46
St. Croix Recreation Company, Inc.	\$97,454.86	\$140,920.00	\$31,625.14	\$270,000.00
Webber Recreational Design, Inc.	\$52,582.72	\$134,119.94	\$31,700.09	\$218,402.75
Midwest Playscapes	\$38,314.82	\$154,067.29	\$13,845.00	\$206,227.10

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-035** as follows:

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Contract Award for Big Marine Park Reserve Play Equipment to  
Flanagan Sales, Inc./Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to have playground equipment designed, engineered and installed in the Big Marine Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the above, Washington County solicited proposals for the design, engineering and installation of playground equipment; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were reviewed by an advisory committee selected by the Washington County Parks Division; and

WHEREAS, the criteria used by the committee in its selection included price, design of the play area, product components, product specifications, safety zone delineations, references and basic concept of the layout for equipment; and

WHEREAS, Flanagan Sales Inc./Little Tikes Commercial Play System's proposal for \$280,000 was found to best meet all of the aforementioned criteria; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal of Little Tikes for the Big Marine Park Reserve playground equipment in the amount of \$280,000 be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Flanagan Sales, Inc./Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems under the terms and conditions set forth in the request for proposal specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a contract between the county and Flanagan Sales Inc./Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon compliance with all the requirements contained in the Request for Proposal and response to the proposal and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **Groundwater Plan 2008 Work Plan**

Ned Gordon, Groundwater Advisory Committee Chair, stated that the County Board has for the past 16 years taken steps toward protecting the groundwater resources for generations to come. The plan shows that there needs to be a balancing act between growing communities and their need for additional municipal wells and groundwater contamination and aquifer sustainability. Comprehensive planning is needed to answer questions such as how to retain valuable recharge areas, what kind of land uses are appropriate for those areas, and what impact will a growing number of infiltration basins have on groundwater quality. More understanding is needed about the connection between surface water and groundwater. Some surface water bodies in the county are being listed as impaired waters. In many parts of the state the impact of

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surface water on groundwater is not considered. Washington County recognizes and studies the essential connection between groundwater and the surface water resources.

John Freitag, Sr. Environmental Specialist, presented highlights of the 2007 work plan: Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District hosted a nitrate clinic in Scandia, over 100 participants had their well water sampled; Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization mapped sink holes and other related features; Rice Creek Watershed District gathered information to begin a groundwater management plan; South Washington Watershed District worked closely with member cities to assess the risk of stormwater on infiltration practices and how that affects groundwater resources; and the Valley Branch Watershed District aided in information to state agencies with the investigation of pathways through surface water from the PFC contamination issue. Other highlights include the county's abandoned well sealing cost share program which has helped seal 15 wells over the past year. The East Metro Water Resource Education Program has a growing list of 13 local funding partners that have helped with education in the county.

Mr. Freitag listed activities for the 2008 work plan: Metropolitan Council has utilized the LCMR groundwater model that was developed by Washington County to verify and calibrate a regional groundwater model they have been developing over the past year; the United States Geological Survey is conducting a synoptic groundwater study that is looking at water levels of the three metro aquifers since the 1990's; the Washington County water consortium will be hosting several workshops dedicated to incorporating water resources into the Comprehensive Plan; groundwater protection will be incorporated into the county Comprehensive plan; the Department of Public Health and Environment will work on groundwater education out reach including proper use and disposal of fertilizers and pesticides as well as educational materials directed at elementary age children; the East Metro Resource Education Program will host two metro rain garden workshops and will host a workshop that focus on native plantings for water conservation; and, funding from the Board of Water and Soil Resources challenge grant will be used to seal abandoned oil borings in Denmark Township that were drilled in the 1950's.

Mr. Freitag updated the Board on Trichloroethene contamination in Baytown and Bayport. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency continues to monitor private wells as well as the City of Bayport's municipal wells to track the level and movement of the plume. He also provided an update on Perfluorochemicals. Although the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency are the lead agencies, the role of the Public Health and Environment Department has been and will continue to be to assist with education to the public, help problem solving and facilitate discussion among state and local agencies.

Jim Kelly, Minnesota Department of Health, provided an update on the Perfluorochemicals found in southern Washington County.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a legislative update on the following items: Transportation funding meetings have been held with metropolitan county staff and commissioners; the Metro Transitway Development Board will be meeting again on Wednesday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the League of Minnesota Cities building; a conference committee has been appointed to discuss the two bonding bills; a non-controversial tax bill was passed by both the House and Senate which contains some consistency with Federal tax law and it also allows irrevocable or revocable trusts for post-retirement health care and other post-employment benefits; there was a cut in short-term offender aid; in the human services area there was an accounting change that would move a payment from the state for mental health services and move it into the state's next fiscal year and would be delayed until July; there is a transfer of the reserve in the consolidated chemical dependency treatment fund into the general fund which takes away a reserve capacity; there will be a freeze on chemical dependency treatment rates; and, the best news in the Governor's budget is that there is no reduction in county program aid.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported that the AMC Board of Director's meeting discussed the cutbacks of the State Court system.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the National Association of Counties (NACo) conference he attended last week.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the NACo Conference. A session talked about a Federal law that requires counties to withhold 3% from all contractors if the contract is over \$100 million in expenditures. He feels this is just a shell game and costly to counties. He also met with Congresswoman Michele Bachmann and she has a bill that will restore some of the case management funds to the county. He also attended a session on foster care children who turn 18 and have no where to go. He will be attending an Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRIP) insurance conference next week and will not be at the Board meeting.

**Finance Committee Appointment**

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint Commission Stafford as an alternate to the Finance Committee. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Peterson moved to go into Executive Session for an attorney-client discussion on proposed settlement options of compensation and damages for the Axdahl parcel as it pertains to the reconstruction of CSAH 15. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; the time being 11:50 a.m. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Richard Hodsdon, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Sharon Price and Patricia Raddatz.

The County Board reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

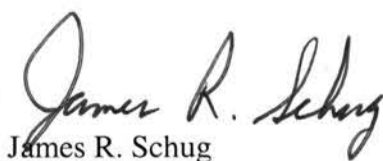
**ADJOURNMENT**

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 12:38 p.m.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

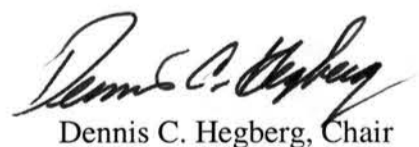
The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review the Performance Measurement Action Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Amanda Hollis, Larry Timmerman, Melinda Kirk, Marilyn Akey, Jody Moran, Stephanie Lenartz, Vicki DeFord, and Sue Hedlund.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**MARCH 18, 2008**

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, Peterson, Stafford, and Kriesel. Commissioner Hegberg absent. Board Vice Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Susan Harris, First Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Mike Rogers, Associate Planner; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval to appoint Stanley Karwoski, Oakdale, to the Parks and Open Space Commission to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
2. Approval of Amendment Number Eight with East Suburban Resources to extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2008 to deliver group training and other services intended to equip clients with tools for effective job search behaviors.
3. Approval of Amendment Number One with East Suburban Resources to provide job skills training, job development and placement, and supported employment services for people enrolled in the Diversionary Work Program and the Minnesota Family Investment Program.
4. Approval to amend the county fee schedule to include a \$9.00 fee for flash drives to store files created on personal computers in the Library.
5. Approval to renew contract with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. for computer aided mass appraisal system and assessor web site.

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- 6. Approval to renew on sale and Sunday liquor license for Afton Alps, Inc. for April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.
- 7. Approval to renew on sale and Sunday liquor license for Stoneridge Golf Club, April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.
- 8. Approval to renew on sale and Sunday 3.2 malt liquor license and consumption and display permits for the Veteran’s Rest Camp, April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.
- 9. Approval to renew on sale and Sunday liquor license for the Point, Inc., April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.
- 10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-036** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption Resolution for the  
Missi-Croix Ruffed Grouse Society

WHEREAS, the Missi-Croix Ruffed Grouse Society 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, 12378 Point Douglas Dr., Hastings (Denmark Township), 55033 to take place on April 1, 2008.

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

- 11. Bids were received for landscape services as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Green Street	\$49,531
The Brickman Group, LTD, LLC	\$76,140
Valley Creek Companies, Inc.	\$70,066

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-037** as follows:

Bid Award for Landscape Maintenance Services to  
The Brickman Group, LTD, LLC

WHEREAS, in order to maintain a highly attractive appearance to all county owned landscaped areas, the county solicited bids for this service; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on February 26, 2008, with The Brickman Group, LTD, LLC, a qualified and responsible contractor, providing the best contract value.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of The Brickman Group, LTD, LLC be accepted and the county enter into a contract with The Brickman Group, LTD, LLC for landscape maintenance services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and The Brickman Group, LTD, LLC be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

#### **PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to renew an on sale and Sunday liquor license for Withrow Ballroom, April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

#### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a legislative update on the following items: the noncontroversial tax bill has been approved by both the House and Senate and is now signed by the Governor; this bill includes two issues of interest to the county—one is authorization to create either an irrevocable or revocable trust for funding of retiree health care; and the other is elimination of the requirement that debt service for voter authorized bonds be levied against referendum market values; the Senate is considering the local tax bill that would include \$60 million of additional county program aid, but representatives at MICA and AMC do not believe there is much of a likelihood of that being increased; the Governor's budget reducing bill restores the \$10 reimbursement to counties for short-term offenders in 2009—it was raised to \$30 for 2008; and reduction in the sentence-to-service program grants to counties.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson thanked all the Commissioners who participated in last week's Metro Transitways Development Board meeting. She congratulated Emily White of Newport for her 50 years of involvement with the Girl Scout Organization. She also advised the Board that Barry Sittlow, St. Paul Park Administrator, will have his retirement party next Tuesday. He has been the Administrator there for over 30 years. She will attend a Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce meeting next Tuesday morning and may be a little late for the Board meeting.

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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 Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Board met in workshop session with the Information Technology Department to review the status of the county's enterprise content management initiative. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Peterson, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Larry Timmerman, Myjke Nelson, Paul Hershfield, Carmen Martin, Susan Harris, Kevin Corbid, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Allie Shah, Star Tribune.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to review the draft Joint Powers Agreement establishing the metropolitan area sales tax. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Peterson, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Mike Rogers, George Kuprian, Lowell Johnson, Kevin Corbid, Harley Will, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Susan Harris, Myjke Nelson, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Allie Shah, Star Tribune.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Myra Peterson, Vice Chair  
County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**MARCH 25, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Bruce Munneke, Assessor; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Sr. Program Manager; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Commander Steve Pott; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the following resolutions:

**Resolution No. 2008-038**

Application for Metro Greenways Grant to Use as Matching Funds to  
 Acquire an Interest in Property through the  
 Land and Water Legacy Program – John Leadholm Project

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the County Board authorized staff to begin valuations and negotiations on selected Land and Water Legacy Program projects, providing the county an opportunity to acquire land and an interest in the land; and

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to leverage its funds by securing funds from outside sources; and

WHEREAS, the John Leadholm project meets the criteria of the Department of Natural Resources Metro Greenways Program grants, including the nominated site must be located within a Metro Conservation Corridor Focus Area, have high overall ecological significance, involve a willing landowner, and have community support;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Metro Greenways Program to acquire an interest in the property in the form of a conservation easement.

**Resolution No. 2008-039**

Application for Metro Greenways Grant to Use as Matching Funds to  
Acquire an Interest in Property through the  
Land and Water Legacy Program – Tim Behrends Project

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the County Board authorized staff to begin valuations and negotiations on selected Land and Water Legacy Program projects, providing the county an opportunity to acquire land and an interest in the land; and

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to leverage its funds by securing funds from outside sources; and

WHEREAS, the Tim Behrends project meets the criteria of the Department of Natural Resources Metro Greenways Program grants, including the nominated site must be located within a Metro Conservation Corridor Focus Area, have high overall ecological significance, involve a willing landowner, and have community support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Metro Greenways Program to acquire an interest in the property in the form of a conservation easement.

**Resolution No. 2008-040**

Application for Metro Greenways Grant to Use as Matching Funds to  
Acquire an Interest in Property through the  
Land and Water Legacy Program – David Rowe Project

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the County Board authorized staff to begin valuations and negotiations on selected Land and Water Legacy Program projects, providing the county an opportunity to acquire land and an interest in the land; and

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to leverage its funds by securing funds from outside sources; and

WHEREAS, the David Rowe project meets the criteria of the Department of Natural Resources Metro Greenways Program grants, including the nominated site must be located within a Metro Conservation Corridor Focus Area, have high overall ecological significance, involve a willing landowner, and have community support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Metro Greenways Program to acquire an interest in the property in the form of a conservation easement.

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**Resolution No. 2008-041**

Application for Metro Greenways Grant to Use as Matching Funds to  
Acquire an Interest in Property through the  
Land and Water Legacy Program – John Daley Project

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the County Board authorized staff to begin valuations and negotiations on selected Land and Water Legacy Program projects, providing the county an opportunity to acquire land and an interest in the land; and

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to leverage its funds by securing funds from outside sources; and

WHEREAS, the John Daley project meets the criteria of the Department of Natural Resources Metro Greenways Program grants, including the nominated site must be located within a Metro Conservation Corridor Focus Area, have high overall ecological significance, involve a willing landowner, and have community support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Metro Greenways Program to acquire an interest in the property in the form of a conservation easement.

**Resolution No. 2008-042**

Application for Metro Greenways Grant to Use as Matching Funds to  
Acquire an Interest in Property through the  
Land and Water Legacy Program – Bill McDonald Project

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the County Board authorized staff to begin valuations and negotiations on selected Land and Water Legacy Program projects, providing the county an opportunity to acquire land and an interest in the land; and

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to leverage its funds by securing funds from outside sources; and

WHEREAS, the Bill McDonald project meets the criteria of the Department of Natural Resources Metro Greenways Program grants, including the nominated site must be located within a Metro Conservation Corridor Focus Area, have high overall ecological significance, involve a willing landowner, and have community support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County supports the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Metro Greenways Program to acquire an interest in the property in the form of a conservation easement.

2. Approval to accept the Metro Greenways grant from the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$75,000 for the Steltzner conservation easement to be purchased through the Land and Water Legacy Program.

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3. Approval to appoint Janelle Schmitz, City of Woodbury, to the Workforce Investment Board as an Economic Development Representative to a first term expiring June 30, 2011.
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-043** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation to  
Barry Sittlow  
City Administrator, City of St. Paul Park

WHEREAS, Barry Sittlow will retire as City Administrator of the City of St. Paul Park effective March 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Barry Sittlow served his community for more than 32 years as City Administrator since his appointment on November 1, 1975, to administer the policy of the City Council and to handle day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, as City Administrator, Barry Sittlow has done an outstanding job of administering the finances of the City of St. Paul Park, overseeing the planning and construction of a new city hall, and helping to provide a reliable water supply for city residents with the water tower along Highway 61; and

WHEREAS, Barry Sittlow has earned the respect of citizens, council members, and professional associates by his dedication to duty and providing consistent administration of city government; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation Barry Sittlow's exemplary leadership during his 32 years as City Administrator of the City of St. Paul Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily commends Barry Sittlow for his dedication to public service and hereby extends its best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

5. Approval of contract with Community Volunteer Services and Senior Centers for unpaid work experience placements for Diversionary Work Program and Minnesota Family Investment Program customers for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.
6. Approval to ratify a three-year 2008 to 2010 agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #49 as follows:
  1. Duration:  
Three years, effective January 13, 2008 through January 8, 2011.

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2. Wages:

Effective January 13, 2008 3.0%

Effective January 11, 2009 3.0%

Effective January 10, 2010 3.0%

Replaced current step structure with range structure.

3. Health Insurance:

2008	Office Access \$20 Office Visit Copay
	Single \$433/month
	Single + Child(ren) \$433/month
	Single + Spouse \$589/month
	Family \$619/month

	Open Access \$25, \$30, Select Choice \$25 Office Visit Copay and Three for Free
	Single \$480/month
	Single Child(ren) \$524/month
	Single + Spouse \$708/month
	Family \$829/month

Flex credits \$62.00/month

2009 Insurance reopener

2010 Insurance Reopener

4. Clothing Allowance:

2008 \$120/year

2009 \$125/year

2010 \$130/year

5. Miscellaneous:

Throughout the document replace "Transportation and Physical Development Department" with "Public Works Department."

7. Approval to implement a new Human Resources Policy #5033, Personnel Board of Appeals Hearing Procedures.
8. Approval to revise Personnel Rules and Regulations Section #14, Personnel Board of Appeals.
9. Approval to continue for one year two Community Health Specialists special project positions in Public Health and Environment.
10. Approval to continue Web Hosting and Content management agreement with Clockwork Media for 2008.

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11. Approval to enter into an agreement with Dakota County for the use of their database for the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families program.
12. Approval of licenses for use of real property for the collection of household hazardous waste and authorize execution by the Board Chair and County Administrator.
13. Approval to amend the 2008/2009 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Project Board budget to increase appropriations by \$200,000 from the Resource Recovery Project's fund balance for a Second Harvest Heartland food rescue program.
14. Approval of contract with Polfus Implement, to purchase two Kubota Utility Vehicles for the Parks Division.
15. Approval of contract with McKinzie Metro Appraisal for professional appraisal/consulting services for the reconstruction of CSAH 18 at a cost not to exceed \$64,200.
16. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-044** as follows:

Authorizing Parking Restrictions on CSAH 18 After Reconstruction

SP 82-618-14, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18 from 300 feet north of 7<sup>th</sup> Street South to 700 feet north of Upper 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the Cities of Lakeland and Lakeland Shores, Minnesota

WHEREAS, this improvement will reconstruct CSAH 18 to a two-lane urban highway with center left turn lanes and three roundabouts; and

WHEREAS, the improvements do not provide adequate width for parking on the street; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Lakeland and Lakeland Shores requested the parking prohibition described in City's Resolutions (copy attached) upon completion of this improvement passed February 19, 2008 and January 3, 2008, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Washington County staff supports this restriction; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Statute 169.04 (1) allows the county to regulate the standing or parking of vehicles on highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 18 is under the jurisdiction of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the parking of motor vehicles shall be prohibited on both sides of CSAH 18, from 300 feet north of 7<sup>th</sup> Street South to 700 feet north of Upper 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of the Public Works Department to install and maintain the appropriate signs to delineate this parking restriction.

17. Approval to award contract to Vinco, Inc. for radio site construction services at Mahtomedi and Somerset, Wisconsin for the 800 MHz Radio System.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Commissioner Peterson moved to amend the 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership program (HOME) Annual Action Plan to allocate HOME funds in the amount of \$214,757 to Two Rivers Community Land Trust; and, approval of a 30 day public comment as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **SRF Consulting Group**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a contract with SRF Consulting Group for preliminary design services for the County State Aid Highway 2 (Broadway Avenue) improvement project in the City of Forest Lake for a cost not to exceed \$928,489. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

#### **Amend Contract with the Cities of Stillwater and Oak Park Heights**

Commissioner Peterson moved to authorize the County Administrator and Board Chair to execute Amendment #1 to an agreement between the City of Stillwater, the City of Oak Park Heights, and the County of Washington for the development of a short-term use and long-term improvement plan for the roadways that provide immediate service to the Washington County Government Center. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update. He clarified a statement from last week regarding the corrections bill that changed funding in both the short-term offender and the sentence to service program. The sentence to service adjustments would not affect the Washington County program.

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Commissioner Hegberg indicated he met with the Chisago County Board last week and explained Washington County's position that the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District's work plan and budget be reviewed by the counties. They received the information, but didn't make a motion in support or against that position. They are in position of supporting the watershed district's request to be a part of State Statute 103B which allows them tax levy authority. The watershed has indicated that if Washington County didn't remove its position they thought the bill would die. His personal feeling is that Washington County should continue with its position.

Mr. Schug announced that all three workshops this morning will be held at the Board table and they will be televised.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson announced that she will be attending the reception for Barry Sittlow, St. Paul Park Administrator, this afternoon. Mr. Sittlow is retiring after 30 plus years of service.

Commissioner Kriesel mentioned a letter he received from Jack Junker who thanked Community Services staff for the help they provided to his Mother for the past three to four years. The employees were Tom Kuehn, Lisa Sauls, Sharon Rowell, and Marjorie Sutter.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Association of Governmental Risk Pools Conference he attended last week. One of the bigger topics discussed was jail suicides and deaths and the cost of those to institutions.

### **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 Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to review mortgage foreclosure and efforts provided in counseling to homeowners who may be facing

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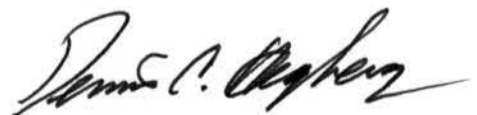
foreclosure. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Bruce Munneke, Barbara Dacy, Jennifer Wagenius, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, and Kevin Giles, Star Tribune.

#### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

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#### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Joint Powers Agreement establishing the metropolitan transportation area sales tax joint powers board. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Mike Rogers, Kevin Corbid, Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier, Nancy Yang, Pioneer Press, and Kevin Giles, Star Tribune.



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**APRIL 1, 2008**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Commander Cheri Dexter; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Mike Rogers, Sr. Planner; John Elholm, Parks Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Coordinator; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; and Nancy Brase, Administrative Services Manager.

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 March 11, 18 and 25, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to amend Policy #2506 to redistribute a portion of the balance in the Petty Cash and Change Funds from Financial Services to Community Services; and, request to increase the Sheriff's Civil Process Change fund by \$100.
3. Approval of application for a dance permit for the Withrow Ballroom for the period of April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.
4. Approval to renew application for an on sale license and Sunday liquor license for the Outing Lodge at Pine Point, LCC for the period of April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.
5. Approval to award contract to Omni Contracting, Inc. for antenna and tower work at Somerset, WI for the 800 MHz Radio System.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

The Board Chair presented a brief overview of today’s public hearing to consider setting a \$10.00 fee for a civil process service referred to as till tap by the Sheriff’s Office.

Sheriff Bill Hutton stated that the proposed fee is a fee that the Sheriff’s Office has paid to the State to allow the county into their system to do research. If money is owed a business or individual they get a writ of execution, come to the Sheriff’s Office, and often times they do not have the appropriate paperwork to complete the process and they are sent away. They have to go to the State of Minnesota to get this paperwork, pay the State the \$10 and then return to the Sheriff’s Office with the information. What they are proposing is to allow the Sheriff’s Office to collect the fee that needs to be paid to the State of Minnesota, which would allow the Sheriff’s Office to do the research to find out who the owner of a business is that owes a particular individual. Once that is established, the Sheriff’s Office goes to the particular business and is able to take the funds from the till to pay what is owed.

The Board Chair asked for comments from the audience; none were heard. The Board Secretary indicated that she had received all documentary evidence

Commissioner Kriesel moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve a \$10.00 fee for processing the Till Tap (Writ of Execution). Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION****South Washington Watershed District Appointment**

Commissioner Stafford moved to appoint Michael Madigan, Woodbury, to the South Washington Watershed District for a first term expiring May 1, 2011. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS****Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) and Metro Area Sales Tax and Excise Tax**

The Board Chair outlined the procedures for today’s hearing to receive public comment on whether Washington County should enter into a joint powers agreement with other metro counties to form the

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Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) and to impose a one-quarter cent sales and use tax plus a \$20 excise tax on the purchase of a motor vehicle.

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, presented an overview of Minnesota Statutes Section 297A.992 allowing the metro counties to form a joint powers agreement establishing the Counties Transit Improvement Board and authorization to impose a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% sales and use tax as a dedicated source for transitway funding. It also allows for an excise tax of \$20 per motor vehicle sale by an auto dealer. Membership on the CTIB will consist of two county commissioners from each member county, and the metropolitan council chair. Annual sales tax generated for Washington County is estimated at \$5,000,000 with a guaranteed return of an estimated \$1,000,000 for fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011. Transitways eligible for funding currently are, Red Rock, Rush Line, 35W BRT and potentially I-94 and TH 36.

Commissioner Pulkrabek indicated that 1 to 2% of all of the money that is collected from the sales tax will be used by the Department of Revenue to administer the collection of the tax. Regardless of whether this passes or not, Washington County will get over the next ten years an additional \$57 million to put into road and bridges through the transportation bill.

The following individuals commented on the proposed CTIB and Metro Area Sales Tax and Excise Tax:

Larry Flaherty, 151 Hickory Street, Mahtomedi – Mr. Flaherty stated that the Met Council is a non-elected, self-serving board. They want to take the citizen's checkbook and write checks unimpeded and it sounds like some of the Board wants to let them do it. He does not feel this is a good or fair tax.

Lynne Markus, 9175 Pine Hurst Road, Woodbury – Ms. Markus asked the Board to vote in favor of this proposal for the following reasons: long-term costs will be greater than the short-term costs; traffic is increasing; more congestion; it takes longer to drive from one place to another; and, an increase in air pollution alerts related to driving.

Joanne Gustafson, 15197 19<sup>th</sup> St. Court North, West Lakeland – Ms. Gustafson stated that her family urges the Board to support this measure. She feels that in order to persuade Fortune 500 companies to stay and encourage new investments in this global economy, it must be economical and easy for goods, services, employees, and citizens to move from place to place. She feels this is a small investment for the future.

Judy Trepka, 1487 Jewel Drive, Woodbury – Ms. Trepka urged the Board to opt in on the transportation bill passed by the legislature. The League of Women Voters urges the Board to support the new  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent sales tax for transit. This would allow better access for housing, jobs and reduces vehicle pollution. She feels that Washington County is part of an entire metro community. Many work outside the county and travel to other parts of the metro area for shopping, sporting and cultural events. As the population ages it is important to have a good public transit system.

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Joyce Welander, 10381 83<sup>rd</sup> Street North, Stillwater – Ms. Welander presented a letter from Fran Miron, Washington County Farm Bureau President asking the Board to vote against the tax option. (Letter on file)

Ken Heuer, 4713 Helmo Avenue North, Oakdale – Mr. Heuer stated this transportation bill does not make sense. Washington County citizens will give \$5 million in taxes and receive \$1 million back. He feels the country is in a recession. Taxes are starting to hurt the middle class people. He feels that the Met Council, Ramsey and Hennepin Counties will control this and Washington County will never see mass transit in his lifetime.

John Siekmeier, 1150 Lawn Avenue, Grant – Mr. Siekmeier stated he feels this is a time to be thinking toward the future. He asked the Board to support the investment in the transportation and infrastructure. He feels this gives alternatives and options for people to use different modes of transportation. He believes this is planning for the future and that it is Washington County's responsibility to be part of this larger metropolitan community. He urged the Board to vote in favor of this investment in the future.

Mayor Randy Kopesky, 16601 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S., Lakeland Shores – Mayor Kopesky thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak on this controversial subject. He is proud to announce that Lakeland Shores has the lowest mill rate in the Lower St. Croix Valley and they are committed to acting fiscally responsible. They do not raise taxes for issues they do not budget for. He is all in favor of improving the transit issues in Lakeland Shores and Washington County, however other issues just as important as transit are suffocating their citizens. The economy is down, people are losing their jobs and their homes. This is not the time to raise taxes. He feels there will be an opportunity to become a member of the JPA in the future, and he asked the Board to more closely examine the soon to be created Joint Powers Agreement and by-laws.

David Rooney, 840 Woodduck Drive, Woodbury – Mr. Rooney spoke in favor of Washington County's approval of ¼ of 1% metro sales tax to fund the planning, design, construction and operation of a regional transit network. He lives in Washington County, works in Dakota County and frequently is in Ramsey and Hennepin Counties for work, shopping, events or dining. He feels the metro area is interdependent and a robust transit system in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties will also benefit the rest of the counties. Time is money, reducing the freeway gridlock in the metro area will be well worth the estimated \$20 in additional tax a year. He asked if it is fair for Washington County citizens to pay this tax in other counties when spending money in other counties, but Washington County would not get any benefit. He does not think so. If the county does not participate in the development of this regional transit plan, it will be left out of any benefit, but the citizens will still be contributing a significant share of that \$5 million of taxes through spending in other metro counties. He encouraged the Board to approve the county's participation in the metro transitway and to approve the additional ¼ of 1% sales tax.

Danielle Dennison, 2330 Overlook Court North, West Lakeland Township – Ms. Dennison asked the Board to opt out of the ¼ cent sales tax increase for the following reasons: details are murky and unclear; lack of

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confidence that Washington County will receive any benefit; there is doubt as to the role and say the county will have as to how these projects continue; what is the accountability for Washington County's contribution; she feels this would be the opportunity for the county to say "no" to St. Paul; and, is the county sure of what the need and capacity for light rail will be.

Karen Fitzpatrick, 306 Juniper, Mahtomedi – Ms. Fitzpatrick sees the entire metropolitan area as one. She encouraged the Board to vote yes on this tiny increase because of the benefits it will bring over time. Citizens of Washington County need to see themselves as part of the metropolitan area, they are not living out in a rural area and are not a part of greater Minnesota. Transit systems are needed to move people around. She feels that most people in this room spend time in several counties of the metro area. She feels the transportation infrastructure is pathetic and doesn't measure up even to smaller communities such as Omaha. Congestion is getting worse. She encouraged the Board to vote yes because the county needs to be at the table and be part of the planning and not be sitting on the sidelines.

Richard McNamara, 22855 Hayward, Forest Lake – Mr. McNamara stated he does not want any more taxes. He encouraged the Board to vote no. He feels the state numbers are fuzzy and he does not know why this county would want to join a group that's going to take the bulk of the money out of this county. They will become noncompetitive with the high taxes that are in Minnesota, and Wisconsin is going to reap the benefits. He encouraged the Board to vote no.

Andy Stockholm, 5500 Obrien Avenue, Oak Park Heights – Mr. Stockholm stated what he is looking for out of his county government is people that are looking out for county needs. He does not think this is in the best interest of Washington County residents and gave the following reasons: none of the Tier 1 projects are in Washington County; the costs of the Tier 1 and high priority projects are well over \$1 billion and the tax is projected to generate \$100 million of revenue a year—he asked how long will it be before any of those monies come back to Washington County, it is not a priority; he does not feel that the county's 7 votes out of 100 is having a seat at the table; Tier 2 projects include Carver County and they voted 5-0 to not join at this time; once the county opts into this deal it commits to the bonds and they cannot get back out; and none of the long-term bonds will benefit Washington County. He urged the Board to opt out at this time.

Reuben Larson, 8292 Deer Pond Trail, Lake Elmo – Mr. Larson stated he has had experience with the Metropolitan Council and he doesn't trust them. They are an unelected body and asked would they in fact serve the county's best interest. He feels all the money and projects will go to Minneapolis. There are no transit lines that go where he travels. He has made a determination not to buy in Hennepin County because of higher taxes. If the Board votes no, he will continue to buy in Washington County.

Harry Melander, 716 Park Avenue, Mahtomedi – Mr. Melander is here representing the labor community nearing 16,000 in Washington County. He is comfortable with taxes and is comfortable with what the county has done with his taxes so far. He encouraged them to move this issue forward. Life does not stop at

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Century Avenue, nor does it stop at the river. Washington County has to be part of the metro transit system. He believes and trusts in the county leaders to carry the message of a metro transit system that works for Washington County.

Onno VanDommeltraadt, 9406 Jane Road North, Lake Elmo – Mr. VanDommeltraadt thanked the Board for allowing them to speak on this issue. He has been satisfied with the governance that this Board has done in the past and urged the Board to continue to be prudent with his money. He retired 12 years ago and has not received an increase to his pension. He did receive a 2.4% increase to Social Security, but after deducting Medicare that amounted to \$28 a month increase. With the inflation, high grocery costs, people losing their homes, and medical costs, he believes this is not the right time to add more to the sales tax for a railroad or bus route, which he never uses. He encouraged the Board to say no to this tax.

John McPherson, West Lakeland Town Board – Mr. McPherson stated he has had many calls on this situation. One call was from a person living on \$600 a month Social Security and he said “this little bit is putting him over the top”. He feels this is not the time to raise taxes. People are losing their homes, people are losing their jobs. He asked the Board to wait.

The Board recessed at 6:30 p.m.

Tim Sinclair, 1411 Dellwood Road North, Stillwater – Mr. Sinclair stated that food costs are going up, gas prices are going up, including the 2 cents gas tax that went up this morning, fast food prices are going up, and his property taxes have gone up. During the last year his wages didn't go up much, if any. He cannot control all of these increases, but the County Board can control this proposed increase. He urged the Board to vote no and opt out of this joint powers agreement. He thought the constitutional amendment with the 60/40 split for transit/roads was suppose to solve a lot of problems, he hasn't seen a lot and is wondering what is going on there. Hennepin County has the Hiawatha Line, Ramsey County is going to have the University line, Dakota County has many transit stations, bus lines expressways, and Anoka County has the commuter rail. He does not see anything foreseeable for Washington County for the \$5 million it will be donating and getting \$1 million back. He does not think a bus here and there is worth \$5 million. He asked the Board not to saddle the citizens with any more taxes. He stated the Met Council is an unelected body, it's a black hole for money. He urged the Board not to approve the ¼ cent increase.

Linda Lehrke, 8186 Hemingway Avenue South, Cottage Grove – Ms. Lehrke stated it appears that this meeting might be a futile exercise because her Commissioner has said that she will vote yes with no intentions to evaluate what the citizens may have to say. She feels that other than New York, light rail does not decrease congestion. She agrees with Commissioner Peterson with the idea that you can agree to disagree. There's only one difference in this whole thing, she doesn't get a vote.

