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	02/17/2009		Town meetings with legislators to be held in Woodbury, 2/23 and Forest Lake on 2/26.	23	53
	02/17/2009		Legislative update.	23	53
	02/24/2009		Legislative update presented.	23	61
	03/03/2009		Congresswoman McCollum urged Dakota, Washington, and Ramsey Counties to work together and make application for special stimulus dollars.	23	69
	03/03/2009		Legislative update.	23	69
	03/10/2009		Legislative update.	23	76
	03/10/2009		Update on Green Acres legislation.	23	77
	03/17/2009		Legislative update.	23	82

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	04/07/2009		Review of proposed county .5% sales tax and impact to the county. Comm. Peterson asked for a legal opinion if the State could take away these funds in the future.	23	104
	04/07/2009		Legislative update.	23	104
	04/07/2009		Oppose Section 6 of the DNR Bill that would exempt DNR Wildlife Management Areas from certain local ordinances.	23	105
	04/14/2009		Legislative update.	23	116
	04/21/2009		Update on SF 775 and HF 797 related to boarding of horses.	23	125
	04/21/2009		Legislative update.	23	125
	04/28/2009		Meeting with Legislators and DNR officials to discuss the Wildlife Management Areas and proposed legislation exempting these areas from local ordinances.	23	133
	04/28/2009		Legislative update.	23	133
	05/05/2009		Legislative update.	23	142
	05/05/2009		Letter to WACO Legislative delegation opposing H.F. 2076 addressing Maintenance of Efforts requirements for health and human services programs that would adversely affect WACO and many other counties.	23	142
	05/12/2009		Legislative update.	23	151
	05/19/2009		Legislative update presented.	23	160
	05/26/2009		Legislative update.	23	169
	06/02/2009		Legislative update.	23	176
	06/16/2009		John Kaul presented 2009 legislative wrap-up.	23	188
	06/16/2009		Governor announces budget cuts.	23	188
Library	01/06/2009		Reappt. Paul Ryberg, Library Board, 2nd and final term to 12/31/11.	23	4
	01/06/2009		Reappt. John Sievert, Library Board, 1st full term to 12/31/11.	23	4
	02/03/2009		Amend. contract w/SirsiDynix Corporation, maintenance of the Library's integrated library system called HORIZON.	23	36
	02/10/2009		Review of "One County, One Book" program.	23	42
	02/10/2009		Workshop held to discuss issues related to facilities planning.	23	46
	03/17/2009		Amend. #1 to contract for services w/Bayport Library.	23	80
	03/17/2009		Amend. #1 to contract for services w/Stillwater Library.	23	80
	06/02/2009		Appt. Herbert Japs, Library Board, 1st term to 12/31/11.	23	175
	06/16/2009		Amend contract #4399 w/SirsiDynix Corporation for software and maintenance to streamline process.	23	187
Property Records/Tax Services	01/06/2009	2009-002	Reappointment of Bruce Munneke as County Assessor to 12/31/12.	23	7
	01/06/2009		Contract w/Total Software Solutions, Inc. enhancements to the recording system.	23	7
	01/06/2009	2009-003	Conveyance of TFL for an authorized public use.	23	8
	01/27/2009		Changes to individual property valuations for the 2008 assessment year.	23	30
	02/03/2009		Kevin Corbid subpoenaed to testify at the US Senate election contest hearing.	23	38

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Property Records/Tax Services	02/10/2009		Software license, software maintenance, and hardware warranty agree. w/Premier Election Solutions, Inc.	23	41
	02/17/2009		Set the Board of Equalization for Tuesday, June 16 at 5:00 p.m.	23	50
	02/24/2009		Contract w/Expedite! Direct Mail for printing and mailing of 2009 property tax-related documents.	23	58
	02/24/2009	2009-018	Supporting a fee increase for Deputy Registrars.	23	59
	02/24/2009		Liq. Lic. SSG Corporation, 4/1/09 - 3/31/10.	23	59
	03/03/2009		Liq. Lic., The Point, Inc., 4/1/09 - 3/31/10.	23	66
	03/03/2009		Liq. Lic., Outing Lodge at Pine Point, LLC, 4/1/09 - 3/31/10.	23	66
	03/03/2009		Liq. Lic., Afton Alps, Inc., 4/1/09 - 3/31/10.	23	66
	03/03/2009		Liq. Lic., Stoneridge Golf Club, 4/1/09 - 3/31/10.	23	66
	03/03/2009	2009-020	Lawful gambling exemption application from the Ruffed Grouse Society, Missi-Croix Chapter.	23	66
	03/10/2009		Agree. For assessment services with the City of Oakdale.	23	75
	03/10/2009		Liq. Lic. for the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp Association, 3/1/09 - 3/31/10.	23	75
	03/17/2009		Reduce passport photo fee from \$15 to \$5 on March 27 and March 28.	23	81
	03/24/2009		Contracts w/Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. for: computer aided mass appraisals (CAMA) for 2009; extended service contract (web site), consolidated extended service contract, and service PLUS contract.	23	88
	03/24/2009		Workshop held to discuss the assessment year 2009/payable 2010 valuations.	23	98
	04/07/2009		Consumption display, Sunday liq. lic. for the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp Association, Inc. 4/1/09 - 3/31/10.	23	100
	04/07/2009		Report on two day event reducing passport photos from \$15 to \$5.	23	104
	04/07/2009		Workshop held to discuss the final 2009 property taxes.	23	107
	04/14/2009		Workshop held to consider county participation in the aggregate resource preservation property tax law program.	23	118
	04/28/2009	2009-038	Set public hearing related to aggregate resource preservation property tax law.	23	130
	05/19/2009		Abatement on parcels owned by Forest Lake American Legion Post 225.	23	156
	05/19/2009		Abatement on parcels owned by CP Rail (Soo Line Railroad) in the City of Cottage Grove.	23	156
	05/19/2009		Public hearing to consider participation in aggregate resource preservation property tax law program.	23	158
	05/19/2009	2009-053	Terminating participation in the aggregate resource preservation property tax law.	23	159
	05/26/2009		Plat of Murphy Addition located in Denmark Township.	23	164
	06/09/2009	2009-058	Lawful gambling exemption for Hastings Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.	23	180
	06/09/2009		Board of Appeal and Equalization to meet at 5:00 p.m. next Tuesday. Board meeting to start at 2:00.	23	184
	06/16/2009		Board of Appeal and Equalization to meet with persons interested in or affected by proposed changes for the classification of horse boarding operations at 3:00 p.m. Board of appeal and Equalization to meet at 5:00.	23	189

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	06/23/2009		Board of Appeal and Equalization convened at 1:00 p.m.	23	203
Public Health & Environment	01/06/2009		Reappt. Marguerite Rheinberger, 2nd term to 12/31/09.	23	4
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Brian Johnson, Groundwater Advisory Committee, 2nd term to 12/31/10.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Katherine Grimm, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, to 4th and final term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Robert Livingston, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Bo Bogtty, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 3rd term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Sheriff Bill Hutton, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 3rd term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Stacy Bohl, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. David Hume, Groundwater Advisory Committee, 2nd term to 12/31/10.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Daniel Bigham, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Edward Gordon, Groundwater Advisory Committee, 3rd and final term to 12/31/10.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Debra Esse, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 3rd term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Joseph Bauer, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 4th and final term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Jessica Parcheta, MN Extension Committee, 2nd term to 12/31/11.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Mary McComber, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 2nd term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Jennifer Levitt, Groundwater Advisory Committee, 2nd term to 12/31/10.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Robert Byerly, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 4th and final term to 12/31/09.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Terry Smith, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, 3rd term to 12/31/09.	23	003
	01/13/2009		2009-2011 home health care and home modification contacts w/Alliance Health Services, Inc., Comfort Keepers, Crystal Care Home Health Services, Divine Healthcare Network, Equity Services of St. Paul, Inc., Fairview Lakes Home Caring and Hospice, Integrated Home Care, Lakeview Home Care and Hospice, Metro PCA Services, Minnesota Home Care Professionals Inc., Northwest Home Health Care Services, REM Health, REM Minnesota, Sunrise Health Services, Inc., and Triple Angels of Cottage Grove, to provide home and community based services for the elderly and disabled residents of Washington County.	23	16
	01/13/2009		Agree. w/Shawn Svendsen-Cates, Mary Hanf, Theresa A. May, Lucinda Pepper and Carl Schoenecker, independent contracted wellness program staff for on-site county employee wellness activities.	23	16

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	02/03/2009		Renew two-year agreements w/Cities of Bayport, Forest Lake, Lakeland Shores, Newport, Oakdale, Scandia, and Pine Springs, individual sewage treatment system inspection services.	23	36
	02/03/2009		License to use property w/Children's Dental Service for the use of WIC Clinic space in Cottage Grove for holding monthly dental clinics.	23	36
	02/17/2009	2009-017	Amend. agree. for financial audit services w/Olsen Thielen & Co. Ltd. related to the County Environmental Charge.	23	50
	02/17/2009		Renewal of two-year agreements w/Cities of Grant, Hugo, Lakeland, Marine on St. Croix, and St. Paul Park for individual sewage treatment system inspection services.	23	50
	02/17/2009		Contract amend. to enter agree. w/Stillwater Medical Group for medical services for jail inmates, and public health services for treatment of tuberculosis.	23	50
	02/17/2009		Accept the 2008 Community Health Assessment Report and auth. its submission to the MN Dept. of Health.	23	51
	02/24/2009		Citizen comments from Steve Anderson, Jason Campbell, Lake Elmo, Mike Clemens, Forest Lake, and Rebecca Tempas, Lake Elmo re: Opposed to no funding for 4-H Extension program.	23	57
	03/03/2009		Citizen comments on 4-H Extension funding from: Susan Clemens, Eden Prairie, and Abby and Emma Persoon, Mahtomedi.	23	65
	03/03/2009		Appt. John Rheinberger, Groundwater Advisory Committee, 1st term to 12/31/10.	23	66
	03/10/2009		Citizen comments on 4-H extension funding: Mike Clemens, Forest Lake; Julie Finch, St. Paul; Denny Seefeldt, Scandia; and Chelsea Dietsche, Cottage Grove.	23	73
	03/17/2009		Comments in support of continued 4-H funding: Mark Zuzek, Denmark Township; Rep. Bob Dettmer, District 52A; John Strohfus, Woodbury; and Roger Tuckner, Stillwater Township.	23	79
	03/17/2009		Revise Policy #5425, Tuberculosis Occupational Exposure Control Plan.	23	81
	03/24/2009		Comments received to continue funding 4-H: Laurie Arco, Afton; Gary Houle, Stacy; Fran Miron, Hugo; Alex and Amy Enter, Stillwater; Laura Reinke, Grant; and Allison Hansen, Lake Elmo.	23	85
	03/24/2009		Appt. Mark Frazer, Groundwater Advisory Committee, 1st term to 12/31/10.	23	87
	03/24/2009		Reappt. Donald Pereira, South Washington Watershed District, to 5/1/12.	23	87
	03/24/2009		Renew two-year agree. w/cities of Cottage Grove and Mahtomedi, individual sewage treatment system inspection services.	23	88
	03/24/2009		Option 3, modify the Memorandum of Agree. (MOA) w/U of MN Extension by continuing 2 FTE full-time through September 15, 2009 at which time the MOA would be terminated.	23	89
	03/24/2009	2009-023	File South Wash. Watershed District enlargement petition w/BWSR.	23	91
	03/24/2009	2009-024	File Valley Branch Watershed District enlargement petition w/BWSR.	23	92
	04/07/2009		Appt. Richard Thron, Groundwater Advisory, Well Drilling, 1st term to 12/31/10.	23	99