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David Morgan, 13780 North Manning, May Township – Mr. Morgan stated it is the job of elected officials to try to keep the growth of government under control. He urged the Board to vote no on this proposal. He feels this money will go to special interests that will have very little affect on the citizens of Washington County.

Bob Swinehart, 16377 May Avenue, Marine on St. Croix – Mr. Swinehart stated there have been a lot of good points made tonight why the Board should opt out of this proposal. No additional taxes are needed. The dollars in this program should be kept in Washington County rather than sending them off to the Met Council and getting 10 cents back on the dollar. The vast majority of the people in this county will depend on personal transportation for the foreseeable future. He feels that public transit such as the light rail system is not about reducing congestion, it's about economic development. He believes that if anything it has increased congestion for the people trying to get across because it's running at grade. Finally, if there are viable public transit opportunities that present themselves that make sense for Washington County, then he thinks they should be self-sustaining, they should not require public subsidy.

Bob Zick, 2231 Penn Place #104, North St. Paul – Mr. Zick stated good comments have been made here about the County Board giving away their strength in negotiating by entering into this agreement now and he hopes the Board listens to them. He hoped that the Board members hadn't made up their mind prior to public testimony. When government takes away the people's money they've taken away their freedom of choice. He believes that for every one person that comes and petition government because they want something, there are 100 people that are going to pay for it that oppose that, and those 100 people don't take the time to come down and petition their government. If you multiply the number of people saying no by 100, the Board members who are up for re-election, ought to think real seriously about what is going on here.

Judy Bull, 908 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Forest Lake – Ms. Bull encouraged the Board to support the metro transit sales tax. She serves on the Forest Lake City Council and is speaking as a community leader looking toward the future of Forest Lake and the metro area. Most folks living in Forest Lake drive into Minneapolis/St. Paul daily. The numbers of cars increase daily. With the increase in gas prices and the overall increase in global warming, the need for transit options and improvements is overwhelming. She mentioned the Rush Line Corridor which is an 80 mile corridor that runs from St. Paul to Hinckley. The corridor has received federal and state funds to implement its studies and recommendations. A transit center was funded and built in Forest Lake recently and other studies are planned. The proposed transit sales tax would provide funding for this very busy corridor. In January of 2008 Metro Transit set up a commuter bus service. One hundred and fifty cars a day park in the lot and use the daily bus service. It has been very successful. The service is expensive and metro area support is needed for that. The tax increase is small, 25 cents per \$100. It is a sales tax and does not apply to food or clothing and is not an addition to the property tax. If Washington County joins now, it can help make the rules for funding allocations. She feels that Forest Lake needs transit alternatives. She urged the Board to support it.

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Susan Young, 9950 1199<sup>th</sup> Street North, Forest Lake – Ms. Young stated she is a city council member from the City of Forest Lake. Economic development in Forest Lake is important. A few years ago they were building 600 to 800 dwelling units per year. In January, they had one dwelling unit that was permitted. She is not sure how building companies, contracting companies and the folks who support those services are going to be able to stay in business in Forest Lake if there is not more growth. As she talks to people who could buy houses in Forest Lake, there aren't a lot of jobs in Forest Lake paying \$25 to \$30 an hour to be able to purchase a new home. In order to have good jobs, people have to go out of Forest Lake. In order to have good jobs they are going to have to be able to afford to go out of Forest Lake. She pays \$12.50 to commute to her job in Minneapolis. She can afford to do that right now. She does not know of many people who can continue to afford to do that in the future. Finding a way to attract people to Forest Lake, to buy homes to support businesses, restaurants, and building companies in Forest Lake, is very important. Transit is going to be one small piece of that. Three hundred rides a day is one piece of that. This is a tax in discretionary spending and not on food and clothing. There needs to be some sort of commuting, car pooling or transit services to encourage people to live in Forest Lake. It will be more expensive to develop transit opportunities in the future.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked that comments be limited to one minute. There are over 30 individuals who still wish to speak.

Jim Kremer, 5475 Oakgreen Place North, Oak Park Heights – Mr. Kremer stated he has not seen one study anywhere that has shown that mass transit reduces traffic congestion. It costs \$100 million dollars a mile for a train. If mass transit is such a benefit, than those using it ought to pay for it and not the 85 cents they are paying in Forest Lake. The cost should not be shifted to those who don't use it or it does not benefit. He feels this is taxation without representation. Washington County will impose the tax, Washington County citizens will pay the tax, and Hennepin and Ramsey Counties will decide how to spend the tax. The argument that the county needs to be at the table is naive. Finally, if it is believed that the money will be returned to Washington County, people must have had blinders on in the last five years when the Hiawatha Rail was being built. The line down University Avenue will cost \$906 million. Every penny from Washington County will end up going into mass transit, will go into trains for Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. He urged the Board to vote against this.

Marjana Callery, 2510 Queensport Road, Woodbury – Ms. Callery read an article by Peter Peterson that was in Newsweek: It's entitled "You Can't Take it With You". He talks about challenges in America. "These challenges all require sacrifice. That means everyone. We fat cats will have to pay more taxes. The government will have to spend less. Everyone will have to save more. I'm not sure if we remember how to give up something for the long term general good. Nor, do we hear calls for sacrifice from our leaders. Our lawmakers are enablers either joining us in the state of denial or trying to anesthetize us. But if we can learn to face the future realistically, everyone will benefit from a more robust, sustainable economy. The greatest generation that lived through the depression of the 1930's and World War II confronted, overcame and paid

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for challenges more sobering than those we face today. We can do it again. I refuse to believe that we have become so selfish and self absorbed that we don't care about our children's future and America's leadership in the world. These challenges have hung over our economy for years. Others have tried to sound the alarm. I know the odds of success are daunting. Yet, given what is at stake and what I owe this remarkable country I and we have no alternative but to try." She encouraged the Board to please vote yes on this motion.

Marc Hugunin, 10775 Kimbro Avenue Court North, Grant – Mr. Hugunin stated there are some misconceptions in some of the objections he has heard that are not entirely accurate. There was an article in the Stillwater Gazette entitled "Sales Tax Increase a Bad Deal for Washington County". The gist of the article is to say it is a bad deal because there is no guarantee as to what exactly Washington County will get in return for the \$5 million per year. He does not debate that as an assertion. Some of the arguments that have been made were about the \$1 million versus the \$4 million. But his comment is that yes, there are no guarantees as to precisely what Washington County will get, but there is one guarantee, if Washington County opts out of this opportunity it can be absolutely guaranteed that our transit services and transit system available to Washington County residents as long as most of us shall live will be lost. There will be no such opportunities if we don't opt in tonight.

Roxanne Emerson, 1107 Timber Way, Stillwater – Ms. Emerson, stated she is probably the only transit provider here this evening. She represents over 2,200 people who ride their service system, and they weren't able to come tonight because there is no transit service in the evening because there isn't transit funding at a level that can sustain or provide even a small service. She asked that the Board give great consideration to opting in on this opportunity for transit funding. Even though the seven votes seem small, a small voice is a great deal better than no voice at all. We've been under-represented, under funded. They need strong leadership like this Board to support transit service.

Jerry Beedle, 1470 Riviera Avenue South, Lakeland – Mr. Beedle stated he has been on the United Way, Workforce Council, and now he sits on the Mental Health Advisory Council. He knows how the mental health system works in St. Paul and Minneapolis, they have transportation. That is this county's biggest hang-up for all three of these categories. People at the bottom of the ladder don't have driver's license in many cases, or vehicles to get places. Right now we are supporting them with our taxes. If there were some kind of transportation system, and this would just the beginning, there would be feeder buses going into the terminals to help them get to where the jobs are. Most of the people who live out here don't work out here. What happens to the elderly, disabled veterans, people who have mental health problems, people who want to work but can't get to the jobs. There needs to be a transportation system here. He urges the Board to vote for this.

Kathy (Mannie) Lohmer, 805 Lilac Place North, Lake Elmo – Ms. (Mannie) Lohmer, stated she is the endorsed candidate for District 56A. She believes she won that endorsement because she promised the

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people that she would never vote to raise taxes. She got into this race because of the \$6.6 billion transportation bill that was just passed. She does not believe everyone wearing a "No" button is against transit, but there is no plan. She urged the Board to vote no and wait until there is a plan.

Jeff Huber, 9520 Joliet Avenue North, Grant – Mr. Huber congratulated the citizens of Carver and Scott Counties for voting in commissioners who defeated this tax increase which he feels subsidizes nothing more than the construction of mass transit light rail. He feels that the population densities in Washington County do not support light rail.

Tom Carr, 9550 Joliet Avenue, Grant - Mr. Carr stated he is the Mayor of Grant. He thinks long-term planning is great. Times have changed and this process started a while ago when things were different. The Commissioners need to accept the fact that things are not the same as they use to be. Mass transit is good in some areas, but not in Washington County. He believes that Washington County has a road infrastructure that should be used and is expensive. He would rather have his money funding that than light rail.

Paul Stein, 7969 Quadrant Avenue South, Denmark Township – Mr. Stein urged the Board to make the investment in our future. He doesn't like paying taxes any more than anyone else and the times are such that those taxes hurt. However, there is a basic rule when it comes to infrastructure, if you don't make the investment now, you'll end up spending a lot more money later on. The other basic rule of investment is to diversify. Part of the way that money can be saved on roads is to have alternate means of transportation. The third rule of investment is try to leverage your investment. Mass transit investment is one that the federal government will be kicking monies in on and that's one more way to save. These are monies that if are not spent now they will be spent later on in much larger sums. We need to start thinking larger, to become part of the metro community and to become part of the world community which means thinking about ecological ramifications of the investment we make or fail to make.

Russell Hibbing, 10181 Fox Run Road, Woodbury – Mr. Hibbing stated in this proposal the first \$31 million is going to the Met Council to fund deficits in their existing rail lines. He's heard how ridership on the Hiawatha was above their expectations and they are still losing money. He thinks that sends a clear message about how this works. He believes this is only a start to what the taxes will be. This only buys the county a seat at the table. If, in 22 years after the county has sent in \$110 million to the Met Council they decided to build light rail out here, then the county will have to pay an additional 10%. He fears there will be more taxes and he urges the Board to vote no.

Paul Reinke, 7073 46<sup>th</sup> Street North, Oakdale – Mr. Reinke believes that plenty of their money goes to support regional transit initiatives as it is. As structured the act doesn't give enough say over how the collected monies are going to be spent. He believes that voting no tonight would not preclude the county from being involved in the future. He feels Washington County is an important piece of the regional puzzle

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and a no vote tonight to delay and revisit at some point in the future gives plenty of opportunity to do the right things down the road.

Dean Cole, 4438 Helena Way, Oakdale – Mr. Cole stated he spent 3 ½ years in Japan and 90% of the people live in 10% of the land because it is a mountainous region, they have to have a train system. In the Midwest, that kind of system is not needed. He was disappointed when the Governor did not campaign against the transportation amendment. He was behind him when he vetoed this legislation. He is not looking for a 3-2 vote tonight, he is looking for a 5-0 vote because this tax is a regressive tax and will punish the poor and working class. If the Board wants the people that benefit from the Twin Cities and don't live here to pay for it, look to the people living in Wisconsin coming here to work everyday, they pay their property taxes, their sales taxes, and not paying our gas tax either in Wisconsin, put a toll booth on the bridge over the St. Croix.

Don Dame, 6740 Ashwood, Woodbury – Mr. Dame agrees this will probably be a 3-2 vote and nobody knows which way it will go. He would like to know the reason why Commissioner Stafford and Commissioner Hegberg are voting the way they are. If the vote does go 3-2 for the tax increase, there are elections in November. The question he would like answered is, if the Board votes for this liberal tax increase, how soon can they undo that vote?

Commissioner Hegberg stated Boards can opt out in January or anytime into the future.

Don Bahr, 7679 Teal Alcove, Woodbury – Mr. Bahr stated if this thing were to be 100% for Washington County he could see maybe going for it. He sees passionate pleas from people to say let's do this, but they are looking at the idea of Forest Lake. Washington County is a large county. When you get mass transit here, how much effect can it possibly have from the north to the south end of the county. He asked that they wait to see what the definitions are before the county joins this thing. He does not see any mass transit benefit between suburbs. He wonders how many people actually use the Hiawatha line to go back and forth to work, how many use it to get to Twins and Vikings games. He knows a lot of people who park and ride for that purpose only. Part of the problem there is it is strictly on an honor system and a lot of people are not paying for it. He feels buses give massive flexibility and that should be the way to go. He asked the Board to think of the people they know who benefit from mass transit.

Scott Koester, 710 Everett Drive, Stillwater – Mr. Koester stated he paid the most ever for gas in his life, and this is only the beginning. Now, you're talking about raising more taxes, sales taxes. He urged the Board to vote no.

Dave Van Hattum, Minneapolis – Mr. Van Hattum stated he works for an organization called Transit for Livable Communities and they strongly support this investment. The metropolitan area is thought of as a region. He stated that two thirds of the Washington County citizens commute to a job in either Ramsey or Hennepin County. He stated there is plan, it's on the Met Council web site and it includes many corridors in

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the east metro. He submits that this is a great time to make the investment and that transit is a great investment. There will be one million additional residents coming into the metropolitan region. The alternative is that the economy doesn't grow. The way to make it grow is to invest in the movement of goods both in roads and in transit. Those alternatives are needed throughout the region. He feels this is a good investment for individuals, it does reduce congestion. He strongly encourages the Board to make this investment.

John Ames, 9799 51<sup>st</sup> Street North, Lake Elmo – Mr. Ames stated that in the eight years he has lived here there has been very little expansion of the road network. He has seen how the Met Council considers the opinions of Washington County residents. As a resident of Lake Elmo, they don't always actively consider their opinions carefully. What he has seen is that when roads are built and expanded, such as the Wakota Bridge, it is half done. That has made a dramatic difference in his commute. There is one operative train line right now and that has increased his carbon footprint because it runs at grade level and increases his time that he sits idling in his SUV admitting pollutants into the atmosphere. He asked the Board to consider these opinions carefully.

Ron Goette, 1620 Olene Court, West Lakeland Township – Mr. Goette stated there have been a lot of good comments in support of and against. He feels two things are clear; first of all those who support it have a dream and a vision; and, there are the haves and have nots. In his opinion it is not acceptable to impose taxes when only half the citizens can afford it. He asked the Board to consider if the citizens of Washington County can afford it, and is it fair to impose that tax.

Duane Ellerson, 1168 Guthrie Avenue North, Oakdale – Mr. Ellerson stated he is against this tax. He remembers street cars and they took them out for one reason, they weren't versatile enough. Then they went to buses. Now, buses are not good, and they have to get back to light rail. He believes this is foolishness. He is totally against this.

Larry Becking, 6300 Keats Avenue North, Grant – Mr. Becking stated that more taxes in a depressed economy is just not the answer. If the Board wants to do what the people are sensitive to put a survey on the ballot in the fall and see what the majority of people want and that's what you should go with. If he wanted mass transit he would have moved to the inner-city. They moved out to Washington County because of the rural character. This tax will deteriorate this wonderful community and does not believe it will add to it. If rapid transit comes, then so comes cluster housing, then crime and the character of Washington County will deteriorate. He asked the Board to vote no for this tax.

Rob Lehrke, 8186 Hemingway, Cottage Grove – Mr. Lehrke stated there is a problem with businesses leaving Minnesota because of the high tax structure now, what will this do for us? The right to tax is the right to destroy, let's be aware of that and think about that and what we are doing to the State of Minnesota.

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Eugene Huerstel, 10234 204 Street North, Forest Lake – Mr. Huerstel asked for help. He just got his tax statement today and his evaluation went up \$65,000. Last year the State of Minnesota voted to help out on the transportation bill, he didn't vote for it, and now there is another one. He asked when is this going to be through—guess what, it's not going to be through because we need all these roads. He does not believe that Washington County will lose all the money because it doesn't vote for it. The budget in Forest Lake has doubled in the last six years, or more. They have seven roundabouts proposed. He asked that the Board vote no.

Bob Burrichter, 2654 Gershwin Avenue North, Oakdale – Mr. Burrichter stated he was going to come in here today and be real sarcastic because today is April Fool's day. He got his real estate taxes in the mail, and the state legislature raised the tax on gas by 2 cents a gallon today. He feels it is unbelievable how everybody in this day and age just wants to have more and more tax money to spend. The people who seem to speak in favor of this issue come from a certain category. They are the kind of people who are out there trying to save their jobs. He feels there are people trying to tell them how to live their lives, trying to shove certain things down our throats, who wants this mass transit.

David Waletzko, 2440 Grenadier Avenue, Oakdale – Mr. Waletzko stated he does not like it. Let's vote no and get out of here.

Marc Drummond, 3426 F. Cherry Lane, Woodbury – Mr. Drummond stated he is in favor of this. He drives an hour back and forth each day. His wife works in downtown and she is able to take the bus to and from work each day, or he drops her off at the light rail station. He feels that works well. He wished that he could have the chance to do that. He thinks there are a lot of people that live in Washington County that don't necessarily work in Washington County and whether or not all the transit money were to go to Washington County, it's going to make a difference because we all live in the metro area. Whether or not the Board votes yes or no, there will be transit needs for this community. He thinks it is important to have some ability to be at the table.

Luke Michaud, 1914 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi – Mr. Michaud stated that in 2005 he was told the tax increase he was going to see was no more than a cup of Starbuck's Coffee. He thinks it should be his choice to buy that Starbuck's cup of coffee not that of the taxing body to take it away from me. In 2006 the tax that was put in last year, most of the legislature said it's nothing more than the cost of a gumball. He stated this is his choice to buy that gumball. Today there was a 2 cent gas increase and it's going to go to 8 cents. For the first time it cost him \$100 to fill up his pickup truck. He asked if the Board couldn't say to the State, enough is enough.

The Board took a short recess.

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The County Board reconvened.

The Board Chair asked for further comments; none were heard.

Commissioner Peterson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Hegberg thanked everyone for coming. He feels the County Board has had an open process. The citizens have come and the Board has listened. He appreciates all the e-mails and phone calls he has gotten, although he was not able to answer all of them.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he has looked at this issue very closely. He feels this is one of the most significant votes he will take since being on the County Board for ten years. He believes that the citizens in Minnesota are over taxed. A week ago the U.S. Census Bureau came out with new numbers that list Minnesotans paying the fourth highest per capita taxes to their state in the nation. He will be voting against this action. He felt if all the tax money taken in Washington County were to be utilized entirely in Washington County he might even entertain the idea of voting for it, maybe. But when you read the fine print and the details, he feels this is a bad deal for people who live in Washington County. Residents living in Ramsey and Hennepin Counties who believe in a macro-regional approach and are happy with their money being spent by other counties, then they should support this. He respectfully disagrees.

Commissioner Pulkrabek made the following points: 1) Washington County gets 7 votes out of 100 on the Joint Powers Board. Hennepin and Ramsey Counties combined get 65. The Met Council gets 5 votes. That's 70 votes out of 100 for the three entities. 2) Part of the first \$31 million that will be put into this pot goes to the Met Council to bail them out. 3) The State of Minnesota has their hand in this also. Not only the first \$31 million goes to the Met Council, but then in perpetuity 1 to 2% of every dollar that goes in, goes to the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue to help collect the tax. 4) Some people have asked about putting this on a referendum. The State Legislature said that the seven metro counties have to vote on this, the rural counties can put it on a referendum if they choose to do so. 5) Approximately \$5 million will be collected from Washington County with a guarantee that it will only get \$1 million back. He added that the guarantee of \$1 million is only for the first three years. After that there is no guarantee of getting any money. 6) He thinks the most important thing is the Met Council transportation plan. Not only will Hennepin, Ramsey and the Met Council have 70 votes out of 100, but the plan has already been written and they are bound by it, according to the documentation. The Met Council transportation plan states there will be no light rail and no commuter rail in Washington County until at least 2030. The best Washington County can hope for is to get two or three express bus routes which cost, according to county staff, about \$600,000 a piece. Even if the county got three of them, that's not even \$2 million. 7) It was not mentioned, although it's peanuts compared to the money being talked about, the county will have to put \$50,000 up front to get into the agreement. It was also not mentioned that this Joint Powers Board will then have the

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jurisdiction to start what he would call a mini-Met Council, another layer of government that is unaccountable to the people. He asked if Hennepin, Ramsey and the Met Council are the ones with 70 votes out of 100 how long will it be before they hire an executive director, an attorney, administrative staff, and lobbyists to get more money? He guesses it won't even be until the end of this year before another layer of unaccountable government is set up. 8) One thing that was pointed out, if Washington County gets into this there might be some new faces on the Board before the end of this year. But once you get into this organization it is three years before you can get out, three years notice. The taxpayers are on the hook for any loans or bonds that are taken out while any County Board member is sitting on that Joint Powers Board. 9) A couple of Forest Lake City Councilmembers indicated that about 300 cars a day park at the transit center and use the bus. He pointed out that county staff researched and less than half of the people who take the Forest Lake bus route are Washington County residents. Most of them come from Chisago County and Wisconsin. 10) A competitive disadvantage touched on briefly. Wisconsin has a 5.5% sales tax, the metro areas will be 6.75%. He asked if that won't determine the shopping habits of Minnesotans and Wisconites when they go to buy big ticket items? He believes it would. 11) This is not a zero sum gain. If Washington County does not vote for this, it's not like Ramsey and Hennepin and other counties get all the money and Washington County is out the door. Washington County will get \$57 million more dollars over the next 10 years for transportation that this Board and staff can decide how that is spent for roads and bridges within Washington County. 12) It was mentioned that Washington County will have a seat at the table. With only 7 votes out of 100 he feels those votes will not count for much. 13) Another argument raised is that this will relieve pressure on property taxes. The argument is that if this passes, county property taxes will be lessened. He asked how many people are buying that bill of goods. If that's true, he asked the Commissioners who are planning on supporting this, Commissioner Stafford, Commissioner Hegberg, and Commissioner Peterson, can he have a guarantee that they will support no increase in the counties levy, on people's property taxes for 2009? He has already made that commitment and so has Commissioner Kriesel. He has a suspicion that these three Commissioners will vote for an increase in the fall. 14) He has heard that this is a regressive tax. It hits people with lower incomes, the working poor, more than people with money because they will pay a higher percentage of their personal income in sales tax. He has heard from some Board members here how much empathy they have for people on fixed incomes, the disenfranchised, the down trodden—he asked where is their empathy now, because they are going to take it more in their pocketbooks than anybody else. 15) He noted that Scott and Carver Counties opted out and maybe they will look at it down the road. His predication is that two years from now the Washington County Board will be sitting here, at least he will, and they'll be asking themselves what have they gotten from the \$10 million the county has put in. He's guessing the answer will be absolutely nothing. No light rail and no commuter rail, there will be a feasibility study in the works, but nothing else.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he believes the Board should hold off on this vote until they see the updated transportation plan from the Met Council with new numbers, new projects, is Washington County even in the mix. He is prepared to vote this thing down right now. He wants to know from the other Commissioners who are planning on voting for this, he wants to know what the people from Washington County, the people

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sitting in this room reasonably expect to get in say in the next two to five years for the \$5 million a year they are going to put into this thing. He would like those Commissioners to answer that one question. He also asked that the media put in the article who voted against the sales tax. He thinks if this vote passes, this is perhaps the single most fiscally irresponsible decision this Board has made since he has been on it for 10 years. Commissioner Pulkrabek indicated that he has received 216 e-mails asking the Board to vote no on this. He received 29 telling him to vote yes.

Commissioner Peterson thanked the folks who have called to express their concern about this issue. She has received 330 e-mails and phone calls both pro and con. She reminded the audience that is maybe a little over 1/10 of 1% of the county residents. Some of those calls and e-mails have not been from residents of Washington County. She also stated that she has worked on this transportation bill for the last five years. The transportation bill was put together by citizens who are local city and county officials, county and city engineers, people involved in the industry, and community organizations. They looked at what were the real needs of the transportation system, not only roads and bridges, but what is needed to be a viable community as the metropolitan area for the future. In 2006, \$1.6 billion a year was needed to invest for 10 years. The bill that was passed is a compromise bill. It does not come close to addressing the needs. That's the real issue. It was also determined that one solution was not the answer. The gas tax fund is going down, people are not consuming as many gallons of gas as in the past. They also had to look at the tab fees. When the tab fees were reduced during the Ventura Administration, that was a huge loss in transportation funding. The other issue is that the gas tax had not been raised since 1988. That dollar amount, that 20 cents that was passed in 1988 is now worth 12 cents. She feels it was high time that some of these needs were addressed. The group that studied the transportation bill looked at a 1/2 cent sales tax, with 1/8 going for transit, 1/8 going to projects of major significance, and 1/4 going for projects of major significance within each county. They weren't pleased they just got 1/4 percent sales tax for transit. She indicated that the dollars that her colleagues are so pleased about we have because the legislature gave the counties extra dollars out of a different pot of funds, and those dollars could go away.

(A person from the audience stood and spoke – The legislature didn't give the Board any money, they took it from us.)

The Board Chair stated that the public hearing was closed and asked the gentleman to sit down.

Commissioner Peterson stated the Washington County citizens are going to pay that sales tax whether they pay it here in Washington County, or shop in Dakota County which passed it today, Hennepin County which passed it today, Anoka County which passed it on March 25, and Ramsey County. Washington County citizens purchase products where they work. 66% of Washington County residents work in Ramsey, Hennepin and Dakota Counties. She feels the transit improvements that will be made in those counties will alleviate some of the congestion and save Washington County citizens gas money and it will help the environment by not having the cars sit stationary on county roads. This is not a bill that has been put in

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place in the back room, in the dark of night by the legislature. This bill was carefully thought out by citizens throughout the State of Minnesota and it was put together by rural and metro representatives of government. The county does have transitways in the plan, Red Rock, Rush Line, the I-94 corridor and Highway 36. The county does have a choice, it decides whether to pay for transit off of the property taxes or use this ¼ cent sales tax to start building a system and uniting the metro region together. Commissioner Peterson stated she appreciates the comments she has heard, and she has carefully thought them out, and she respectfully disagrees with those who are against the ¼ cent sales tax. She stated she hopes they respectfully agree with her that she has carefully thought out the process. She indicated that she has participated in 12 hours of putting together a Joint Powers Agreement; it was a long arduous process. Safeguards have been placed in there: three counties must be in agreement, it cannot be passed by Hennepin and Ramsey Counties; and the super, super majority is a higher number and it has to be put together by at least three counties. She believes that as she looks at the future, as she looks at what is needed in the region, we need to invest in transportation that includes, roads, bridges, buses, trains, planes and an investment in the river. The 2030 Transportation Plan that was brought to the County Board is fiscally constrained based on the 2020 Comp Plans. She feels that Met Council put the cart before the horse, that they should have waited until the 2030 Comp Plans were done because she believes there will be changes in settlement patterns. She also believes that the transit plan should be based on current funding revenue and should be based on the Comp Plan of 2030.

Commissioner Kriesel commended the citizens who spoke tonight. They showed him that the citizens often have a better grasp than elected officials. He stated that one thing he is concerned about when talking about change, is the change that is left in the citizens pocket. He feels it is very important to recognize tonight that the option of joining this joint powers group doesn't expire until October 2, 2008. There is adequate time to do homework on this. He feels this was put on a fast track and staff did an outstanding job trying to seek answers that just are not available at this time. This Board needs to do its homework before committing citizens hard earned tax dollars that has enormous risk and little benefit. He believes a yes vote at this time goes contrary to the scrutiny of this issue that citizens not only expect but they deserve.

Commissioner Kriesel indicated that in his discussions with the Met Council he was advised that they will have completed the study in 2009 that will provide a lot of the answers to questions that he is seeking. Such as, what is the projected or estimated capital cost and operating expense that will occur when the system is built out as defined by the 2030 plan. Currently the tax is ¼ percent, \$100 million of revenue is generated, at some point the cost of paying off those bonds and the operating costs will force the tax to be raised in five to ten years, because there is no way ¼ percent is going to fund a \$3 billion 2030 plan. He asked about the I-94 corridor and was told that it would be very costly to bring rail to Woodbury, possibly hundreds of millions, and that the most likely outcome would be express bus service that will utilize existing roadways. The only benefit he could gather was that buses would be allowed to use the shoulders when traffic congestion is encountered. He feels that is third world technology, the ability to move buses on to shoulders that possibly should be used for emergency purposes. He also asked about the transit service that is

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currently supplied to Woodbury, Stillwater and Cottage Grove. It was their opinion that these services would remain. He would hope so because they are currently being taxed by the Met Council taxing district. He asked if they are fulfilling Washington County citizen's needs, and could improvements be made on the current services. What is being accomplished if those services are already being met and we are paying taxes for them, what are we doing here?

Commissioner Kriesel stated another concern that stays under the radar is the 10% local match that is required up front on any local project. He asked how the county will find \$30 million local match that would be required on a \$300 million rail project, and that's probably under estimating the costs. Where will the county get it, the property taxes. He stated that what no one knows at this point is what the county will have contributed through the local match at the conclusion of the 2030 plan. He doesn't have a clue as to what they are entering into. A lot has been said about when citizens from Chisago County and Wisconsin come over to our areas they're going to pay sales tax here and Washington County citizens will go over to Hennepin County and pay sales tax anyway. The 39% of the Chisago County residents that are currently using the bus system up in Forest Lake, Washington County is subsidizing them. They might buy a latte at the coffee shop that will be near the hub, but they are not going to have to pay the 10% local match that Washington County citizens will. If the county wants to be at a table, the table they should be at is the non-participating counties like Chisago County and St. Croix County. Transit lines will be built that will reach out to the borders and Washington County will be subsidizing them. Cars will be off the freeways which might reduce congestion along I-94, but at Washington County's subsidized costs. The district he represents has 11 local governments. He would like to hear their opinions. The 11 governments that he represents are working on their Comp Plans and need to be heard on this. He feels if the county has until October to make a decision there is no reason that they cannot wait. There's a lot of discussion that the county has to be at the table. The table they are putting him at is like entering a game of Texas Hold'em, he's holding a pair of deuces, he's looking at a pair of aces and he's hoping he draws a third deuce. He asked what are the true consequences of not joining at this time; he could find absolutely no significant consequence. The same rules apply now that they would encounter in waiting. He believes they shouldn't even be considering this until they go through the budget. Will they be looking at a significant tax increase to maintain the current services, or worse yet, start laying off people and cutting programs. This argument about a seat at the table—you have to ask yourself why would the Joint Powers construct their by-laws to exclude or discourage future participation of Scott, Carver and Washington Counties. The very economic engine that is being built down there creates and brings great benefit to them, all trains lead to them. He fully expects that whenever the county joins this whether it's tonight, July, October, or next year, they will welcome the county with open arms. Forty-nine percent of the daily ridership in Forest Lake that they like to brag about is successful do not reside in Washington County. There are 300 riders that use that service. Washington County is providing rides to 150 Washington County citizens at a cost of \$1.1 million. If he was one of those riders, and somebody offered him half of that subsidized cost and offered \$4,500 he would probably car pool and save everybody a whole lot of problems. He stated that in a few years it may be determined by

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Hennepin, Ramsey and Anoka Counties that a sales tax increase is necessary. How can Washington County opt out of that increase. He believes one thing is certain that the sales tax will increase whether Washington County agrees to it or not. If they determine that they need more funding they have to go to  $\frac{1}{4}$ , to  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1, Washington County has to take it. Once they opt in it will be virtually impossible to get out. Washington County will be responsible for 5% of the amount of operating expense of the entire Metro Joint Powers systems that are built during the county's membership. If the county opts out in three years and they bonded for \$500 million, the county would be responsible for 5% and it would have to pay that off. So he believes that sales tax will continue to pay it off. Commissioner Kriesel stated it is his understanding that not just the capital bonding debt, but any operating expense that is acquired during the county's membership, that goes on forever, we have to negotiate our way out of that. He asked if that is correct.

Commissioner Peterson stated that once the county gives its notice they are done.

Commissioner Kriesel stated maybe he is wrong, he hopes he is. But he is not certain and is not sure if anybody is certain. If there's anything that he knows about this is that most people do not know enough. He believes that businesses as well as citizens fear the impact of this tax. Wisconsin has 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ % and Washington County will be up to 6  $\frac{3}{4}$ %. He is concerned about the businesses in the district he represents. Downtown Stillwater is an example. They are suffering right now because of a poor economy. The property values go up, so their taxes go up. What's important to note is that the county administers State policy when it comes to property tax valuations. Those downtown businesses are hurting, and they don't need any other disincentives for people to come to downtown Stillwater or Oak Park Heights or anyplace else in his district to shop. You'll hear it said that there never is a good time to raise taxes. During a recession is the absolute worst time to raise taxes. There are a lot of citizens who are worried about staying employed. The mortgage foreclosures in Washington County doubled last year. What little discretionary money senior citizens have will be impacted by this. It might only be pennies, but sometimes that's the difference between them being able to afford medication and food. There are a lot of folks out there hurting. He believes that Hennepin and Ramsey will have huge economic development. The sales tax impact to Washington County—there is a \$54 million courts and government center expansion and the county has to pay sales tax on that. He feels this is ironic because the county has to pay \$1 million to the state in sales tax on materials the county is building to house the state's employees. The county is mandated to provide the facilities for state employees, and will have to pay the State \$1 million because they wouldn't waive it. He stated he would love to go out his back door, hop on a train and end up in Minneapolis. That's a worthy goal, but you have to live within your means. He believes you have to listen to the people and you have to recognize that one size doesn't fit all. Rail might be good thing for Stillwater, but he doesn't know if somebody living up in Marine that will have a whole lot of benefit. He believes that transit never eliminates congestion, it just manages it. People will still get in their cars and drive to where they are catching the transit. His hopes people will not consider his vote tonight a vote against transit, it's a vote to spend time and get the answers the Board needs to make a reasonable judgment on this.

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Commissioner Stafford stated he has been with the county since 1975 and he believes that this meeting is not as contentious as the first Truth-in-Taxation hearing. He believes there has been a reasonable balance of input, even though it is obvious the people against this are in the majority here tonight. He appreciated the participation, but did not appreciate the fact that the Chairman asked the audience two or three times to keep its applause to itself. When Commissioner Pulkrabek tells you the county will get \$59 million from the State over ten years whether the county votes for this or not, that works out to \$5.9 million a year. If you look at construction statistics that the engineers put out, that yearly amount will finance one mile of four-lane highway. So, don't get too excited about the \$59 million, it doesn't amount to much when you talk about three, four or five hundred million dollars to build a bridge. The thing he is most disappointed about with Commissioner Pulkrabek is that he took this Board to task for this issue and tax tendencies without pointing out the fact that this group collectively for the last nine years has been instrumental in keeping Washington County with the lowest property tax rate in the State of Minnesota.

Commissioner Stafford stated that Mr. Dame asked for his reasons for supporting this. If Mr. Dame sends him a request for this in e-mail he will send them to him. He has made a list of pluses and minuses and has agonized over this for the three weeks they have been kicking it around. Over the weekend he started formulating an opinion, but felt he needed tonight to keep his mind open because something new might come up. It didn't, but he thought there's always a chance that a new twist would be thrown at him. He finally put something in type that seemed to resemble where his heart was. For the people that know him, he has never counted votes except at this table, when it comes to doing the right thing. He tries to gather all the information he can and do what he thinks is best for the county. He quickly went through the feedback he got from phone calls and e-mails and explained his reasons for voting for this proposal.

Commissioner Stafford listed the following concerns he has received: 1) "I'm against light rail"—His answer is that this plan reaches way beyond light rail. It is not just the Hiawatha, it includes buses, commuter rail, high speed rail, and other forms of transit as well. A complaint that the Board has to front end 10% of a project if it was built in Washington County, you have to ask yourself where did the other 90% come from. It comes from other counties that are going to be paying for the project that don't like participating in Washington County anymore than his colleagues like participating with Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. The opt out clause was not put in to be detrimental to Washington County, the opt out clause is in there to protect us against Hennepin County. Because when Hennepin finishes Hiawatha, North Star and Central Corridor, and they are collecting 55% of the tax in the Twin Cities, if they opt out Washington County has been had. This rule was put in there to say that if a county pulled out they would still be obligated for the bonds that were approved when they held a seat at the table. That means Hennepin, Ramsey or any other big county that gets what they want and then wants to quit cannot. 2) "I'm against all forms of public transportation. I have my own a car, why should I pay to finance somebody else's bus ride"—His answer is that there needs to be many forms of transit in order to have a viable society. There may be a better way to finance these systems, but nobody in the United States has found it. With our addiction to gasoline, which is headed towards \$3.50 a gallon, and increasing gridlock on the roadways, it

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is time to find a better system. 3) "Only counties and residents of counties that approve the tax will pay the tax"—He believes this is absolutely false. Counties do not pay the tax except on items the county purchases. Citizens pay the tax and it does not matter where you live. If you shop or eat out in Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka or Dakota County, you will pay the tax. 4) "There is not much short term benefit to Washington County"—This is true. Mass transit initiatives will not have much immediate impact on this area, but in the long run projects like Red Rock, Rush Line, Highway 36 express routes and the I-94 corridor will be the focus of attention. If they ever get around to building the Stillwater Bridge it will be done with a lot of federal dollars, even though it is hardly a benefit to Nebraska, Nevada, or Nantucket. He stated that Washington County is not an island, it is part of a metropolitan community and must share in the development of the regional infrastructure. Commissioner Stafford stated that in this country a power plant has not been built or an oil refinery in 30 years. The Japanese have taken away our automobile market, and America's auto manufactures have less than 50% of the production and some of it is made in America with European or Asian auto parts. This country's power supply right now, a great deal of it in Minnesota, is coming from Canadian hydro power. So we are now addicted to Canadian power, Arabian oil, and Asian automobiles. He believes this country needs to get a little bit of self-sustaining enterprise or we'll become a third world nation. 5) "This agreement is slanted towards the big counties"—He stated this is also true. The Joint Powers Agreement has its flaws. However, the inequities in the organizational structure cannot be corrected from the sidelines. The county needs to be part of the system in order to change it. He would advocate to this Board that when it puts the two seats on the Board that one be from a Commissioner who supported the plan and one that opposes the plan. 6) "This is a bad time to raise taxes"—This is also true. He has been with Washington County for over 30 years and he cannot remember a time when anybody stood up and said this is a good time to raise taxes. He stated this is a sales tax, citizens have options to decide what to buy. Essential items such as food and clothing are exempt. Unlike the income tax or property tax where there is no choice, with a sales tax you make the decision of what, when and where to buy. This also gives those in Wisconsin who work here, earn their money here and shop here a chance to share in the cost of our transportation burden. 7) "This is not about the tax, it's the principle of it all"—He understands that. He is aware of the position that many people have on "no new taxes" and government's seemingly never ending thirst for citizen's dollars. The most onerous tax of all is the property tax. Under this program, property taxes cannot be used for operating expenses. This shifts the burden from property owners to all residents. 8) "So what is your position"—He has always tried hard to think of the county first. He is also here as a representative of District 5, the City of Woodbury, the Chamber of Commerce, the League of women Voters and others. He believes most of the citizens in his district support this very nominal tax. He believes the region needs mass transit. With this  $\frac{1}{4}$  % sales tax everyone will pay for the system and the passengers pay to use the system. This sales tax on \$50 is about 12 cents. Gasoline prices sometimes fluctuate that much per gallon in a day. Public transportation needs public support.

Commissioner Hegberg stated this is the most difficult vote he has had since the jail was built and arguments were had over whether to build and the size. He supported building that jail. After that elections came and

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some Board members were not left on the Board and he expects that will probably happen this time. When he looks at the issue, what does he get out of the situation. Looking at the larger picture is it provides choices. Today we are captured by oil. There are no choices. He feels we are financing our own war in Iraq. He is very disappointed that is the way our society is. There's nothing that can be done about that unless we find different ways for our transit systems to work or ways to get people to work. He invested years ago in fuel cells that was suppose to be the answer. He made some good money, the stock went up, but no product. He sold. The stock today is \$2, \$3, or \$4 some of them are bankrupt. We look at technology to solve our problems but nothing has been developed yet. In the mean time this country is a hostage. It would be very easy for this nation to become totally frozen up by the lack of gasoline. All we have to do is have refineries blown up. There are no choices. We have to, as a nation, say we need choices so we don't become captive to our own enemies. There are environmental reasons some people laugh at it. He doesn't believe that man is causing global warming, but he does know that we've been coming out of the ice age since the ice age. If he takes an ice cube and puts it in his glass of vodka as it gets smaller it melts faster. There are issues on the environment and we need to look at it to see what can be done to deal with it. The buses today can be made to run on electricity. In California that is not uncommon. A lot run on natural gas, biodiesel, and E-85. They are all made outside of the United States. We talked about the value of the Canadian dollar versus America. We are totally dependent on a lot of Canadian dollars and that's the reason the value of their dollar has gone from 60 cents American to over a \$1 American today. How much further can we go. Are we going to continue to let the dollar slip by because we are buying oil and energy from other nations because we won't take and face the problems that we need to deal with. Electricity is just one of them. We are dependent on Canadian hydro because we don't face the issue. He has been for nuclear power for years and he still is because we have to look at different sources. The value of a dollar will keep decreasing and those individuals can continue to buy us out. Sales taxes are paid on non-essentials. The people who shop here will pay for and use the transit system because they will pay the tax. Those people who travel and use the Forest Lake Transit Center out of Washington County they probably shop at Wal-Mart, Target and the stores that are in that community. Those are the nearest stores all the way to North Branch and further up. If it's a real estate tax, Washington County citizens pay it. Chisago County won't pay any of it. Washington County real estate taxes are one of the lowest compared to Chisago County. He believes that Washington County has had an excellent management system and the Board has looked to staff as well as the Board members to guide and direct them so we do maintain our standards and get efficiencies out of our dollars. On Page 1, Whereas No. 5 of the Joint Powers Agreement says "Whereas, the Counties intend that the Board, as defined below, shall endeavor to award grants to promote geographic equity over time with respect to investments in transitways to implement the Counties' regional vision". He believes if Washington County is not at the table right away, they aren't going to look and say, let's look at the systems in Washington County. Most of Ramsey County's systems come into Washington County. Ramsey County has a vested interest in us protecting their transitways going into Washington County and making them work. If Washington County joins now they will become part of the by-laws committee which will help define transitways and we will be part of the planning process. We will not have that if we aren't at the table. He stated Washington County can back out of the process. Especially in the first two or three years

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because we haven't funded any bonding debt. The North Star, Central it's already funded mostly through the bonding bill. Those bonds are already provided for by the State of Minnesota. The next transit systems will be determined by us as a group. Us as a group are all elected officials from counties and cities on the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee. It will not be like the Met Council. That's what they insisted on when they looked at the transportation bill and looked at the options they had. We didn't want to become part of the Met Council because we wanted to have some voice in our decisions. Transit opens the road for businesses. Some of the trucking industry was on the Transportation Advisory Board in the early years. A Warroad Minnesota trucking firm was talking about moving their windows down to Chicago and they had to come through Minneapolis to do that. Their trucks got to the northern part of the cities from Warroad faster than it took to get through the cities and head to Chicago. He was having his trucks leave at 6:00 at night so they would hit Minneapolis/St. Paul at midnight. Having semis sitting and idling on the congestion of the freeways is not what we want. We have to figure out a way to avoid that. Transit maybe isn't the answer, but building freeways is going to be so expensive to add lanes to I-94, 694 where they have to condemn and take out blocks of housing. Now the new method of condemnation takes much longer. A little bit of road on the 7, 8 & 9 study is talking about two or three houses and the people don't want to give up their homes. What do you think it would be like to add lanes to the freeway system into the metro area. He is not sure if Washington County will get its share. But if he's at the table he will argue for our share and all of us sitting at this table will. If we are not at the table you can bet Dakota, Anoka, and Hennepin County will probably have the votes to make sure the transitways go to the west as has been happening for a number of years. Transit is currently paid by real estate taxes as well as the roads. Roads are paid 75% by real estate. Why is that—when the developer builds a home he has to put in the roads. Today the county requires the developer to put in stop lights, put in turn lanes into the developments, if we can. But we don't have control of the accesses to the county roads. That is a city issue and they have worked with the county to recognize that if these people want stop lights there is a waiting list of 44 that the developers aren't paying for which will take six years if we used all of the \$5 million per year to put in the stop lights. This organization is not the Met Council, it's a joint powers of elected officials. Roads don't solve congestion either. Every time another road is built they find it is filled up very shortly.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he is in banking. The rich don't pay taxes. As he looks at the tax returns, and look at the business and finance them, there are plenty of write-offs. Sales tax they do pay when they buy new trucks and depreciate it off their tax returns. The poor pay taxes, but they don't buy a lot of non-essential items, the rich do. He owns two boats, jet skis all the other play things that he wants. When he buys those things he will pay on the sales tax. The poor don't have those items, he does. The value of homes. When he was in foreclosure in banks in 1970's the value of homes was declining substantially, in half, in the areas of North Branch, Stacy, Wisconsin. Why, because it was a matter of being so far from their job and that's all they could afford. When they looked at a price of the house and where they could afford to buy they compared the prices of gasoline and their cost of transportation to and from work. Transit systems do give opportunities for those people to drive back and forth, or go to Forest Lake, buy a house and come down to the cities. It does create some demand and stabilizes some of the real estate values. If you go

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up to Stacy and further north you only have to look and see what is happening to the values of their homes. That hits all of us in the pocketbook as well as the county. He does support it and when they go to the Joint Powers if Washington County does not get a fair shake you can be assured that he will vote to get out of it. It is an expensive bet, but Washington County should be able to get something out of a system more than what we are paying in now and getting very little. The taxing districts are paying in for transit and Washington County does not have the benefits that are on the west side.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the Declaration to be part of the Metropolitan Transportation Area and authorization to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Counties Transit Improvement Board. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion.

The Board discussed this matter further.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked, as a rebuttal to Commissioner Stafford, if he honestly believes that the majority of people in Woodbury support this sales tax increase? In all due respect, he has got to be kidding. But, the bigger point is he has heard a lot of talk from the three Commissioners that look like they will vote for this about energy policy, oil prices, global warming, dreams, seats at the table. He is still waiting on an answer as far as the question he originally asked. What can the people in this room, and what can the people of Washington County reasonably expect to get for their \$5 million a year in the next two to five years? He has heard a whole lot of nothing so far, other than nebulous smoke and mirrors. He asked that any of the three Commissioners feel free to jump in and answer that question.

Commissioner Stafford said we could do that, but they are supposed to be debating the motion on the table.

Commissioner Pulkrabek thought originally they were going to debate this amongst the Commissioners, now he's told they are not going to debate it. That tells him the Commissioners do not have an answer. His second question is, which he asked before, if they believe in the argument that raising the sales tax will take pressure off the property taxes and not spend as much on transportation, Commissioner Kriesel and he have already made the commitment to not vote for a budget that has any increase in the levy. If the three Commissioners really believe their own argument, will any of them make a commitment to keep the levy at a zero percent increase.

Commissioner Stafford rose to a point of order. He doesn't mind discussing these issues with Commissioner Pulkrabek at great length. There is a motion on the floor and the conversation is supposed to be restricted to that motion. That has nothing to do about whether or not the county joins the joint powers.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he has asked those two questions two times, and he's hearing nothing for the first answer and no commitment as far as not raising taxes.

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Commissioner Hegberg stated that will be discussed at another time, when they go to Commissioner Reports.

Commissioner Pulkrabek requested a roll call vote.

Commissioner Kriesel asked for a clarification. Is the Board saying that they will not have the opportunity to ask anything about what's been said here tonight? He has a real problem with that. He has heard things like a  $\frac{1}{4}\%$  sales tax is insignificant. When he looked at what peer cities staff brought forward, and pointed out that sales tax is not unusual to fund transit, virtually every one of those peer cities have 1% sales tax. This  $\frac{1}{4}\%$  is bait so they can set the hook. There is no way we are going to have any significant benefit before the sales tax is increased. He doesn't buy that for a minute, neither does anybody else that studies this.

Commissioner Hegberg asked for further debate.

Commissioner Kriesel asked if they are going to limit their conversation on the most important thing that anybody on this Board has considered? He welcomes the Boards comments back to what he's said. If he said something they didn't agree with, let him know. He feels compelled that he has to represent the people he represents in his district and speak for them on some of the things that were said here that he disagrees with. There is absolutely no reason this has to be approved tonight and the county would stand a better chance negotiating the benefits that are going to be brought to Washington County. Then a decision can be made to join it. A lot of people are going to view this as a way to get distance between now and the election. He has heard that commissioners in other counties want to vote on this right now, because come November people might have forgotten about it. He believes that's not going to happen. He has heard about Japanese making automobiles, that we lost that market because of whatever. He's told the Board that we are going to lose our market, 3M and the rest of them, they are going to move over to Roberts, Wisconsin. Let's build rapid transit over there, because that's where the citizens are going to be shopping. Congestion on freeways—when did it become a part of his job description that he has to be concerned for congestion on freeways. That's a state and federal problem. He understands that Woodbury and a lot of high density communities feed into that and they have to share in some sort of vision and cooperate to get it done, but this belongs at the state level. The state should be talking with Wisconsin, and if it's going to be transit for Minnesota that has global benefit for all of Minnesota, environmentally and economically, this should not be piecemealed down to counties. He cannot justify it for the citizens that he represents that they have to pay their tax dollars to subsidize residents in Wisconsin or Chisago County. He understands that those people are going to spend money in our county and pay their sales tax. But he'll also tell you if you currently live in Hudson, why in God's name would you want to come to Minnesota and shop. You're going to stay at home and shop in your backyard because you will save  $1\frac{1}{4}\%$  which he believes will rapidly become 2%. Why would you go to Hennepin County where you're going to pay an additional stadium tax. We are building this light rail so billionaires in downtown Minneapolis are guaranteed success with their

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investments. He has nothing but the utmost respect for everyone on this Board. He feels bad how people are going to be viewed that have served this county admirably. He feels bad that this, for whatever reason, is where they stand because that's truly what they feel is in the best interest of the county. It's not often that they ever got crossways on an issue, but this is one of those times. He guarantees that when they walk away from this, they will remain friends, but he is seriously concerned that the public has to know. This does not have to be decided until October 2, 2008. That would give the Board time to adequately look at this and make a qualified judgment at that time. He would rather have that done than people lose an election coming up and then have enough votes to opt out. He asked that the Board do its homework and reconsider this.

Commissioner Hegberg called for the motion as moved by Commissioner Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Stafford to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-045** as follows:

Declaration to be Part of Metropolitan Transportation Area  
and Authorization to enter into Joint Powers Agreement  
Establishing Counties Transit Improvement Board

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature has, by Laws of Minnesota 2008 Chapter 152, Article 4, Section 2, authorized metropolitan counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington to impose a one-quarter percent sales and use tax, and an excise tax of \$20 per motor vehicle purchased or acquired from any person engaged in the business of selling motor vehicles at retail ("Sales Tax"), following the formation of a joint powers board by agreement among the counties; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is committed to the development of a system of transitways to better serve the residents and businesses of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and to efficiently move people and goods throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Sales Tax will be used to enhance and improve the transitway system and not supplant state and regional obligations, as required by Minn. Stat. § 297A.992; and

WHEREAS, Washington County intends that, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 297A.992, subd. 6, the Sales Tax proceeds will be made available for the development and operation of transitways, including rail and bus rapid transit projects serving the residents and businesses of the Metropolitan Transportation Area, as defined by statute; and

WHEREAS, Washington County intends that a Counties Transit Improvement Board shall endeavor to award grants to promote geographic equity over time with respect to investments in transitways to implement the metropolitan counties' regional vision; and

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to collaborate with the other metropolitan counties on the planning, implementation and funding of such transitway improvements through a joint powers board, to be known as the Counties Transit Improvement Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare Washington County to be a part of the metropolitan transportation area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Counties Transit Improvement Board (Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_) in substantially the form on file on the date hereof, with the County Administrator and the Chair authorized to agree to such minor technical modifications as

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may be recommended by the County Attorney, and authorizes its Chair to execute said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves an initial contribution of \$50,000 for the startup administrative expenses of the Counties Transit Improvement Board, subject to reimbursement from Sales Tax revenue.

The motion was adopted 3-2 with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Peterson, Yes; Commissioner Pulkrabek, No; Commissioner Hegberg, Yes; Commissioner Stafford Yes; and Commissioner Kriesel, No.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve a resolution adopting a sales and use tax for the County of Washington. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion.

The Board discussed this motion further

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he is still waiting for an answer to his two questions.

Commissioner Stafford stated his mission on this Board is to continue to help this county maintain the reputation it has of having one of the lowest property tax rates in the State of Minnesota. He sees this as a separate issue and he's willing to keep his commitment to low taxes. He does not have to give up his commitment to public transportation to honor Commissioner Pulkrabek's desire to keep his reputation as the lowest taxed county in the state. He's with him.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he takes that as a no.

Commissioner Stafford said he would support low taxes, he always has and he always will.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he does not support a zero levy, the Board cannot. The Board does not know what it will be looking at in the budget.

Commissioner Kriesel asked if it would be possible to put a condition of approval on this resolution. For example that this Board is willing to approve a ¼% sales tax; however, the Board wants to guarantee that this ¼% sales tax will not be raised until 2020. Is that a possibility?

Commissioners Peterson and Hegberg stated this is the resolution set by the State legislature.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he fears that this ¼% is short term.

Commissioner Hegberg called for the motion as moved by Commissioner Peterson and seconded by Commissioner Stafford to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-046**

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Resolution Adopting a Sales and Use Tax For The  
County Of Washington

The Board of the County of Washington hereby resolves:

Section 1: AUTHORITY.

The Minnesota Legislature has, by Laws of Minnesota 2008 Chapter 152, Article 4, Section 2, authorized the County of Washington to impose a one-quarter percent sales and use tax, and an excise tax of \$20 per motor vehicle purchased or acquired from any person engaged in the business of selling motor vehicles at retail, occurring within the county, to assist in funding transit improvements, including debt service on obligations issued to finance such improvements. The County of Washington approved the Act in accordance with applicable law.

Section 2: DEFINITIONS.

The words, terms and phrases used in this Resolution shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 297A and 297B, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

Subd. 1: Act means Laws of Minnesota 2008 Chapter 152, Article 4, Section 2;

Subd. 2: County means the County of Washington;

Subd. 3: Commissioner means the Commissioner of Revenue for the State of Minnesota acting under the authority of an agreement entered into between the County (or a joint powers board) and the State of Minnesota pursuant to the Act, or such other person or entity designated to administer and collect the Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax, and Excise Tax;

Subd. 4: Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax means the sales and use tax imposed and collected pursuant to this Resolution;

Subd. 5: Resolution means this Resolution in its present form;

Subd. 6: Retailer maintaining a place of business in the County or any like term shall mean any retailer having or maintaining within the County, directly or by a subsidiary or an affiliate, an office, place of distribution, sales or sample room or place, warehouse or other place of business, or having any representative, including an affiliate, agent, sales person, canvasser or solicitor operating in the County under the authority of the Retailer or its subsidiary, for any purpose, including the repairing, selling, delivering, installation, or soliciting of orders for the Retailer's goods or services, or the leasing of tangible personal property located in the County, whether the place of business or agent, representative, affiliate, sales person, canvasser, or solicitor, is located in the County permanently or temporarily, or whether or not the Retailer or subsidiary is authorized to do business within the County.

Section 3: SALES & USE TAX AND EXCISE TAX.

There is hereby imposed an additional sales and use tax in the amount of one-quarter of one percent of the gross receipts from the sales at retail, and the storage, use, distribution or consumption of goods or services which are taxable, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 297A and occur within the County of Washington.

There is hereby imposed an excise tax of \$20 per sale of a motor vehicle at retail within the County of Washington. This excise tax shall be in lieu of the Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax.

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The imposition, administration, collection and enforcement of these taxes shall be governed by the provisions of Minnesota Statute Chapters 297A, 270C, and 289A.

Section 4: SEPARATE STATEMENT: COLLECTION FROM PURCHASER; ADVERTISING NO TAX; MINIMUM UNIFORM TAX COLLECTION METHODS.

The Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax, and Excise Tax, shall be stated and charged separately from the sales price or charge for service insofar as practical, and should be a debt from the purchaser to the seller recoverable at law in the same manner as other debts. In computing the tax to be collected as a result of any transaction, any amount of tax less than one-half of one cent must be disregarded and amounts of tax one-half cent or more must be considered an additional cent.

Section 5: EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES.

A fully completed exemption certificate taken from a purchaser to the effect that the property purchased is for resale or that the sale is otherwise exempt from the application of the tax imposed by this Resolution will conclusively relieve the Retailer from collecting and remitting the tax.

Section 6: PRESUMPTION OF PURPOSE OF SALE.

For the purpose of the proper administration and enforcement of Section 3 of this Resolution, it shall be presumed that all retail sales for delivery in the County are for storage, use, or other consumption in the County until the contrary is established.

Section 7: COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAX AT TIME OF SALE.

Subd. 1: Any retailer making deliveries within the County, any Retailer maintaining a place of business in the County, or any other Retailer otherwise doing business within the County, upon making sales or any items described in Section 3 which are not exempted from the sales tax imposed under that section and which are to be delivered or caused to be delivered within the County to the purchaser, shall at the time of making such sales collect the Sales and Use tax from the purchaser. The tax collected by such retailer shall be remitted to the Commissioner on behalf of the County.

Subd. 2: Any retailer required to collect Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax, and Excise Tax, and remit such tax to the Commissioner pursuant to this section, shall register with the Commissioner and provide such other information as the Commissioner may require.

Section 8: AGENT OF RETAILER.

When in the opinion of the Commissioner it is necessary for the efficient administration of the tax, the Commissioner may regard any salesman, representative, trucker, peddler or canvasser as the agent of the dealer, distributor, supervisor, employer or other person under whom such salesman, representative, trucker, peddler or canvasser operated or from whom the tangible property is being sold is obtained, and may regard the dealer, distributor, supervisor, employer or other person as a Retailer for the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 9: EFFECTIVE DATE, TRANSITIONAL SALES.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax authorized by this Resolution shall apply to sales made on or after July 1, 2008 and shall be in addition to all other taxes now in effect. The Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax shall not apply to the following:

Subd. 1: The gross receipts from the purchase or lease of tangible personal property made under an enforceable contract entered into before July 1, 2008, provided that delivery or possession of items is taken on or before August 1, 2008.

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Subd. 2: The gross receipts from the purchase of taxable services made under an enforceable contract entered into before July 1, 2008 and for which payment was made before July 1, 2008, provided that the services were provided before August 1, 2008.

Subd. 3: The gross receipts from the purchase of construction materials used to complete a lump sum or fixed price construction contract that was signed and enforceable before July 1, 2008 and that does not provide for an allocation of future taxes, provided that the construction materials are used exclusively in performing the contract and the materials are delivered before December 31, 2008.

Subd. 4: The gross receipts from the purchase of utility services if the utility bill includes charges for services furnished before July 1, 2008; however, the Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax shall apply to all utility bills for periods beginning July 1, 2008.

#### Section 10: COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT.

The Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax, and Excise Tax, imposed by the County pursuant to this Resolution shall be subject to the same interests, penalties, and other rules as are applicable to the State general sales and use tax imposed by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 289A and 297A. The Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax, and Excise Tax, imposed by the County pursuant to this Resolution shall be collected by the State on behalf of the County as provided by an appropriate agreement with the Minnesota Commissioner or Revenue.

#### Section 11: TAX CLEARANCE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES.

The County may not issue or renew a license for the conduct of trade or business in the County if the Commissioner notifies the County that the applicant for such license owes delinquent Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax or Excise Tax as provided in this Resolution, or penalties or interest due on such taxes. For the purposes of this Section 11, the following terms have the following meanings: Subd. 1: Metropolitan Transportation Area Sales and Use Tax includes sales and use tax as provided in this Resolution. Penalties and interest are penalties and interest due on taxes included in this definition.

Subd. 2: Delinquent taxes do not include a tax liability if:

- a. an administrative or court action which contests the amount of validity or the liability has been filed or served;
- b. the appeal period to contest tax liability has not expired; or
- c. the applicant has entered into a payment agreement and is current with the payments.

Subd. 3: Applicant means an individual if the license is issued to or in the name of an individual or the corporation, partnership or other entity if the license is issued to or in the name of a corporation, partnership or other entity.

A copy of the notice of delinquent taxes given to the County shall also be sent to the applicant taxpayer. In the case of renewal of a license, if the applicant requests a hearing in writing, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the notice of delinquent taxes, then a contested case hearing shall be held by the Commissioner under the same procedures as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 270C.72 for the State sales and use tax imposed under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 297A, provided that if a hearing must be held on the State sales and use tax, hearings may be combined.

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The motion was adopted 3-2 with a roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Peterson, Yes; Commissioner Pulkrabek, No; Commissioner Hegberg, Yes; Commissioner Stafford, Yes; and Commissioner Kriesel, No.

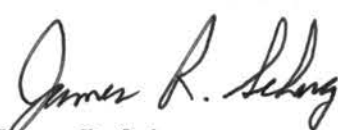
**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

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 9:45 p.m.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:   
James R. Schug  
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**APRIL 8, 2008**

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 Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel, Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Sue Harris, First Assistant County Attorney; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Sr. Planner; Joe Lux, Sr. Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections 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 public; none were heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval to reappoint Jack Lavold, Cottage Grove, to the South Washington Watershed District Board of Managers, to a term expiring May 1, 2011.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-047** as follows:

Proclaim April 7-13, 2008 as Public Health Week in Washington County

WHEREAS, promoting, protecting and preserving health and quality of life for people in Washington County is a major goal of our county; and

WHEREAS, climate change may cause extreme weather events and changes in environmental conditions; and

WHEREAS, local, state and federal governments public health and environment agencies, along with numerous other organizations, now have the opportunity to increase their efforts to educate Americans and the public health workforce about actions to mitigate and adapt to the consequences of climate change; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County, like all communities, must plan in advance to ensure their public health agencies and residents are prepared for and can respond to the health consequences of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Washington County recognize the essential role public health and environment plays in the planning process and in their every day lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2008 as Public Health Week in Washington County, and commend this observation to all our citizens.

3. Approval of comments on the Marine on St. Croix Comprehensive Plan.
4. Approval of Mining Permit for the Washington County gravel pit in May Township.
5. Approval of Cooperative Agreement between Washington County and the City of Woodbury for construction of Radio Drive, CSAH 13, Interstate 94 Ramps, I-94 Frontage Road cost reimbursement and maintenance.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-048** as follows:

Resolution for Agency Agreement for the Advance  
Construction of CSAH 18

SP 82-618-14, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18 from 300 feet north of 7<sup>th</sup> Street South to 700 feet north of Upper 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the cities of Lakeland and Lakeland Shores, Minnesota

WHEREAS, CSAH 18 is under the jurisdiction of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County will use federal aid funds for a portion of the cost to reconstruction CSAH 18 as a two-lane urban highway with center left turn lanes and three roundabouts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the Washington County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement No. 91034", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-049** as follows:

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Resolution Recognizing the Public Safety Operators and Dispatchers  
in Washington County in Honor of National Public Safety  
Telecommunications Week

WHEREAS, the dedicated 911 operators and dispatchers daily serve the citizens of Washington County by answering their phone calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, professional operators and dispatchers work to improve the emergency response capability in the county through their dedication, leadership, training programs and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the critical functions performed by professional operators and dispatchers impact all aspects of public safety and many other operations performed by state, county, and local government agencies; and

WHEREAS, 911 operators and dispatchers are the link between our citizens who call for help and the agencies which provide the help; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 14-18, 2008 has been set aside to recognize 911 operators and dispatchers and the crucial role they play in the protection of life and property for citizens of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week beginning April 14, 2008-April 18, 2008 as Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Washington County and extends its appreciation and thanks to the dedicated Public Safety Telecommunications Personnel for the vital contribution they make to the safety and well being of our citizens and public safety providers.

8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-050** as follows:

Washington County 2008 Farm Family of the Year

WHEREAS, agriculture remains an important part of our national, state and local economy; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has a strong tradition of agriculture, agribusiness and appreciation of the family farm; and

WHEREAS, the Farm Family Award has been presented annually since 1979 to recognize excellence in agriculture and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, these families are not only great farmers, they are people of great character that contribute to our community in many ways; and

WHEREAS, since 1946 the Cahanes family has worked their family farm and raised 6 girls and 2 boys; and

WHEREAS, Jerry and Doug continue on the farm milking 50 cows, raising heifers and steers, growing alfalfa, corn and oats; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, April 4 at the Hugo American Legion, the Louis and Alice Cahanes family and their two sons Doug and Jerry, were named the Farm Family of the Year for 2008.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby commend and congratulate Louis, Alice, Doug and Jerry Cahanes as the Washington County 2008 Farm Family of the Year.

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

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **National County Government Week**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-051** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation Washington County Employees  
National County Government Week  
April 6 – 12, 2008

WHEREAS, county government employees are instrumental to providing services for citizens across the nation; and

WHEREAS, there are 3,066 counties in the United States of America that serve over 303 million citizens as an essential component of local government; and

WHEREAS, Washington County provides services and programs for more than 228,000 citizens, including approximately 60,000 children age 18 and younger; and

WHEREAS, Washington County values its employees who plan, administer, and deliver county services that address the essential needs of the children, families, and adults who reside in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the National County Government Week theme for 2008 is "Protecting Our Children" to recognize county employees and services that help safeguard children in many ways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognize and congratulate all county employees who provide quality public services in a cost-effective manner through innovation, leadership, and the cooperation of dedicated people;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of April 6 – 12, 2008, as "National County Government Week in Washington County."

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

## **Legislative Update**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update. The Governor line-item vetoed several items in the bonding bill including the I-94 transitway study for \$750,000. The board will meet with

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Ramsey County this afternoon to talk about issues of mutual interest and concern. That meeting is scheduled for noon at the Oak Marsh Golf Club in Oakdale. Part of that discussion will include the fact that the bonding money for the Central Corridor light rail line was also eliminated as was the \$2 million for the rehabilitation/restoration of the Union Depot. The county has done well in that no county program aid has been scheduled for reduction in either the Governor's bill or either the Senate or House of Representatives. The House bill does include an additional \$40 million in county program aid starting in 2009 and then indexing that aid starting in 2010.