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	04/07/2009		Appt. Robert Bankers, Groundwater Advisory, Construction, 1st term to 12/31/10.	23	100
	04/07/2009		Licenses for use of real property for collection of household hazardous waste.	23	100
	04/07/2009		Submit a proposal to the MN Dept. of Health as part of the MN Statewide Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) to address tobacco and obesity health issues.	23	102
	04/07/2009		Workshop held to discuss Minnesota's electronics waste collection law.	23	107
	04/14/2009		Highlights of the 2008 Groundwater Work Plan, overview of the 2009 work plan, and an update on the Perfluorochemical activities.	23	115
	04/21/2009		Appt. Mary Beth Johnson, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, 1st term to 12/31/09.	23	120
	04/21/2009		Renew two year agreements w/Cities of Afton and Lake St. Croix Beach, individual sewage treatment system inspection services.	23	120
	04/28/2009		Update on actions being taken by the State of MN and WACO in response to the potential swine flu outbreak.	23	134
	05/05/2009		Amend agree. w/Heritage Environmental Services LLC for household hazardous waste services.	23	139
	05/05/2009		Comments to the City of Lake Elmo on their Local Water Management Plan.	23	139
	05/05/2009		H1N1 virus (Swine Flu) update.	23	143
	05/19/2009		Reappt. Steve Kronmiller, Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District to 6/21/12.	23	155
	05/19/2009		Agree. w/CRT Processing LLC for electronics waste management services.	23	156
	06/02/2009		Appt. Cynthia Krueger, MN Extension Committee, 1st term to 12/31/11.	23	173
	06/02/2009		Appt. Jerry Cagle, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, 1st term to 12/31/09.	23	173
	06/16/2009		Comments to the MN Pollution Control Agency, re: 3M Cottage Grove Disposal Site Proposed Cleanup Plan for Perfluorochemicals.	23	187
	06/16/2009		Comments to City of Lakeland re: their Local Water Management Plan.	23	187
	06/23/2009		Agree. w/MN Dept. of Public Safety, division of Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt., for funding.	23	197
Public Works-Facilities	01/06/2009		Reappt. Alice Smith, 1st full term, Historic Courthouse Advisory, to 12/31/10.	23	3
	01/06/2009		Appt. Krista Benson, Historic Courthouse Advisory, 1st term to 12/31/10.	23	4
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Sara Minehart, Historic Courthouse Advisory, 4th and final term to 12/31/10.	23	4
	01/06/2009		Appt. Kaye Kraft, Historic Courthouse Advisory, 1st term to 12/31/10.	23	4
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Gloria Knoblauch, Historic Courthouse Advisory, 4th & final term to 12/31/10.	23	4
	01/06/2009		Extend house lease agree. w/Michael and Courtney Bengston, Lake Elmo Park Reserve.	23	8
	01/13/2009		Change Order #6 to contract w/Century Construction Company.	23	16

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	01/13/2009		Change Order #10 to contract w/Sowles Company.	23	16
	01/20/2009		Change order #1 w/Jorgensen Construction.	23	22
	02/03/2009		Contract w/Owens Companies, Inc. to overhaul the LEC chiller.	23	37
	02/10/2009		Workshop held for an update and review of the Campus 2025 improvements.	23	47
	02/24/2009		Professional service contract amendments for the Campus 2025 Phase 5 improvements w/Wold Architects and Engineers and Kraus-Anderson Midwest Construction.	23	59
	03/10/2009		Change Order #6, contract w/General Sheet Metal Company, Inc.	23	75
	03/10/2009		Change Order #7 to contract w/Century Construction Company, Inc.	23	75
	03/10/2009		Change Order #11, contract w/Sowles Company.	23	75
	03/10/2009		Change Order #6, contract w/Commercial Drywall, Inc.	23	75
	03/10/2009		Change Order #10, contract w/People's Electric, Inc.	23	75
	03/10/2009		Change Order #11, contract w/People's Electric, Inc.	23	75
	03/10/2009		Change Order #7 to contract with Gresser Companies, Inc.	23	75
	03/10/2009		Change Order #12, contract w/People's Electric, Inc.	23	76
	03/24/2009		Change Order #13, contract w/People's Electric, Inc.	23	89
	04/07/2009		Agree. w/CenterPoint Energy, provide natural gas installation and services to the new Environment Center in Woodbury, and a development cash incentive to be paid to the county.	23	101
	04/07/2009		Contract w/Waste Management extending the contract to 12/31/09.	23	101
	04/14/2009	2009-029	Bid award for audio/video technology on the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements project to Appollo Systems.	23	111
	04/14/2009	2009-030	Bid award for signage on the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements Project to Signation Sign Group.	23	112
	04/14/2009	2009-031	Bid award for window shades on the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements Project to OffiSource, Inc.	23	113
	04/14/2009	2009-032	Request the Met Council to continue to manage a competitively procured contract for Regional Dial-a-Ride services for WACO.	23	113
	04/28/2009		Budget amendment and use of an additional \$500,000 from County Environment Charge fund for the Environmental Center Project.	23	129
	04/28/2009		Change Order No. 3 to contract with St. Paul Linoleum and Carpet Company.	23	130
	05/05/2009		Agree. w/Xcel Energy to provide underground electric cable installation and services to the new Environmental Center in Woodbury.	23	139
	05/12/2009	2009-046	Bid rejection for technical services for modular furnishings.	23	147
	05/12/2009		Amend. agree. w/Appollo Systems for courtroom audio/video technology resulting in a \$39,651 savings.	23	151
	05/19/2009		Contract w/United States Mechanical, replacement of the LEC water control system.	23	157

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	05/26/2009		Change Order #5, contract w/Gresser Companies, Inc.	23	165
	05/26/2009		Change Order #14, contract w/People's Electric, Inc.	23	165
	05/26/2009		Change Order #2, contract w/Ford Metro, Inc.	23	165
	05/26/2009		Change Order #15, contract w/People's Electric, Inc.	23	165
	05/26/2009		Agree. w/Xcel Energy for Peak-Controlled Tiered Services for the Government Center Campus.	23	165
	06/02/2009	2009-057	U.S. Dept. of Energy grant application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program	23	175
	06/23/2009	2009-068	Bid awards for Campus 2025 Phase V South Wing remodel.	23	198
Public Works-General	01/06/2009		Comments on the city of Newport draft comp plan.	23	8
	01/06/2009		Update given on the fuel consortium purchase program for 2009.	23	9
	01/27/2009		Reappt. Pamela Skinner to the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Board of Managers, to 2/23/12.	23	28
	02/10/2009		Comments on the city of Stillwater and city of Hastings draft comp plans.	23	42
	02/17/2009		Comments on the City of Mahtomedi and Maplewood draft comp plans.	23	51
	02/17/2009		Contract w/Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P. for Federal relations services.	23	51
	02/24/2009		Agree. w/Wash. Conservation District for 2009 professional services.	23	59
	03/10/2009		Workshop held to review and comment on the Draft Housing, Natural Resources and Environment, and Land Use Chapters of the 2030 Comp Plan.	23	78
	03/24/2009		Comments on West Lakeland Twp. and City of Afton's Draft Comp Plans.	23	88
Public Works-Parks	01/06/2009		Reappt. Paul Poncil, Parks and Open Space Commission, 3rd and final term to 12/31/11.	23	4
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Kenneth Heuer, Parks and Open Space Commission, 3rd and final term to 12/31/11.	23	4
	02/03/2009		Agree. w/Met Council for restrictive covenants on property acquired for inclusion into the Big Marine Park Reserve.	23	37
	02/10/2009		Appt. Brian Zeller, Parks and Open Space, 1st term to 12/31/11.	23	41
	02/10/2009		Letter received from Fawcett Law, LLC on behalf of ten property owners requesting that certain privately owned parcels be removed from the official map of Big Marine Park Reserve. Staff directed to do an informal review and report back in 60 days.	23	43
	02/10/2009		Letter to Chuck Haas congratulating him on his appointment to the Metropolitan Council Park and Open Space Commission.	23	45
	02/17/2009		Appt. Andy Joyce, Parks and Open Space Commission, 1st term to 12/31/11.	23	49
	02/17/2009		Review of constitutional amendment for the Clean Water, Land and Legacy and funding proposals.	23	52
	04/07/2009		Request proposals for concessionaire operations at Point Douglas Park.	23	100
	04/07/2009		Permit for Southeast Area YMCA to operate a day camp at Lake Elmo Park Reserve, Group Camp Site #2.	23	101

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	04/07/2009		Contract w/Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Company, Inc. one Midland Self Propelled road widener.	23	101
	04/07/2009		Workshop held to discuss the request to amend the boundary of the Big Marine Park Reserve.	23	107
	04/14/2009		The Board moved not to initiate proceedings to amend the Official May of the Big Marine Park Reserve.	23	114
	04/21/2009	2009-033	MN snowmobile trails assistance program, Star Trail Association.	23	120
	05/05/2009	2009-042	State cost-share assistance contract w/Washington Conservation District for prairie restoration.	23	139
	05/05/2009	2009-043	Close Lake Elmo Park Reserve boat launch for a Rowing Regatta, August 21 and 22, 2009.	23	140
	05/05/2009		Executive Session held to discuss possible purchases of the Pontius Parcel for the WACO Parks Trail System, and portions of the Carpenter Nature Center for WACO Parks Trail System.	23	144
	05/12/2009	2009-049	Support the Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities and appoint John Elholm, Parks Director, to the Foundation Board of Directors.	23	150
	06/09/2009		License to Picnic Basket, Inc., Point Douglas Parks concession stand.	23	180
	06/16/2009	2009-061	Providing free access to the County's Parks for the spouse of any currently deployed military personnel.	23	188
	06/23/2009	2009-063	State cost-share assistance contract w/Wash. Conservation District for weed control.	23	193
	06/23/2009	2009-064	Two MN trail assistance program grant requests.	23	193
	06/23/2009	2009-069	Free access to parks for military personnel on leave or recently leaving active service and any veteran who has a total and permanent service connected disability.	23	201
	06/23/2009	2009-070	Met. Council recreation open space acquisition grant reimbursement for portion of Parcel A, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park.	23	202
Public Works-Roads	01/13/2009		JPA w/Dakota County for the demolition of Bridge 5600.	23	17
	01/20/2009	2009-009	Auth. Commissioner of Mn/DOT to perform a speed study on various county roads: CSAH 8, CSAH 13, CSAH 15, and CSAH 18.	23	22
	01/27/2009	2009-011	Transfer permanent right of way and easements per cooperative agree. w/Woodbury for CSAH 13.	23	28
	01/27/2009	2009-012	Transfer drainage and utility easements per cooperative agree. w/Hugo for the CSAH 8 project.	23	29
	01/27/2009		Overview of projects qualifying for the economic stimulus package.	23	30
	02/03/2009	2009-014	Traffic control signal agree. w/City of Cottage Grove, CR 22 and Hardwood Ave.	23	35
	02/10/2009		Supplemental Agree. #1, Work order #16, and Change Orders 7-8, 10-13 w/CS McCrossan Construction for the CSAH 13.	23	41
	02/10/2009	2009-016	Agree. No. 93903-P w/MnDOT for demolition of Bridge 5600.	23	42
	02/10/2009		Contract w/Veit & Company, Inc. for the demolition of Bridge 5600.	23	43
	02/17/2009		Distribution of township road allotments.	23	51

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	02/17/2009		Update on the CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Ave) TH 36 intersection project in Grant and Lake Elmo.	23	52
	02/17/2009		Settlement for the CSAH 15 Crescent Development on the attorney's fees and appraisal fees in the amount of \$46,390.77.	23	55
	03/03/2009		Contract w/WSB and Associates, Inc. design services for the TH 244 and CSAH 12 safety and mobility intersection reconstruction project in Mahtomedi and Willernie.	23	67
	03/03/2009		Update on the Federal Economic stimulus package, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - 2009.	23	67
	03/03/2009		Letter to Met Council stating that the \$45 million budget shortfall for Metro Transit should not be made up with one-time stimulus money.	23	68
	03/03/2009		Contract w/Toltz, King, Duval, Anderson and Associates for final design services for the proposed Hardwood Creek Trail Bridge over CR 83 in Forest Lake.	23	68
	03/03/2009		Letter to Met Council and TAB urging the use of stimulus funding for the CR 14 overpass project in Anoka County.	23	68
	03/10/2009		Contract w/SRF Consulting Group, final design services for the Broadway Avenue improvement project in Forest Lake.	23	75
	03/17/2009		Workshop held to review the Joint Powers Agree. for high speed rail corridor.	23	84
	03/24/2009	2009-021	Final payment on 2007 bituminous road overlays-south to Hardrives, Inc.	23	88
	04/07/2009	2009-026	Final payment on CSAH 8 construction project to Arnt Construction.	23	100
	04/07/2009		Supplemental Agree. #2 and #3 to CSAH 18 road construction contract w/Forest Lake Contracting.	23	102
	04/07/2009		Memo of Understanding for Corridor Access Management Plan with the City of Woodbury for certain corridors.	23	102
	04/28/2009		Work Order No. 17 for the CSAH 13 road construction project contract w/CS McCrossan Construction.	23	130
	04/28/2009		Amend No. 1 to Mn/DOT Contract No. 93611 related to Phase I and II investigation of historic structures along CSAH 2 in Forest Lake.	23	130
	04/28/2009		Update on projected traffic impacts and review completed, pending and future improvements to roadways in the vicinity of the new East Ridge High School, Woodbury.	23	130
	05/05/2009		Capital and Transit operating assistance agreements with CTIB. (I-94 alternatives analysis and transit services from Forest Lake to St. Paul and Minneapolis).	23	139
	05/05/2009		Executive Session held to discuss a proposed condemnation appeal regarding compensation and damages for TMT Land V, pertaining to the reconstruction of CSAH 13.	23	144
	05/12/2009		Contract w/Boonestroo, preliminary and final bridge design engineering services for the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail overpass at Broadway Ave. in Forest Lake.	23	147
	05/12/2009	2009-047	Bid award for crackseal provision and application on county roads for 2009 to Expert Driveways, Inc.	23	148