#### **Commissioner Appointments to the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)**

Commissioner Stafford moved to appoint Commissioner Peterson and Commissioner Hegberg to the Counties Transit Improvement Board. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

#### **Commissioner Appointment to the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee**

Commissioner Peterson move to appoint Commissioner Stafford to the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson noted that Pope County has a new justice center, the Northwest Regional Corrections Center. She indicated it was a nice building and facility. It leaves the counties open to take more short-term offenders as we build these new facilities. She complimented the staff on the Highway 8 at Interstate 35, Regional Significance brochure. She thinks it is outstanding. She asked that this brochure be brought to the joint meeting with Ramsey County. She thought it would be good to share with Chisago and Anoka Counties also.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he attended the May Township meeting where they discussed the 7, 8 and 9 county road projects. He attended the Farm Family of the Year awards last Friday. The Cahanes family was honored. Yesterday he met with Stillwater Mayor Ken Harycki and Representative Julie Bunn, Representative Matt Dean, and Senator Saltzman to discuss the Stillwater Bridge and transportation funding. He will be meeting with Afton Mayor Welter and meeting their new interim Administrator and a citizen resident to discuss Afton's main street initiative.

Commissioner Stafford reported that he and Commissioner Peterson will be video taping the Insight program to discuss the P.L.A.C.E. Program and the number of foreclosures in Washington County.

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Commissioner Peterson reported that she will be attending the Association of Minnesota Counties Joint meeting on Wednesday, April 9 with the school board association, the township association and the League of Minnesota Cities.

Commissioner Hegberg asked the Public Works Director to review the CSAH 8 and I-35 issue in Forest Lake. While they were in Washington D.C. last week, they asked for \$2 million for design funds.

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, presented a brief overview of CSAH 8 and I-35. The biggest concern they have in this area is safety. Seventy-five thousand cars travel this section of the roadway a day and it is projected to go to over 100,000 in ten years. It is in the Minnesota Department of Transportation's top 5% of crashes of all of their roads. Cars traveling at 70 miles an hour only have seven seconds to transverse maybe three lanes. That's about 1/3 the distance that is needed. There are also connectivity issues. There is no way to go north off of CSAH 8 and no way to go east off of I-35. Broadway Avenue is the only road that crosses I-35 in the Forest Lake area. If that bridge goes down for whatever reason there is no way for people to navigate that area without circuitous routes.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that the other issues discussed in Washington D.C. were requests for \$2 million in Red Rock Corridor for park and rides and bus transit, park and rides in the Rush Line Corridor, the I-94 corridor, and \$8 million for high speed rail. They also asked for money for the Stillwater Bridge. He stated that next time they go to Washington D.C. they need to bring a fact sheet on the increase in cost for delaying the construction.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

#### **ATTORNEY-CLIENT CLOSED SESSION WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Commissioner Peterson moved to go into Executive (Closed) Session to discuss property acquisition in Afton for the 800 MHz radio tower site for property located at 15326 Afton Hills Court South, and potential lease of property at 15252 Afton Hills Drive South in the City of Afton. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent; the time being 9:47 a.m. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson, Commander Steve Pott; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Rick Hodsdon, Assistant County Attorney; and Patricia Raddatz, County Board Secretary.

The Board reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

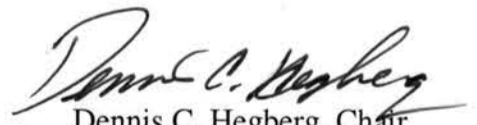
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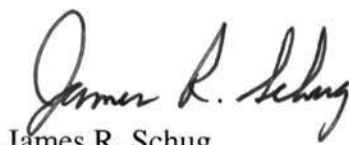
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stafford and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Washington County Household Hazardous Waste and Public Works South Shop Site Master Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Lowell Johnson, Keith Potter, Jeffrey Oertel, Oertel Architects, Nancy Yang, Pioneer Press, and Yvonne Klinnert, Stillwater Courier.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

  
James R. Schug

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**APRIL 15, 2008**

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, Hegberg, Stafford, and Hegberg. Commissioner Peterson absent. Board Chair Hegberg 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; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Michael Welling, Surveyor; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Sr. Planner; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst I; Larry Timmerman, Sr. Planner; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Maggi Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Brent Peterson, 502 West Churchill, Stillwater – Mr. Peterson, Executive Director of the Washington County Historical Society highlighted upcoming events for the Minnesota Sesquicentennial that will be held in Washington County including: Museums will open the first weekend in May with an open house at the Warden House Museum hosted by the Stillwater Business and Professional Women's Club on April 27 from noon to 4:00; on Saturday May 3 they will be hosting the Big Top Chautauqua: Old Minnesota Songs of the North Star; Saturday, on May 10 at the Washington County Historic Courthouse they will be holding the Minnesota Statehood Celebration, and Governor and Mrs. Sibley will attend; at Hay Lake School in Scandia, on Flag day the author Doug Hoverson will talk about his book Land of Amber Waters, the History of Minnesota Breweries and there will be a beer tasting; and, on June 28 and 29 at the Washington County Fairgrounds they will hold their vintage baseball festival with 11 teams participating.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval to appoint Duane Gatzke, Labor Representative, to the Workforce Investment Board to a first term expiring June 30, 2011.
2. Approval to donate one annual vehicle permit to the Washington County Historical Society's Sesquicentennial event to be held on May 10, 2008.

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3. Bids were received for 2008 cracksealant on various county roads as follows:

Bidder	Price to Remove Sealant Materials	Price Per Unit	Total Bid
American Pavement Solutions	\$0.20	\$1.56	\$120,800
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers	\$0.20	\$1.85	\$142,550
Asphalt Surface Technologies	\$0.39	\$2.44	\$190,410

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-052** as follows:

Bid Award for Crackseal Provision and Application on  
County Roads for 2008 to American Pavement Solutions, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road maintenance during 2008 on county roads to fill cracks in highway surfaces, the county solicited bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on April 1, 2008, with American Pavement Solutions, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of American Pavement Solutions, Inc. be accepted and the county enter into a contract with American Pavement Solutions, 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 American Pavement Solutions, 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.

4. Approval of the following documents for jurisdictional transfer of roads and beach within Big Marine Park Reserve: Cooperative agreement between Washington County and May Township; real estate purchase agreement; and, **Resolution No. 2008-053** as follows:

Resolution to Establish County Road in May Township

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Board of Washington County that the roadways hereinafter described should be a designated County Highway under the provisions of Minnesota Law; and

WHEREAS, the roadways described herein are currently township roads under the control and authority of May Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 163.11, subd. 1 Washington County may establish by resolution of the County Board the herein described roadways as county roads; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the creation of the Big Marine Park Reserve, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has determined, after due consultation with the staff of Washington County and representatives of the Township of May, that under the terms and conditions set forth herein the

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public interest would be served by the designation of the hereinafter described roadways as a county road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Washington County that the roadways described as:

All of Lisbon Avenue North as shown and dedicated as First Street on PAULSONS FIRST DIVISION OF LOT 7, according to the recorded plat thereof, Washington County, Minnesota, and

All of Lisbon Avenue North as shown and dedicated as First Street, all of Susan Street and all of Oak Lane as shown and dedicated on OAK LANE, according to the recoded plat thereof, Washington County, Minnesota, and

All of Lisbon Avenue North and Lomond Trail North as shown and dedicated on WRANGHAM ADDITION, according to the recorded plat thereof, Washington County, Minnesota, and

All of Lomond Trail North from its intersection with Manning Trail North, easterly to Big Marine Lake and northerly to its intersection with 177<sup>th</sup> Street North, all in Sections 5 and 6, Township 31 North, Range 20 West, Washington County, Minnesota.

Shall, effective May 1, 2008, be designated and constitute a Washington County Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to the extent authorized and permitted by law Washington County hereby agrees to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Township of May from any liability or claims of liability from this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent authorized and permitted by law Washington County hereby agrees to waive its right to exercise its authority to return to the Town of May the control of and responsibility for the roadways that are subject to this resolution.

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

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-054** as follows:

Resolution in Support of H.R. 5613 and S. 2819  
the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008

WHEREAS, regulations proposed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will alter the administration and financing of the Medicaid program and place severe restrictions on the ability of Washington County to provide essential core safety services to vulnerable populations, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations, by reducing federal payments, would shift the costs of these essential core services to the state and counties, and;

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WHEREAS, the citizens most affected by these regulations often have complex medical, behavioral, and social problems which necessitate critical services, including case management, in order to live successfully in communities and outside of institutional or hospital settings, and;

WHEREAS, with unemployment rising, home foreclosures at a record high, and real wages declining, Washington County is experiencing an increased demand for services for vulnerable citizens and a growing need for resources to assist them; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 5613 and S. 2819, the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008, would place a moratorium until March 2009 on seven Medicaid regulations issued by CMS which would reduce Federal Medicaid funding to States for vital safety net programs and services to vulnerable citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners urges Congress to support H.R. 5613 and S. 2819, delaying the implementation of regulations that will result in less federal funding for essential safety services to abused and neglected children, jeopardize the ability of people with disabilities to live independently in the community, and increase county costs for federal and state mandated programs.

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

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to accept a grant of \$15,000 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to implement the "Accreditation Preparation and Quality Improvement Demonstration Site Project". Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-055** as follows:

##### **Resolution to Acquire Right of Way on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18**

BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County proceed to improve a portion of County State Aid Highway 18 between T.H. 95 (Manning Avenue) and CSAH 21 (St. Croix Trail South) located in Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30, Township 28 North, Range 20 West in the City of Afton as shown on the attached map; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 and if necessary the exercise of eminent domain,

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right of way to establish said highway plus sight corners, permanent slope, drainage and utility easements, and temporary construction easements. Such officers are specifically authorized to take such action and execute such instruments and plats if any be necessary, to acquire said right of way and associated easements.

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

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Update on the Minnesota Anniversary Project (MAP 150)**

Stacy Becker, Citizens League, presented an update on the Minnesota Anniversary Project (MAP 150) that looked at more opportunities to learn from citizens and what they wanted to know about their property taxes. She stated that this project included Ramsey, Morrison, and Washington Counties. Citizens informed them that the main thing they wanted was context: they liked trends over time; a full picture of what they are paying for, moving costs from the state to counties, including what is happening to revenues if those revenues from the state are declining; they like information for bigger outside trends like per capita and inflation adjustments; and some liked comparisons and rankings between jurisdictions, but some did not. They really liked charts that took the full property tax, broke that out by jurisdiction, and showed how much was spent on schools, criminal justice/police, streets/public works, parks and fire. Ms. Becker stated they will be going back to the individuals who participated six months ago and ask them if it has helped them as they went through the last property tax cycle. That survey has not been completed, but she will get it to the Board when it is compiled. They have created a property tax web site, Minnesota Property Tax Facts, [www.propertytaxfacts.mn](http://www.propertytaxfacts.mn) where all this information is provided. This web site has a survey individuals can take and results are immediately available. Another area the citizens needed help in understanding was school referendums and getting accurate information. So they compiled information on school referendums that occurred in 2007 and that information is also available on their web site. Ms. Becker stated that as a result of the school test, they are in the process of developing a simple model that local jurisdictions can use to provide online information. They are also in the process of doing a citizen involvement survey which can be found on [www.citizensleague.org](http://www.citizensleague.org). The Citizens League is considering looking into some policy follow up on the tax system, what it would take for there to be more consistency overtime so taxpayers knew what was coming.

#### **Legislative Update**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update: A key issue the county is watching is the conference committee and activity on the supplemental budget from both the House and the Senate; some of that information will be shared with the Board during the 2009 budget process workshop next week;

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Washington County was a leader in establishing a fee for licensing of corporate foster care and there has been some effort on the part of the corporate foster care lobby to undo that fee; and the proposed legislation that would allow the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District to move into Section 103B which is a metro watershed and allows them to levy for additional administrative fees is included in the Senate Omnibus Tax Bill, but it does not require what Washington County is seeking, that the watershed get County Board approval of their annual budget and their workplan.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he supports watershed district projects instead of studies. He wants to see Comfort Lake-Forest Lake get what they need, but on the other hand he would like to see the County's advocacy. At this point he is thinking that for Washington County, they might need to seek approval to look at all the watershed districts budgets and work plans in the county.

Mr. Schug stated that the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed legislation didn't start out as a county initiative. They just asked for the county's support of the special legislation. In the course of that discussion the County Board said it would support it, but with the condition that the County Boards of Chisago and Washington County would get to review and approve/deny the budget request and work plan. In discussions with other counties and county organizations, some feel there is a lot of merit to that issue because watersheds are appointed boards yet have taxing authority. There wasn't an opportunity to research and promote this statewide or at least metro wide. One thing they could do for the 2009 county legislative package is to take this to the member associations such as MICA and AMC to see if there would be general county wide support for that provision.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he supports everything that Commissioner Hegberg has stated. He would like to see a trend analysis on the watershed districts budgets over the last five years.

Commissioner Hegberg suggested that the County Board maintains its position, it does not agree with the bill, but it will not lobby against it.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the tax cut rally that he and Commissioner Kriesel attended this past Saturday. He also reported that he would not be able to attend the Foster Care dinner this week.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he would be attending the Foster Care recognition dinner.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

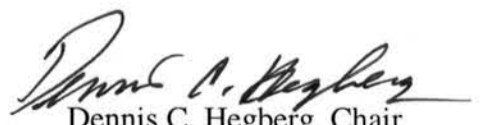
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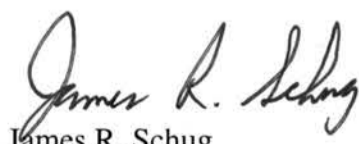
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review the MetroMAP, a commercial and industrial site locator, website functionality. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Larry Timmerman, Amanda Hollis, and Maggi Aitkens.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

  
James R. Schug  
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**APRIL 22, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg 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; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Joe Lux, Sr. Planner; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff, Mike Johnson; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Maggi Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The following individuals addressed the County Board regarding the 7, 8, 9 road project in Hugo, May Township, and Grant: Dr. Phil Gonzales, 13390 Manning Trail North, May Township, presented a petition from residents of May Township supporting the first alternative as presented on March 5, 2008, and replacing CR 8 as it is currently designed; Tom LeMay, 9296 130<sup>th</sup> Street, Hugo, stated the proposed plans are going right through his property and does not believe it's fair; Phil Watkins, 13345 Homestead, Hugo, feels there has been over communication on this issue, he's concerned about the money that has been spent, and would like the road rebuilt in its present footprint; Clyde Wagner, 8650 136<sup>th</sup> Street, North, Hugo, is representing a group from Hugo who support the objectives of the county, but want them to consider the costs involved, and would prefer alternative 1, he presented a handout for the Board that summarizes the environmental impacts, a petition from Hugo residents, and an attorney's opinion on what happens during this processes; Michael McAllister, 13829 Isleton Avenue North, Hugo, agreed with all the remarks made so far and presented a summary of a city and county meeting held in 2003 regarding the CSAH 8/14 project, and asked that the existing roads be fixed and forget the grandiose schemes; and, Gene Anderson, 8272 114<sup>th</sup> Street North, Grant, presented a petition from residents of Grant and letters from homeowners supporting the first alternative as presented on March 5, 2008, and replacing CR 8 as it is currently designed.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, advised the audience that staff from the Public Works Department will meet with interested individuals in the cafeteria to discuss the 7, 8, 9 road project.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval to appoint Alice Smith, Mahtomedi, to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2008.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-056** as follows:

Resolution Approving the 2009 Qualified Allocation Plan  
for Low Income Housing Tax Credits

WHEREAS, Congress has permanently extended the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program by enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993;

WHEREAS, Treasury Regulations (the "Regulations") require allocators of low income housing tax credits, including the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") which allocates such credits on behalf of Washington County (the "County"), to provide procedures to allocate low income housing tax credits and monitor compliance of projects to which it has allocated low income housing tax credits pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined it is necessary and appropriate to modify the Authority's previously adopted Low Income Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has adopted the Plan, as amended, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A following a public hearing regarding the revision of the Plan for which not less than 14 days notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, that the amended Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan previously adopted by the Authority and attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and approved.

3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-057** as follows:

Authorizing Parking Restrictions on CSAH 15  
After Reconstruction

SP 82-615-20, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 from Trunk Highway 36 to 0.25 Mile North of CSAH 12 in Grant, Lake Elmo, Stillwater, and Stillwater Township, Minnesota

WHEREAS, this improvement will reconstruct CSAH 15 as a four-lane divided roadway; and

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WHEREAS, State Aid Standards do not allow parking on four-lane roadways with a speed limit in excess of 45 mph. The current speed limit is 55 mph and is expected to remain the same after reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Washington County staff supports this restriction; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Statute 169.04 (1) allows the county to regulate the standing or parking of vehicles on highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 15 is under the jurisdiction of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the parking of motor vehicles shall be prohibited on both sides of CSAH 15, from Trunk Highway 36 to 0.25 mile north of CSAH 12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Engineer to install and maintain the appropriate signs to delineate this parking restriction.

4. Approval to allow the Parks Director to use up to 20 annual vehicle permits to promote and market the Washington County Parks Division.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

### **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

#### **Washington County Volunteers – National Volunteer Week, April 27 – May 3, 2008**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-058** as follows:

#### Resolution of Appreciation Washington County Volunteers National Volunteer Week April 27 – May 3, 2008

WHEREAS, Washington County citizens are among the millions of people worldwide who work together as volunteers to help other citizens and support local services and communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington County welcomes the participation of its citizens in forming partnerships that improve our community; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners actively involves citizens on county advisory boards, commissions, and committees and depends upon their participation for recommendations and ongoing review of county services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners greatly appreciates the approximately 175 advisory committee volunteers who currently provide their assistance, dedication, and service to the County Board, county departments, and county residents.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many county citizens who contribute their time, talents, and knowledge as volunteers in local government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends all citizen volunteers for their participation and positive contributions to Washington County.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers**

Valerie Jones, Executive Director, and Connie Fredkove, President of the Board of Directors, Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers presented the 2008 Community Involvement Awards as follows:

Outstanding Group Volunteer Award – The Youth United Way of Washington County – East, is a growing and dynamic group of high school aged students who gather to conduct service projects and fundraisers on behalf of local organization's youth programs.

Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award – Aaron Mertens, Stillwater, currently volunteers in the pharmacy at Lakeview Hospital helping with computer work, sorting, and filing inventory. He will be attending North Dakota State University in the fall to pursue a degree in Pre-Pharmacology.

Outstanding Volunteer Award – Michele McAlister, Woodbury, volunteers with Arc Greater Twin Cities as a leader for a parenting network group and with the Children's Mental Health Collaborative in Washington County. She began volunteering with Amnesty International and the Humane Society as a young woman in Belgium. When she moved to the United States 15 years ago, she became involved in a parent support group and advocacy work after her son was diagnosed with Autism.

Lifetime Volunteer Award – Chuck Newman, Stillwater, has been a volunteer at the Washington County Historic Courthouse for the past 15 years and the Trinity Lutheran Church for 18 years. He has had a wide variety of volunteer experiences including his maintenance and electrical support at the Historic Courthouse, work with Habitat for Humanity, Feed My Starving Children, mentoring Eagle Scouts, and working with his church's Helping Hands group.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-059** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers  
National Volunteer Week  
April 27 – May 3, 2008

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WHEREAS, the volunteers of Washington County “Inspire by Example,” by working together to help others and support community projects; and

WHEREAS, volunteer organizations, such as the Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers, provide vital services in Washington County including volunteer coordination, volunteer service programs, and recognition for volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Community Volunteer Service and Senior Center’s 1800 volunteers provided an estimated \$3.25 million in service to community organizations in the St. Croix Valley during 2007 and is honoring volunteers in four categories – Lifetime, Outstanding Adult, Outstanding Youth, and Outstanding Group; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has benefited greatly from the volunteer contribution of Chuck Newman of Stillwater as the Lifetime Volunteer Award honoree for his 15 years of volunteer service with the Historic Courthouse.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many volunteers who contribute their skills, experience, and time for the benefit of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends the Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers and its volunteers for their public service since 1967 and hereby proclaims the week of April 27 – May 3, as “National Volunteer Week in Washington County.”

Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**CSAH 18 Bridge Construction Project Bid Award**

Bids were received for construction of CSAH 18 Bridge as follows:

Bidder	Contract Total Amount (A)	Contract Time/# of Days	Contract Time/ Amount (B)	Project Total Bid (A + B)
CS McCrossan	\$1,431,535.00	110	\$660,000.00	\$2,091,535.00
Edward Kraemer & Sons	\$1,389,860.98	156	\$936,000.00	\$2,325,860.98
Redstone Construction	\$1,669,619.60	128	\$768,000.00	\$2,437,619.60
Graham Penn-Co	\$1,723,322.00	140	\$840,000.00	\$2,563,222.00
SM Hentges & Sons	\$1,562,579.80	170	\$1,020,000.00	\$2,582,579.80

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Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-060** as follows:

Bid Award for CSAH 18 Bridge Reconstruction to  
CS McCrossan

WHEREAS, in order to complete bridge reconstruction, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on April 8, 2008, with CS McCrossan being the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of CS McCrossan be accepted and the county enter into a contract with CS McCrossan under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and CS McCrossan be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**2008 Overlay Projects**

Bids were received for 2008 overlays construction as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tower Asphalt	\$2,531,544.87
Hardrives	\$2,579,640.43
North Valley	\$2,587,763.90
CS McCrossan	\$2,699,059.42

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-061** as follows:

Bid Award for 2008 Bituminous Road Overlays to  
Tower Asphalt

WHEREAS, in order to complete road maintenance construction on county roads, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on April 17, 2008, with Tower Asphalt being the lowest responsible bidder; and

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Tower Asphalt be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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 specifications requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Resolution in Memory of William Sandberg, Mayor, North St. Paul**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-062** as follows:

Resolution in Memory of William (Bill) T. Sandberg,  
Mayor, North St. Paul

WHEREAS, Washington County Commissioners are deeply saddened by the death of North St. Paul Mayor William (Bill) T. Sandberg, who passed away Sunday, April 20, 2008, after a short but courageous battle with leukemia; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg, who appears to have been the longest tenured mayor of any current Minnesota mayor, provided exemplary leadership throughout his eight-term, 30-year tenure as mayor of North St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg successfully shepherded a number of large projects during a period of much growth in the east metropolitan area, including managing the diverse issues of the Highway 36 reconstruction project; initiating the annual North St. Paul Mayor's Prayer Breakfast 26 years ago; founding the Northeast Suburban Transit (NEST); helping to ensure that the site for the new North High remained in North St. Paul; and staying closely involved in the development of Penn Place Town Homes, Oak Hill Condominiums, the North St. Paul Medical Center, and Keindels Korner—all of which significantly increased market values in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board members recognize many of Mayor Sandberg's innovative approaches to leading his community, included hosting such events as "North St. Paul Notes"—a monthly show dedicated to bringing city news and events to residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg had been the president of many organizations, including the Lions Club, Rotary, and Minnesota Funeral Directors Association, among others, while also working as a funeral director; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg led his community with flexibility, humility, and wit; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg's constant presence in the community included everything from participating in numerous city parades and ribbon-cutting ceremonies, to participating in a "live bear wrestling" fundraiser, to continually being available to talk with and listen to the people he so well served; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Sandberg's strong personal skills, sense of fairness, and ability to "keep peace" are only a few of the attributes that made him the great leader, politician, friend, husband, father, and citizen he was.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby remembers North St. Paul Mayor William (Bill) T. Sandberg for his distinguished service to the citizens of North St. Paul, his endless dedication to public service, and his exemplary leadership that resulted in copious accomplishments within a community that benefited enormously by his presence.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **Legislative Update**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update on the following items: Activities are taking place with respect to the State's budget shortfall; legislation raising the threshold for when sealed bids are required from the current \$50,000 to \$100,000; a change was made in absentee ballot election rules which should make it easier for members of the armed services to vote; and there is a mega-conference committee reviewing the health and human services bill.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson thanked Governor Pawlenty for selecting Tom Sorel, who currently heads the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) division office in Minnesota, as the new Transportation Commissioner. She reminded the Board that today is Earth Day. She received a phone call from a gentleman who was concerned that the South Washington Watershed District was paying for meters in Woodbury. She stated that is not true, but she cannot find the man's name to let him know. She wanted to make sure that people who live in South Washington Watershed District know that they are not paying for Woodbury's special meters for over-watering. She attended meetings last week with Transportation Alliance and the Eastern Transportation Alliance and will share that information with the Board. Next week she and Commissioner Hegberg will be meeting with Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann's staff. She met with Peter Bell, Metropolitan Council Director, and discussed their inability to fund all of their services with the cutback. There will be a Transportation Infrastructure Finance Workshop at the Holiday Inn, Chicago Mart Plaza, Monday the 28 and Tuesday the 29. They will be discussing private capital for transportation infrastructure projects and the Federal role in project financing, she thought Commissioner Kriesel might be interested in attending.

Commissioner Peterson asked that a Commissioner's recognition be prepared for Arnie Moen, a long-time resident of St. Paul Park. He has now moved to a nursing home in Hutchinson.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported on the HRA meeting held last week where they discussed the Red Oak Preserve development. Habitat for Humanity is moving their project up and the private developer might slow down for a little bit because of the market. He also met with the Eastern Transportation Alliance group. He attended the Transportation Advisory Board and agrees with Commissioner Peterson that the Board should be vigilant in making sure that the east side of the metro is represented by individuals from the different cities.

### **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 10:50 a.m.

### **WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The Board met in workshop session with the Community Services Department for an overview of improvements to delivery of child protection services. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Rick Backman, Suzanne Pollack, Linda Krafthefer, Don Pelton, Lisa Hanson, John Nalezny, and Sarah Anderson.

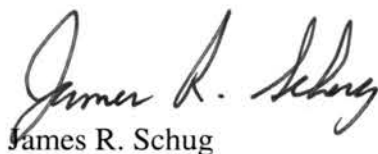
### **WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to develop 2009 budget guidelines and 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan Guidelines. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Melinda Kirk, Dan Papin, Pat Conley, Lowell Johnson, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Kay McAloney, Vickie DeFord, Harley Will, Tom Adkins, Ted Schoenecker, and, Ginny Chace.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

Attest:

  
James R. Schug

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**APRIL 29, 2008**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Meredith Magers, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Dennis O'Donnell, Senior Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff, Mike Johnson; Commander Steve Pott; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Maggi Aitkens, 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.

**PUBLIC WORKS/SURVEY LAND MANAGEMENT**

Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner, presented an overview on the request to extend the 15 day time limit an additional 15 days to approve or deny the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for a proposed 800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton. Staff is requesting that the County Board grant a 15 day extension to May 13, 2008 to complete the EAW.

Diane Dettmann, 15276 Afton Hills Court, Afton – Ms. Dettmann, stated she lives three houses away from the proposed site. She invited all of the Commissioners to come and look at this site. It sits on 1.6 acres in a residential area. She is concerned about the height and they don't think it is appropriate. They feel there needs to be more time to study this site and make sure it is the proper place for it.

Commissioner Peterson moved to extend the 15 day time limit an additional 15 days to approve or deny the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for a proposed 800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

The Board Chair stated that the City of Afton Planning commission will hold a public hearing on this matter on May 5, and the County Board will discuss the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet on May 13, 2008.

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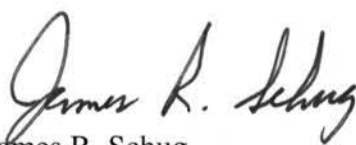
**COMFORT LAKE-FOREST LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT**

Commissioner Hegberg noted that he would still like the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District to have Chisago and Washington County Board approval of their budget and management plan and will continue to pursue that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

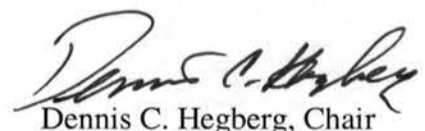
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Peterson moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stafford and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**MAY 6, 2008**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:05 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Michael Welling, County Surveyor; Dennis O'Donnell, Senior Planner; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff, Mike Johnson; Captain Steve Pott; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Diane Elias, Associate Planner; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Jeff Travis, Environmental Program Manager; Jane Harper, Principal Planner; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Maggi Aitkens, 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 April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-063** as follows:

Resolution of Congratulations  
 State of Minnesota  
 in Celebration of Minnesota's Sesquicentennial

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1848, citizens met in Stillwater to draft a petition to Congress to establish the Territory of Minnesota, which was granted on March 3, 1849, and gave Washington County the distinction as the "Birthplace of Minnesota"; and

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WHEREAS, nine years later, the Territory of Minnesota gained statehood in the United States of America on May 11, 1858, becoming the 32<sup>nd</sup> state in the Union; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is celebrating its heritage and its sesquicentennial during 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognizes the significant contributions the citizens of Washington County and the State of Minnesota have made in the development of the State throughout its 150-year history.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 11, 2008, as "Minnesota Statehood Day in Washington County" in celebration of the contributions of its citizens and the State's Sesquicentennial.

3. Approval to appoint Edward Simonet, Human Services Inc., Representative, and Jeff Treague, Consumer Representative, to the Mental Health Advisory Council to first terms expiring December 31, 2010.
4. Approval to accept funds received during 2007 for the Veterans Services Emergency Assistance fund in the amount of \$1,594.
5. Approval of the 2008 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Annual Action Plan, which includes the funding recommendations of the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee.
6. Approval of Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan for the Confidential Employee Group.
7. Approval to submit a grant proposal to the Office of Traffic Safety in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the Safe Communities Coalition Project.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-064** as follows:

Minnesota Snowmobile Trails Assistance Program  
Star Trail Association

WHEREAS, the Washington County Star Trail Association has developed a snowmobile trail system in Washington County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any State Grants in Aid for the described trails be directed to Washington County for disbursement to the Washington County Star Trail Association, and application made therefore by said county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Trail Assistance Program application and the Minnesota Trail Association Agreement be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the County Board and the

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Washington County Administrator without further action of the County Board conditioned upon the compliance with all specified requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

9. Bids were received for demolition of house and workshop located at 7330 Manning Avenue North, in the City of Grant, as follows:

Bidder	House Demo	Workshop Demo	Total Bid
Roger Peterson Construction	\$5,600.00	\$2,150.00	\$7,750.00
Rayco Excavating	\$6,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$8,400.00
Semple	\$7,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$9,300.00
KA Kamish	\$8,970.00	\$1,600.00	\$10,570.00
Veit & Company	\$8,796.00	\$3,596.00	\$12,392.00
Buberl Recycling	\$9,472.00	\$3,424.00	\$12,896.00
Doboszinski & Sons	\$9,999.75	\$2,995.50	\$12,995.25
TMS Construction	\$10,650.00	\$3,950.00	\$14,600.00
Fitol Hintz Construction	\$11,077.00	\$3,900.00	\$14,977.00
Frattalone	\$15,600.00	\$3,500.00	\$19,100.00
Creative Services	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$23,000.00

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-065** as follows:

Contract Award for Demolition of Buildings on County  
Land to Roger Peterson Construction

WHEREAS, bids were requested for the removal or demolition of house and workshop located on county property; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on April 22, 2008 for house and workshop located at 7330 Manning Avenue North in Grant; and

WHEREAS, the bidding process resulted in no bids for removal of the buildings; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder for the demolition of the house and workshop is Roger Peterson Construction in the amount of \$7,750; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Roger Peterson Construction for the demolition of the house and workshop located at 7330 Manning Avenue North in Grant be accepted under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract for demolition between the county and Roger Peterson Construction be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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.

10. Approval of Motorola Change Order #10 to the Radio Service Agreement.

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11. Approval of appointment and reappointments to the Carnelian Marine-St. Croix Watershed District as follows: reappoint Richard Caldecott and Victoria Dupre, May Township, to terms expiring June 21, 2011; and appoint Jason Husveth, May Township, to fill an unexpired term to June 21, 2010.
12. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-066** as follows:

Resolution to Acquire Morgan Property  
for the Purpose of Constructing a Stealth Design Radio Tower

WHEREAS, Washington County is interested in acquiring the property located at 15326 Afton Hills Court South in Afton, MN for the purpose of constructing a stealth design radio tower for the 800 MHz Radio System; and

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to sell the property to Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize 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 as shown on the aerial photo attached and to be more fully described upon accurate survey to be conducted.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans Agreement

Kathy Vitalis, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MAC-V) Executive Director, presented information regarding MAC-V. They assist veterans in transitional and permanent housing, eviction prevention, mortgage foreclosures, utility payments, transportation, food vouchers, clothing vouchers, employment assistance, tax and legal referrals, case management, and network of providers for referrals. She also requested that the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program grant funds that they received from Washington County in the amount of \$38,500 be reallocated to another organization because they were able to serve Washington County veterans through other federal and state sources.

Commissioner Peterson moved to terminate the agreement with Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program funds. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**Salvation Army Homeless Prevention Assistance**

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve an agreement with the Salvation Army to provide homeless prevention assistance with Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program funding in the amount of \$38,500. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT****Comments of Adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Project in West Lakeland Township**

Mike Welling, County Surveyor, reviewed the comments submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, yesterday, May 5, 2008 regarding the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Project in West Lakeland Township.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that he also sent a letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency yesterday reiterating the request of West Lakeland Township that the final EIS contain a thorough analysis of the alternative sites to the one being proposed; and also, that an independent confirmation of the cost comparison of the alternatives listed in the draft EIS be conducted and included in the final EIS.

Commissioner Kriesel moved that the comments he submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency be included as part of the county's comments regarding the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Project in West Lakeland Township as follows: reiterate the request of West Lakeland Township that the final EIS contain a thorough analysis of the alternative sites to the one being proposed; and, that an independent confirmation of the cost comparison of the alternatives listed in the draft EIS be conducted and included in the final EIS. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the county comments submitted on May 5, 2008 regarding the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill Project in West Lakeland Township. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**Household Hazardous Waste Facility Project**

Commissioner Stafford moved to approve a contract with Oertel Architects in the amount of \$299,000 to provide architectural and engineering services for the Household Hazardous Waste Facility Project. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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### **Update on Campus 2025 Improvements and Change Order #1 with Veit and Company**

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, presented an update on the Campus 2025 project. He noted the budget allocated for this project is on track. The schedule is to finish the Law Enforcement Center in May, 2009; the Courts Tower, June, 2009; North Wing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, May 7, 2010; and the North Wing 1<sup>st</sup> floor, December 31, 2010.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve Change Order #1 to a contract with Veit & Company, Inc. in the amount of \$93,870 for resistance piers and micropiles installed in the Law Enforcement Center building. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **2008 Public Works Transportation Division Construction and Maintenance Projects**

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director, presented an overview of 2008 construction and maintenance projects including: CSAH 13, Radio Drive – project started in 2007 and will finish the tunnels, grading, landscaping final paving striping, with a grand opening in June; CSAH 18 bridge - is one of two structurally deficient bridges under county jurisdiction; there will be a 110 day construction period and it will remain open to traffic one way with signal and construction will begin after Memorial day; CSAH 18 reconstruction – parkway style design with three roundabout intersections; joint project with the City of Lakeland; project will start mid-June; CSAH 15 reconstruction – will be a four-lane divided roadway from Highway 36 to just north of CR 12; two additional traffic signals will be added; bicycle/pedestrian facilities; and access changes at six residential and two commercial driveways; CSAH 13 bridge lane – additional capacity for northbound Radio Drive; conversion of pedestrian way to travel lane; joint project with the City of Woodbury to construct south frontage road; and an additional turn lane to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Oakdale; CSAH 16/25 (Century Avenue) reconstruction – multi-year project, 2008 and 2009; Ramsey County lead agency; new schedule with no roadway work in 2008, but will do utilities, clear and grub, storm sewer, and crossings; road construction will begin in 2009 under traffic; Pavement preservation – CSAH 2, Forest Lake; CSAH 11, Stillwater Township; CSAH 13, Woodbury, CSAH 14, Bayport, CSAH 20, Cottage Grove, and CR 71, Afton/Denmark Township.

### **Limited Use Permit**

Commissioner Stafford moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-067** as follows:

Approval of MN/DOT Limited Use Permit Relating to  
Pedestrian Trail Along Interstate 94 at CSAH 13

WHEREAS, Washington County is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

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WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has approved a plan that includes construction of a nonmotorized recreational trail in the right of way of Interstate Highway 94 to promote the orderly and safe crossing of the highway; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation requires a Limited Use Permit for the construction and utilization of said pedestrian trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby enters into a Limited Use Permit with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To construct, operate and maintain a nonmotorized recreational trail within the right of way of Interstate Highway 94 of the State of Minnesota from the south west ramp terminal to the south end of the south bound bridge along County State Aid Highway 13. Washington County shall construct, operate and maintain said trail in accordance with the Limited Use Permit granted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Washington County Board and the County Administrator are authorized to execute without further action of the Board the Limited Use Permit and any subsequent amendments thereto.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Valley Creek Land Protection Collaborative Effort**

Jane Harper, Principal Planner, reviewed the Valley Creek Land Protection Collaborative, which would consist of The Minnesota Land Trust, Belwin, and Washington County. She is also requesting that the county participate in an application to the Doris Duke Foundation for matching grant funds for land conservation efforts related to the Steltzner property (up to \$50,000) and Daley property (\$200,000) located in Afton along the Valley Creek Trout Stream.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the county's involvement in the Valley Creek Land Protection Collaborative and approval of the county's participation in the application to the Doris Duke Foundation for matching grant funds for land conservation efforts. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### **Purchase of Pontius Property with Land and Water Legacy Program Funds**

Ms. Harper reviewed the proposed purchase of the Pontius property located in southern Denmark Township. A portion of this property will be a component of the trail segment between Point Douglas County Park and

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the St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park. A conservation easement would be placed over the wooded portion of the property, creating, along with other projects along the St. Croix River, the potential for a two mile continuous ecological corridor from Point Douglas County Park north along the St. Croix River. Ms. Harper indicated there would be some reimbursement from the Metropolitan Council for the purchase price that is attributed to the trail portion.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the use of Land and Water Legacy Program funds to purchase fee title to the Pontius property; and adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-068** as follows:

Resolution to Acquire Pontius Property for  
Washington County Parks Trails

WHEREAS, Washington County is interested in acquiring the property described herein in Denmark Township for inclusion into the Washington County Parks Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to sell the property to Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Legacy Program has received application for this purchase and staff recommends this purchase for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers of said county, including the Parks Director, County Engineer, the County Administrator and the County Attorney, shall proceed and are hereby authorized to proceed to acquire, by negotiations and purchase the Pontius property.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**Legislative Update**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, provided a brief legislative update on the following items: the tax bill is being negotiated between the Governor, the Senate and the House; the House tax bill, which was approved, does include additional money for county program aid; the House tax bill brings the entire seven county metro area into the transit taxing district; the wheelage tax bill in the House now exempts all two-wheeled vehicles from the wheelage tax; the House tax bill also exempts construction material used in the North Star/Central corridor projects from sales tax; the short-term offender reimbursement has been compromised to around \$15 per day; and, in the MICA legislative update there was a reference to the fact that 8 day hold grants were not being used by Washington County, that was a misstatement, another county wasn't using those grants.

Commissioner Hegberg asked for information on how much the transit tax is on the real estate taxes.

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**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported on the AMC Legislative meeting last week. The State court system is doing a massive cutback in all of the courts throughout the counties.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Afton Planning Commission meeting that he attended last night to seek a permit for the 800 MHz Radio Stealth Tower. He commended Captain Pott for the great job he's done over the last two years trying to find a good fit for the tower in Afton. He's brought forth at least five different location scenarios over the past two years. Ultimately, it was decided that the county would pursue a stealth design tower which is in conjunction with Afton's existing ordinance. The Afton Planning Commission constructed 10 conditions of approval, which the county would comply with, only to see the vote turn out 5-3 against. He does not know what more the county can do when it is trying to comply with Afton's existing ordinance. This goes to the heart of not only the public safety and welfare of the citizens but of the law enforcement and emergency responders. There has to be a tower down there and this process has to move forward. The good news is this goes to the Afton City Council, and he's confident that those elected officials will do what's right and in the interest of its citizens, the lower valley citizens and the emergency responders.

Commissioner Stafford stated he visited the proposed site for the tower and feels that it is the most benign site he has ever seen. He does not believe people would know that tower is there unless they pointed it out to them. He hopes the Afton City Council realizes that the county has a duty to provide for the health and safety of its citizens and they cannot do that without a tower in Afton.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he and Commissioner Kriesel also visited the proposed tower site last week. He didn't see how that tower could fall on anybody's home. He does not know how it could be made any more benign. He also reported on a press conference he attended held by Senator Vandever and Representative Dettmer regarding watersheds and their support of county board approval of watershed district budgets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The Board met in workshop session with the Community Services Department to review results of an audit by the Department of Human Services on the Medicaid Waiver Programs. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Cindy Rupp, Lowell Johnson, Cathy Ellis, Connie Waldera, Deb Tulloch, Diane Benjamin, and Maggi Aitkens.

**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

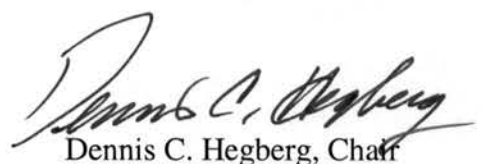
The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Counties Transit Improvement Board. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, George Kuprian, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Harley Will, and Maggie Aitkens.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**MAY 13, 2008**

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, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Meredith Magers, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Dennis O'Donnell, Senior Planner; Mike Welling, Surveyor; John Elholm, Parks Director; Peter Mott, Public Works Assistant Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Captain Steve Pott; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; and Maggi Aitkens, 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 Stafford to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval to appoint Shane Bauer, Denmark Township, to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
2. Approval to ratify a three-year 2008-2010 agreement with the Teamsters Local 320 Correctional Officers/911 Unit as follows:
  1. Duration:  
Three years, effective January 13, 2008 through January 8, 2011.

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2. Wages:

Effective January 13, 2008	3.0%
Effective January 11, 2009	3.0%
Effective January 10, 2010	3.0%

Replaced current step structure with range structure.

3. Health Insurance:

2008	Open Access \$20 Office Visit Copay
	Single \$433/month
	Single + Child(ren) \$433/month
	Single + Spouse \$589/month
	Family \$619/month
	Open Access \$25, \$30, Selected Choice \$25 Office Visit Copay and Three for Free
	Single \$480/month
	Single + Child(ren) \$524/month
	Single + Spouse \$708/month
	Family \$829/month

Flex Credits \$62.00/month

2009	Insurance Reopener
2010	Insurance Reopener

4. Clothing Allowance:

2008	\$400/year
2009	\$400/year
2010	\$425/year

5. Vacation:

Increased maximum vacation accrual to 210 hours

3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-069** as follows:

#### Marine Branch Library Hours

WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Laws of Minnesota 2005, give the Washington County Board of Commissioners the authority to direct, operate and manage the Washington County Library System; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Library desires to provide effective and cost efficient services in all branch libraries within the system; and

WHEREAS, public service hours on Friday at Marine branch library do not conform to those of other branches in the library system because Marine branch is open on Friday evenings until 8:30 p.m. while all other branches close at 6:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, from June 2006 through May 2007, Friday was the least busy day at the Marine branch library; and,

WHEREAS, Marine branch library will continue to provide public service on Monday and Wednesday evenings until 8:30 p.m.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, effective May 30, 2008, the Marine branch library will open on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.

4. Approval of contract with Graphic Design to print and deliver ballots for the 2008 primary and general elections.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-070** as follows:

Resolution Approving the Right-of-Entry of the  
National Park Service to Five Tax Forfeited Parcels  
Located Along St. Croix River in the Areas of  
Scandia City and May Township

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 there is no interest for their acquisition by the Department of Transportation and Physical Development; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service expressed interest in acquiring said parcels through special legislation to be enacted by the next Minnesota Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service submitted a Property Inspection Certificate to the Board of Commissioners of Washington County for a temporary right-of-entry to said parcels.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby grants to the National Park Service a temporary right-of-entry to said parcels; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that James R. Schug, County Administrator, be authorized to sign the Property Inspection Certificate on behalf of Washington County.

List of the five tax-forfeited parcels:

- 18.032.19.11.0001 (Scandia)
- 18.032.19.14.0001 (Scandia)
- 29.031.19.22.0001 (May)
- 20.031.19.22.0001 (May)
- 17.031.19.32.0001 (May)

6. Approval of fourth amendment to agreement between Ramsey County and Washington County for tax payment processing.
7. Approval to authorize the County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign a Utility Relocation Agreement with Xcel Energy Services, Inc. for the relocation of utilities installed in a utility easement in the CSAH 15 right of way.

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8. Approval to use 1,500 daily vehicle park permits for Washington County Library's 2008 summer reading program.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve a letter of support for the transfer of nursing home beds from the Walker Methodist Home in Minneapolis to the new senior campus in Forest Lake. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-0; Commissioner Hegberg abstained; Commissioner Peterson absent.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Determination on Need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for an 800 MHz Telecommunication Radio Tower in the City of Afton**

The Board Chair presented a brief overview of today's hearing to determine the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the 800 MHz Radio Tower proposed by the Washington County Sheriff's Office in the City of Afton.

Captain Steve Pott presented a brief history of their efforts concerning the radio project in the City of Afton. The original plan for the county-wide plan contemplated a tall monopole on farm or vacant land. Their desire was to find sites that would provide the best service, and most effective coverage and connectivity for the system. They were aware that the Afton ordinance allowed a stealth design tower which is lower, but they felt it would be more appropriate for the performance of the system to look for a taller tower and a more traditional type tower. They talked with several landowners in the area they were interested in, and they were reluctant to cooperate due to some conversations and influences they had gotten from other residents of Afton. There was a property for sale, with lower ground than they had desired, but felt it was suitable for their needs. There were many construction challenges with that site. About that time he was advised by city staff that in order to move forward with a monopole of any type or size in Afton, they would need an ordinance change. They went before the Afton Planning Commission in December of last year, and they recommended against changing the ordinance to allow for a monopole. They went to the city council a couple weeks later, and the city council voted 3-2 to consider a change to the ordinance or a new ordinance, but they wanted to evaluate that along with an application for a site. Soon after that they received correspondence from the Sierra Club, the St. Croix Scenic Coalition and other groups that were opposed to a monopole of any type in the City of Afton. On December 27 they received a petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The petition identified the site as 15376 Afton Boulevard South. It was the piece of property they had been evaluating, but they had not made a purchase offer; however, the site was for sale and believes it is still for sale.

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Captain Pott stated that the EAW petition cited that "the height and design of the tower and its location in a rural residential conservancy district and on steep and scenic bluffs, the proposal has the potential for significant environmental effects". Some of those things identified were the impacts on view sheds from CR 18 and also the impact of the view shed from the river. It also identified that there would be a need for an access road to access the tower. The petition also asserted that the Sheriff's Office refused to consider any other sites on higher ground and any other tower design. Captain Pott noted that their desire for the taller tower and monopole design was simply to make this site perform the same as other sites in the system. He believes most of the sites in the metro area are well over 100 feet tall. The original tower that they contemplated was about a 190 foot monopole on ground elevation of 1,000 plus feet. Also included in the petition were five sites that were recommended as alternatives. All of the sites with the exception of the Mount Hope Cemetery site were up in the Afton Hills area. All 25 of the signatures on the petition were from Afton Hill area residents. The Mount Hope Cemetery site may be a viable site, but there were two issues that needed more research. The microwave connection which is critical to the system probably cannot be achieved with a stealth design tower because the elevation is about 975 feet. They looked at the viability of putting in fiber, but it was estimated at \$500,000 to bury fiber. They also considered using Quest or Comcast resources but did not feel they were reliable or viable options for this project. There was also a question as to whether the city owned that property and it would have taken months if not years to determine who owned that property. Two of the sites did not have adequate tree growth to allow a stealth tower to be built. Another property led him to believe it would be a costly and difficult site. The only thing that would be above ground was the pine tree or monopine, the equipment structure would have to be underground and other issues with that site. The Morgan property is the site where they made application for the stealth tower. This property is as effective a site as any of the stealth sites that were identified. It meets their needs from a coverage perspective, it allows connectivity to the Woodbury tower, and the County Board approved a purchase agreement with the Morgans at the Board meeting last week subject to state, federal and local approvals for the tower.

Captain Pott stated the Afton ordinance goes to great length to protect the interests of the residents and the city. It is specifically geared toward cellular towers. There has been conversation as to whether it applies to the county or not, but they have chosen to continue down the road that even though it is a public safety radio tower they are bound by the requirements of the ordinance. On April 14 they made an application to the current city ordinance. Washington County was identified as the Responsible Governmental Unit for this EAW position. The County Board responded to the petition soon after it was filed by saying that the Board would consider it again when an application was actually made. They feel this application is significantly different to what was contemplated when the EAW petition was signed and filed. The issues of tree cover and slope do not exist on the property they have applied for. The property has good access from one side of the tree line they are hoping to use to mimic and hide the tower. The slope is about 9 percent, which is significantly different from the 18 plus percent slopes they were concerned about. The petition talks about its proximity from the scenic highway and the river. This particular site is about a half a mile from the closest point of CR 21 and it's even further from all of the other concerns identified in the petition. From hundreds or thousands of feet from the stealth

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tower it will be indistinguishable. It will not be invisible as you get closer to it. The application was made and compliant with the information that they had at the time with the existing ordinance, and it uses one of the several sites recommended by the petitioners. For that reason, he asked that the County Board deny the request for an EAW for their tower project in Afton.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked who petitioned for an EAW, the city council? Captain Pott stated the petition is in the packet and Jon Erik Kingstad is the Representative of the 25 petitioners who are residents of Afton.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked if the Board were to do an EAW, how long would it take, how much would it cost and who pays for it. Commissioner Hegberg stated that Ms. Pung-Terwedo would be the person to address that question, and she will be making a presentation shortly.

Commissioner Kriesel asked what is the extent of the base and the slab for the tower. Captain Pott stated the foundation is 38 sq. feet for the base. The generator would be sitting on a slab that would be about 80 sq. feet or less. The generator could be set on posts if the slab was an issue.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that the concerns raised in the petition have all been addressed by this new site and the stealth design. Captain Pott believes that many of them go away. The application they made is consistent with Afton's ordinance and believes their concerns have been addressed.

Commissioner Stafford stated he visited the site and spent quite a bit of time out there. He noticed that about 150 to 200 feet directly south of the proposed site the elevation increases quite a bit. Captain Pott stated that the highest point on this property is 982 and the issue with that site is the trees in that area are significantly shorter. The location they proposed takes advantage of the tallest trees. That elevation is 976.

Commissioner Hegberg asked if the 800 MHz is a state program? Captain Pott stated it is. Washington County will be the last of the metro counties to be on the system.

Commissioner Hegberg asked who provides the police protection services for the City of Afton? Captain Pott stated it is the Sheriff's Office by contract.

Ann Pung-Terwedo addressed Commissioner Pulkrabek's question. An EAW will cost \$3,000 to \$5,000 and it would take about three to four months to process. The cost would be paid by the Sheriff's Office with staff time to review and process the EAW.

Ms. Terwedo stated that in going back and looking at the data that was submitted in the petition for an EAW, the original tower was actually 199 feet tall and located at a different location than the one being discussed today. She displayed a map outlining the Afton Hills subdivision and the location of the site in the original petition and the location that has been selected for the proposed site. The site in the petition for an EAW was

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for a 190 foot tower, monopole style and impacted the views. The tower being considered in the application is at a higher location, thereby reducing the height of the tower down to 88 feet 6 inches and making it look like a pine tree to blend with the environment.

Ms. Pung-Terwedo reviewed the petition in relationship to what the proposal is today and presented her findings relative to Minnesota Rules. (See memo to Washington County Board of Commissioners dated May 7, 2008 – Response to Afton Tower EAW Petition). Based on Minnesota Rules, and what the application is at the present time, staff recommends that the county deny the petition and make a negative declaration on the need for an EAW. They feel all the environmental issues have been addressed based on what the Sheriff's Office has done in trying to make a tower fit and blend in with the City of Afton.

Commissioner Stafford asked about Item 4 on Page 6 which talks about lights, reflectors, flashers, etc. Because of the height of the tower, it is not subject to the FAA lighting regulations. Ms. Pung-Terwedo stated that is correct, there are no lights on the tower.

Commissioner Hegberg asked that once the tower is built and as the surrounding trees grow, will the trees have to be trimmed because of the tower? Captain Pott stated that if the trees did in fact grow into the path of the microwave that would be an issue. He believes the trees have reached their maximum height.

Ms. Pung-Terwedo mentioned that an EAW is not mandatory for the height of this tower and it does not fit under the mandatory category under Minnesota Rules.

Frank Sando, 15318 Afton Hills, Afton – Mr. Sando stated that the petitioners for the EAW all live in the area where the location of the tower was. He never new about the petition until Captain Pott showed it to him the other day. The petitioners wrote that petition to get that tower, not stealth but a regular tower, off their properties. Then they walked around to this other area and showed Captain Pott the four properties on this side. He believes the petition was signed to get it off their property. Now it is back in his area. Mr. Sando stated he was not worried about the trees growing; they are worried about the trees dying. Then there will be an 88 foot stealth tower standing without any tree coverage. He does not believe this tower will be hidden from across Afton Hill's Drive. He asked how is a tree with a 51 inch base, when other trees in the area are 13 inches in diameter, a stealth tower. He believes this thing will stand out. Eight homes are on Afton Hills Court, four or five of them will be looking at that when they walk out their front doors. They didn't find out about this until April 17 in the newspaper. Now the county doesn't want to do an EAW because it will cost \$5,000 and take three to four months. The people on one side of the hill gave up the people on the other side of the hill. Mr. Sando stated they are all on private wells on Afton Hills. What impact will this have on wells, what goes into a tower like this. The Afton Planning Commission turned this down 5-3. He thought it would be nice if the County Board heard the comments made by the five people who voted against approving this.

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Susan Sando, 15318 Afton Hills Court, Afton – Ms. Sando asked because they are on well, if there are any hazardous materials that would cause the aquifer to be ruined. Once the tower is up and it is made of plastic coated metal, does that plastic over time degrade and what would go into the soil with that. She stated there are no monopines in the State of Minnesota that they know of. In this climate, what happens to the material in making the towers and will that affect their soil. They live in a windy area on the hill and the wind through the branches, how will that affect birds or animals and will they be driven away. Also the noise from the generator, or the hum from the equipment in the garage; people may not hear it but how will it affect animals. She believes visually it does not look like a pine tree that is in their area. The visual impact on the neighborhood is horrendous.

Diane Dettmann, 15276 Afton Hills Court South, Afton – Ms. Dettmann stated she is here to ask the County Board to consider the need for an EAW on this site because this site is residential and it is a small lot. They are not a forested area. Her biggest concern is all of the unknowns that Frank and Susan have alluded to and mentioned. This area is not a forest. She asked what is the future of this site. Co-location is encouraged in Afton. Another tower could go up on the 1.6 acre lot with additional transmitters. In the EAW it asked for current and recent land use and compatibility. The current use of this land is residential. This tower is not compatible with the adjacent lands and that needs to be looked at. Water issues are addressed in the EAW. They would like more information on that. They want to know that their water resources are safe. Traffic was brought up on the EAW. Currently they live on a bad road in terms of its condition. It's one lane and narrow. She is also concerned about the safety issue with fuel being stored on site. Will there be a fence around this generator. This is a secluded area on this hill and there are no additional lights. Young people frequent this area and they like towers. She feels there are so many issues that need to be addressed more specifically. She feels that with the size of this project on this small residential lot an EAW should be considered and she asked for the County Board's cooperation on that.

Commissioner Hegberg asked about the generator—how large is it and what kind of noise does it make. Captain Pott stated that the ordinance specifically addresses the noise level and believes it is 65 decibels. All of the generators that he has been able to find and expects that would be bid as part of this project are quieter than that. There was concern about an explosion, fire or leaking fuel—at the other sites the generators hold enough fuel for twenty-four hours of operation. They also have a double containment system so if there is some type of a leak the actual base of the generator contains the entire amount of fuel that is stored in the generator. The size of generator used at other sites is 35,000 watts.

Commissioner Hegberg asked about the material the tower is made of—he assumes the artificial tree is no different than an automobile as far as plastic covered material. Captain Pott stated it is his understanding that the towers are primarily steel and fiberglass. He does not have any information about the noise.

Commissioner Kriesel stated there was a concern about traffic. How often would a vehicle be there. Captain Pott stated that during construction there will be traffic and noise similar to building a house. As far as

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ongoing traffic, once the system is up and operating it is basically a computer network that is connected by radio. A lot of it has remote diagnostics, and there are a significant amount of alarms that are available on the site including intrusion. There was a comment about kids climbing the tower. The towers are designed to minimize the opportunity for climbing without either ladders or bucket trucks. As far as ongoing maintenance—the radio system is a 15 voice channel. If they lose two, three or even a whole rack of those radios, they probably would not respond until the next day. If the entire site were to go down that would be a different story. So the middle of the night traffic would be insignificant. The service technician drives a passenger car and, not a big, noisy diesel.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked if they get to pick the type of tree that will go in that area. Captain Pott stated that the Afton ordinance requires that it closely mimic trees in the area. As part of the application with the City of Afton, city staff would have to approve it before the bid was awarded. Examples shown at the Afton Planning Commission were older models and looked really bad. There are several different models of branches and needles available.

Commissioner Stafford stated that the generator has twenty-four hour fuel supply. Does that mean somebody has to come up there once a day and refill it? Captain Pott stated if it is running. The typical power outage would be a couple hours. It is a stand-by unit.

Commissioner Stafford stated that a question was raised about the life span of the surrounding trees. They are correct it is not forest. They all looked healthy, but he does not deny that some trees have a longer life than others. He asked is there a plan that could be implemented that would gradually replace trees, put some younger ones in now so the coverage will continue to be there. Captain Pott believes these are approximately 40 year old trees and he has no idea how long they last. There will be a challenge to put in any more trees. The city ordinance requires that the tower match trees that exist at the time the tower is built. The ordinance doesn't require the tower to come down if the trees come down.

Commissioner Stafford asked if Afton's ordinance define stealth as either a pine tree or a fire tower. Captain Pott stated the ordinance says "stealth design is a wireless communications facility that appropriately models or mimics in size, shape and color something in the immediately surrounding landscape which could legally be placed there at the time the application is submitted such as a silo in a farm setting or trees in forested land and is unrecognizable year round as an antenna or antennal monopole. It must be compatible with the historical, environmental and cultural character of the surrounding area".

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked how confident is he that this will pass when this goes to the Afton City Council, is approval contingent on county approval of an EAW? Captain Pott feels there is support for a tower that meets their ordinance. The Afton Planning Commission didn't actually recommend against the proposal, it voted against recommending approval of the application. Another issue that has come forward is there is discussion if there is a side-yard setback requirement. He is waiting for correspondence from the city

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about that. The conversation he's had is they think it is a good proposal and despite some of the concerns of the neighbors, they think it's a site that does a pretty good job of being inconspicuous.

Commissioner Kriesel stated the County Board should be focusing on what's at hand and the political consequence of that. Who knows what that elected body will choose to do. He asked staff if what they have heard from the public today would change their recommendation that an EAW is not necessary? Also, if this is delayed three or four months what does that do to the system? Captain Pott stated the schedule for the implementation of the radio system contemplated the system being on the air in July of 2008, with final acceptance in August, 2008. Due to the difficulties they have had trying to find this site—most of the other 13 sites that are part of the system are either completed or near completion in anticipation of that July date. The new schedule is closer to February of 2009. If there are any further delays it would need to be added to the 2009 date.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that the rest of the system could be brought on line, but Afton would be without this service? Captain Pott stated the plan is not to turn it on until the system is complete. It would be difficult to have two systems running.

Captain Pott responded to comments he heard from the public. Regarding the public notice Mr. Sando mentioned that he read about it in the paper. They did meet all the notice requirements that the city has spelled out in their ordinance. It's been in the paper numerous times and perhaps it's one of those issues that unless it directly affects you it's not of interest. It is not a project that has moved forward under the radar. They had an open house in Afton that wasn't required to make everybody aware of what they were trying to do. He has spent many hours at the podium at Afton City Hall during Planning Commission meetings, and Council meetings. Regarding the co-location issue, he stated that the city ordinance requires co-location before another tower can be built in the city. As far as any co-location that would occur it would be subject to city approval. It's not as if the county can get the tower and then invite anybody they want and create some sort of a non-compliant facility. The reality is that this tower is so short compared to other towers that he does not know if it would allow co-location.

Ms. Sando stated that Captain Pott has told them that there has been at least one other property that just recently said to look at that property. There is another property that came back to him and said they were willing to talk. These are not residential areas and she would think that would be a much better option than destroying a residential area. She thinks Afton should have probably been first on the list to find a site. All the other sites are towers, water towers or existing antennas. Afton was the only one with a very restrictive code, they should have been looked at first and then build around it.

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

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Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to close the public comment portion of this hearing to determine the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the 800 MHz Radio Tower proposed by the Washington County Sheriff's Office in the City of Afton. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

The Board discussed this matter.

Commissioner Stafford stated that the county's primary responsibility as a government is the health and safety of its citizens. This system will not work efficiently without a tower in Afton. It appears that nobody in Afton wants a tower. In visiting the site he feels it is the least offensive of any one he has been familiar with over the years. He cannot visualize this being a threatening structure.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-071** as follows:

Denial of the Petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)  
for the Washington County Sheriff's Office Proposed  
800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Sheriff's Office desires to construct a 800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule 4410.1100 requires the Responsible Governmental Unit to address a citizen petition for the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet when the Petition has been filed with and submitted by the Environment Quality Board to the designated Responsible Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has been deemed the Responsible Governmental Unit by the Environmental Quality Board for the petition for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet; and

WHEREAS, the petition filed with the Environmental Quality Board requested that an Environmental Assessment Worksheet be prepared. The Petition's request was based on a different location and type of radio tower within the Afton city limits. The Responsible Governmental Unit reviewed the issues raised by the petition and those factors required to be considered under the Minnesota Rules as they apply to the location and tower in the application filed by the Washington County Sheriff's Office for the 800 MHz tower; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule 4410.1100 requires the RGU to base its decision on whether there is evidence presented by the petitioners, proposer/Sheriff's Office, other persons or other additional information that demonstrates that because of the nature and location the 800 MHz tower, the tower may have the potential for significant environmental effects. The RGU is to take into account the factors listed in Minn. Rule 4410.1700 subp. 7 to wit:

- Type extent and reversibility of environmental effects;
- Cumulative potential effects of related or anticipated future projects;
- The extent to which the environmental effects are subject to mitigation by the ongoing public regulatory authority ;and

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The extent to which the environmental effects can be anticipated and controlled as a result of other available environmental studies undertaken by public agencies or the project proposer, including other EIS's.

WHEREAS, The 88 foot 6 inch radio tower is a "stealth" pine tree design. The pine tree tower will be 13-15 feet taller than the surrounding trees. The tree design is consistent with and will blend in with the surrounding vegetation of the Afton community and the St. Croix River Valley. The tower's location is outside of the St. Croix River District and does not destroy or effect the scenic landscapes, vistas, historic resources or roads in the Afton area, (specifically the tower is not seen from CSAH 18 as stated in the petition.) The stealth design of a pine tree is required and regulated by the Afton City Zoning Ordinance. The pine tree design would have minimal environmental visual impacts, and does not have lighting mounted on the tower. The tower would not be conspicuously visible from the number of scenic vistas, roads or landscapes in the Afton area; and

WHEREAS, the tower's stealth design and the site's specific's location was suggested by the citizen petitioners as "a feasible and prudent alternative" to the original site due to the location's higher base elevation. The higher elevation provides for a shorter tower and a tree stealth design that would not be visible from the scenic vistas, roads or landscapes; and,

WHEREAS, There will be no environmental effects or impact to the soil, trees or water but for one grouping of birch trees that will need to be removed. The birch trees are on the tower's property. The tower site does not require that an access road be constructed to provide access to the site. The location of the tower on the site does not consist of protected slopes of 18% or greater. The tower is located on a 9% slope; and,

WHEREAS, The site was evaluated by the Washington Conservation District for potential adverse water quality and erosion impacts. No environmental effect impacts were indicated by the Washington Conservancy District. The evaluation considered the need for a temporary construction access around the tower property's septic drain field, the addition of a permanent concrete tower pad and generator pad. It is determined that there will be no long term water runoff from impervious surfaces. If proper/routine construction practices are followed any adverse offsite impact would be easily avoided. There are minimal or no potential significant environmental effects to the soil, trees, slopes or water caused by the construction of the tower on this site; and

WHEREAS, At the present time there are no known future tower projects in the City to Afton, therefore there are no potential effects of related or anticipated future tower projects in the Afton community; and

WHEREAS, In its capacity as the underlying regulatory zoning authority, the City of Afton, can mitigate and address the extent of any possible environmental effects during its conditional use permitting process. The Afton city planner has recommended to the City ten conditions that must be complied with before the city would issue a conditional use permit. Any subsequent issues that comes up during the permitting process would be appropriately dealt with by the City of Afton. Therefore the local authority has the ability to mitigate any possible environmental effects; and

WHEREAS, The extent that the environmental effects can be anticipated and controlled as a result of other environmental studies undertaken by public agencies or the project proposer including an environmental impact statement, will be addressed by the FCC. The National Environmental Policy Act requires that as part of the FCC licensing review, an environmental assessment may be necessary. During this evaluation if the tower facility meets technical emission standards set by the FCC it is presumed safe; and

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WHEREAS, based on the criteria in Minnesota Rules 4410.1100 and 4410.1700 subp.7, the 800 MHz radio tower project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that based on the facts presented to the Washington County Board of Commissioners as the RGU, the citizens Petition for a request of an EAW for the 800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton is denied and a negative declaration is made for the need for an EAW; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that based on the facts presented to the Washington County Board of Commissioners, the Board hereby makes a negative declaration with respect to the need for an EAW for the construction of an 800 MHz radio tower in the City of Afton; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the citizen Petition request an EAW is denied.

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

#### **Big Marine Park Reserve Grand Opening**

John Elholm, Parks Director, provided an update on the Big Marine Park Reserve grand opening scheduled for June 7, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Also, the Historic Courthouse cannon dedication ceremony will be held on July 4, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

#### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update on the following items: the budget bill may result in either additional county program aid or a freeze on the amount of county program aid that was received last year; there is a possibility of levy limits; the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake watershed district becoming a 103B, which is a metropolitan watershed district, is still in the bill without the county's provision for county board approval of the budget; and the County Board did take a position with respect to the elimination of county approval on additions to DNR wildlife management areas, and the county position prevailed that there should not be one wildlife management area in the state that was different from the rest in requiring county board approval.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he was disappointed that the Counties Transit Improvement Board has allowed Scott and Carver Counties to be non-voting members and have a seat at the table. The argument he kept hearing is that you need to have a seat at the table. Washington County residents will be putting in \$5 million to get a seat at the table and now Carver and Scott County get to play for free. He does not feel that is right.