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Public Works-Roads	05/12/2009	2009-050	Federal participation in advance construction for CSAH 18 in the City of Afton.	23	151
	05/19/2009		Letter in support of a Highway System Improvement Program Solicitation application by Mn/DOT for improvements and signalization at CSAH 4/CR 4/TH 61.	23	156
	05/19/2009		Agree. w/City of Stillwater for CSAH 15 landscaping construction cost reimbursement and maintenance.	23	157
	05/19/2009	2009-052	Bid award fro cold inplace bituminous recycling project on CR 71 in the City of Afton to Tower Asphalt.	23	157
	05/26/2009		Workshop held for an overview of the transitway corridors within WACO.	23	171
	05/26/2009		Workshop held to review background on the Regional Rail Corridor, Memorandum of Understanding w/Hugo and the MN/DOT for access management along the Th 61 Reg. Rail Corridor and consideration of an easement to the City of Hugo for expansion of TH 61.	23	171
	06/02/2009		Auth. Director to enter into a cost allocation agree. w/Union Pacific Railroad Company, replacement of the railroad crossing surface on CSAH 17 in the City of Lake Elmo.	23	174
	06/02/2009		Update on federal funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, et al. Thank you letters to Senator Klobuchar, Rep. McCollum, and Rep. Bachmann.	23	174
	06/09/2009		Deny petition to assume ownership of Goodview Avenue from the Cities of Grant and Hugo, and White Bear Township in Ramsey County.	23	180
	06/09/2009	2009-059	Agree. w/MN Dept. of Natural Resources for the Gateway Trail CSAH 15 Crossing.	23	180
	06/23/2009	2009-067	Bid award for CSAH 18 east/west reconstruction, Afton, to Tower Asphalt, Inc.	23	197
Public Works-Surveyor	01/06/2009		Appt. Shane Bauer, Planning Advisory Commission, 1st term to 12/31/11.	23	4
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Kathy Sedro, Planning Advisory Commission, 2nd term to 12/31/11.	23	4
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Charles Newman, Planning Advisory Commission, 2nd term to 12/31/11.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Robert Mann, Board of Adjustment & Appeals, 2nd term to 12/31/11.	23	5
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Harry Melander, Board of Adjustment & Appeals, 5th term to 12/31/11.	23	5
	01/27/2009		Appt. John Jansen as Wash. County alternate to the St. Croix Partnership Team.	23	28
	02/24/2009		Award contract to Kucera International, Inc. for county-wide aerial photography.	23	59
	03/10/2009		Appt. Adam Stone, Planning Advisory Commission, 1st term to 12/31/11.	23	75
Regional Rail Authority	02/03/2009		RRA minutes from 9/16/08; Status of JPA for the I-94 Corridor and the Midwest High Speed Passenger Rail Corridor.	23	35
	03/10/2009		RRA minutes 2/3/09 and JPA for I-94 corridor.	23	73
	03/17/2009		Workshop w/Public Works to review the Joint Powers Agree. for the high speed rail corridor.	23	84
	04/21/2009		RRA met and approved the following: Minutes from 3/10/09 and support appropriation for the I-94 alternative analysis.	23	119

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Regional Rail Authority	04/21/2009		Workshop w/Public Works to discuss the Counties Transit Improvement Board financial mode.	23	127
	05/05/2009		RRA meeting minutes, 4/21/09; and Resolution No. RRA-2009-002, MN High Speed Rail Corridor Joint Powers Agreement.	23	137
	05/26/2009		RRA meeting minutes from 5/5/09; and Resolution No. 2009-RRA-003, Joint Powers Agreement w/Hennepin County RRA for consultant services for the Minneapolis Intermodal Phase II Study.	23	163
	06/09/2009		RRA minutes from 5/26/09; Resolution No. 2009-RRA-004, Appointment of Commissioner Pulkrabek to the I-94 Corridor and Commissioner Kriesel as alternate.	23	179
Sheriff	01/06/2009	2009-004	2009 Criminal gang strike force and narcotics task force grant.	23	8
	01/20/2009		Motorola Change order WC-007 to the 800 MHz radio system contract.	23	23
	01/27/2009	2009-013	Amendment #1 to the narcotics task force grant.	23	30
	02/10/2009	2009-015	2009 State boat and water safety grant.	23	42
	03/17/2009		Transfer ownership of WACO Sheriff's office K-9 Paetro to Sgt. Kyle Schenck.	23	80
	03/24/2009		Amend No. 1 to Joint Powers Mutual Aid Agree. w/MN Dept. of Corrections, MN Correctional Facility-Oak Park Heights, to correct a typographical error.	23	88
	03/24/2009	2009-022	Agree. for Federal boating safety supplemental grant agree.	23	88
	04/07/2009		New 911 Call Center opened at 4:00 a.m. this morning.	23	105
	04/14/2009		Photos displayed of the newly opened 911 call center.	23	109
	04/14/2009		Software maintenance agree. w/Radio IP Software, Inc. for the Squad Mobile Computer Project.	23	109
	04/14/2009		Application for funding of seven licensed positions in the Sheriff's Office through the COPS Hiring Recovery Program.	23	110
	04/14/2009		Making a Difference Award from the MN Assoc. of Public Safety Communications Officials to the WACO Communications Center for their work during the 5/25/08 Hugo tornado.	23	110
	04/14/2009	2009-028	Recognizing the Public Safety Operators and Dispatchers in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunications week.	23	110
	04/28/2009		Application to fund one 911 Public Safety Dispatcher in the Sheriff's Office through the Edward Byrne Competitive Grant program for hiring civilian law enforcement.	23	130
	05/05/2009		Accept donation for the Sheriff's Explorer Post in the amount of \$150 from residents Michael and Susan Haines.	23	139
	05/12/2009	2009-048	Law Enforcement Memorial Day and Week in Washington County, May 10-16, 2009.	23	149
	05/12/2009		U.S. Dept. of Justice, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Division, national award on the Bever Case, the Lake Elmo shooting that occurred in May of 2003.	23	149
	05/12/2009		Accept donation from Prosperan Bank in the amount of \$115 for the K-9 unit.	23	149
	05/12/2009		Joint Powers Agree. w/State of MN, Commissioners of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for investigative overtime reimbursement, training, and equipment in combating the exploitation of children.	23	149

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Sheriff	05/19/2009		Public Safety communications system subscriber agreements w/Cities of Woodbury, Oak Park Heights, Forest Lake, Stillwater, Oakdale, Marine, Lake Elmo, St. Paul Park, Mahtomedi, Hugo, Bayport, Scandia and Newport and w/Stillwater Township and the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire District.	23	157
	05/26/2009		License Agree. w/USA Mobility for co-location on WACO's Somerset, WI tower site.	23	165
	06/02/2009		Mutual aid joint powers agree. w/State of MN, Commissioner of Corrections, MN Dept. of Corrections, MN Correctional Facility, Oak Park Heights.	23	174
	06/02/2009		Accept donation from Residential Mortgage Group on behalf of Wade and Lynn Settler, Hugo, in the amount of \$100.	23	174
	06/09/2009		Amend JPA w/MN Dept. of Corrections, housing offenders extension.	23	180
	06/09/2009		2009 Federal boating safety supplemental grant for purchase of 19 1/2 foot commercial boat, motor and trailer to be stationed on Forest Lake.	23	180
Societies	01/06/2009		Final operations grant to the WACO Ag. Society for 2009.	23	3
	03/24/2009	2009-025	Congratulations to the WACO Historical Society on its 75th Anniversary.	23	93
Veterans Service	01/06/2009		Reappt. Gary Kriesel, Veteran's Rest Camp Assoc. 1st full term to 12/31/11.	23	6
	01/06/2009		Reappt. Albert Mitchell, Veteran's Rest Camp Assoc. 1st full term to 12/31/11.	23	6
	03/24/2009		Accept \$281 from the Woodbury American Legion Post #501, for Veterans Services Emergency Assistant Fund.	23	87
	04/07/2009		\$250 donation from Rollx Vans, for emergency assistance fund.	23	100
	05/12/2009		Accept \$635 donation from the WACO United Veterans Council for Veterans Service Office Emergency Assistance fund.	23	147
Workforce Center	01/06/2009		Contract w/East Suburban Resources for continued services for MFIP customers.	23	7
	01/06/2009		Amend #2 w/East Suburban Resources, provide job skills training, job development and placement services, Diversionary Work Program and MFIP.	23	7
	01/13/2009		Amendment No. 3 to contract w/State of MN Dept. of Human Services to continue the Integrated Service Project.	23	17
	01/13/2009		Contract amend #4 w/HIRED, delivery of MFIP Integrated Services Project.	23	18
	01/20/2009		Agree. w/MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development, dislocated worker services to workers laid off from Tenere, Inc.	23	21
	02/03/2009		Amend. #9 to contract w/East Suburban Resources, employment training services to dislocated workers.	23	36
	02/24/2009		Contract w/East Suburban Resources, Taking Action on Racial Disparities project for African American MFIP customers.	23	58
	02/24/2009		Master grant agree. w/MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development.	23	58
	03/24/2009		Appt. Russell Williams, Workforce Investment Board, to 6/30/11.	23	87
	04/07/2009		Appt. Peg Killen, Workforce Investment Board, 1st term, 6/30/12.	23	100

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Workforce Center	05/05/2009		Accept funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in the amount of \$878,730; and 2009-2011 contract w/Tree Trust for youth summer employment through 2011; and contract w/East Suburban Resources, services to youth, adults, and dislocated workers through 10/2010.	23	140
	06/09/2009		Appt. Jeralyn Jargo, WIB, to 1st term expiring 6/30/12.	23	180
	06/09/2009		2009 Local Unified Plan Update.	23	183

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 6, 2009**

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, Kriesel, Weik, 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; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Paul Springstroh, Assistant Manager of Public Works; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Commander Dan Starry; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator and the Honorable Toaila Tupou Fulivai Sikahema.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM 2008

The Board Chair asked for unfinished business from 2008. There was none. Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn sine die. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

The Honorable William B. Ekstrum, District Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office to the following newly re-elected officials: Dennis C. Hegberg, Commissioner District 1, with the Honorable Toaila Tupou Fulivai Sikahema, Kingdom of Tonka, holding the Bible; and Commissioner Gary Kriesel, Commissioner District 3.

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

ELECTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 2009

The County Administrator declared nominations open for temporary Board Chair. Commissioner Kriesel nominated Commissioner Hegberg as temporary chair. Commissioner Weik moved to elect Commissioner Hegberg as temporary chair, Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations and Commissioner Hegberg was unanimously elected temporary chair; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Temporary Chair Hegberg declared nominations open for Board Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners for 2009. Commissioner Kriesel nominated Commissioner Peterson. Commissioner Weik seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard. Commissioner Kriesel moved to elect

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Commissioner Peterson as Washington County Board Chair for 2009. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Commissioner Weik moved to nominate Commissioner Pulkrabek as Vice Chair for 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the nomination. No further nominations were heard. Commissioner Kriesel moved to elect Commissioner Pulkrabek as Vice Chair for 2009. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2009

Commissioner Hegberg moved to set meetings of the Washington County Board of Commissioners for the year 2009 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 Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the December 23, 2008, Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-001** as follows:

Award of 2009 Newspaper Publication Bids

WHEREAS, pursuant to bid advertisement, newspaper publication bids were received until 2:00 p.m., December 3, 2008, 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 and second publication)

WHEREAS, timely bids were received from the Lillie Newspapers, St. Croix Valley Press, White Bear Press, Stillwater Gazette, Stillwater Courier, Pioneer Press, and the Hastings Star Gazette; and

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

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WHEREAS, pursuant to authority contained in Minn. Stat. 331A.12 the Department of Transportation and Physical Development may designate 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 2009 as follows:

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| 1) | Official Proceedings of the Washington County Board of Commissioners (Board Minutes in Summary Form): | Lillie Newspapers |
| 2) | Legal Notices: | Lillie Newspapers |
| 3) | Notice and List of Real Estate Taxes Remaining Delinquent: | Lillie Newspapers |
| 4) | First Publication of the Financial Statement for year ending December 31, 2008: | Stillwater Courier |
| 5) | Second publication of the Financial Statement to be distributed as an insert: | Lillie Newspapers |

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 a Memorial Day appropriation of \$100 each upon request in 2009 for the Stillwater Citizens' Memorial Day Association and Washington County posts and barracks.
4. Approval of Policy #6009, Travel Policy for Elected Officials, including airline travel credit.
5. Approval of the final operations grant to the Washington County Agricultural Society for 2009.
6. Approval of appointments/reappointments to advisory committees for 2009:

District 1

Alice Smith, Mahtomedi, reappointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2010;

Tom Triplett, Marine on St. Croix, reappointed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board for a first full term expiring December 31, 2011;

Terry Smith, Forest Lake, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

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District 2

Gloria Knoblauch, Lake Elmo, reappointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a fourth and final term expiring on December 31, 2010;

Paul Ryberg, Lake Elmo, reappointed to the Library Board, for a second and final term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Kenneth Heuer, Oakdale, reappointed to the Parks and Open Space Commission, to a third and final term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Kathy Sedro, Lake Elmo, reappointed to the Planning Advisory Commission, to a second term expiring December 31, 2011;

Elizabeth Semotink, Oakdale, appointed to the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Citizen's Advisory Committee, to a first term expiring on June 30, 2010.