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Commissioner Kriesel agrees with Commissioner Pulkrabek's comments. He feels it is a disservice to the members of this Board that supported moving on to transit. He knows that he and Commissioner Pulkrabek are committed to make it successful, but they will be watching closing when they make decisions like that. He knows that both Commissioner Hegberg and Peterson spoke to that concern at their last meeting.

Commissioner Stafford introduced a new member of the press, Hank Long, from the Washington County Bulletin.

Commissioner Hegberg discussed the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) meeting that was held and Commissioner Peterson spoke to the issue of allowing Scott and Carver Counties a non-voting seat. The feeling of the board as a whole was that it will be a regional system and the Chair Peter McLaughlin from Hennepin County stated they wouldn't have any votes, and they wouldn't be able to speak unless they are recognized by the Chair. The by-laws haven't been completed, but there was discussion of allowing them to attend different committee meetings. Ramsey County felt that those committees were not necessary and that the full board should talk about the full project and he agrees with Ramsey County.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked how appointments to the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee are made. He has had questions from local government officials who are interested in serving on that committee. Mr. Schug stated the law is fairly general and says that the elected city representatives, which is one from each county and then additional appointees for counties over 400,000 population, but those elected city appointees to the GEARS Committee are appointed through a meeting process that is convened by the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities AMM. No process has been set up and it is his understanding that at the June 16 meeting of CTIB they will have this on the agenda for additional discussion. The AMM will send a letter out to all of the metropolitan jurisdictions acknowledging that they will be convening this meeting and starting the process and getting interest. It is not a county appointment or CTIB appointment, it is an appointment by the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities. If the county wanted to make a recommendation, he assumes that there will be a group where you can send a recommendation with an applicant, but right now the procedure for making those appointment hasn't been established.

Commissioner Stafford explained that the composition of the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee also has a Commissioner from each county. He noted that he is the interim Commissioner appointed to the GEARS Committee and since Commissioners Peterson and Hegberg are already members on CTIB, it would be important that either Commissioner Kriesel or Commissioner Pulkrabek be appointed as an alternate to the GEARS Committee. He likes the concept of getting Washington County's voice heard and it is a critical committee for defining the transitways.

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Mr. Schug noted that an alternate needs to be appointed to the two Commissioners who are serving on the Counties Transit Improvement Board. As Commissioner Stafford mentioned, his is an interim role and it is likely that the GEARS Committee won't be getting to its work until later in the year. He would also suggest having a Commissioner alternate on that committee because there will be a lot of decisions and it would be important to have Washington County's situation and positions represented.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to appoint Commissioner Kriesel as an alternate to the Counties Transit Improvement Board. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint Commissioner Pulkrabek as an alternate to the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System Committee. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Commissioner Hegberg noted that the Law Enforcement Memorial will be held at noon on Thursday, May 15 at the Historic Courthouse.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stafford and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

#### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

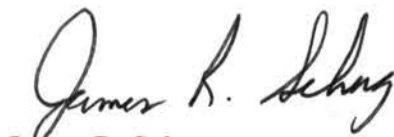
The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment to review the Washington County Minnesota Student Survey Trends Report: 1992-2007. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Lowell Johnson, Sue Hedlund, Jean Streeter, Amanda Hollis, Catherine Mackiewicz, Stephanie Lenartz, and Maggi Aitkens.

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**BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

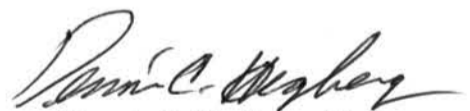
The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the campus south wing remodeling project. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Keith Potter, Kevin Corbid, Dan Papin, Doug Johnson, Kay McAloney; Vicki DeFord, Mjyke Nelson, Nancy Brase, Melinda Kirk, Deb McDonald, Joel Dunning, Wold Architects, and Maggi Aitkens.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**MAY 20, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg 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; Josh Beck, Community Services Associate Planner; Jon Larson, Veterans Service Officer; Harley Will, Financial Services Director; Kevin Corbid, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Joe Lux, Senior Planner; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Amanda Goebel, Environmental Coordinator; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; and Maggi Aitkens, 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 May 6, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Thomas Polasik, Stillwater Township, to the Carnelian Marine Saint Croix Watershed District to fill an unexpired term to June 21, 2010.
3. Approval of contract Amendment #1 with Two Rivers Community Land Trust to provide an additional \$214,757 in HOME funds to develop up to six additional homes that will be sold to low-moderate income individuals.
4. Approval to change the name of the Financial Services Department to the Accounting and Finance Department.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-071A** as follows:

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Approval to Capital Project Funds and to update Fiscal Policy #2802  
Fund Definitions to Reflect the Addition of a New Fund

WHEREAS, Washington County has approves budgets for capital investments in Road & Bridge Projects that will be completed over multiple years; and

WHEREAS, accounting for multiyear project budgets, revenues, and expenditures is most efficiently managed by segregating these multiple year capital projects from annual operations manage in the PW Road & Bridge Fund; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these projects will be paid through a variety of county and third party funding sources over multiple years; and

WHEREAS, the obligations of third parties to reimburse the county for the cost of these projects needs to be maintained in the county's accounting records over multiple years; and

WHEREAS, the existing fiscal policies of Washington County must be updated to reflect the opening of new funds and to define their use; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Services Department is responsible for the implementation and management of new funds under these policies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Financial Services Department requests the approval to open the separate Capital Project funds per fiscal policy #2802 Opening and Closing of Funds:

Fund 414 – Road & Bridge Capital Projects

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Financial Services Department requests the approval to update Fiscal Policy #2802 Fund Definitions to reflect the addition of these new funds.

6. Approval of comments to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District regarding their Capital Improvement Plan and approval of letter to be signed by the Board Chair.
7. Approval for the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign recycling grant agreements with the cities of Hugo and Stillwater for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
8. Approval for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign a programmatic maintenance agreement with the Brown's Creek Watershed District for the maintenance of county-installed stormwater structures and facilities installed under permit from the Watershed District.
9. Approval to accept the service agreement with L3 Communications Mobile Vision for the squad video camera project.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Commissioner Peterson moved to amend Washington County's 2007 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Action Plan to apply for a \$675,000 Section 108 loan for the Trailside Senior Living Project. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg abstained.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Harley Will, Financial Services Director, presented the County Board with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This award represents the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year that the county has received this award.

**PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, reviewed 2008 legislation that included a new program providing a market value exclusion for property tax purposes for the homestead property of an honorably discharged veteran who has a service-connected disability rating of 70% or higher. The new statute is effective for taxes payable in 2009. The program provides the following market value exclusions: 1) veterans who are totally (100%) and permanently disabled are eligible for a market value exclusion of \$300,000; or 2) veterans who have a 70% or higher disability rating are eligible for a market value exclusion of \$150,000. In 2008, Veterans eligible must apply to the county by September 1, 2008 in order to be eligible for Pay 2009. In following years, a veteran would need to apply to the county by July 1.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director, reviewed the status and outcomes of the feasibility study for the removal/salvage options of Bridge No. 5600 located in St. Paul Park/Inver Grove Heights. The Bridge is still standing but is closed to traffic. Pedestrians on the Dakota County side still use this bridge. There is ongoing maintenance of this bridge including operation of the navigation lights and security concerns. In 2000 this bridge went tax forfeited and the US Coast Guard ordered that it be removed in 2001. The State of Minnesota now owns the bridge, however the counties manage property that goes tax forfeited. A feasibility study was needed because of the age and uniqueness of the bridge, alternatives to removal of the bridge needed to be investigated, costs, and to identify what agencies needed to be involved which includes approximately 30 thus far. The feasibility study will be concluded in June. Mr. Sandberg stated that Washington County is not considering the re-use of this bridge and feel that removal urgency is important for safety and obstruction reasons and to comply with the removal order. Dakota County is looking at re-use and have set a June 1 date to make a decision. Bridge 5600 is eligible for the National Register of Historic

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Places and before it can be removed a Section 106 process has to be completed. A mussel survey will need to be completed and they are working with State Aid to identify funding for the removal. Current full removal funding is as follows: Minnesota Department of Transportation, 50%; Washington County, 25%; and Dakota County, 25%. An open house will be held on June 9.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update on the following items: the tax bill and budgeting bill were approved this past weekend; there will be a levy limit for three years at 3.9%, but there are adjustments for 50% household growth and 50% of the commercial/industrial property increases due to new construction, and in addition, there are a number of adjustments that are made including bonding indebtedness payment, market value based referendum levy, increases in matching fund requirements, PERA employer contribution rate increases, and operating cost increases in the county jail; MICA was successful in getting all maintenance of effort requirements suspended during the next three years; there will be an increase in county program aid; the Metropolitan Transit Taxing District was not expanded to the entire seven county metropolitan area; the Housing and Redevelopment Authority levy authority was increased from .0144% to .0185% of taxable market value; the limit on economic development tax abatements was increased to the higher of \$200,000 or 10% of net tax capacity; there is a provision in the supplemental budget bill that would prohibit construction of the new ash disposal facility that Xcel was seeking in West Lakeland Township for a few years; corrections funding for short-term offenders was reduced—for the remainder of 2008 the county will receive \$30 a day for state prisoners who are housed in the county jail to serve out their last six months of their sentence and that will drop to \$11 or \$12 a day in 2009; there were cuts to the courts; there was an increase in exemplary damages for violations of the data practices act; and legislation was passed that allows county jails to return unused/unopened pharmaceuticals for credit.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported on the MELSA meeting she attended last week. There is great diversity on how libraries are governed in the Metropolitan area. There are now four county boards that have assumed the responsibility of being the Library Board, Scott, Carver, Washington, and Hennepin. She believes there will be issues that will come before the MELSA Board in the future that could have impacts on the counties' relationships.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Law Enforcement Memorial he attended last week at the Historical Courthouse. He mentioned that the Stillwater Historical Preservation Society is presenting the Historic

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Courthouse with an award for preservation this evening. He will also be attending the Afton City Council Meeting this evening on the 800 MHz Radio System tower.

The Board recessed at 10:35 a.m.

#### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to review goals and objectives of the Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Joe Lux, Peter Mott, Dennis O'Donnell, Josh Beck, Jane Harper, Amanda Goebel, Mike Rogers, John Elholm, Dan Papin, Mjyke Nelson, Judy Hunter, Sue Hedlund, Pat Conley, and Maggi Aitkens.

#### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration for a presentation on the findings of the 2008 Washington County residential survey. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Amanda Hollis, Sue Hedlund, Shannon Hayden, National Research Center, Larry Timmerman, Nancy Brace, Kris Tuenge, and Maggi Aitkens.

The County Board reconvened at 11:50 a.m. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

#### **PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES**

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-072** as follows:

Premises Permit Application from the  
Cottage Grove Lions Club

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2008, the Cottage Grove Lions Club has made application pursuant to the statutes of the State of Minnesota authorizing lawful gambling; and

WHEREAS, the premises involved is The Point, located at 12378 Pt. Douglas Rd., Denmark Township, Hastings, MN; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve to approve the granting of a Premises Permit for the above described location subject to the terms of Washington County.

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve a cooperative agreement for construction cost reimbursement and maintenance between the City of Lakeland and Washington County, and the City of Lakeland Shores and Washington County, for the CSAH 18 reconstruction project in Lakeland and Lakeland Shores. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

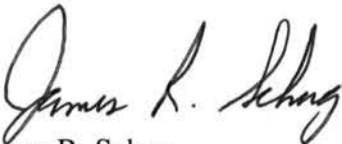
### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Stafford moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Peterson and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS**

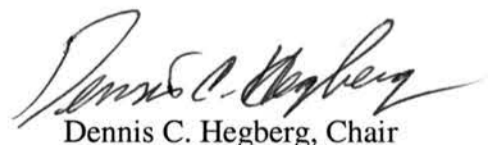
The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to review the Metropolitan Council Draft 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, and Maggi Aitkens.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JUNE 3, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Suzanne Pollack, Community Services Supervisor; Carol Peterson, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Joe Lux, Senior Planner; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health Director; Amanda Goebel, Environmental Coordinator; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sue Fennern, Human Resources; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Nancy Brase, Administrative Services Manager; and Maggi Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Courtney Yourke, 1057 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Newport, stated that his property taxes have increased by over 100% in a three and a half year period. He would like to know what can be done outside of going to court. He would also like to know how the Federal money from the Housing and Urban Development is spent in the county.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval of the May 13 and 20, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Julia Beagan, Stillwater Residence representative, to the Mental Health Advisory Council to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
3. Approval to appoint John Sievert, Lakeland, to the Washington County Library Board to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2008.
4. Approval of agreement between Washington County and the Friends of the Mississippi River to prepare management plans on certain Land and Water Legacy Program projects.
5. Approval to award bid for purchase of courier service with Dynamex as the most responsible bidder.

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6. Approval to amend Policy #1501, Designated Areas within County Facilities for Placement of Campaign Materials.
7. Approval of Policy #2602, Account Write-offs or Adjustments, regarding justification for the write-off or adjustment of accounts owed to the county; and authorization and documentation required to adjust or write-off amounts owed to the county.
8. Approval to amend Policy #2601, Collection Policy, to make it consistent with the new proposed policy on Write-offs and Adjustments.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-073** as follows:

Authorization for Community Corrections Director to Execute an  
Agreement to Implement the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Corrections has entered into the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) agreement with the United States Office of Justice since 2000; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Corrections has utilized these funds to help fund the PLACE North probation officer position; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Corrections has been awarded another JABG Grant for the state fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 that will fund approximately 22% of the probation officer wages Community Corrections has budgeted for the required match of \$1,409.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Corrections Director is authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the JABG Grant from July 1, 2008 until June 30, 2009, and accept the amount of \$12,678.

10. Approval to accept a grant from the Department of Human Services to fund additional respite care for families with children with a serious emotional disturbance.
11. Approval of a one-year Special Project Senior Engineer Technician position in the Department of Public Works.
12. Approval of abatement on parcel #19.031.21.14.0011, JR Johnson Supply, Inc.
13. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-074** as follows:

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Cottage Grove Armory  
Lease Agreement Termination

WHEREAS, Washington County entered into a lease agreement with the Department of Military Affairs April 1, 1983 for space in the building known as the Cottage Grove Armory; and

WHEREAS, the term of the lease agreement is through March 31, 2082; and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement allowed for early termination by the county by giving at least 90 days written notice prior to termination.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the lease between the County of Washington and the Department of Military Affairs be terminated effective September 1, 2008 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.

14. Approval for the Parks Division to conduct a deer hunt in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve.
15. Approval of comments on the North St. Paul and St. Mary's Point draft comprehensive plans.
16. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-075** as follows:

Authorization to Reject Bids for the Law Enforcement  
Center Automated Water Control System Replacement Project

WHEREAS, in order to provide for the complete replacement of the Bauer Water Control System at the Washington County Law Enforcement Center, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on May 6, 2008, with the bids coming in significantly over the established project budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all bids received for the Law Enforcement Center Automated Water Control System are rejected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Public Works be authorized to redesign the project in order to meet budget and to re-bid the project at a later date.

17. Approval to accept a \$500 donation from Inver Grove Heights residents, James and Karen Taylor to be used toward the purchase of a Side Scan Sonar for the Water Patrol Division.
18. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-076** as follows:

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Authorizing Execution of Grant Agreement for 2008  
Supplemental Boating Safety Sub Grant Program

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement between the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the 2008 supplemental boating safety sub grant program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute such agreements that are necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Commissioner Hegberg presented Family Child Care Provider, Center Caregiver and School Age Caregiver Certificates of Recognition to the following individuals: Betty Lou McMaster, Cottage Grove, Family Child Care Provider of the Year; Miranda and Kevin Oliver, Forest Lake, Family Child Care Providers of the Year; Megan Hipsher, Primrose School of Woodbury, Center Caregiver of the Year; and Scott Pettersen, Footprints Academy, Woodbury, School Age Caregiver of the Year.

### PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve a joint powers agreement between Washington County Elections and the City of Oakdale to provide election administration services. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-077** as follows:

Memorandum of Understanding Between Washington County,  
the City of Hugo, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation  
Access Management on Trunk Highway 61 in the City of Hugo

WHEREAS, the City of Hugo, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) and Washington County have developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for access management along that section of Trunk Highway 61 that lies within the Hugo city limits; and

WHEREAS, a corresponding layout showing the agreed-upon access locations has also been developed; and

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WHEREAS, the implementation of the MOU and layout will bring access along the subject corridor into conformance with State and County standards; and

WHEREAS, the subject segment of Trunk Highway 61 is identified by MN/DOT as a road to be transferred to Washington County jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Hugo City Council has approved the MOU and layout.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Board Chairman and County Administrator to sign the Memorandum of Understanding thereby signifying approval of the layout and MOU.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **Local Water Management Plans**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the comments to the City of Oakdale and City of St. Mary's Point regarding their Local Water Management Plans and approve comment letters drafted on behalf of the Commissioners, to be signed by the Board Chair. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Hugo Tornado Update**

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-078** as follows:

#### **Resolution Declaring a State of Emergency**

WHEREAS a Tornado on May 25, 2008, impacted the population of Washington County and the City of Hugo, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS the Tornado and Severe Thunderstorm event has caused a significant amount of public property damage; and

WHEREAS the Washington County Emergency Management program through the Department of Public Health and Environment requests the Washington County Board of Commissioners to declare Washington County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the Tornado event of May, 25, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners declares Washington County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the Tornado event of May 25, 2008.

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Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commander Cheri Dexter, Washington County Sheriff's Office, presented a brief overview of events that occurred immediately following the tornado that struck Hugo on May 25, 2008. Commander Daniel Starry, Commander Marvin Stutz, Commander Patrick Olson, and Emergency Manager Deb Paige were also in the audience and on site during this event. Commander Dexter noted that in addition to the Washington County Sheriff's office, 13 other law enforcement agencies responded immediately. Several different volunteer agencies were used during the week. She indicated the work couldn't have been done without them.

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, reported that residents, volunteers, city personnel and county staff came together, rolled up their sleeves, and got done what needed to be done. It was amazing to see the compassion, cooperation, and the dedication. The Sheriff's office was everywhere. She thought she was putting in long days, but Sheriff Hutton was always there before she was, and he was always there long after she left. She started taking phone calls Sunday evening to coordinate the Governor's visit. She pulled in Maggie Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator, who assisted Hugo in getting their website updated, made sure the information was accurate, helped develop flyers and newsletters that were delivered to the homes in the most critically hit area, and then developed talking points for the city officials. Public Health and Environment did an incredible job. Deb Paige and the Emergency Management Center were on site to provide guidance and as a resource to Hugo employees. Public Health staff helped out doing household hazardous waste collections, categorizing the waste and moving anything that might be hazardous out of that community. They also provided tetanus shots on the day of the event. Property Records and Taxpayer Services staff were on-site on Monday. They worked with the local city assessor and the Red Cross to categorize the homes that were either completely demolished or in such bad shape they will likely have to be demolished. Mr. Corbid and his staff also accompanied members of the Small Business Administration to determine if there might be some federal assistance. Community Corrections was involved. They had their Sentence-to-Service crews up there immediately Monday morning and they will be working up there through today. Sentence-to-Service crews have put in over 1,000 people-hours to help with the clean-up. Public Works helped with debris removal and swept the streets every night because of problems with tires popping as they ran over nails and other construction debris. Community Services has stood ready to help. The Red Cross gets in there and provides immediate assistance to the survivors of the tornado, but they may need more housing support and other safety net services, so Community Services will continue to be used in the coming weeks and months. The Information Technology Department helped staff set up the Emergency Operations Center in Hugo, and responded to computer problems. The geographic information staff helped do the maps that showed the path the tornado took across Hugo. Financial Services helped set up a tracking mechanism in case there is an ability to get some state reimbursement. Human Resources responded in terms of risk management. Commander Dexter mentioned that some vehicles were damaged. Commissioner Hegberg immediately contacted her on Sunday evening. He was out there almost all day Monday helping with the Governor's visit, and he was back on Tuesday.

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The County Board commended staff, the City of Hugo, and all the volunteers who helped out in this crisis.

### **Big Marine Park Reserve Grand Opening**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that the grand opening of the Big Marine Park Reserve is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will occur at the swimming beach. There will be a dedication ceremony at 10:45, a tree planting at 11:30, and a ribbon cutting at 11:45. There will be activities for families and children, music, an arts and crafts tent, rain garden and wildlife walks, a playground scavenger hunt, and a number of exhibits. The featured speaker will be Sven Sundgaard, the weather meteorologist for KARE 11 TV and former resident of Washington County.

Mr. Schug stated that the Metropolitan Council has issued an invitation to the County Commissioners for a meeting that will be held on June 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Washington County Headwaters Service Center in Forest Lake. Discussion will include a district dialogue with the representatives of Metropolitan Council Sherry Broecker and Georgeanne Hilker.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson stated that next year Washington County will have the Chairmanship for the Association of Minnesota Counties Region X Board. This Board might want to discuss who it would like to represent the county in that capacity. She has had a lot of e-mails about the intersection of 70<sup>th</sup> and Hardwood and would like to discuss that with staff. She noted the passing of a long-time Cottage Grove resident Orv Gieser. He will be missed.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported that he attended the Republican State convention last Thursday through Saturday. He attended a rally for Ron Paul which was held outside of the convention. The DFL convention will be held this coming weekend at the same place in Rochester.

Commissioner Stafford noted the passing of former County Administrator Neal Erdahl.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on a meeting he attended with the new Minnesota Department of Transportation Commissioner Tom Sorel and Deputy Commissioner Khani Sahebjam. Others attending were the County Administrator, Public Works Director, Stillwater Mayor Ken Harycki, and Stillwater Councilperson Mike Polehna. They discussed the Stillwater Bridge and it appears that the bridge could be started in 2014. In the next couple of weeks they will have that bridge inspection complete and it will be interesting to see what condition the Stillwater Bridge is in.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported that the Sheriff's dive team will do clean up in Oneka Lake because a lot of debris was blown into the lake. He asked that the Hegberg Classic be listed on the agenda as an event because more than one Commissioner will be attending on June 16.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

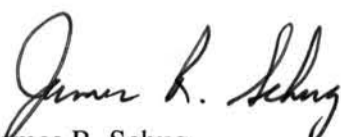
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Hegberg adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

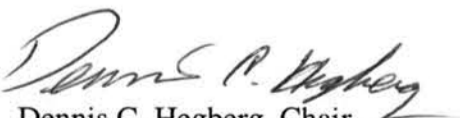
#### **WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES**

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 11:10 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Joe Lux, Senior Planner; and Maggi Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

Attest:

  
James R. Schug

County Administrator

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JUNE 10, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; and Maggi Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Representative Karla Bigham, District 57A, reviewed the 2008 legislative session.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval to accept \$22,239.70 in base funding and an additional \$150,704.52 in one-time funding for July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 for mental health crisis and stabilization services infrastructure.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-079** as follows:

Bid Award for Seasonal Materials – Sand, Aggregate Limerock and  
Plant Mixed Bituminous

WHEREAS, in order to complete road maintenance on county roads, the county solicited bids for these materials; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on June 3, 2008: Aggregate Industries and Midwest Asphalt submitted bids for sand, Bryan Rock Products and Rybak Aggregate submitted bids for aggregate limerock, T.A. Schifsky, Tower Asphalt and Commercial Asphalt bid on plant mixed bituminous; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bids of Aggregate Industries and Midwest Asphalt be accepted for sand, that the bids of Bryan Rock Products and Rybak Aggregate be accepted for aggregate limerock,

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that the bids of T.A. Schifsky, Tower Asphalt and Commercial Asphalt be accepted for plant mixed bituminous, and the county enter into a contract with Aggregate Industries, Midwest Asphalt, Bryan Rock Products, Rybak Aggregate, T.A. Schifsky, Tower Asphalt and Commercial Asphalt under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contracts between the county and Aggregate Industries, Midwest Asphalt, Bryan Rock Products, Rybak Aggregate, T.A. Schifsky, Tower Asphalt and Commercial Asphalt be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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.

3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-080** as follows:

Bid Award for Chemical Weed Control Provision and  
Application on County Roads for 2008 to Central Applicators

WHEREAS, in order to control noxious weeds along county roads during 2008, the county solicited bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on June 3, 2008, with Central Applicators being the lowest responsible bidder; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Central Applicators 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.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Bids were received for reconstruction of CSAH 18 as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Forest Lake Contracting	\$4,209,643.90
Tower Asphalt/Lakeland Enterprises	\$4,277,296.40
Eureka Construction	\$4,530,837.53
Shafer Contracting	\$4,798,793.94
CS McCrossan	\$5,159,348.56

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Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-081** as follows:

Bid Award for CSAH 18 Reconstruction to  
Forest Lake Contracting

WHEREAS, in order to complete road reconstruction, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on May 22, 2008, with Forest Lake Contracting being the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$4,209,643.90 be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Forest Lake Contracting under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Forest Lake Contracting be executed through the signatures of the Chair 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.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, mentioned that a formal presentation of the 2008 legislative session will be presented by the Minnesota Inter-Counties Association and John Kaul, Washington County Legislative Liaison within the next two to three weeks.

Mr. Schug reported on the grand opening of the Big Marine Park Reserve that took place last Saturday. There was a good turnout and everyone seemed to have a good time. He thanked the staff who outdid themselves in getting this ready.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson asked that a special recognition be prepared for the Parks and Open Space Commission members who have put many thoughtful hours in deciding how the Big Marine Park should look and the designs of the buildings. She has nothing but respect for that citizen advisory group.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated that the expectation level for the opening of the Big Marine Park was pretty high, and he feels the event far exceeded that expectation. He complimented the staff.

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Commissioner Kriesel agreed with Commissioner Pulkrabek about the park dedication. He thanked the Veterans Rest Camp for providing pontoon tours to those who were interested. It was a great day. Last week he attended the Metro Energy Policy Coalition and Xcel Energy provided an update on nuclear energy.

Commissioner Stafford mentioned that there was a great crowd at the park and the program went very well. He was pleased to see the collaboration with the Veteran's Rest Camp. Since Commissioner Kriesel has been on that Board things have changed dramatically. He feels that they are moving towards more participation by veterans.

Commissioner Hegberg attended the Big Marine Park opening. He failed to mention former Commissioner John Jergens, who has passed away, who played a big role in making the park come to fruition. Twenty years ago this property was looked at by the Metropolitan Council as a possible solid waste dump. Also, former Commissioners Don Scheel and Mary Hauser were in attendance at the park.

#### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

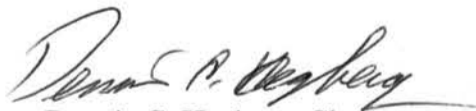
Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

#### **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 10:00 a.m.

#### **BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

The Board met with the County Administrator to conduct his annual performance review and work plan. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Stafford and Hegberg, and Jim Schug, County Administrator.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JUNE 17, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Julie Sorrem, Risk Manager; Chris Volkers, Court Administrator; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; John Freitag, Senior Environmental Specialist; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Melinda Kirk, Budget Analyst; and Maggi Aitkens, 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 Stafford moved, seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the June 3 and 10, 2008 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of an agreement with the Washington Conservation District to prepare management plans on certain Land and Water Legacy Program projects.
3. Approval of an agreement with Belwin to prepare management plans and arrange for appraisals on certain Land and Water Legacy Program projects.
4. Approval of comments to the City of Cottage Grove regarding their Local Water Management Plans and authorization for the Board Chair to sign the draft comment letter.
5. Approval of Amendment #1 to contract with Omni Contracting, Inc. for construction services for five 800 MHz Radio Sites to extend the date of termination of the contract to August 31, 2008.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-082** as follows:

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Commitment to Remove Washington County Public Safety  
Radio Tower Located at 15326 Afton Hills Court South, Afton  
Upon Abandonment or Discontinuation of Use

WHEREAS, Washington County applied for and was granted a Conditional Use Permit to construct a Public Safety Radio Communications Tower at 15362 Afton Hills Court South, Afton, MN; and

WHEREAS, Washington County will build said tower in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Afton Ordinance requires "The wireless communication service facilities owner shall furnish to the City prior to the issuance of the Conditional Use Permit a performance bond by a surety satisfactory to the City, in favor of the City, in the amount of \$20,000 or the amount of a written estimate from a qualified tower removal contractor, whichever is larger, guaranteeing that the wireless communication service facilities will be removed when no longer in operation."; and

WHEREAS, the City of Afton Ordinance further requires "Upon abandonment or discontinuation of use the carrier shall physically remove the facility within 90 days from the date of abandonment or discontinuation of use."; and

WHEREAS, the City of Afton agreed to waive the Performance Bond requirement in lieu of a Resolution committing Washington County to pay all costs associated with removal of said tower, if the tower will no longer be used.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County will remove said Public Safety Radio Tower when it will no longer be used.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County will pay all costs for removal and restoration of the site as required by the City of Afton Ordinance.

7. Approval to amend the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Commissioner of Corrections, to house Minnesota Department of Corrections Offenders in the Washington County jail for a daily per diem extending the agreement through June 30, 2009.

### **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the following projects recommended for funding through the 2007 Countywide Mission Directed Budget program: Financial Management System Training, \$10,000; Management Books, \$1,500; Pillsbury Theater Presentations, \$8,900; Diversity Training, \$7,500; Leadership Academy \$35,000; Retiree Health Insurance Administration; \$12,000; Electronic Content Management Phase III, \$40,000; Firewall Technology, \$30,000; and Citrix Technology, \$60,000. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Stafford, and Kriesel; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek does not support the Pillsbury Theater Presentations and the Diversity Training Programs and that is why is voted against this proposal.

### MINNESOTA COUNTIES INSURANCE TRUST

Jane Hennagir, Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (MCIT) Account Executive, presented a brief overview of MCIT's property/casualty and workers' compensation reinsurance; an update on MCIT's and Washington County's dividends, rates, and claim history; and, an overview of MCIT's risk management and loss control initiatives for 2008.

### LIBRARY

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-083** as follows:

#### Transfer of the Self Service Center to the Law Library Effective July 1, 2008

WHEREAS, the county and Court Administration are both authorized to operate a self-service center that provides residents with access to court forms and related legal documents; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Court Self Service Center (hereinafter "the Self Service Center") was established and operated as part of the Washington County Law Library until it was transferred to the State, by and through Washington County Court Administration, effective July 1, 2005 through an Interagency Agreement with the County dated January 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, recent budget reductions for the State Court system imperiled the continuation of the Self Service Center as part of Court Administration; and

WHEREAS, the county, the County Law Library Board of Trustees, and the Court Administration desire continued operation of the Self Service Center in order to meet the needs of the residents of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the County Law Library Board of Trustees recommends that the Self Service Center be returned to the Law Library, effective July 1, 2008; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the transfer of the Self Service Center to the Law Library effective July 1, 2008, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes approval of the agreement for the operation, management and funding of a Self Service Center.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve comments to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the 3M Oakdale Disposal Site Proposed Cleanup Plan for Perfluorochemicals and authorize the Board Chair to sign said letter. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS****Designate CSAH 18 as a Type III Natural Preservation Route**

(Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.)

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-084** as follows:

Proceed with the Natural Preservation Route Designation  
Request on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18

WHEREAS, CSAH 18 between TH 95 (Manning Avenue) and CSAH 21 (St. Croix Trail South) is scheduled in the CIP for reconstruction in 2009 due to poor underlying material and pavement; and

WHEREAS, CSAH 18 from TH 95 to CSAH 21 in Afton is a naturally scenic roadway that is richly abundant in historical and environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, Washington County's Linear Park System includes the described segment of CSAH 18 in its system; and

WHEREAS, the designation of CSAH 18 as a Natural Preservation Route will allow the county to provide a balance between the needed safety and structural improvements and the preservation of historical and environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the Afton City Council supports Washington County in designating CSAH 18, from T.H. 95 (Manning Avenue) to CSAH 21 (St. Croix Trail South) as a Type III Natural Preservation Route.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby find that:

1. The Type III criteria as defined in State Aid Operations Rules, Chapter 8820, are substantially met for this segment of CSAH 18 in the City of Afton.
2. The segment of CSAH 18 between T.H. 95 and CSAH 21 shall be recommended to the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation as a Type III Natural Preservation Route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Washington County hereby requests the Commissioner of Transportation to designate the above mentioned roadway segment as a Type III Natural Preservation Route.

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

### **Reconstruction of CSAH 15**

Bids were received for reconstruction of CSAH 15 as follows:

Bidder	Total
North Pine Aggregate, Inc.	\$6,143,629.82
Tower Asphalt, Inc.	\$6,417,068.87
Frattalone Companies, Inc.	\$6,563,201.07
Dressel Contracting, Inc.	\$6,573,985.60
C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc.	\$6,871,486.60
Veit & Company, Inc.	\$6,909,847.45
Forest Lake Contracting, Inc.	\$6,975,768.99
Progressive Contractors, Inc.	\$7,111,177.40
A1 Excavating, Inc.	\$7,450,944.55
Park Construction Company	\$7,939,477.09

(Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 10:15 a.m.)

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-085** as follows:

#### Bid Award for CSAH 15 Reconstruction to Tower Asphalt, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road reconstruction, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on May 22, 2008, with North Pine Aggregate being the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, North Pine Aggregate withdrew its bid prior to the award; and

WHEREAS, Tower Asphalt was the next lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$6,417,068.87 be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Tower Asphalt, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents and that North Pine Aggregate, Inc. be allowed to have its bid withdrawn and its bid bond returned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Tower Asphalt, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administer 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.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, announced that the Board of Equalization will convene following the Board meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting she attended last week. They discussed maintenance of effort and matching fund relief.

Commissioner Pulkrabek mentioned that this coming weekend is the Oakdale Summerfest. He and Commissioner Peterson will be riding in the parade on Thursday night.

Commissioner Stafford announced that he will be out of town next week and will miss the next Board meeting. On Friday night Woodbury is having their walk for cancer at Ojibway Park.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

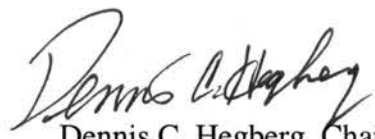
Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

The County Board convened as the Board of Equalization at 10:45 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room.

  
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:

  
Molly F. O'Rourke

Deputy Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**JUNE 24, 2008**

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 Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Commissioner Stafford absent. Board Chair Hegberg 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, Deputy Community Services Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Rebecca Ault, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Mike Rogers, Senior Planner; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; and Maggie Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Senator Katie Sieben, District 57, reported on a recent trip to Washington D.C. to lobby for Midwest Regional Rail which consists of high-speed passenger rail. She indicated that many other states are already operating high-speed rail throughout the Midwest region. She feels it is time that Minnesota get on board and invest in high-speed rail. It is estimated that this project would bring over 1,500 permanent new jobs to Minnesota and have \$145 million of development potential. There is a concerted effort by other counties in Minnesota to have the proposed route come through Rochester and up into Minneapolis. She feels it is important to maintain the route up along the Mississippi River and up into the Twin Cities. She will be happy to work with the County Board to do whatever she can to assure that when high-speed rail does happen, that it will come through Washington County to benefit its residents.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. Approval to appoint Kristine Jarchow, Cottage Grove, to the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program Citizen Advisory Committee to a first term expiring June 30, 2010.
2. Approval to enter an agreement with Zix Corporation to provide an email encryption solution.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-086** as follows:

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Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo by the  
St. Paul East Park Lions Club

WHEREAS, the St. Paul East Park Lions Club has made an application to Conduct Excluded bingo according to requirements contained in M.S. 349.166 Sub2. The event will be held July 30<sup>th</sup> thru August 3, 2008, at the Washington County Fair Grounds, 12300 40<sup>th</sup> St., Baytown, MN during the Washington County Fair.

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

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-087** as follows:

Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Property  
by Heir of Former Owner

WHEREAS, the tax parcel identified as PID #29.032.20.32.0005 forfeited to the State of Minnesota on July 18, 2007 for nonpayment of property taxes due in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the prior owner's heir has submitted an Application for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Lands as in accordance with M.S. 282.241; and

WHEREAS, a check has been received for the sum of all delinquent and current taxes and assessments together with penalties, interest, and costs that have accrued or would have accrued if the parcel had not forfeited to the state; and

WHEREAS, permitting the repurchase will promote the use of the land that will best serve the public; then

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the repurchase of heir, by former owners, of parcel #29.032.20.32.0005, pursuant to M.S. 282.241.

Entity Requesting Repurchase of Parcel:

Anna Marie Allers

Parcel ID #:29.032.20.32.0005

Repurchase Price: \$1,363.43

5. Approval of contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. for construction staking services for the reconstruction of Washington County State Aid Highway 18 (CSAH 18) in Lakeland and Lakeland Shores for a cost not to exceed \$128,116.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-088** as follows:

State of Minnesota Lease  
Washington County Woodbury Service Center

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and the State of Minnesota entered into a lease agreement numbered 9838 on January 22, 1992 providing

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common and office space to the Dept. of Employment and Economic Development in the building known as the Washington County Woodbury Service Center, Woodbury, MN; and

WHEREAS, the term of lease agreement numbered 9838 expired on December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has submitted a new lease agreement, numbered 11627; and

WHEREAS, the County of Washington and the State of Minnesota wish to continue the lease of space arrangement through the acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in lease agreement numbered 11627; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the lease between the County of Washington and the State of Minnesota 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.

7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2008-089** as follows:

Authorizing Execution of Amendment No. 1 to  
Metropolitan Council Grant Agreement No. SG-2006-71  
Transit Center in Forest Lake

WHEREAS, Washington County entered Grant Agreement No. SG-2006-71, with the Metropolitan Council on August 22, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Grant Agreement No. SG-2006-71 covers the local match to federal funds for construction of a property purchase at the transit center in Forest Lake; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Rush Line Corridor Task Force Awarded an additional \$106,000 in funding to Washington County for the completion of the transit center in Forest Lake; and

WHEREAS, federal funds cover 80% of the \$106,000 and state bond funds cover the remaining 20%; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has an existing grant agreement covering the release of state bond funds to Washington County for the transit center in Forest Lake; and

WHEREAS, this agreement needs to be amended so Washington County can receive the \$21,200 needed to match the \$84,800 in federal funds to pay for a portion of the construction costs of the transit center.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County approves entering into Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. SG-2006-71 with the Metropolitan Council to increase the amount of \$20,200 from \$190,328 to \$211,528 and to extend the term of the agreement from June 30, 2008 to December 31, 2008; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned amendment.

8. Approval to establish a date for public hearing to consider an amendment to the Washington County Subdivision Ordinance for July 22, 2008.
9. Approval of contract with Harris Stratex in the amount of \$1,254,606 to supply, install, and commission microwave radio systems for the 800 MHz Radio System.
10. Approval of contract with PSC Alliance, Inc. in the amount of \$185,000 for consulting services to complete the 800 MHz Radio System.
11. Approval to amend contract with Vinco, Inc. for construction services for five 800 MHz Radio Sites, to extend the contract to July 31, 2008.

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

#### **MINNESOTA INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

Keith Carlson, Executive Director, Minnesota Inter-County Association, and Bob Vanasek and John Tuma, MICA Lobbyists, presented a report on the actions of the 2008 State Legislature and the impact on MICA county members. Mr. Carlson described how the legislature solved the State's budget deficit by raising tax revenues, raised non-tax revenues, had minor transfers from other funds, and the largest part of the solution was drawing down the State's budget reserve.

(Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.)

#### **WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

John Kaul, Washington County Lobbyist, reviewed the 2008 State Legislative Session and its impact on Washington County.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Wayland Campbell, Department of Human Services Director, Child Support Enforcement Division, presented a brief overview of the federally mandated review to measure and evaluate compliance with child support enforcement program requirements. Compliance with policy requirements in nine areas was examined during the review process, and Washington County achieved compliance in all areas. Mr.

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Campbell presented the County Board Chair with a Certificate of Achievement for Outstanding Compliance with State and Federal Child Support Regulations as Measured in the Minnesota Self Assessment Review Process.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **Historic Civil War Era Cannon**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2008-090** as follows:

#### Proclamation on the Acceptance and Placement of the Historic Civil War Era Cannon

WHEREAS, the Muller Post, No. 1, of the Grand Army of the Republic of Stillwater donated a Civil War 8" Siege Howitzer to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for placement at the Washington County Courthouse in 1901; and

WHEREAS, in 1917 the Board of Commissioners donated the Siege Howitzer to the World War I scrap drive; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion, Post 48 of Stillwater donated a captured 105 mm German Field Artillery Cannon and carriage to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for placement at the Washington County Courthouse in 1932; and

WHEREAS, in 1942 the Washington County Board of Commissioners donated the German Field Artillery Cannon to the World War II scrap drive; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 a Civil War Flank Howitzer will be donated to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for placement at the Washington County Historic Courthouse.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the donation of this cannon and proclaim its grateful appreciation to the volunteer "Cannon Committee" and the community donors who have made possible the acquisition of this historic cannon as a remembrance of the 1861–1865 Civil War that was fought to preserve the union of the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby order the placement of this Civil War era cannon on the grounds of the Washington County Historic Courthouse in honor and remembrance of the Washington County residents and all Minnesotans who have served their country in all of the wars that have been waged to preserve and protect these United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners places this cannon on this historic site with the hope that no cannon or other weapon will ever again need to be fired to preserve the union of the United States of America.

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

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that a dedication ceremony unveiling the cannon will be held on July 4, 2008 at the Historic Courthouse beginning at 10:30 a.m.

### **July 1 County Board Meeting**

Commissioner Peterson moved to cancel the July 1, 2008 County Board meeting. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Stafford and Pulkrabek absent.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Peterson wished Mayor Bill Hargis, City of Woodbury, the best in his upcoming surgery.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Metropolitan Council meeting held in Forest Lake last week. They discussed Section 8 affordable housing, affordable housing in general, transportation issues for the east side of the metropolitan area, and a new sewer station in New Brighton. He announced that the Forest Lake Library usage is up nearly 80% and it was estimated that it would be 30%.

Commissioner Kriesel asked about the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB). He mentioned that the discussion with Metropolitan Council last week sounded like the numbers for the Red Rock Corridor wouldn't justify it. Commissioner Hegberg stated it probably wouldn't justify train traffic, but bus traffic would be best. Train systems need high density housing, and Washington County has tried to keep that rural atmosphere.

Commissioner Kriesel asked when the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee appointments will be made. Commissioner Peterson noted that at the CTIB meeting last week the Association of Metro Cities announced the process for appointment to that. She believes the selection committee will meet at the end of this month.

(Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 10:40 a.m.)

Commissioner Pulkrabek attended the Oakdale Summerfest this past weekend and rode in the parade with former mayors as Grand Marshall's.

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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; Commissioner Stafford absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

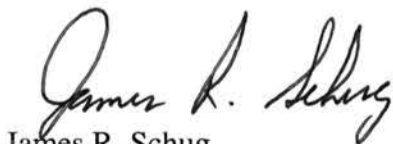
**WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES**

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 10:45 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, and Kriesel. Commissioner Stafford absent. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Mike Rogers, Senior Planner; and Maggie Aitkens, Public Information Coordinator II. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair  
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF  
APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
JUNE 17, 2008**

Kevin Corbid, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Director, addressed the County Board Members at 10:45 a.m. stating that the Assessment Division Staff was ready for the start of the County Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting.

Commissioner Dennis Hegberg called the 2008 Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization to order at 10:45 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg, and Commissioners Myra Peterson, Bill Pulkrabek, Richard Stafford, Gary Kriesel, and Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke.

Chairperson Hegberg welcomed all attendees, and explained the power of the Board. The Board is not empowered to adjust taxes or unrelated issues - they will only deal with valuation and classification issues for the 2008 Assessment Year.

Property owners wishing to appeal were asked to make an appointment to appear by contacting the Assessor's Office prior to the appointment deadline. Five minute timeframes have been scheduled in which any relevant information pertaining to their appeal can be presented. The first appointment is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. The morning appointments will run through 12:05 p.m. At that time the Board will break until 1:00 p.m. The last appointment on the agenda is scheduled for 1:10 p.m.

Any property owner(s) in attendance who are not scheduled to appear on today's agenda will be heard at the conclusion of the scheduled appointments.

The County Board of Appeal and Equalization will consider any pertinent information submitted by a property owner along with the information provided by the Assessor's Office.

There will be a second meeting of the Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization to be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:45 a.m. At that meeting, the Board of Appeal and Equalization will review the recommendations from the County Assessor and make a final decision on each appeal. If the property owner is not satisfied with final decisions of the Board, they may appeal to the Minnesota Tax Court.

County Assessor, Bruce Munneke, introduced the assessment staff in attendance: Sylvia Schreifels (Assessment Technical Support Supervisor and Recording Secretary for today's meeting); Rollie Huber (Deputy County Assessor); Al LaBine (Residential Supervisor); Don Lovstad (Residential Supervisor); Ann Miller (Commercial Appraiser), and Residential Appraisers Amanda Cundy, Mike Bjork, Sam Scott, Jason Langer, Tim Berggren, Sally Zoller, Lisa Janssen, Christy Hanger, and Senior Real Estate Technician Lynne Freezy

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Kevin Corbid, Director of the Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department, and Larry Austin, Department of Revenue Representative, were also in attendance.

County Assessor Bruce Munneke welcomed everyone to the 2008 Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization. He stated that these proceedings bring to an end the 2008 Assessment. Payable 2009 Assessment Notices were mailed out in March. During this appeals period the appraisal staff received 1800 phone calls regarding value and classification. There were 19 Local Boards and four Open Book Meetings, starting on April 7<sup>th</sup> and ending on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Originally 62 persons requested appointments to appear today. Letters were sent to those applicants requesting pertinent information relevant to their appeal. The Minnesota Department of Revenue Property Tax Fact Sheet was also sent out to help applicants prepare their appeal.

County Assessor Munneke further stated to the Board that today there are 22 applicants on the agenda. This is their final step at the County level – Tax Court would be their next step. Notebook binders have been provided to the Board containing relevant information for each appeal.

Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke administered the oath to the Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization Members, and the required certification forms were signed.

**CASE #1 – Denmark Township – (Parcel 31.027.20.33.0004 - Estimated Market Value \$420,300 for Assessment Year 2008) Appearance** by James Eilers. Mr. Eilers is appealing the value of his property, and he provided handouts to the Board and Assessor that listed MLS sales of houses in Afton and Denmark. He indicated the percent of change between list and sales prices. He also commented that an appraiser had been out to his house and there had been discussion related to a reduction due to removing a lookout basement factor. Commissioner Kriesel asked him how current his sales information was, and Kevin Corbid commented that they should fall within the sales period at the end of 2006 through 2007. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke asked if Mr. Eilers had copies of sales information. He indicated that with the information he used, he tossed out high and low sales and averaged the remainders. Commissioners Hegberg and Peterson suggested that he sit down with an assessor staff member today, and he also provide the appraiser with a copy of his research. Commissioner Pulkrabek commented that the Minnesota Revenue fact sheet for "Preparing an Appeal" is very helpful, and that owners can't just pull numbers from the internet.

**CASE #2 – City of Grant – (Parcel 33.030.21.34.0003 - Estimated Market Value \$825,400 for Assessment Year 2008) Appearance** by Christine Flug at 11:05 a.m. Ms. Flug is appealing the classification of her property. She handed out maps to the Board and pointed out the areas in agricultural production claiming she measured those areas herself. She also stated she boarded horses, and had cows and chickens. Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek commented on the State guidelines related to acreage in agricultural production, and income requirements. Ms. Flug stated the assessor only looked at old aerial

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photos, and determined she was farming seven acres. She stated the amount of area being farmed since the aerals were taken has changed.

**CASE #3 – City of Oakdale – (31.029.21.14.0050 – Estimated Market Value \$216,200 for Assessment Year 2008) Appearance** by John Spadino at 11:10 a.m. Mr. Spadino is appealing the value of his property. He provided the Board and Assessor with handouts of comparable properties, and stated he went through the whole city of Oakdale. He referred to a substandard housing development in the vicinity of his house, and also spring water problems that affect his yard. Commissioner Pulkrabek commented that all his information will be looked at. Commissioner Stafford commented on the fact that his value was lowered \$8500 since last year. Mr. Spadino stated that others were lowered more. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke asked him what he would want his value lowered to, and he stated at or below \$211,600.

**CASE #4 – City of Forest Lake - (Parcel 12.032.21.32.0001 - Estimated Market \$516,200 for Assessment Year 2008) Appearance** by William House at 11:15 a.m. Mr. House was accompanied by his son, and he is appealing the removal of agricultural classification from his property. Mr. House stated that it is a hardship to lose his agricultural rating. The property consists of 38.7 acres on which water plants are harvested, left to compost for one year, and then fed to worms to create nutrient-rich soil. He also harvests seeds from wild and native plants, and sells those seeds to nurseries and the State. Commissioner Peterson commented that it appears you are dealing with specialized plants. Commissioner Hegberg questioned the income derived, and Commissioner Kriesel asked if there were 10 acres in production. Commissioner Peterson stated that it is not the density, but what is generated, and that the assessor staff needs to go out and look again. The Houses commented that the assessors do not know what they are looking at, that they don't see animals, crops, silo, etc. Commissioner Stafford commented that this is a unique situation. Department of Revenue Representative Larry Austin commented that harvesting wildflower seeds may qualify for agricultural classification and they should contact the DOR. He also questioned if the wetlands/lake was meandered and how that would affect boundaries.

**CASE #5 - City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 05.027.21.33.0064 - Estimated Market Value \$376,800 for Assessment Year 2008) Appearance** by Tanweer Janjua at 11:25 a.m. Mr. Janjua is appealing the value of his property. He had one copy of an appraisal from a real estate agent, and the Board asked for copies of that appraisal. The house was built in 2006, and Mr. Janjua paid \$417,500 for it. It is currently being assessed at \$376,800 which is \$40,700 less than he paid for the property. Commissioner Hegberg asked Mr. Janjua what he thought the property was worth – he stated \$300,000. Commissioner Stafford commented that would be about a 25% drop in value in two years. Commissioner Hegberg said they would look at his information and get back to him.

**CASE #6 – City of Forest Lake - (Parcel 08.032.21.44.0075 - Estimated Market Value \$20,300 for Assessment Year 2008) (Parcel 08.032.21.44.0076 - Estimated Market Value \$21,100 for Assessment**

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**Year 2008) (Parcel 08.032.21.44.0077 - Estimated Market Value \$163,600 for Assessment Year 2008)**

**11:30 a.m.** Washington County Residential Property Appraisal Supervisor Don Lovstad read a letter from Leone Fulks at her request. The owner did not provide any information about area land values, or raise questions about tax rates. A specific concern was parcel .0075 which had an increase in taxes despite a decrease in taxable market value, but this was due to the fact it qualified for limited market value in payable 2007. Commissioner Hegberg questioned if the contiguous parcels were buildable.

**CASE #7 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 15.032.21.22.0002 - Estimated Market Value \$1,299,400 for Assessment Year 2008) Appearance**

by Richard Tschida at 11:35 a.m. Mr. Tschida is appealing the value of his property. He owns 1.55 acres on Forest Lake with 213 feet of frontage. An inspection of the property this year resulted in several changes because records lacked a whirlpool tub and half bath, but an adjustment had to be made for usable square footage which in fact was vaulted space. Mr. Tschida presented photos to the Board that showed the drainage easement on his property. He also pointed out the issues caused by rain water being diverted, and sewage in his front yard due to a power outage. He gave the assessor information on comparables sold in the last 12 months. He claimed that his neighbors are not all being valued the same. He went on to say he has experienced a 400% increase in value in eight years and he is not convinced his 35 year old house is worth that value - he has structural damage, mold in the basement, etc. He presented more photos of his problems, and said his house could not be sold for the assessor's value. His neighbor's house has been on the market for a year and he has had no offers. Commissioner Pulkrabek asked if the information on the comparables was given to the assessor. Commissioner Stafford asked if he had two sewer systems on his property.

**CASE #8 – City of Lakeland Shores - (Parcel 02.028.20.11.0016 Estimated Market Value \$1,729,300 for Assessment Year 2008) Appearance**

by John Camp at 11:55 a.m. Mr. Camp stated he had difficulty connecting and talking to the assessor this past year due to the time he had been devoting to personal issues. He has an appraisal from last summer and also comps. He feels recent remodeling done on his house would not raise his value. Commissioner Hegberg recommended that he talk to the assessor and give him a copy of his appraisal.

**CASE #9 – City of Grant – (Parcel 21.030.21.22.0009 Estimated Market Value \$17,400 for Assessment Year 2008) Appearance**

by David Erickson at 12:00/noon. Mr. Erickson owns two parcels in the City of Grant. The parcel he is appealing is a vacant lot situated contiguous to his homestead. He claims this parcel is unbuildable as it does not meet minimum lot requirements. Mr. Erickson distributed handouts to the Board that tracked the historical EMV and taxable market values of the parcel along with the percentages of change. Commissioner Pulkrabek commented that the Board appreciates the thoroughness of his data, and asked if he had other values of unbuildable lots. The current value of this parcel is \$17,400, but Mr. Erickson wants it set at the 2007 value claiming it is landlocked, unbuildable, and the market is flat.

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**CASE #10 - City of Woodbury – (Parcel 13.028.21.33.0022 Estimated Market Value \$590,300 for Assessment Year 2008)** Charles Jents was scheduled to appear before the Board at 11:30. Mr. Jents did not appear and the case is dismissed.

**CASE #11 – City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 05.027.21.33.0042 Estimated Market Value \$430,900 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance at 12:15 p.m. by Alex Balandin. Mr. Balandin is appealing the value of his property, and he provided the assessor with a listing of similar homes in the area, some the same model, and with lower values. Commissioner Hegberg asked if those homes had the same builder, and suggested he have appraisal staff look at his comparable parcels that have the same builder.

**Case #12 – City of Woodbury – (Parcel 13.028.21.33.0043 Estimated Market Value \$386,400 for Assessment Year 2008)** Srinivasa Bukkuri was scheduled to appear before the Board at 11:40. Mr. Bukkuri did not appear and the case is dismissed.

**Case #13 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 03.032.21.24.0001 Estimated Market Value \$802,600 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance by Madeline Frounfelter at 12:20. Ms. Frounfelter is appealing the value of her house, and the removal of agricultural classification. She stated the property has been farmed since 1981; she now leases two acres to a neighbor who raises alfalfa hay. Her income is \$500. Ms. Frounfelter also has pasture and a barn. She is adjacent to 15 acres of wetland. She made reference to a Legacy Program to which she applied, and following that her land value decreased but the value shifted to her house. Commissioner Pulkrabek asked her if she turned in an appraisal.

**Case #14 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 09.032.21.42.0025 Estimated Market Value \$928,900 for Assessment Year 2008)** Joseph Pribyl was scheduled to appear before the Board at 11:50. Mr. Pribyl did not appear and the case is dismissed.

**Case #15 – City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 20.027.21.43.0004 Estimated Market Value \$1,905,300 for Assessment Year 2008)** Blue Vessel LLC was scheduled to appear before the Board at 11:55. Blue Vessel LLC did not appear and the case is dismissed.

**Case #16 – City of Woodbury – (Parcel 16.028.21.43.0056 Estimated Market Value \$341,200 for Assessment Year 2008)** Eugene Zakharenko was scheduled to appear before the Board at 12:00. Mr. Zakharenko did not appear and the case is dismissed.

At 12:30 p.m. the County Board Members and others in attendance adjourned for lunch. The proceedings will reconvene at 1:00.

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At 1:05 p.m., Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, approached the podium and gave an update regarding proceedings for the afternoon. The Gregory Mitsch appeal is next on the agenda. The Diane Hoey appeal has been cancelled. The status of the Sunbelt Sales appeal is not known. At this point there are six "walk in" appeals.

**Case #17 – City of Woodbury – (Parcel 13.028.21.22.0001 Estimated Market Value \$858,100 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance by Gregory Mitsch at 1:05. Mr. Mitsch is appealing the value of his property. He handed out an analysis done by a certified residential property appraiser. The area where his property is located now has sewer and water, and is rezoned for multiple residences. He referred to other similar sized parcels that are being valued less than him. His neighbor's acreage is valued at \$76,000/acre, and the Mitsch parcel is valued at \$103,000/acre. Commissioner Kriesel asked Mr. Mitsch what he thinks his property should be valued at, and he replied \$500,000 to \$600,000 total value. Commissioner Hegberg inquired about his access to his house – 200 feet off street. Two other five acre parcels near the Mitsch property are now being considered for redevelopment and splitting.

**Case #18 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 07.032.21.42.0012 Estimated Market Value \$200,000 for Assessment Year 2008)** Diane Hoey cancelled her appearance.

**Case #19 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 07.032.21.42.0013 Estimated Market Value \$941,800 for Assessment Year 2008)** Diane Hoey cancelled her appearance.

**Case #20 – City of Birchwood – (Parcel 30.030.21.24.0015 Estimated Market Value \$313,000 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance by Brian Hunder at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Hunder is appealing the value of his property. He looked at other properties in the area, and also talked to his assessor. Many of the comparable parcels that sold were distressed sales according to the assessor. Sales such as such as foreclosures or relocations are not looked at as comparables because they are not considered an "arms length transaction". Commissioner Hegberg asked for copies of the information that Mr. Hunder brought in for the Board Meeting.

**Case #21 – City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 17.027.21.13.0093 Estimated Market Value \$234,100 for Assessment Year 2008)** Sunbelt Sales was scheduled to appear before the Board at 1:10 p.m. Sunbelt Sales did not appear and the case is dismissed.

**Case #22 – City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 17.027.21.13.0102 Estimated Market Value \$426,500 for Assessment Year 2008)** Sunbelt Sales was scheduled to appear before the Board at 1:10 p.m. Sunbelt Sales did not appear and the case is dismissed.

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**Walk In # 1- City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 21.032.21.24.0016 Estimated Market Value \$383,500 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance by Kyle Severson at 1:20. Mr. Severson is appealing his value. He gave handouts to the Board containing information on ten comparable parcels. Mr. Severson did not attend the Forest Lake Local Board of Appeal and by Statute cannot appeal at the County Board level. Deputy Administrator/ Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke asked Mr. Severson if he would allow an appraiser out to his house. The 2009 value for payable 2010 will be looked at.

**Walk In #2 – City of Woodbury – (Parcel 05.028.21.42.0038 Estimated Market Value \$327,600 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance at 1:25 by Darren Castro. Mr. Castro is appealing the value of his property. He handed out information to the Board and appraisal staff. An adjustment had previously been made to his property lowering it from \$369,000 to \$327,600. Mr. Castro stated the area where his property is located is basically entry level owners. His handouts included information on market trends, foreclosures and how home values were being affected. He stated that some of his comparables sold less than the assessor's value so he assumes his value is also off. Commissioner Hegberg thanked Mr. Castro for the information provided to the Board.

**Walk In #3 - City of Newport – (Parcel 36.028.22.31.0017 Estimated Market Value \$280,800 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance by Christine Heuer at 1:35 p.m. Ms. Heuer is appealing the value of her property. She recently purchased the property in June of 2008, and it was a foreclosure sale. She brought a copy of her appraisal and Commissioner Hegberg requested a copy for the Board.

**Walk In #4 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 20.032.21.31.0003 Estimated Market Value \$1,051,300 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance by Ben Shardlow for Headwaters Industrial at 1:40 p.m. The value of this property is being appealed. A representative of Headwaters attended the Local Board in Forest Lake, and has been in communication with the assessor. Additional consideration is being requested for the wetlands, the parcel is landlocked, and there is a City assessment of \$124,000 for streets, utilities and improvements.

**Walk In #5 – City of Oakdale – (Parcel 32.029.21.11.0059 Estimated Market Value \$390,000 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance by Karl Evert at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Evert is appealing the value of his property. This property was previously reduced from \$429,600 to \$390,000. Mr. Evert feels that assessing practices aren't taking into account the current market. He purchased this property last summer and had an assessor out in the fall. Mr. Evert also attended an Open Book Meeting for Oakdale, and stated that the assessor told him there was no decline in Oakdale values. Commissioner Pulkrabek commented that he lives in a nice neighborhood. Mr. Evert gave handouts to the Board with information on six sales, and additional information on market trends from the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors. Since the market has declined, he questioned his value now versus what he paid one year ago.

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**Walk In #6 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 01.032.21.32.0002 Estimated Market Value \$328,800 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance by Mike Riley at 1:55 p.m. Mr. Riley is appealing the change in classification of his property from agricultural to residential. He asked why his agricultural classification was not an issue for 23 years. He confirmed that only seven to eight acres are tillable. He is not disputing that he does not have 10 acres in production, but his change in classification happened so fast that he needs time for a fix to meet requirements. Commissioner Hegberg asked Mr. Riley about his agricultural income, but Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, clarified the income requirement pertains to property in the green acres program.

**Walk In #7 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 01.032.21.24.0004 Estimated Market Value \$384,000 for Assessment Year 2008) (Parcel 01.032.21.24.0005 Estimated Market Value \$51,500 for Assessment Year 2008) (Parcel 01.032.21.24.0006 Estimated Market Value \$157,400 for Assessment Year 2008)** Appearance by Kirk Almendinger at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Almendinger is appealing the change in classification on his parcels from agricultural to residential. He stated that he has talked to his attorney. He feels he qualifies for the agricultural class due to acres and income, but may not qualify for green acres. The assessor determined that there are approximately six acres in production, thus per Minnesota Statute – the parcels fail to qualify for the agricultural classification.

At 2:10 Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services stepped up to the podium to address a few housekeeping issues. He asked that the Commissioners leave their notebook binders and that updates will be added for next week's meeting. All walk in appearances will be checked to verify if they appeared at their Local Board.

Commissioner Stafford questioned County Assessor Munneke on the rise and decline in the market. He also asked the Assessor if distressed sales are used.

Commissioner Pulkrabek complimented the assessors on their job and dealing with the public.

Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke asked the Commissioners what they want to see next week, i.e. sales/comparables, attorney opinions, etc. She also commented that Commissioner Stafford would not be attending the Board next week, but he has taken notes and made comments.

Commissioner Kriesel asked that the assessor provide sales comparables as offsets for the distressed sales.

Commissioner Peterson commented that there are people whose property is mortgaged more than their current worth, they made poor decisions, and now there are bank sales. She also asked that the assessor pay attention to the agricultural special use appeal.

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At 2:20 Commissioner Hegberg asked if there were any more cases to be heard. Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, asked for a motion to recess. Commissioner Myra Peterson made the motion to recess. Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer, seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor, and the motion carried.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
**2008 COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING JUNE 24, 2008**

Commissioner Hegberg called the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization to order at 11:05 a.m. The following members were present: Commissioner/Chairperson Dennis Hegberg; Commissioners Gary Kriesel, Myra Peterson, Bill Pulkrabek, and Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer.

The assessment staff in attendance today are: County Assessor Bruce Munneke, Assessment Technical Support Supervisor/Recording Secretary for today's meeting Sylvia Schreifels, Deputy County Assessor Rollie Huber, Residential Supervisors Al LaBine and Don Lovstad. Also in attendance are County Administrator James Schug, and Property Records/Taxpayer Services Director Kevin Corbid.

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Tax Payer Services stepped up to the podium to give a brief summary of last week's meeting. 22 appointments were scheduled and there were nine "no shows" of the 22. There were seven "walk in" appeals. Property owners who cancelled their appeal or did not appear for their appointment at last week's County Board of Equalization Meeting - their case is considered closed. Regarding active appeals, all additional information presented to the assessor since the last meeting was reviewed by the assessor before he made his recommendations, and updated notebook binders that contain information and recommendations have been delivered to the Board.

County Assessor Bruce Munneke will summarize each appeal including the seven "walk ins", and we will need motions from the Board.

The Board has also been given copies of the spreadsheets required by the Department of Revenue that contain information on all of the County Board Maintenance Changes and Open Book Meeting Changes. The County Board Changes are changes made in Local Board areas, but the property owners did not receive Amended Notices ten days prior to their meeting. Also some changes are due to a change in a neighborhood that carried over to other properties in the neighborhood. Approval of these changes can be handled as a group or the Board may choose to handle some individually.

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Appeal #5 has an updated Narrative. Additional handouts for the Board include a copy of an e-mail from County Attorney George Kuprian in response to a request from Commissioner Dennis Hegberg who asked Attorney Kuprian to analyze the issue of what constitutes agricultural land for purposes of the 2a property tax classification. Also a copy of Minnesota Statute 274.01 is being handed out for the Board's reference.

The Resolution Form and County Board Certification Forms will need to be signed by the Board Members before the Board adjourns at the conclusion of today's meeting.

**CASE #1 – Denmark Township – (Parcel 31.027.20.33.0004 - Estimated Market Value \$420,300 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a two story single family residential house. The owners, James and Deborah Eilers, are requesting a reduction in value. The assessor has recommended that the value be reduced from \$420,300 to \$417,800 due to removing a lookout basement factor. Commissioner Pulkrabek made a motion to approve the assessor's recommendation. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it carried.

**CASE #2 – City of Grant – (Parcel 33.030.21.34.0003 - Estimated Market Value \$825,400 for Assessment Year 2008)** The owner of this property, Christine Flug, is appealing the change in classification from agricultural to residential. It is the assessor's recommendation that the property receive a split classification, carving out a portion to be commercial due to her horse boarding operation. Since the remaining land does not total the 10 or more acres in agricultural production which is required for an agricultural classification, it will be classified as residential. A homestead update was sent out to the property and returned to the assessor as undeliverable. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke questioned the change in homestead status, but since the owner does not occupy the property, the residential portion will not receive homestead status. Commissioner Pulkrabek made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendations. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**CASE #3 – City of Oakdale – (31.029.21.14.0050 – Estimated Market Value \$216,200 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a single family split level house owned by John and Cyndra Spadino. Commissioner Pulkrabek questioned why one of the owner's comparables was not used, but it was not a sale. The owner has not presented any supporting documentation for his appeal, so the assessor has recommended that there be no change to the current value of \$216,200. Commissioner Peterson made the motion to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked if all the people appealing are sent letters informing them of the decisions being made at this final meeting. County Assessor Munneke said they are sent letters, a number to call with questions, and information on appealing to Tax Court.