District 3

Krista Benson, Stillwater, appointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a first term expiring on December 31, 2010;

John Sievert, Lakeland, reappointed to the Library Board, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2011;

Marguerite Rheinberger, Stillwater, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009.

District 4

Sheila Colbert, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2010;

Herbert Japs, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Community Services Advisory Board, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2011;

Kaye Kraft, Newport, appointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a first term expiring on December 31, 2010;

Paul Poncin, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Parks and Open Space Commission, to a third and final term expiring December 31, 2011;

Shane Bauer, Hastings, appointed to the Planning Advisory Commission, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.

District 5

Carl Scheider, Woodbury, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a first full term expiring December 31, 2010;

Sara Minehart, Woodbury, reappointed to the Historic Courthouse Advisory Council, to a fourth and final term expiring December 31, 2010;

Barry Johnson, Woodbury, reappointed to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board, to a second and final term expiring on December 31, 2011.

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At Large

Dennis Hanna, St. Paul Park, reappointed to the Audit Committee, to a second and final term expiring December 31, 2011;

Harry Melander, Mahtomedi, reappointed to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, to a fifth term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Robert Mann, St. Paul Park, reappointed to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, to a second term expiring December 31, 2011;

Edward Gordon, Stillwater, reappointed to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a third and final term expiring on December 31, 2010;

David Hume, Marine on St. Croix, reappointed to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2010;

Jennifer Levitt, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2010;

Brian Johnson, Woodbury, reappointed to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2010;

Jessica Parcheta, Stillwater, reappointed to the Minnesota Extension Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2011;

Daniel Malmgren, Marine on St. Croix, appointed to the Personnel Board of Appeals, to a first term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Charles Newman, Stillwater, reappointed to the Planning Advisory Commission, to a second term expiring on December 31, 2011;

Debra Esse, Woodbury, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

Daniel Bigham, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009;

Robert Byerly, Cottage Grove, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a fourth and final term expiring December 31, 2009;

Sheriff Bill Hutton, Stillwater, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

Mary McComber, Oak Park Heights, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring on December 31, 2009;

Robert Livingston, Lakeland, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring on December 31, 2009;

Bo Bogotty, Forest Lake, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a third term expiring December 31, 2009;

Stacy Bohl, Hugo, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a second term expiring December 31, 2009;

Katherine Grimm, St. Paul, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a fourth and final term expiring December 31, 2009;

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Joseph Bauer, Stillwater, reappointed to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, to a fourth and final term expiring on December 31, 2009;

Gary Kriesel, Stillwater, reappointed to the Veteran's Rest Camp Association, Inc., to a first full term expiring December 31, 2011;

Albert Mitchell, Lakeland, reappointed to the Veteran's Rest Camp Association, Inc., to a first full term expiring December 31, 2011.

The County Board affirms the following committee appointments:

Mark Kuppe, Mental Health Representative, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a term expiring December 31, 2011;

Gregg Wacker, Probation Officer Representative, appointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a term expiring December 31, 2011;

Doug Johnson, County Attorney Representative, reappointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, to a term expiring December 31, 2011.

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 of Purchase of Service Agreements with Human Services, Inc. for domestic abuse assessment and treatment, the P.L.A.C.E. program in Stillwater, the Community Options program, the VOICES program and adolescent insight.
9. Approval of Purchase of Service Agreements with Tubman, formerly known as Tubman Family Alliance.
10. Approval to renew contracts for Multi Systemic therapy, a research-based intensive in-home therapy program alternative to juvenile placement.
11. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Michelle Renne Wolf, Inc. (MRW, Inc.) to provide adult corporate foster care and respite services in Washington County.
12. Approval of the 2009 contract with the American Red Cross Twin Cities Area Chapter to provide emergency social services and crisis response services for Washington County Community Services.
13. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Senior Housing Management, Inc. doing business as Oak Ridge Place, to provide the following services at their site in Oak Park Heights: 24-hour customized living, homemaker, and home delivered meals.

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14. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Senior Care Forest Lake, LLC, doing business as Birchwood Arbors, to provide 24-hour customized living services.
15. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Triple Angels Health Care Company to provide 24-hour customized living services at their site in Cottage Grove.
16. Approval of 2009-2011 contract with Crystal Care Assisted Living to provide 24-hour customized living services at their Green Gables site in Mahtomedi.
17. Approval of Amendment Number Two with East Suburban Resources to provide job skills training, job development and placement services for people enrolled in the Diversionary Work Program and the Minnesota Family Investment Program for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.
18. Approval of supported work contract with East Suburban Resources for continued services for Minnesota Family Investment Program customers.
19. Approval of contract with Total Software Solutions, Inc. for enhancements to the recording system utilized by the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services.
20. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-002** as follows:

Resolution Approving the Reappointment of
Bruce Munneke as County Assessor
for term beginning January 1, 2009

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 273.061 provides for the appointment of a county assessor in each county for a four-year term beginning on January 1 of every fourth year after 1973; and

WHEREAS, the County appointed Bruce Munneke to the position of County Assessor on June 5, 2001, and reappointed him for a four-year term on January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Munneke has attained the designation of Senior Accredited Minnesota Appraiser (SAMA) as required by statute; and

WHEREAS, the current term of the County Assessor expired on December 31, 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Bruce Munneke to the position of County Assessor for a term beginning on January 1, 2009, and expiring on December 31, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to forward this resolution along with the assessor reappointment information provided by Mr. Munneke to the Department of Revenue for their approval.

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21. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-003** as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, Oakdale and Woodbury, have made the proper applications for acquiring the parcels listed below for a public use, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, Oakdale and Woodbury are entitled to make such application; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Cottage Grove, Forest Lake, Oakdale and Woodbury provided additional information to the Board of Commissioners of Washington County, State of Minnesota, regarding the proposed public use of these parcels, being for public parkland, storm water drainage and utilities, public roadway and trail, or landscaping/buffer zone; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Washington, State of Minnesota, decides that the requested authorized public use is in the best interest of the citizens of Washington County.

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 for the acquisition of the following parcels:

<u>City</u>	<u>PIN</u>	<u>Authorized Public Use</u>
Cottage Grove	19.027.21.44.003	Public Right of Way
Forest Lake	07.032.21.33.0040	Road Right of Way
Forest Lake	07.032.21.32.0092	Storm Water Retention
Oakdale	07.029.21.24.0128	Public Parkland
Woodbury	05.028.21.44.0001	Parkland

22. Approval of comments on the city of Newport draft comprehensive plan.
23. Approval to extend the house lease agreement with Michael and Courtney Bengston for property located at 9941 Stillwater Boulevard, Lake Elmo, located within the Lake Elmo Park Reserve to February 28, 2010.
24. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-004** as follows:

Approval of the 2009 Criminal Gang Strike Force and
Narcotics Task Force Grant

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 2009 Criminal Gang Strike Force and Narcotic Task Force; and

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Public Works, presented an update on the Fuel Consortium Purchase Program for 2009. Washington County recently joined the program administered by the State of Minnesota. This purchasing program runs from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, and allows agencies to jointly purchase up to 80 percent of their expected fuel usage for the year, at a set price for the year. Nearly 40 other agencies have joined the consortium for 2009. The fuel consortium prices for gasoline are \$1.83 up to \$1.95 per gallon depending on the quantity, which includes the full tax. The fuel consortium prices for diesel are \$2.40 up to \$2.63 per gallon depending on the quantity which includes the full tax. The impact to the budget will result in a potential savings in the 2009 budget of \$171,000 for gasoline and \$68,000 for diesel. Commissioner Kriesel commended the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Works for their outstanding management by entering into this consortium. Commissioner Pulkrabek concurred and commented on an article in the Star Tribune regarding this program and also offered his thanks. Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve entering into the Fuel Consortium Purchase Program for 2009. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Committee Assignments for 2009

Mr. Schug, County Administrator, commented the Board met in workshop on December 23, 2008 to discuss various Commissioner committee assignments to the county, metro, state and national committees, commissions, boards and task forces.

Commissioner Weik moved to approve the following Commissioner appointments to county, metro, state, and national committees, commissions, boards, and task forces:

Dennis C. Hegberg

- Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
 - Board of Directors (Alternate)
 - District X (Alternate)
 - Environment and Natural Resources
 - General Government
 - Legislative Steering Committee (Alternate)
- Community Action Program for Ramsey/Washington Counties
- Counties Transit Improvement Board
- East Central Regional Juvenile Center (Alternate)
- Finance Committee
- Groundwater Advisory Committee

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Housing and Redevelopment Authority
 Metro Alliance for Healthy Families
 Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
 Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition (Alternate)
 Metropolitan GIS Policy Board
 Minnesota Inter-County Association
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control (Alternate)
 Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board (Alternate)
 Minnesota Association of Governments Investing for Counties (AMC Appointment)
 Minnesota County Extension, Washington County
 Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (AMC Appointment)
 Minnesota Transportation Alliance Legislative Committee
 National Association of Counties
 Environment, Energy and Land Use
 Public Employee Retirement Association (State Appointment)
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board
 Regional Rail Authority
 Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board
 Rush Line Rail Corridor
 35-E Committee

Bill Pulkrabek

Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)
 Finance Committee
 Grant Evaluation and Ranking System Committee (Alternate)
 Legislative Committee
 Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition
 Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)
 National Association of Counties
 Public Lands
 Personnel Committee
 Plat Commission/Real Estate Acquisition Committee (Alternate)
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board
 Regional Rail Authority
 Workforce Investment Board

Gary Kriesel

Andersen Community Advisory Committee
 Association of Minnesota Counties
 Extension Committee
 Health and Human Services
 Audit Committee
 Community Corrections Committee
 Community Services Advisory
 Community Action Program for Ramsey/Washington Counties (Alternate)
 Counties Transit Improvement Board (Alternate)
 Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp
 Grant Evaluation and Ranking System Committee
 Historic Courthouse Advisory Council
 I-94 Corridor
 Library Board (Alternate)
 Mental Health Advisory Council
 Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (Alternate)
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
 Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition
 Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)
 Minnesota County Extension (Alternate)
 Minnesota Statewide Radio Board (AMC Appointment) (Alternate)

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Minnesota Transportation Alliance (Alternate)
 National Association of Counties
 Parks and Open Space Commission
 Plat Commission/Real Estate Acquisition Committee
 Planning Advisory Commission
 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
 Legislative Steering Committee
 Transportation
 Community Corrections Advisory Board (Alternate)
 Counties Transit Improvement Board
 Groundwater Advisory Committee (Alternate)
 High Speed Rail Joint Powers Agreement
 I-494 Wakota Bridge Coalition
 Hastings Bridge Coalition
 Legislative Committee
 MELSA
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
 Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Executive Committee
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control
 Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board
 Minnesota Inter-County Association
 Minnesota Transportation Alliance
 National Association of Counties
 Transportation
 Parks and Open Space Commission (Alternate)
 Planning Advisory Commission (Alternate)
 Red Rock Rail Corridor
 Rush Line Corridor (Alternate)
 Regional Rail Authority

Lisa Weik

Association of Minnesota Counties
 Public Safety and Corrections
 Transportation (Alternate)
 Counties Transit Improvement Board (2nd Alternate)
 Finance Committee (Alternate)
 I-94 Corridor
 Law Library Board
 Library Board
 MELSA (Alternate)
 Metropolitan Mosquito Control
 Minnesota Inter-County Association (Alternate)
 Personnel Committee (Alternate)
 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee
 Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board (Alternate)
 Regional Rail Authority
 Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board (Alternate)
 Workforce Investment Board (Alternate)

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

Mr. Schug informed the County Board of an information sheet completed and provided to them for their review by the Community Services Department. Mr. Schug recommended this information be shared with legislators at the annual meeting this Thursday evening, January 8th. Dan Papin, Director of Community Services, addressed the County Board and explained the content of the information sheet, designed to communicate the impact of the depressed economy on the human service system. Mr. Papin explained how counties are ultimately the safety net and unable to turn people away due to reductions in the County Program Aid or funding for human services. Commissioner Pulkrabek thanked Mr. Papin for the update.

Mr. Schug reminded the Board of the annual meeting being held this Thursday, January 8th at 5:30 p.m. with the legislators who represent all or parts of Washington County at the Oak Marsh Golf Club in Oakdale. Mr. Schug informed the Board of the legislative priorities recently received from the Minnesota Inter-County Association and the Association of Minnesota Counties which will also be distributed at the meeting this Thursday evening.

Mr. Schug spoke about recent meetings with department heads, held to review the impact of the Governor's recent unallotment and make projections for budget adjustments necessary to balance the 2009 budget due to reductions in state aid.

Mr. Schug informed the Board of a possible upcoming workshop on the State Health Improvement Program.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Pulkrabek thanked Commissioner Hegberg for the outstanding job he did as County Board Chair in 2008. Board Vice Chair Pulkrabek presented outgoing Chair Hegberg with a plaque honoring him for his service as Chair for the past year.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he attended an open house at the new city hall in Lake St. Croix Beach.

Commissioner Kriesel wished to recognize Jack Doerr, Council Member for the city of Oak Park Heights, who retired after 20 years of outstanding public service to the city.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the New Year's Eve event at the Bielenberg Sports Center in Woodbury. The event was well attended and offered a variety of activities geared to families.

Commissioner Weik indicated she and Commissioner Peterson will be taping the monthly county insight this Friday, January 9th. They'll be interviewing state legislators to learn about their priorities. She noted an

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editorial in the Star Tribune on Monday, January 5th in regard to making reform this legislature's goal. The article stated it's going to take more than math to balance the state budget. Commissioner Weik noted the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) has a new platform and policy and also a new president this year, Jim McDonough, Ramsey County Commissioner. She noted that a careful look should be given to the new Association of Minnesota Counties Redesign Project.

Commissioner Hegberg noted the county has a number of advisory committee vacancies at large, in District 1 and in other districts and asked those interested in serving to give the Office of Administration a call for a list of openings. Commissioner Pulkrabek noted he plans to attend his new committee meeting this Thursday for the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

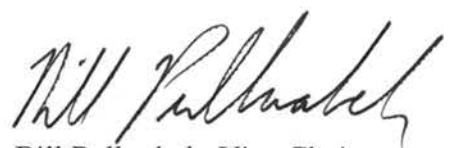
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Bill Pulkrabek, Vice Chair

County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 13, 2009**

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, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. Board Vice Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Director of Public Works; Keith Potter, Public Works Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Julia Wallis, Management Analyst II; Deb Tulloch, Community Services Supervisor; Nina Arneson, Economic Support Supervisor; Kari Kraft, Workforce Center Job Counselor; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Director of Public Health and Environment; Connie Waldera, Public Health and Environment Program Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Director of Human Resources; Sue Fennern, Human Resources Coordinator; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator and Kathleen Ferguson, Social Studies Teacher, Stillwater Area High School and the 12th grade Practical Government class.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-005** as follows:

Authorization for Community Corrections Director to Execute
Agreements and Amendments Necessary to Implement Title II Grant

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

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WHEREAS, Community Corrections will continue a cooperative agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the third and final year of a three-year grant cycle;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Community Corrections Director is authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as are necessary to implement the Title II Grant from January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009.

2. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with New Perspective Mahtomedi, LLC, doing business as Lighthouse of Mahtomedi, to provide 24-hour customized living services and respite care at its site in Mahtomedi.
3. Approval of the 2009-2011 contract with Presbyterian Homes and Services to provide 24-hour customized living services at five of its sites throughout Washington County and home delivered meals at select locations.
4. Approval of Community Development Block Grant subgrantee agreement with the city of Lake Elmo to rehabilitate up to 40 gas service lines in the Cimarron neighborhood of the city of Lake Elmo.
5. Approval to authorize the County Board Chair to sign and the Human Resources Director to submit the 2008 Pay Equity Report to the Minnesota Department of Management and Budget.
6. Approval to enter into an agreement with Shawn Svendson-Cates, Mary Hanf, Theresa A. May, Lucinda Pepper, and Carla Schoenecker as independent contracted wellness program staff for on-site county employee wellness activities.
7. Approval of 2009-2011 home health care and home modification contracts with Alliance Health Services, Inc., Comfort Keepers, Crystal Care Home Health Services, Divine Healthcare Network, Equity Services of St. Paul, Inc., Fairview Lakes Home Caring and Hospice, Integrated Home Care, Lakeview Home Care and Hospice, Metro PCA Services, Minnesota Home Care Professionals Inc., Northwest Home Health Care Services, REM Health, REM Minnesota, Sunrise Health Services, Inc., and Triple Angels of Cottage Grove, to provide home and community based services for the elderly and disabled residents of Washington County.
8. Approval of change order #10 to contract with Sowles Company in the amount of \$15,502.01.
9. Approval of change order #6 to contract with Century Construction Company in the amount of \$18,262.
10. Approval of change order #9 to contract with People's Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$27,861.

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11. Approval of Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Dakota County for the demolition of Bridge 5600.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2009 Contract with Human Services Inc.

Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager, presented an overview of the 2009 contract with Human Services, Inc., (HSI) for mental health services, chemical health services, transportation, and elder-care services. Ms. Rupp explained that the 2009 contract totals \$5,093,396.60, of which \$3,582,900.00 is funded through tax levy, a 1.7 percent decrease from the 2008 contract. The remaining \$1,510,496.60 is funded through state and federal grants that the county passes on to Human Services, Inc. The decrease in levy funding is due to two factors: 1) the county took over some of the chemical health placement services, and 2) additional federal and state dollars were allocated to Meals on Wheels, allowing the levy portion to be reduced. Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve entering into the contract with Human Services, Inc., for 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

Integrated Services Project (ISP) with the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services

Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager, presented a project update and asked for approval of amendment number three to the contract between the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services and Washington County Community Services to continue the Integrated Service Project (ISP) for the period January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009. The Integrated Service Project (ISP) is a pilot project that tests the integration of welfare, health care, and social services for Minnesota Family Investment (MFIP) families with serious and multiple barriers. Mr. Crawford pointed out, as of November 2008, the cumulative employment rate of those enrolled in ISP remains high at 41 percent. The cumulative average wage of those employed is \$9.41 an hour. The project is on schedule to exceed the contract goal of enrolling 82 families in the program, with 80 families being formally enrolled at the end of November, 2008. The budget for this contract amendment for the period January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009 is \$327,131.00. All costs of the project are paid out of a grant from the State of Minnesota. Nina Arneson, Workforce Center Supervisor, addressed some of the questions posed by the commissioners about the barriers these families face. Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the contract amendment. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

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Integrated Services Project (ISP) and HIRED

Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager, asked for approval of amendment number four to the contract between Washington County and HIRED, for the delivery of Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Integrated Services Project (ISP) services for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Washington County contracts with HIRED to provide the services for the Integrated Services Project which provides intensive case management services for Minnesota Family Investment Program families. Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the contract amendment. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Schug, County Administrator, reported briefly on the meeting last Thursday, January 8, 2009, with the representatives of the legislative delegation serving Washington County. He noted the commissioners should have received an email from John Kaul, legislative representative, who is in the process of lining up authors for the bills that have a special interest for Washington County. The Watershed District levy approval is one bill of particular interest which Senator Vandever and Representative Dettmer worked on last year and expect they will be willing to do again this year. In addition, for the bill funding for the state's portion of the I-94 corridor alternatives analysis, Senator Saltzman and Representative Bunn have indicated their willingness to serve as this bill's primary authors. Mr. Schug indicated now that the legislative session is in progress, there will be weekly progress reports on those bills of particular interest to Washington County.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hegberg reported the meeting with Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust on Friday, January 9, 2009, addressed concerns with law enforcement losses and the need for additional training due to the number of suicides in jails. He mentioned the importance in following proper procedures to reduce the number of incidents.

Commissioner Kriesel attended the meeting hosted by the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, about the future use of the Stillwater lift bridge as a trail connection to Wisconsin. He noted he will be speaking to the Hilltoppers Society at Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 15, 2009, providing them an update on county government.

Commissioner Weik reported on press recognition given to Washington County Sheriff Bill Hutton in both the Star Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer Press this past Sunday. The articles outlined his successful and innovative law enforcement programs. She commended Sheriff Hutton for his accomplishments and congratulated him on his well-deserved recognition. Commissioner Weik toured the People Learning a

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Cooperative Existence (P.L.A.C.E.) facility in Oak Park Heights, a community based educational program for delinquent youth.

Commissioner Weik mentioned the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission met last week but did not have a quorum so it hopes to reschedule the meeting to January 28, 2009. She indicated a conflict with this proposed meeting date and the need to check on others' availability to attend in her place.

Commissioner Weik noted she will be attending a three day conference, entitled 'County Government 101,' hosted by the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC). The conference is being held January 14 through January 16, 2009, in Roseville for newly-elected commissioners.

Commissioner Weik mentioned the front page article in the Star Tribune on Monday, January 12, 2009, discussing mass transit versus mess transit. She acknowledged Kevin Giles, as one of the authors of the article, and the timeliness of the report.


Commissioner Pulkrabek mentioned he will be attending a joint meeting this Thursday evening, January 15, 2009, with the city of Oakdale and personnel from the Assessment Division of Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department. The meeting is being held to address questions and concerns about assessed values of some of the commercial and industrial property owners in Oakdale.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE


Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik, and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.


Bill Pulkrabek, Vice Chair
County Board

Attest:


James R. Schug
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 20, 2009**

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, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Peterson 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; Keith Potter, Public Works Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Deputy Director Community Services; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Suzanne Pollack, Community Services Supervisor; Kris Harvieux, Senior Social Worker; Julia Wallis, Management Analyst II; Tom Adkins, Director of Community Corrections; Sandra Hahn, Community Corrections Division Manager; David Wiles, Community Corrections Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Captain Steve Pott; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Director of Human Resources; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; Colonel Kevin Gerdes and Lieutenant Colonel Barbara Reilly, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard.

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

1. Approval of the January 6, 2009, Board meeting minutes by amending Page 11, by deleting "Metropolitan Energy Task Force" from Commissioner Weik's list of committee appointments.
2. Approval of agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Washington County Workforce Center Division to provide dislocated worker services to workers laid off from Tenere, Inc., effective December 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009.
3. Approval to ratify the 2009 health insurance for Local 49 employees.

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4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-009** as follows:

Request to Authorize the Commissioner
of the Minnesota Department of Transportation
to Perform a Speed Study to Determine the
Reasonable and Safe Speed Limits at the
Following Locations:

Hugo

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 8 (Frenchman Road North) between the County Line (Elmcrest Avenue North) and Trunk Highway 61

Woodbury

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 13 (Radio Drive) between a point 1000 feet south of Hargis Parkway and Afton Road/Pioneer Drive

Grant/Stillwater/Stillwater Township

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 (Manning Avenue) between Trunk Highway 36 and 80th Street North

Lakeland/Lakeland Shores

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18 (St. Croix Trail) between 7th Street South and the I-94 South Ramp

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

WHEREAS, the above portions of roadway have been reconstructed within the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction projects may have affected traffic patterns and travel speeds on the above portions of roadway; and

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

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

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

5. Approval of change order #1 with Jorgensen Construction for the Washington County Environmental Center and designation of \$250,000 of available 2008 CEC revenue to the project budget.

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

SHERIFF

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the Motorola change order WC-006 to the 800 MHz radio system contract. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg abstained; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2008 Minnesota Foster Care Parent of the Year

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-006** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation
Jane George, Foster Parent of the Year
Minnesota Foster Care Association

WHEREAS, Jane George has been licensed to provide child foster care for over 34 years, first in Wisconsin and then in Minnesota since 1984; and

WHEREAS, Jane George has provided care for over 500 children during her career and, for more than a decade has specialized in working with adolescent girls becoming known as the "teen girl expert" in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Jane George has served on the Board of Minnesota Foster Care Association and been the Region 5 Vice President of the National Foster Parent Association; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation and respect, Jane George's Foster Parent of the Year Award by the Minnesota Foster Care Association;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends Jane George for her work in child foster care serving the needs of children, especially teen girls, for the Washington County community.