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**CASE #4 – City of Forest Lake - (Parcel 12.032.21.32.0001 - Estimated Market \$516,200 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is owned by Mr. William House, who is appealing the change in classification of his 38.7 acres from agricultural to residential. The assessor has now recommended a change from residential to agricultural classification. Commissioner Peterson made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**CASE #5 - City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 05.027.21.33.0064 - Estimated Market Value \$376,800 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a two story single family residential home owned by Tanweer Janjua. The owner had presented comparables, but made no adjustments to account for differences in characteristics. After reviewing the subject property and performing a sales comparable analysis, the assessor recommends no change to the 2008 estimated market value. Commissioner Hegberg made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation of no change, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek. The motion carried.

**CASE #6 – City of Forest Lake - (Parcel 08.032.21.44.0075 - Estimated Market Value \$20,300 for Assessment Year 2008) (Parcel 08.032.21.44.0076 - Estimated Market Value \$21,100 for Assessment Year 2008) (Parcel 08.032.21.44.0077 - Estimated Market Value \$163,600 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a single family residential rambler situated on 0.62 acres over three parcels. The owner, Leone Fulks, is questioning her tax amount, and did not provide any information about area land values. The assessor has recommended no change to the 2008 market value. Commissioner Peterson made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**CASE #7 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 15.032.21.22.0002 - Estimated Market Value \$1,299,400 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a modified two story single family residential parcel located on Forest Lake. The owner, Richard Tschida, disputes his value due to the drainage easement located on his land, and he presented a list of sales of improved properties on water which the assessor did not consider as comparables. The assessor recommends the value be adjusted from \$1,299,400 to \$1,274,900 due to a correction to records involving a whirlpool tub, half bath, and vaulted space. Commissioner Peterson made the motion to accept the assessor's recommendation. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it carried.

**CASE #8 – City of Lakeland Shores - (Parcel 02.028.20.11.0016 Estimated Market Value \$1,729,300 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a two story single family residential parcel, owned by John Camp. The assessor made an interior inspection of the house on June 18<sup>th</sup> and reviewed a fee appraisal submitted by Mr. Camp. The assessor is recommending a reduction in the current 2008 market value of \$1,729,300 to \$1,607,400. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Peterson asked for

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clarification regarding when a building permit is filed – what is the difference between improvement versus replacement, and how does it affect value?

**CASE #9 – City of Grant – (Parcel 21.030.21.22.0009 Estimated Market Value \$17,400 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a piece of vacant land contiguous to David Erickson's home site. The assessor reviewed the property and valued it along with the property owner's contiguous improved parcel taking into consideration that it will be treated as one building site. This parcel located in Grant – the first acre has a site value and all excess that is not waste or water, is valued at \$15,000 per acre. Mr. Erickson's payable 2008 value is being abated on this parcel due to information received about it being unbuildable. The 2008 estimated market value will remain at \$17,400. Commissioner Peterson made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**CASE #10 - City of Woodbury – (Parcel 13.028.21.33.0022 Estimated Market Value \$590,300 for Assessment Year 2008)** Charles Jents was scheduled to appear before the Board at 11:30 on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jents did not appear, and the assessor recommends no change. Commissioner Peterson made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**CASE #11 – City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 05.027.21.33.0042 Estimated Market Value \$430,900 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a two story residential parcel, owned by Alex Balandin. The assessor recommends that the value remain at \$430,900 due to sales of similar homes in the area. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Case #12 – City of Woodbury – (Parcel 13.028.21.33.0043 Estimated Market Value \$386,400 for Assessment Year 2008)** Srinivasa Bukkuri was scheduled to appear before the Board at 11:40 on June 17<sup>th</sup>, but Mr. Bukkuri did not appear. The assessor is recommending no change. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Case #13 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 03.032.21.24.0001 Estimated Market Value \$802,600 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a modified two story house located on 28 acres. The owner, Madeline Frounfelter, has appealed both valuation and classification. The assessor has adjusted values to reflect the area of sub-marginal land, and is recommending a reduction of the 2008 market value of \$802,600 to \$682,300. Commissioner Kriesel moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Case #14 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 09.032.21.42.0025 Estimated Market Value \$928,900 for Assessment Year 2008)** Joseph Pribyl was scheduled to appear before the Board at 11:50 on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr.

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Pribyl did not appear. The assessor recommends no change. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Case #15 – City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 20.027.21.43.0004 Estimated Market Value \$1,905,300 for Assessment Year 2008)** Blue Vessel LLC was scheduled to appear before the Board at 11:55 on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Blue Vessel LLC did not appear and the assessor recommends no change due to the fact a minimum assessment agreement was signed on this property August 8, 2006. This case was dismissed.

**Case #16 – City of Woodbury – (Parcel 16.028.21.43.0056 Estimated Market Value \$341,200 for Assessment Year 2008)** Eugene Zakharenko was scheduled to appear before the Board at 12:00 on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zakharenko did not appear, and the assessor is recommending no change. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Case #17 – City of Woodbury – (Parcel 13.028.21.22.0001 Estimated Market Value \$858,100 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a two story single family residential house located on a land area of 219,107 square feet. The owner, Gregory Mitsch, is appealing the value of his property. The assessor feels the parcel is equitable with other five acre parcels within the City of Woodbury that are able to be developed, and therefore is recommending no change. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Case #18 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 07.032.21.42.0012 Estimated Market Value \$200,000 for Assessment Year 2008)** Diane Hoey cancelled her appearance on June 17<sup>th</sup>, therefore the assessor is recommending no change. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the recommendation of no change, it was seconded, and the motion carried.

**Case #19 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 07.032.21.42.0013 Estimated Market Value \$941,800 for Assessment Year 2008)** Diane Hoey cancelled her appearance on June 17<sup>th</sup>, therefore the assessor is recommending no change. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the recommendation of no change, it was seconded, and the motion carried.

**Case #20 – City of Birchwood – (Parcel 30.030.21.24.0015 Estimated Market Value \$313,000 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a rambler style, classified single family residential. The owner Brian Hunder, is appealing the value of his property. The assessor stated that the comparable sales provided by Mr. Hunder were either foreclosures or relocations, thus not representing "arm's length sales". The assessor is recommending no change to the 2008 value. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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**Case #21 – City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 17.027.21.13.0093 Estimated Market Value \$234,100 for Assessment Year 2008)** Sunbelt Sales was scheduled to appear before the Board at 1:10 p.m. on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunbelt Sales did not appear nor did they provide any supporting documentation. The assessor felt the owner was more concerned with tax consequences versus valuation. The assessor is recommending no change. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carried and the case is dismissed.

**Case #22 – City of Cottage Grove – (Parcel 17.027.21.13.0102 Estimated Market Value \$426,500 for Assessment Year 2008)** Sunbelt Sales was scheduled to appear before the Board at 1:10 p.m. on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunbelt Sales did not appear nor did they provide any supporting documentation. The assessor felt the owner was more concerned with tax consequences versus valuation. The assessor is recommending no change. Commissioner Peterson moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carried and the case is dismissed.

**Walk In # 1- City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 21.032.21.24.0016 Estimated Market Value \$383,500 for Assessment Year 2008)** The assessor's recommendation to the Board is for no change to the market value of Mr. Severson's property. He did not attend the Forest Lake Local Board of Appeal, and by State Statute the County Board of Appeal does not have authority to make changes to his property. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke asked if an appraiser had looked at his house, and what value did they come up with? County Assessor Bruce Munneke responded that it has to be looked at for a 2009 payable 2010 value. Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services referred to Minnesota Statute, and stated the Board cannot take action on Mr. Severson's appeal, and that a Department of Revenue Representative who attended last week's Board confirmed this. Mr. Severson purchased this property in April of 2008, and claims he did not receive a Valuation Notice for his property, and that is why he did not attend the Forest Lake Local Board. Additionally Mr. Severson is interpreting the Statute differently stating that since he did not receive a Valuation Notice an exception has to be made for his appeal. Commissioner Peterson also agrees that he should be allowed to appeal, and commented that she disagrees with the Statute. Commissioner Hegberg commented that Mr. Severson closed on his property 4/15/2008, but it was not recorded until 4/29/2008 which was well after the Valuation Notices were mailed out. According to who was on record as the owner, the Notice was mailed to where it should have been mailed, and that was the Bank because this was a bank foreclosure sale. Commissioner Pulkrabek asked if we could hold this appeal and look at it later. Commissioner Peterson said that since it was a bank sale, it was a distressed sale. Commissioner Hegberg stated that Mr. Severson cannot appeal to the Board. Commissioner Kriesel asked if there were comparables, and County Assessor Bruce Munneke said there was no sales analysis. Property Records Taxpayer Services Director Kevin Corbid said that the Board must complete their work today. Mr. Severson was not on the Forest Lake sign in sheet at their Local Board, and if a change was submitted to the Department of Revenue for him, it would be rejected. The Board asked for

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an explanation of the appeal processes for Local Board of Review versus Open Book. It is each municipality's decision as to what process they choose. Commissioner Pulkrabek made a motion to accept the staff's recommendation, but the motion was not moved on. Mr. Severson stated that he will be going to Tax Court and will ask for reimbursement of filing fees and for his time. Deputy Director/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke asked if there was any precedent for Tax Court waiving filing fees. Property Records Taxpayer Services Director Kevin Corbid stated that he was unaware of their ability to waive fees. Commissioner Peterson commented that Cottage Grove is an Open Book Appeal area, and questioned why Forest Lake was a Local Board of Appeal area. Director Kevin Corbid said that Forest Lake had a local assessor for a number of years and during that time could not be an Open Book Appeal area. Commissioner Hegberg asked if the County has talked to Forest Lake about becoming an Open Book Appeal area, and Commissioner Pulkrabek asked what the process is. Commissioner Pulkrabek also asked to have comparables done, and to give results to Mr. Severson. Commissioner Kriesel stated that the Board must operate within the framework of the law, and that any change today would be arbitrary. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke asked if staff could have comparables done by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Director Kevin Corbid suggested they consider an abatement that would go before the Finance Committee, although this type of situation is not covered in policy. Commissioner Pulkrabek said Mr. Severson should just go to Tax Court. Commissioner Kriesel made a motion to accept the staff's recommendation. Commissioner Peterson again asked for comparables and seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Walk In #2 – City of Woodbury – (Parcel 05.028.21.42.0038 Estimated Market Value \$327,600 for Assessment Year 2008)** The assessor is recommending no further reduction to the property of Mr. Darren Castro. After reviewing sales in the neighborhood the assessor determined that the property is within an acceptable range. Previously, staff corrected building characteristics and lowered the 2008 EMV from \$369,000 to \$327,600. Mr. Castro stated that the assessor did not use two of his comparables that were closer to his property. He also stated that the market has changed. County Assessor Bruce Munneke stated that the CAMA system being used measures and takes out subjectivity when looking at comparables. He also confirmed again that the sales period to be looked at is from October 2006 to September 2007. Commissioner Kriesel asked Mr. Castro how long he lived there – ten years. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke asked Mr. Castro what he thinks the property is worth, and he stated \$285,000 at the upper end. Commissioner Pulkrabek said he can understand frustration when people come in with comparables, and the assessor's comparables are determined better – they should know why. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke moved to approve the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Walk In #3 - City of Newport – (Parcel 36.028.22.31.0017 Estimated Market Value \$280,800 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a one story single family residential parcel owned by Christine Heuer. The assessor is recommending that the estimated market value for 2008 be lowered from \$280,800 to \$176,800. Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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**Walk In #4 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 20.032.21.31.0003 Estimated Market Value \$1,051,300 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is vacant land, recently platted, and classified commercial located in Forest Lake. The assessor's staff has reviewed documentation provided by the owner on this parcel. The recommendation is for a downward adjustment of the 2008 estimated market value from \$1,051,300 to \$709,500. Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Walk In #5 – City of Oakdale – (Parcel 32.029.21.11.0059 Estimated Market Value \$390,000 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject parcel is a residential parcel located in the City of Oakdale, and owned by Karl and Elizabeth Evert. The estimated market value was reduced to \$390,000 after a review of the owner's fee appraisal. Staff further reviewed the neighborhood following the June 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, and determined the \$390,000 to be accurate and was supported by recent sales of similar homes in Oakdale. The assessor is recommending no further change for assessment year 2008. Commissioner Kriesel moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Walk In #6 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 01.032.21.32.0002 Estimated Market Value \$328,800 for Assessment Year 2008)** The subject property is a 19.5 acre parcel located in Forest Lake and owned by Michael and Lynn Riley. The assessor has determined that there are approximately 7.5 acres in agricultural production, and with less than ten acres in production per Minnesota Statute, the parcel fails to qualify for an agricultural classification. The assessor recommends no change to the classification. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke moved to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Walk In #7 – City of Forest Lake – (Parcel 01.032.21.24.0004 Estimated Market Value \$384,000 for Assessment Year 2008) (Parcel 01.032.21.24.0005 Estimated Market Value \$51,500 for Assessment Year 2008) (Parcel 01.032.21.24.0006 Estimated Market Value \$157,400 for Assessment Year 2008)** The properties being appealed are three parcels in Forest Lake owned by Kirk and Chere Almendinger. Although the three parcels total approximately 14.8 acres, the assessor has determined that there are only approximately six acres in agricultural production, and per Minnesota Statute the parcels fail to qualify for an agricultural classification. The assessor recommends no change from residential to agricultural classification on all three parcels. Commissioner Pulkrabek made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation, and Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Assessor Bruce Munneke asked the Board to act on the 2008 Maintenance Changes. Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve the changes, and Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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County Assessor Bruce Munneke asked the Board to act on the 2008 County Board Changes. Commissioner Pulkrabek asked if the Board could change a Local decision. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke asked how many changes were made. She made a motion to approve the changes, and Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Molly O'Rourke passed out the Resolution and County Board of Appeal and Equalization Certification Form to be signed by Board Members.

Property Records and Taxpayer Services Director Kevin Corbid stated there was no further business. Commissioner Myra Peterson moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion. All Board Members concurred and the 2008 Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization closed on June 24, 2008.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION CHANGE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2008

### **AFTON**

**See Vang – 05.028.20.23.0005**

Reduced from \$667,900 to \$624,300

Building reduced to \$338,000

### **Loren & Cheryl Richert – 05.028.20.43.0002**

Reduced from \$250,800 to \$245,200

Building reduced to \$78,000

### **Thomas Brockman – 06.028.20.22.0002**

Land only/land reduced from \$3,148,000 to \$2,151,200

### **FOC LLC & Atomic Properties LLC – 06.028.20.24.0002**

Land only/land reduced from \$3,709,100 to \$2,200,400

### **Gregg Hipple – 16.028.20.41.0002**

Reduced from \$903,600 to \$255,200

Building value removed

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**Ross Iverson – 16.028.20.42.0006**

Increased to \$869,100

Land same/\$220,700

Building new const. added/\$648,400

**Afton Market Square Inc. – 22.028.20.11.0008**

Reduced from \$660,000 to \$567,400

Land reduced to \$204,200

Building increased to \$363,200

**Afton Market Square Inc. – 22.028.20.11.0011**

Land only/land reduced from \$58,500 to \$37,600

**Thomas & Donna Dematteo – 22.028.20.11.0028**

Reduced from \$432,700 to \$235,000

Land reduced to \$225,000

Building reduced to \$10,000

**Afton St. Croix Co. – 22.028.20.14.0062**

Commercial value reduced from \$1,894,800 to \$1,709,000

Land reduced to \$531,600

Building increased to \$1,177,400

Residential value reduced from \$241,400 to \$119,100

Land reduced to \$25,000

Building increased to \$94,100

**Ann Dieperink – 22.028.20.41.0048**

Land only/land reduced from \$2,000 to \$500

**Ann Dieperink – 22.028.20.44.0009**

Land only/land reduced from \$26,900 to \$19,200

**Ann Dieperink – 27.028.20.12.0006**

Land only/land reduced from \$1,300 to \$500

**BAYPORT****Bayport Mainstreet Holding LLC – 10.029.20.42.0024**

Reduced from \$408,300 to \$117,400

Building value removed

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**COTTAGE GROVE****Xoua & See Vang Thao, True & Lee Thao – 03.027.21.44.0001**

Residential value increased from \$512,400 to \$567,400

Land increased to \$230,000

Building decreased to \$337,400

Commercial value decreased from \$742,400 to \$468,200

Land decreased to \$130,700

Building increased to \$337,500

**D & J Properties of Woodbury – 17.027.21.24.0010**

Reduced from \$478,800 to \$450,000

Building reduced to \$235,100

**Dean & Teresa Williams – 36.027.21.42.0008**

Residential value reduced from \$299,000 to \$245,200

Building reduced to \$128,800

Commercial value reduced from \$19,100 to \$15,800

Building value reduced to \$10,000

**DELLWOOD****Eleanor Johnson – 17.030.21.41.0003**

Land only/land reduced from \$180,000 to \$18,000

**DENMARK****Benjamin & Denise Wisniewski – 04.027.20.34.0002**

Reduced from \$672,000 to \$617,000

Land reduced to \$200,000

Building reduced to \$417,000

**Donald & Diane Davies – 14.027.20.31.0001**

Reduced from \$510,800 to \$397,700

Land reduced to \$240,000

Building reduced to \$157,700

**Vernal & Beth Davies – 15.027.20.42.0001**

Reduced from \$484,200 EMV to \$451,500 EMV

Buildings reduced to \$184,000

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**FOREST LAKE****Charles & Elizabeth Sharp – 01.032.21.32.0001**

Reduced from \$300,000 to \$279,000

Building reduced to \$100,300

**John Sorenson – 07.032.21.31.0165**

Reduced from \$259,800 to \$227,700

Building reduced to \$175,400

**David Faffler – 07.032.21.31.0170**

Reduced from \$259,800 to \$227,700

Building reduced to \$175,400

**Spruce Lodge Partners – 07.032.21.43.0007**

Reduced from \$869,100 to \$695,100

Land reduced to \$593,500

Building reduced to \$101,600

**Kenneth & Darlene Hafner – 08.032.21.13.0066**

Reduced from \$421,800 to \$411,600

Building reduced to \$392,100

**Tschida Investments LTD Ptshp. – 08.032.21.43.0021**

Reduced from \$984,000 to \$737,500

Building reduced to \$495,300

**Thomas & Judith Toth – 09.032.21.31.0067**

Reduced from \$501,600 to \$485,900

Building reduced to \$112,300

**Kenneth & Barbara Pitzl – 09.032.21.42.0022**

Reduced from \$544,900 to \$455,000

Land reduced to \$324,000

**Florence Grunwald – 15.032.21.23.0013**

Reduced from \$755,800 to \$585,000

Land reduced to \$580,000

Building reduced to \$5,000

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**Timothy & Patricia Johnson – 15.032.21.32.0059**

Reduced from \$224,100 to \$210,600

Building reduced to \$142,900

**Thomas & Dolores Palmer – 16.032.21.21.0009**

Reduced from \$317,200 to \$279,400

Land reduced to \$121,900

Building reduced to \$157,500

**Muske Company Inc. – 16.032.21.42.0001**

Land only/reduced from \$319,200 to \$196,000

**Muske Company Inc. – 16.032.21.42.0005**

Land only/reduced from \$316,400 to \$193,000

**Fenway Investments Inc. – 20.032.21.31.0003**

Land only/reduced from \$1,051,300 to \$709,500

**Brian & Kathryn Mitchell – 21.032.21.22.0087**

Reduced from \$373,500 to \$354,400

Building reduced to \$273,600

**Paul & Linda Hackl – 22.032.21.43.0006**

Increased from \$430,300 to \$460,200

Land increased to \$237,000

Classification changed from res. hstd. to agricultural

**James & Colleen Hoff – 23.032.21.43.0001**

Total value reduced from \$755,600 to \$633,900

Residential land reduced to \$246,200

Residential building increased to \$288,400

Commercial building reduced to \$14,300

**John & Marlys Pepera – 33.032.21.14.0003**

Land only/reduced from \$32,700 to \$30,800

Classification changed from res. hstd. to agricultural

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**John & Marlys Pepera – 34.032.21.22.0001**

Land only/reduced from \$117,000 to \$90,300

Classification changed from res. hstd. to agricultural

**John & Marlys Pepera – 34.032.21.23.0001**

No change to value of \$733,600

Classification changed from res. hstd. to agricultural

**GRANT****Dennis & Constance Strohkirch – 02.030.21.43.0003**

Increased from \$520,300 to \$524,100

Land increased to \$310,500

Classification changed from res. hstd. to agricultural

**Dennis & Constance Strohkirch – 02.030.21.44.0004**

Land only/reduced from \$334,900 to \$313,400

Classification changed from res. hstd. to agricultural

**Dennis & Constance Strohkirch – 02.030.21.44.0005**

Value increased from \$525,200 to \$526,200

Land increased to \$374,800

Classification changed from res. hstd. to agricultural

**Jerome Perron – 06.030.21.22.0003**

Land only/reduced from \$18,900 to \$2,300

**James & Terese Flom – 08.030.21.43.0002**

Reduced from \$549,600 to \$521,900

Building reduced to \$298,900

**Steven & Donna Boreen – 09.030.21.12.0001**

Reduced from \$586,800 to \$581,800

Land reduced to \$420,000

Classification changed from res. hstd. to agricultural

**Hershel & Elizabeth Weisberg – 11.030.21.13.0003**

Reduced from \$719,200 to \$668,700

Building reduced to \$299,600

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**Thomas & Barbara Schubring – 12.030.21.22.0003**

Reduced from \$393,800 to \$386,800

Building reduced to \$157,400

**L. Joseph Genereux – 15.030.21.11.0005**

Value same/\$890,500

Classification changed from res. hstd. to agricultural

**Linda Ann Marusich – 15.030.21.21.0011**

Reduced from \$492,900 to \$450,700

Building reduced to \$227,900

**Jana & Mark Bauer - 15.030.21.21.0014**

Reduced from \$416,500 to \$411,000

Building reduced to \$188,000

**Elizabeth & Charles Eumurian – 15.030.21.23.0005**

Reduced from \$430,800 to \$413,200

Building reduced to \$186,300

**David & Nancy Erickson – 21.030.21.22.0009**

Land only/land reduced from \$182,400 to \$17,400

**Ronald & Carol Winch – 21.030.21.33.0013**

Land only/land reduced from \$191,400 to \$26,400

**Jerome Audorff – 22.030.21.32.0004**

Land only/reduced from \$262,300 to \$127,300

**Eric & Kimberly Linner – 22.030.21.41.0001**

Reduced from \$608,300

Land reduced to \$318,500

Building reduced to \$239,200

**Robert & Mary Weber – 22.030.21.42.0001**

Reduced from \$387,700 to \$243,100

Building reduced to \$5,400

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**Luverne Richard Schwartz – 24.030.21.41.0001**

Value same/\$487,100

Classification changed from res. hmst. to agricultural

**Robb & Julie Jacobs – 25.030.21.41.0006**

Reduced from \$263,100 to \$16,900

Land reduced to \$16,900

Building value removed

**Daniel & Lori Gunderson – 26.030.21.42.0004**

Reduced from \$421,800 to \$414,600

Building reduced to \$186,900

**Kerry Townsend – 36.030.21.33.0006**

Value same/\$214,200

Classification changed from res. non-hstd. to commercial

**HUGO****Gordon Nelson – 12.031.21.24.0001**

Value increased from \$496,300 to \$578,300

Land increased to \$347,900

Building reduced to \$230,400

Classification changed from res.hstd. to agricultural

**Charles & Marykay Haas – 13.031.21.11.0002**

Reduced from \$619,500 to \$542,100

Land reduced to \$214,600

**J. R. Johnson Supply Inc. – 19.031.21.14.0011**

Reduced from \$3,621,200 to \$974,700

Land reduced to \$748,900

**Darrel Hansen – 22.031.21.41.0001**

Value same/\$228,800

Classification changed from commercial to res. non-hstd.

**Darrel Hansen – 22.031.21.44.0001**

Value same/\$278,600

Classification changed from res. non-hstd. &amp; comm. to all res. non-hstd.

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**Darrel Hansen – 23.031.21.32.0001**

Value same/\$349,400

Classification changed from commercial to res. non-hstd.

**Beverly LaCasse – 30.031.21.43.0040**

Reduced from \$182,700 to \$162,100

Building reduced to \$117,100

**LAKE ELMO****Allen & Veronica Siedle – 05.029.21.44.0032**

Reduced from \$301,300 to \$287,700

Building reduced to \$157,700

**William & Debra Roettger – 34.029.21.24.0004**

Reduced from \$534,700 to \$305,500

Building reduced to \$80,500

**LAKELAND****Jeffrey & Diane Perkins – 26.029.20.42.0005**

Reduced from \$870,300 to \$836,400

Building reduced to \$148,400

**MAHTOMEDI****Guy & Sharon Lennartson – 20.030.21.12.0001**

Reduced from \$293,600 to \$288,600

Land reduced to \$210,000

**Denis & Sharon Schoeller – 20.030.21.32.0005**

Land only/land reduced from \$153,000 to \$122,400

**James & Jean Stevens – 20.030.21.32.0021**

Land only/land reduced from \$180,000 to \$67,500

**Alvin Happke - 29.030.21.32.0018**

Reduced from \$325,300 to \$289,400

Building reduced to \$129,400

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**Roger Lyle – 29.030.21.32.0023**

Reduced from \$294,900 to \$248,400

Building reduced to \$88,400

**Peter & Marilyn Santi – 29.030.21.22.0016**

Reduced from \$1,706,600 to \$1,540,400

Land reduced to \$1,120,000

Building reduced to \$420,400

**Sally McNamara – 29.030.21.23.0012**

Reduced from \$291,400 to \$269,200

Building reduced to \$54,200

**Michael & Jennifer Lyons – 31.030.21.12.0052**

Reduced from \$823,800 to \$763,900

Building reduced to \$558,900

**FedEx Ground Pkg. System Inc. – 31.030.21.34.0021**

Reduced from \$9,064,700 to \$8,243,000

Building reduced to \$5,898,000

**John & Anna Markgraf – 32.030.21.22.0023**

Reduced from \$296,400 to \$272,400

Land reduced to \$96,000

**Gerald & Julie Olson – 32.030.21.33.0003**

Reduced from \$347,800 to \$273,400

Land reduced to \$157,500

Building reduced to \$115,900

**MARINE ON ST. CROIX****Timothy Fleming – 06.031.19.21.0012**

Land only/land reduced from \$190,600 to \$94,600

**Charles Arnason – 06.031.19.33.0013**

Reduced from \$401,400 to \$359,300

Building reduced to \$315,400

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**Dale Stull Trust – 07.031.19.22.0029**

Reduced from \$344,400 to \$305,500

Land reduced to \$164,300

**Robin Brooksbank – 07.031.19.23.0025**

Reduced from \$368,500 to \$280,400

Land reduced to \$183,600

Building reduced to \$96,800

**Robin Brooksbank – 07.031.19.23.0027**

Reduced from \$931,000 to \$835,000

Land reduced to \$724,000

**Dale Stull Trust – 07.031.19.34.0006**

Reduced from \$749,500 to \$691,100

Land reduced to \$550,000

Building reduced to \$141,100

**NEWPORT****Vishal & Sripriya Tiku – 01.027.22.22.0062**

Reduced from \$336,800 to \$139,000

Building reduced to \$111,000

**Vishal & Sripriya Tiku – 01.027.22.22.0063**

Reduced from \$336,800 to \$139,000

Building reduced to \$106,000

**Mulugeta Baka – 36.028.22.24.0110**

Reduced from \$175,200 to \$168,700

Land reduced to \$50,000

Building increased to \$118,700

**OAK PARK HEIGHTS****Cheryl Lee – 04.029.20.11.0113**

Reduced from \$175,000 to \$160,600

Building reduced to \$108,700

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**Otto Sturzebecher – 04.029.20.11.0137**

Reduced from \$237,400 to \$189,800

Building reduced to \$134,800

**Steve & Lynn Thron – 04.029.20.21.0069**

Reduced from \$336,800 to \$327,800

Building reduced to \$295,400

**Steven & Laura Palmer – 05.029.20.14.0122**

Reduced from \$278,100 to \$264,200

Building reduced to \$177,800

**Brooks & Whitcomb LLC – 06.029.20.24.0033**

Reduced from \$2,119,700 to \$1,992,100

Building reduced to \$1,697,700

**OAKDALE****HO Properties L P – 06.029.21.33.0002**

Reduced from \$437,800 to \$304,500

Land reduced to \$162,000

Building reduced to \$142,500

**Hadley 5 Partnership LLC – 18.029.21.41.0045**

Reduced from \$784,500 to \$585,700

Land reduced to \$246,600

Building reduced to \$339,100

**Capital Appreciation Inv. – 29.029.21.33.0007**

Reduced from \$1,349,300 to \$1,172,400

Land reduced to \$296,400

Building reduced to \$876,000

**PINE SPRINGS****Sid Berquam – 32.030.21.43.0011**

Reduced from \$546,000 to \$428,200

Building reduced to \$244,300

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**ST. MARY'S POINT****Gary Williams – 14.028.20.43.0007**

Reduced from \$728,300 to \$718,100

Building reduced to \$175,600

**SCANDIA****Gregory & Denise Zauner – 01.032.20.44.0007**

Reduced from \$229,800 to \$216,900

Building reduced to \$128,200

**Thomas Stein – 14.032.20.24.0008**

Reduced from \$372,100 to \$345,200

Building reduced to \$225,500

**Robert & Lois Johnston – 20.032.20.42.0003**

Reduced from \$607,000 to \$467,300

Land reduced to \$326,300

**Suzanne & Stephen Toensing Trust – 25.032.20.13.0006**

Reduced from \$419,100 to \$368,500

Land reduced to \$120,000

Building reduced to \$248,500

**Robert & Debra Davies – 29.032.20.14.0009**

Reduced from \$379,800 to \$335,900

Land reduced to \$298,600

**Richard and Marlene Paulsen – 31.032.20.14.0019**

Value same/\$93,500

Classification changed from seasonal to res. non-hstd.

**Robert & Kathleen Lushanko - 33.032.20.44.0005**

Reduced from \$407,500 to \$298,100

Land reduced to \$270,100

Building reduced to \$28,000

**Laura Ann Henk – 34.032.20.24.0017**

Reduced from \$414,600 to \$396,800

Building reduced to \$26,800

**Thomas & Barbara Tomaro – 34.032.20.24.0020**

Reduced from \$415,000 to \$389,800

Building reduced to \$19,800

**STILLWATER CITY****Michael & Gayle Wagner – 28.030.20.14.0106**

Reduced from \$497,400 to \$450,400

Building reduced to \$250,400

**Anna Franciskovich – 28.030.20.24.0072**

Reduced from \$215,400 to \$184,100

Building reduced to \$105,300

**Vivian Hurley – 29.030.20.11.0052**

Reduced from \$503,700 to \$450,400

Building reduced to \$361,100

**Tina McGurran – 29.030.20.11.0053**

Reduced from \$489,700 to \$463,200

Building reduced to \$373,900

**Robert & Monica Bartkey – 29.030.20.34.0019**

Reduced from \$237,700 to \$224,900

Building reduced to \$125,100

**Eugene & Betty Bealka – 32.030.20.11.0020**

Reduced from \$403,500 to \$376,700

Building reduced to \$145,700

**Louise Speers – 34.030.20.23.0073**

Reduced from \$522,100 to \$504,600

Building reduced to \$137,100

**WEST LAKELAND TWP.****Pamela Brown – 21.029.20.41.0008**

Reduced from \$562,800 to \$530,800

Land reduced to \$174,200

Building reduced to \$356,600

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**John & Cynthia Gardner – 22.029.20.31.0008**

Reduced from \$645,800 to \$612,300

Building reduced to \$438,100

**Loren Kalal – 22.029.20.44.0002**

Reduced from \$354,700 to \$302,400

Land reduced to \$158,900

Building increased to \$143,500

**Dale & Janel Busacker - 31.029.20.11.0017**

Reduced from \$588,800 to \$508,600

Building reduced to \$334,400

**Phillip & Colleen Danford – 31.029.20.14.0007**

Reduced from \$659,700 to \$553,500

Building reduced to \$370,200

**Dennis & Cherie Erickson – 34.029.20.42.0003**

Land only/land reduced from \$106,900 to \$28,600

**WILLERNIE****Lois & Arlyn Loftis – 29.030.21.34.0150**

Reduced from \$139,000 to \$126,000

Building reduced to \$58,000

**WOODBURY****AMZI LLC – 06.028.21.31.0116**

Reduced from \$520,000 to \$489,400

Building reduced to \$382,400

**Brent & Jeannie Olson – 14.028.21.23.0009**

Reduced from \$484,000 to \$450,000

Building reduced to \$330,000

**Todd & Michelle Wildenauer – 11.028.21.14.0035**

Reduced from \$729,300 to \$700,000

Building reduced to \$495,000

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**Larry & Rita Wang – 14.028.21.14.0038**

Reduced from \$428,100 to \$416,700

Land reduced to \$90,000

Building reduced to \$326,700

**Simon & Julia Fung – 30.028.21.11.0006**

Reduced from \$719,200 to \$505,000

Res. land reduced to \$150,100

Res. building reduced to \$302,300

Commercial land reduced to \$33,000

Commercial building reduced to \$19,600