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-007** as follows:

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Resolution Authorizing Renewal of the
Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota,
and the Sentence-to-Service Program, Washington County

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota provides up to 50 percent of the total costs to operate four sentence-to-service crews in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, said sentence-to-service programming contributes over 115,000 hours of service back to the community annually; and

WHEREAS, sentence-to-service provides an alternative to longer incarceration times for non-violent offenders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to renew the Joint Powers Agreement between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Corrections, Sentence-to-Service Program, and Washington County for the period from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Corrections Director Tom Adkins is hereby authorized to execute and sign the agreement, as necessary to complete the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the Washington County Corrections Department.

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-008** as follows:

Resolution in Support
34th Red Bull Infantry Division
and Stillwater-based 34th Military Police Company
of the Minnesota National Guard
on its Deployment to Iraq

WHEREAS, the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division will begin a one-year deployment to Iraq beginning on February 13, 2009, with training exercises in the United States and then arrival in Iraq in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, four Minnesota units including nearly 1,000 service members from throughout Minnesota, of which approximately one-third have had prior service in Iraq, will be included in the deployment to the southern portion of Iraq to command military operations in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Stillwater-based 34th Military Police Company with 166 members will be one of the four units to be deployed in addition to the Rosemount-based 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Headquarter; the Inver Grove Heights-based 34th Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion; and the Rosemount-based 34th Red Bull Infantry Division Band; and

WHEREAS, this is an unprecedented military mission with the 34th Infantry Division leading a force of more than 16,000 service personnel

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who will be enabling the Iraqi people to take responsibility for their future affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation, respect, and admiration, the sacrifices of the military personnel who are leaving home and loved ones to serve our nation in Iraq; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends the men and women of the Stillwater-based 34th Military Police Company and the three other units of the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division for their dedication to the success of its mission and the County Board expresses its concern for the safety and well-being of all the service personnel and its appreciation for the sacrifices of their families during this deployment.

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

Mr. Schug , County Administrator, gave an update on the 2009 legislative session. He noted there is an upcoming repeal of a bill, passed in the 2008 legislative session, suspending all county maintenance of effort requirements, cost shares, and matches. Mr. Schug noted there will be county personnel attending the hearing on Thursday, January 22, to speak on behalf of the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hegberg reported he met with Stev Stegner, Mayor of Forest Lake, about moving the overpass project near the rest stop forward in Forest Lake and other related issues in the area.

Commissioner Weik reported the three day conference, entitled 'County Government 101,' hosted by the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) was well attended. She noted there was several leadership sessions specific to administering your duties as county commissioner. She spoke with some of the Association of Minnesota Counties representatives about forming a Redesign committee.

Commissioner Weik plans to attend a Minnesota Department of Transportation discussion to be held on Thursday, January 22, at 5 o'clock p.m. The discussion will involve proposed changes to Interstate 494 from south of Lake Road to Interstate 94.

Commissioner Peterson extended a thank you to her fellow commissioners for their support and assistance over the past few weeks.

Commissioner Peterson recognized today as a new day and moved to send a letter of congratulations to President-elect Barack Obama as well as a letter to past President George W. Bush thanking him.

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

Commissioner Kriesel reported plans to attend the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting this Friday.

Commissioner Kriesel wished to reassure the public, since today's workshop will not be televised, the Land and Water Legacy Program has not been suspended.

Commissioner Hegberg added it made good economic sense to delay the sale of the bonds for the Land and Water Legacy Program.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT


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

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to provide a status report on the Land and Water Legacy Program implementation. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Doug Johnson, Kevin Corbid, Harley Will, Sharon Price, John Elholm, Steve Hobbs, Jay Riggs, Amanda Strommer, Roger Peterson, Kevin Giles, Steve Kirnik, Mary Hauser, Marc Hugunin, and Randy Ferrin.


Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:


James R. Schug
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 27, 2009

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, Weik, and Kriesel. Board Chair Peterson 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; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Public Works; Ted Schoenecker, Public Works Transportation Manager; Dan Papin, Director of Community Services; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Julia Wallis, Management Analyst II; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Director of Public Health and Environment; Mjyke Nelson, Director of Information Technology; Kay McAloney, Director of Human Resources; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jennifer Wagenius, Division Manager of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; 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 Hegberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek, to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the January 13, 2009, Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of grant agreement between the State Department of Natural Resources and Washington County in the amount of \$250,000 for the Rowe conservation easement to be negotiated for purchase through the Land and Water Legacy Program.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-010** as follows:

Department of Natural Resources Planning Assistance Grant

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature, by Minnesota Laws 2008, Chapter 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 3(a), appropriated funds to the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources for the purposes of planning, improving, and protecting important natural areas in the metropolitan region, as

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defined by Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 473.121, Subd. 2 and portions of the surrounding counties, through grants, contracted services, conservation easements, and fee acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 1:1 match; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources has approved a grant to Washington County in the amount of \$19,000 to develop a conservation plan to guide the implementation of the Land and Water Legacy Program; and

WHEREAS, receipt of this grant would require Washington County to expend \$19,000 to meet the 1:1 match grant;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County will accept the \$19,000 planning grant from the Department of Natural Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County will expend the \$19,000 required match.

4. Approval to appoint Commissioner Lisa Weik, District 5, to the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) County Futures Committee.
5. Approval to reappoint Pamela Skinner, Oakdale, to the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Board of Managers to a term expiring February 23, 2012.
6. Approval to appoint John Jansen, Lake St. Croix Beach, as Washington County alternate to the St. Croix Partnership Team.
7. Approval of the 2009 contract with Rule 36 Limited Partnership of Duluth III to fund services, intensive residential treatment services, (RTS) and residential crisis stabilization services, for the uninsured at its Willow Haven facility in Lake Elmo.
8. Approval of 2009 health insurance for Law Enforcement Labor Services employees.
9. Approval of recommended fee changes for Property Records and Taxpayer Services web remote access as contained in Washington County Administrative Policy #1032 – Fee Schedule, effective March 1, 2009.
10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-011** as follows:

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WHEREAS, Washington County Public Works entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the city of Woodbury as part of the County State Aid Highway No. 13 (CSAH 13); and

WHEREAS, Washington County Public Works made certain improvements to County State Aid Highway No. 13 (CSAH 13) in 2007; and

WHEREAS, permanent right of way and easements were acquired as part of the project for said improvements; and

WHEREAS, said permanent right of way and easements are to be transferred to the city of Woodbury upon completion of the project so that the city may continue the operation and maintenance of same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Cooperative Agreement for County State Aid Highway No. 13 (CSAH 13), paragraph B, item 2, Washington County transfers said permanent right of way and easements acquired as part of the project to the city of Woodbury for continued maintenance and operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Washington County will execute quit claim deeds to transfer said right of way and easements to the city of Woodbury legally described on the attached Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-012** as follows:

WHEREAS, Washington Public Works entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the city of Hugo as part of the County State Aid Highway No. 8 (CSAH 8); and

WHEREAS, Washington County Public Works made certain improvements to County State Aid Highway No. 8 (CSAH 8) in 2005; and

WHEREAS, drainage and utility easements were acquired as part of the project for said improvements; and

WHEREAS, said drainage and utility easements are to be transferred to the city of Hugo upon completion of the project so that the city may continue the operation and maintenance of said easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Cooperative Agreement for County State Aid Highway No. 8 (CSAH 8), paragraph B, item 4, Washington County transfers drainage and utility easements acquired as part of the project to the city of Hugo for continued maintenance and operation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Washington County will execute a quit claim deed to transfer said easements to the city of Hugo legally described on the attached Exhibit A.

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12. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-013** as follows:

Approval of Amendment #1 to the
Narcotics Task Force Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into an Amendment agreement with the State of Minnesota, Commissioner of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs 2008-2009 Narcotics Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sheriff William M. Hutton is hereby authorized to execute and sign this amendment 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.

PUBLIC WORKS

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Public Works, presented an overview of the projects that would qualify to be submitted for the economic stimulus package in anticipation of President Barack Obama's proposed American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill of 2009. If the economic stimulus bill is adopted, there will be a short timeframe for projects to be selected, started, and completed during 2009. Potential projects that meet the tentative selection guidelines have been selected by Public Works and discussed. The final selection criteria and eligibility guidelines are not known at this time.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Commissioner Weik moved to approve changes to individual property valuations for the 2008 assessment year that occurred after meetings of the Local Boards, the County Board of Appeal and Equalization, and the State Board of Equalization. The changes will be reported to the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Many of the changes occurred with the passage of a new market value exclusion program by the 2008 Legislature for certain disabled veterans, and from taxpayers applying for homestead after the original deadline. In addition, changes must be made when property begins to be used for an exempt purpose, goes into property tax forfeiture, or when common elements are created when land is platted. State law requires any of these types of changes to be approved by the County Board. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Schug, County Administrator, gave an update on the 2009 legislative session. He noted today was a significant day for counties and cities eager to learn of Governor Pawlenty's budget recommendations. Mr.

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Schug mentioned concerns with cuts in program aid and a preview suggesting there may be significant cuts particularly in health and human service programs which counties deliver on behalf of the state. Mr. Schug noted once this information is available we'll begin analyzing it as will our colleagues in the Minnesota Inter-Counties Association and the Association of Minnesota Counties. Mr. Schug gave an update on last week's hearings in the Senate and House Tax Committees on Senate File 49 and House File 95. These hearings proposed to repeal the provisions adopted last year in the omnibus tax bill providing relief to counties on maintenance of effort, cost shares and matching funds. He noted despite considerable testimony from counties the bill passed out of both committees and likely on the fast track for repeal.

Dan Papin, Director of Community Services, provided the Board with an overview of his testimony as well as his colleagues at the hearings last week.

Mr. Schug spoke on the summaries from the Minnesota Inter-Counties Association and Association of Minnesota Counties related to the Green Acres legislative changes. He said the House Agricultural Finance Committee did hear testimony last week. He understands there will be a number of bills presented to try to address the response received from those currently using the Green Acres Program. He mentioned the House Public Safety Finance Committee had a hearing on the issue about the transfer of costs for legal representation for parents in child protection cases. The committee reviewed a report and recommendation from the Children's Justice Initiative calling for a statewide system to provide this legal representation as opposed to the current county by county method. Mr. Schug reported there will be a hearing held today in the Senate Transportation Committee to review the 2030 Plan for transit.

Mr. Schug recognized and congratulated Commissioner Hegberg on his reappointment by Governor Pawlenty this past week to the Board of Trustees for the Public Employees Retirement Association.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Hegberg reported the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board met last week and it is looking at additional scattered sites for low income housing and available options to purchase homes in foreclosure. He noted they are looking at projects in the Cottage Grove area not just in the metropolitan area. He attended a workshop for the Counties Transit Improvement Board last week and heard speakers from Denver and Salt Lake City; these cities are also expected to experience the same growth rates as in the metropolitan area within the next 20 years.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he met with a constituent requesting the placement of a stoplight at County Road 34 and Highway 97 located near the Forest Lake Junior High School. He commented the number of accidents does not warrant a stoplight at this time but this issue does remain on our list.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek mentioned he plans to attend Metropolitan Council State of the Region 2009 meeting on Monday, February 2nd.

Commissioner Kriesel recognized Gregory Reiter, Washington County Sheriff's Office lead investigator, for being named Investigator of the Year by the Tri County Law Enforcement Association last week.

Commissioner Weik reported she met last week with Bill Hargis, Mayor of the city of Woodbury, and Jim McDonough, Ramsey County Commissioner, to discuss transportation needs. She noted they spoke about the quarter cent sales tax and attempts to improve Washington County's return on its contribution. They spoke about the fact Washington County has funded approximately one-half of the alternatives analysis study and are seeking other contributors for the remaining funds needed to complete the analysis.

Commissioner Weik attended the open house at the Woodbury City Hall last week to discuss the I-494 Capacity Expansion (I-94 to Lake Road) Improvements that include pavement overlay and third lane addition. She mentioned the discussions included the topic of the noise wall to be constructed south of Lake Road on I-494.

Commissioner Weik reported the Library Board approved their policy document for 2009. She mentioned discussions it is having about various ways to measure population growth, and needs for future facilities. The Board anticipates bringing a number of ideas to an upcoming Board workshop on February 10th.

Commissioner Peterson met last week with Bart Fischer, Interim Administrator for Newport, leaving to take a deputy administrator position with the city of Chaska. Commissioner Peterson wished him well.

Commissioner Peterson attended a rail meeting on Monday, January 26, with multiple jurisdictions in attendance, discussing voting and prioritizing of projects for the economic stimulus package.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek, and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment to provide the results of the Washington County 2008 Community Health Assessment. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Lowell Johnson, Sue Hedlund, Stephanie Lenartz, Christine Lee, Kris Keller, Diane Benjamin, Jean Streetar, Jackie Weber, Connie Waldera, Patrick Waletzko, Deb Paige, Amanda Hollis, and Jeff Travis.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Information Technology to review the status of recent investments in fiber optic communications infrastructure and outline the major initiatives planned for the future. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Mjyke Nelson, Milan Tomaska, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg and Harley Will.



Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug
County Administrator

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WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:05 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, 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; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Public Works; John Elholm, Parks Director; Sharon Price, Public Works Property Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Andy Gitzlaff, Associate Transportation Planner; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandra Hahn, Community Corrections Division Manager; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Amanda Strommer, Public Health and Environment Program Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Milan Tomaska, Information Technology Supervisor; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; and David 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 9:20 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Public Works; John Elholm, Parks Director; Sharon Price, Public Works Property Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Andy Gitzlaff, Associate Transportation Planner; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandra Hahn, Community Corrections Division Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Amanda Strommer, Public Health and Environment Program Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Milan Tomaska, Information Technology Supervisor; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

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Board Chair Peterson asked for a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable David E. Doyscher, 10th Judicial District Judge, who passed away on February 2, 2009, and the Honorable Douglas G. Swenson, 10th Judicial District Judge, who passed away on February 1, 2009.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the January 20, 2009, Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of amendment number nine to contract #1875 between East Suburban Resources and the Community Services Department's Workforce Center (WFC) to provide employment training services to dislocated workers through December 31, 2009.
3. Approval of the data/voice cabling contract with Network Design, Inc., for the period of February 1, 2009, through January 31, 2010.
4. Approval of amendment to contract #4399 with SirsiDynix Corporation for maintenance of the Library's integrated library system, called HORIZON.
5. Approval of renewal of two-year agreements with the cities of Bayport, Forest Lake, Lakeland Shores, Newport, Oakdale, Scandia, and Pine Springs to provide individual sewage treatment system inspection services.
6. Approval of the license to use property with Children's Dental Service for the use of the WIC Clinic space in Cottage Grove for holding monthly dental clinics.
7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-014** as follows:

Resolution for Traffic Control Signal Agreement with the city of Cottage Grove at the Intersection of County Highway 22 and Hardwood Avenue

WHEREAS, Washington County and the city of Cottage Grove have recently installed a traffic signal at the intersection of County State Aid Highway 22 (70th Street South) at Hardwood Avenue; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County has jurisdiction over County Highway 22 (70th Street South); and

WHEREAS, the city of Cottage Grove has jurisdiction over Hardwood Avenue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Washington enter into an agreement with the city of Cottage Grove for the following purposes, to wit:

To provide maintenance and electrical energy for the new traffic control signal with street lights, emergency vehicle pre-emption, and signing on County State Aid Highway 22 at Hardwood Avenue in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth and contained in the agreement, a copy of which is before the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper County officers be and hereby are authorized to execute such agreement and any amendments, and thereby assume for and on behalf of the County all of the contractual obligations contained therein.

8. Approval of agreement with the Metropolitan Council for restrictive covenants on property acquired for inclusion into the Big Marine Park Reserve and the agreement filed with the Washington County Recorder's Office as part of the deed to the parcel.
9. Approval of award of contract to Owens Companies, Inc., to overhaul the Law Enforcement Center chiller and authorize execution of the contract through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator, without further action from the County Board.
10. Approval to appoint Linda Stanton, Woodbury, to the Mental Health Advisory Council to a first term expiring December 31, 2012.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Schug, County Administrator, gave an update on the 2009 legislative session. He noted some of the larger items include a proposed reduction of county program aid for Washington County in the amount of \$2.25 million in 2009, assuming Washington County does not enter into any type of joint powers agreement for the delivery of human services. Mr. Schug went on to explain the Governor's budget had reductions which could be bought back if counties participate in multi-county human service organizations. Counties with populations over 250,000 are excluded from this requirement. Reductions would be cut by approximately \$800,000 if Washington County joined a multi-county human services group. For 2010, the proposed reduction in county program aid is \$3.7 million or \$2.6 million if we enter into a joint powers agreement for human services.

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Mr. Schug commented on the reduction in Department of Natural Resources payment in lieu of taxes for State owned property. For Washington County this results in a reduction of the State payment in lieu of taxes of about \$134,000. He added there was also a requirement that counties pay back the temporary payment made last year by the legislature to cover the loss of Federal funding in child welfare targeted case management. This Federal action was later suspended and reversed so Washington County has yet to experience this reduction in Federal funds. Mr. Schug noted Washington County knew this was likely and the approximately \$522,000 is available for return.

Mr. Schug commented on the considerable work done last week on the 2009 work plan, specifically addressing these funding reduction issues and the impact on the county. At this point the plan is to continue with the changes already made including, position freezes, reduction in capital purchases and operating expenses, holding back on training where possible, and controlling out of state travel unless absolutely necessary. Mr. Schug reported, as a result of the County's actions taken to freeze positions in 2008, it has already resulted in approximately 36 positions being held open. Mr. Schug indicated the issue related to positions or contracts, through which we purchase services, will continue to be reviewed as time goes on and as we receive more information.

Mr. Schug commented the Department of Correction's budget was not affected by the Governor's proposal so we do not expect any reduction in our community corrections grants. There is however a proposal to reduce a special grant the county receives for maintaining our 8-day juvenile hold facility at the Law Enforcement Center. The county currently receives about \$90,000 to offset the cost of operating this facility; this amount is eliminated under the proposal. There is no recommended change for the short term offenders, which means the county would continue to only receive approximately \$9.00 per day reimbursement on a cost ranging up to \$117.00 per day.

Mr. Schug noted there is a proposal to reduce the state health improvement program by approximately half and to extend it from two years to four years. This would significantly decrease the impact of that program, meant to address the major health impacts on the state over the next two years.

Mr. Schug noted there is a late developing bill being proposed by Senator Vandever in which he is looking to expand the use of freeway shoulders by buses and make bus stops available for their use. He commented this is still being reviewed but believes Senator Vandever is hoping the county will assist with testimony at upcoming hearings.

Mr. Schug announced that Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, was subpoenaed and is testifying at the United States Senate election contest hearing at the Judicial Center this morning.

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Mr. Schug recognized Myjke Nelson, Director of Information Technology, on his achievement for being elected vice chair of the Minnesota Counties Information Technology Leadership Association. He congratulated him and thanked him for his contributions to his professional association.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Kriesel and Commissioner Weik provided comments on Metropolitan Council's State of the Region 2009 meeting they attended on February 2nd. Commissioner Weik commented the meeting was very well attended and she was encouraged by the fact the presentation started out with discussion on the east metro transportation needs. She mentioned concerns with Peter Bell's comments about using Federal stimulus dollars only for transit operating costs. Commissioner Kriesel commended Kevin Giles, Reporter for the Star Tribune, for his front page article covering the meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on his Regional Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Project Board meetings this past week, both meetings had similar funding discussions. He mentioned concerns expressed by the recyclers about the decline in the recycling of paper and metals.

Commissioner Pulkrabek will be attending the Oakdale Business Professional Association's annual gold plate dinner fundraiser on Thursday, February 5.

Commissioner Pulkrabek commented on an ancillary issue related to the housing crisis where townhome associations are low on funds due to the number of units in foreclosure. He also mentioned the increase in legal fees compounding the issue.

Commissioner Peterson mentioned these homeowner's associations may want to have discussions with those cities who are receiving funds due to the number of foreclosures.

Commissioner Kriesel attended the Lower St. Croix Valley Alliance meeting where discussions included the loss of local state aid and the possibilities of developing legislative agendas with input from the communities. He mentioned they are also looking at combining services between cities.

Commissioner Kriesel attended a yellow ribbon committee meeting with volunteers led by Senator Saltzman to have Washington County become the first yellow ribbon county in Minnesota. The committee's goal is to provide a network of support to families with members serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Commissioner Weik expressed her appreciation and respect for everyone's hard work and decisions that went into last week's meeting on the 2009 work plan.

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Commissioner Weik will be attending Transportation Day at the Capitol on Thursday, and has appointments set up with both Representative Marsha Swails and State Senator Kathy Saltzman. She has a number of things to discuss with them but welcomed staff to offer their suggestions.

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 10:05 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

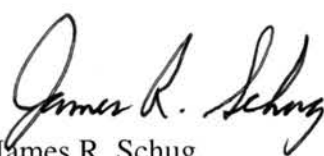
The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Community Corrections to discuss issues related to offender re-entry from jail and prison. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Tom Adkins, Sandy Hahn, Dan Luke, Bill Hutton, Lori Hanson, Chuck Yetter, John Haugen, Chris Volkers, Mike Johnson, Dan Papin, and Kristin Tuenge.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Community Services on the topic of Children in Need of Protection or Services (CHIPS). No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Richard Bachman, Chris Volkers, Judge William Ekstrum, Judge Susan Miles, Doug Johnson, Sue Harris, Tony Zdroik, Don Pelton and Lisa Hanson.



Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

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, Weik, and Kriesel. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Public Works; John Elholm, Parks Director; Jane Krebsbach, Public Works Transportation Coordinator; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Dennis O'Donnell, Senior Planner; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Pat Conley, Library Director; Joe Manion, Library Division Manager; 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 Weik moved, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel, to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the January 27, 2009, Board meeting minutes as amended.
2. Approval to appoint Brian Zeller, Lakeland, to the Parks and Open Space Commission, representing District 3, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
3. Approval to appoint Jen Peterson, Cottage Grove, to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
4. Approval to appoint Jeremy Jenkins and Regina Walker, Consumer Representatives to the Mental Health Advisory Council to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
5. Approval of software license, software maintenance, and hardware warranty agreement with Premier Election Solutions, Inc., January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.
6. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1, Work Order 16 and Change Orders 7-8, 10-13 with CS McCrossan Construction for the CSAH 13 road construction project.

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7. Approval of comments on the city of Stillwater and the city of Hastings draft Comprehensive Plans.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-015** as follows:

Resolution for 2009 State Boat and Water Safety Grant

BE IT RESOLVED, 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 2009 State Boat and Water Safety Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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.

LIBRARY

Pat Conley, Library Director, and Joe Manion, Library Division Manager, presented the first "One County, One Book" program. Washington County Library invites all citizens to participate in the program during March and April 2009. The program is being funded by Raft Charitable Foundations, Inc. The Library has selected Dr. P. M. Forni's book, "Choosing Civility: The Twenty-five Rules of Considerate Conduct" as suggested reading. Citizens are invited to attend a free community discussion featuring Dr. Forni at the R. H. Stafford Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21.

PUBLIC WORKS

Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement for Bridge 5600 Removal

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-016** as follows:

Authorization to Enter into Agreement No. 93903-P
with the Minnesota Department of
Transportation for Demolition of Bridge 5600

WHEREAS, Bridge 5600 and adjacent tax forfeit property is owned by the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) and Dakota County, is the lead agency for the demolition of Bridge 5600 located on the Mississippi River between St. Paul Park and Inver Grove Heights; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard has issued a Bridge Removal Order for Bridge 5600; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County has requested Minnesota Department of Transportation manage the construction engineering for this project because Minnesota Department of Transportation has the necessary experience to facilitate bridge removal; and

WHEREAS, an agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation is necessary to provide payment for and to define the County's and Minnesota Department of Transportation's responsibilities and obligations regarding the construction engineering; and

WHEREAS, County payment for the construction engineering performed by Minnesota Department of Transportation will amount to \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has designated the removal of Bridge 5600 as an emergency project on December 23, 2008; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the execution of Minnesota Department of Transportation Agreement No. 93903-P for construction engineering for the removal of Bridge 5600, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Contract for Bridge 5600 Removal

Wayne Sandberg, Public Works Deputy Director, requested the award of a contract to Veit & Company, Inc., the lowest cost qualified contractor, for the demolition of Bridge 5600 which is also known as the swing bridge and JAR bridge. The former road and railroad bridge is being removed as a public safety hazard due to its partial collapse in November, 2008. The County Board designated the bridge removal as an emergency project on December 23, 2008. Veit and Company, Inc., will begin demolition by the third week of February. The schedule for demolition work is dictated by time frame restrictions from the United States Coast Guard and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The Minnesota Department of Transportation will manage the engineering to facilitate the bridge removal. Funding for this project is the County State Aid Disaster Account.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to award the contract to Veit & Company, Inc. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Removal of Privately Owned Parcels from the Official Map of the Big Marine Park Reserve

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, informed the County Board about a letter recently received from Fawcett Law, LLC, on behalf of ten property owners requesting that certain privately owned parcels be removed from the official map of Big Marine Park Reserve. Mr. Theisen presented a map showing all the parcels in question.

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Mr. Theisen presented an overview of the requirements called for under Ordinance No. 68, which mandates the proceedings to amend an official map. The process under Ordinance No. 68 calls for either a recommendation from the Planning Commission or an action of the County Board on its own initiative. If the County Board wishes to initiate an action, the ordinance requires that every proposed official map or change in a map be forwarded to the Planning Commission for advice and recommendation. The County Board may also request an informal review by staff in response to a request. The ordinance clearly states the public purpose for the action must be determined. The landowners have not provided information on the public purpose to be served. Mr. Theisen pointed out a number of issues the County Board may wish to gather more information on prior to initiating an action.

Commissioner Pulkrabek inquired about the current restrictions on these parcels and the harm of being on the official map. Mr. Theisen explained the restrictions include the need to request approval of the County Board to be permitted to build on these parcels. He explained further, the official map ordinance and statute is intended to provide a balance so future public use is viable.

Song Lo Fawcett, attorney for the property owners, expressed the reason for the request is specifically because of the restrictions on building permits. She explained the property owners desire to pass their properties down to the generations and feel a restriction being in the reserve. They have previously opposed being located in the reserve at the time it was created and continue to oppose it. She stated the property owners do support the County's long time efforts to create the reserve but wish to be excluded from the official map due to the restrictions it creates.

Mr. Schug, County Administrator, commented that one of the requirements of the demapping process would be to identify what the public purpose would be of removing these individual ten parcels from the official map.

Commissioner Weik inquired as to whether there was any immediate hardship if the County Board were to take up to 60 days to conduct an informal review. Ms. Fawcett pointed out there was no present hardship but the property owners would prefer it be done sooner than 60 days.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to refer the request to staff for an informal review and report back to the County Board within 60 days. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Schug, County Administrator, gave an update on the 2009 legislative session. He pointed out the majority of the past week had been spent reviewing various aspects of the Governor's proposed budget through the various committees. Mr. Schug mentioned there are two bills on the modification of the Green

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Acres Program. One of the bills would modify the bill passed last year and address some of the specific issues with the payback and the classification of agricultural land. The second bill was referred to the Environmental Committee from the Agricultural and Veteran Affairs Committee and would repeal all of last year's changes. Mr. Schug mentioned this has resulted in two different tracks on this issue and continued monitoring will take place.

Mr. Schug mentioned there are some town meetings being scheduled throughout the next month. Minnesota Inter-Counties Association and the Association of Minnesota Counties are strongly encouraging attendance at these community meetings to ensure the County's position is articulated into the record of the various meetings.

Mr. Schug stated the Minnesota Inter-Counties Association has requested we send a letter to the Senate Tax Committee in support of Senate File 396. Under the current law, if there is an error in the published list for any one of the individual properties related to a delinquent property tax issue the entire list must be republished, with the correction, for an additional two week period. He indicated this can create quite an additional expense. The bill, authored by Senator Marty and Representative Welti, is a reasonable change that limits the publication requirement of the correction to just the property or properties for which there were errors in the original published list.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to send a letter in support of Senate File 396. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Schug passed on a message from Chuck Haas, member of the Hugo City Council, who was recently appointed as the new Chair of the Metropolitan Council Park and Open Space Commission. Mr. Haas will be resigning his position on the Washington County Park and Open Space Commission but wished to let the County Board know how much he'd enjoyed serving on Washington County's Park and Open Space Commission. Mr. Schug will send a letter of congratulations to Mr. Haas on behalf of Washington County.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Kriesel attended the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition meeting last Thursday where there was general discussion on programs pertaining to energy conservation in government buildings. He will be attending the deployment ceremony today in support of the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division on their deployment to Iraq.

Commissioner Weik mentioned Woodbury is scheduled for a town hall meeting by the legislature on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury. She attended a town hall meeting last Saturday at Woodbury City Hall with Representative Marsha Swails, Representative Julie Bunn and Senator Kathy Saltzman in attendance.

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Commissioner Weik attended morning meetings at the Transportation Day at the Capitol last week.

Commissioner Weik met last week with Senator Kathy Saltzman and Representative Marsha Swails and discussed Washington County's priorities with the I-94 Corridor and the alternatives analysis study. She also spoke briefly with them about the County's efforts with Minnesota Inter-Counties Association and the Association of Minnesota Counties on the repeal of the maintenance of effort and under funded mandate suspensions.

Commissioner Hegberg meets with Public Works this week about the future plans for the overpass over Highway 36 and Lake Elmo Drive. The city of Grant contacted him because of their concerns with disruptions in the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Pulkrabek mentioned attending his first committee meeting of the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition last week.

Commissioner Peterson commended Kevin Corbid, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Director, for his efforts in testifying at the United States Senate election contest hearing last week.

Commissioner Peterson mentioned there will be testimony given today at the House about high speed rail and on Thursday at the Senate.

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 10:26 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE LIBRARY

The Board met in workshop session with the Library to discuss issues related to facilities planning. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Pat Conley, Larry Timmerman, Harley Will, Melinda Kirk, Joe Manion, Amanda Hollis, Paul Ryberg, Pauline Schottmuller, Gary Vidloch, and Norman Nickerson.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to provide an update and review of the Campus 2025 Improvements – Phase 5 (South Wing) Detailed Design. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Pulkrabek, Hegberg, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Erik Jalowitz, Keith Potter, Harley Will, Dan Papin, Kay McAloney, Melinda Kirk, Brett Baldry, Mark Kotten, Joel Dunning, Kim Everson, and Dave Brierley.



Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 17, 2009

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, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Public Works; John Elholm, Parks Director; Sharon Price, Public Works Property Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Jacob Gave, Public Works Engineer I; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Don Pelton, Community Services Supervisor; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Sue Hedlund, Public Health and Environment Deputy Director; Stephanie Lenartz, Associate Planner; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Pat Conley, Library Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst; Jane Harper, Principal Planner; 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 Pulkrabek moved, seconded by Commissioner Weik, to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the February 3, 2009, Board meeting minutes as amended.
2. Approval to appoint Carol Banister, Lake Elmo to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
3. Approval to appoint Jen Peterson, Cottage Grove, to the Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program Citizen Advisory Committee, representing District 4, to fill an unexpired term to June 30, 2010.
4. Approval to appoint Andy Joyce, Woodbury, to the Parks and Open Space Commission, representing District 5, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.

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5. Authorization to establish reserves and designations of fund balances for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.
6. Approval to amend County Fee Policy #1032 to change or add certain fees for service charged by the Washington County Library effective March 1, 2009, in order to anticipate some of the reduction in state aid to counties.
7. Approval to set the first meeting date and time for the 2009 County Board of Appeal and Equalization for Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.
8. Approval of contract amendment to enter into agreement with the Stillwater Medical Group to provide medical services for jail inmates, and public health services for treatment of tuberculosis in Washington County residents.
9. Authorization for renewal of two-year agreements with the cities of Grant, Hugo, Lakeland, Marine on St. Croix, and St. Paul Park to provide individual sewage treatment system inspection services.
10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-017** as follows:

Amendment to Agreement for Financial Audit Services with
Olsen Thielen & CO. Ltd Related to the County Environmental Charge

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to continue to protect and ensure the health, safety, welfare and environment of the County's residents and businesses through sound management of solid waste generated in the County; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2002, the Washington County Board of Commissioners directed staff to pursue public/private partnerships and changes in solid waste financing that could result in progress toward environmental goals, as an alternative to public collection; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2002, the Washington County Board of Commissioners amended the solid waste Ordinance to implement a County Environmental Charge and to successfully implement the CEC, the County has conducted and plans to continue to conduct audits to assure compliance with the Solid Waste Management Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Washington and Ramsey counties jointly, through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, selected Olsen Thielen and Co., Ltd. to provide financial audit services for the County Environmental Charge; and

WHEREAS, Washington County seeks to continue to work jointly with Ramsey County to procure private audit services in order to provide efficient, cost effective audits; and

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WHEREAS, on December 11, 2007 (Resolution No. 2007-151), the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorized the approval and execution of an agreement with Olsen Thielen & Co., Ltd., for financial audit services, with a contract term of January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Olsen Thielen & Co., Ltd., has performed over 180 audits of over 100 waste haulers and transfer stations, to date under past and current agreements with the County further strengthening its unique position as an ideal vendor to provide the County with financial audit services for the County Environmental Charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes approval and execution of an amendment to the agreement for financial audit services with Olsen Thielen & Co., Ltd., in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, for the period of January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, and maximum expenditure for 2009 not to exceed \$50,000.

12. Approval of comments on the city of Mahtomedi and the city of Maplewood draft comprehensive plans.
13. Approval of the distribution of township road allotments for construction or reconstruction of township roads in the following amounts: Baytown Township \$9,386.87; Denmark Township \$11,276.26; Grey Cloud Island Township \$3,713.90; May Township \$15,166.03; Stillwater Township \$12,402.59; and, West Lakeland Township \$17,200.35.
14. Approval of contract with Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P. (LGN) for Federal Relations Services.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager, introduced Ann Bebeau, Co-Chair of the Washington County Child Protection Citizen Review Panel who presented their 2008 Annual Report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director, presented the 2008 Community Health Assessment report. Contained in the report are analysis of health and environmental data which identifies 12 priority public health and environmental problems including: obesity; mental health problems; death and disabilities from chronic disease; groundwater and surface water quality; abilities of communities to respond and recover from emergencies; alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; unmet needs of the aging population;

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abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults; improper waste management; access to health resources and care; inappropriate risk behaviors by adolescents and young adults; and limited access to transportation.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to accept the 2008 Community Health Assessment Report and authorize its submission to the Minnesota Department of Health. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

CSAH 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue)/TH 36 Intersection Project

Jacob Gave, Public Works Design Engineer, presented an update on the County State Aid Highway 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue) TH 36 intersection project in Grant and Lake Elmo. A Design Review Committee was created to assist with this project development. They are currently reviewing three interchange alternatives: tight diamond, estimated cost \$16 million, tight diamond with roundabouts, (which Public Works is recommending be removed because of cost issues) estimated cost \$19 to \$ 20 million; and button hooks estimated cost \$11 million. A tentative schedule for the design and construction of the project is: environmental documentation, July 2009 – July 2010; final design, September 2009 – September 2010; Right of Way acquisition, December 2009 – December 2010; and construction May 2011 – November 2011.

Urban Project of the Year Award and American Council of Engineering Companies Grand Award

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, announced that in January 2009, the Radio Drive (CSAH 13) Safety and Mobility project was recognized with two awards: the Minnesota County Engineers Association Urban Project of the Year and the American Council of Engineering Companies Grand Award. This project included the construction of separated pedestrian/bicycle paths on each side of the roadway, installation of right and left turn lanes, and construction of a multi-lane roundabout at the intersection of Radio Drive and Bailey Road, and installation of landscaping.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment Funding Proposals

John Elholm, Parks Director, and Jane Harper, Principal Planner, reviewed the constitutional amendment which was passed last November authorizing three-eighths of one percent to be collected on taxable sales to protect drinking water sources; protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forest, and fish game and wildlife habitat; preserve the arts and cultural heritage, support parks and trails; and, to protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater. This sales tax will begin on July 1 and will be collected for

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25 years. The following proposed projects have been developed by Washington County: Prairie/Savanna Habitat Restoration, \$285,000; Washington County Forest Health Initiative, \$300,000; Washington County Wetland Restoration, \$332,000; St. Croix River, Ravine Stabilization & Restoration, \$275,000; and, Land and Water Legacy Program, \$2,000,000.

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update on the following items: projections for the State budget deficit will be in the area of \$6 to \$7 billion rather than the \$4.8 billion that has been planned on up to this point; current law requires the county to republish the entire delinquent tax list if there is any error and last week the County Board approved a motion requesting relief from that mandate and only publish those parcels in which the error occurred; the House Transportation Finance Committee authorized \$10 million in bonding authority for the St. Paul to Chicago high-speed rail corridor and another bill would provide \$500,000 for a feasibility study for the high-speed rail between Chicago and the Twin Cities through Rochester; in the Senate Transportation Budget division there were a number of high-speed and rail transit corridor bills considered including S.F. 102, \$2 million in bonding for the Red Rock Corridor; and S.F. 414 which would provide \$1 million for the Rush Line Corridor.

Mr. Schug noted that the Legislature will be holding a series of town meetings around the state to receive public input on the budget and other issues. The Minnesota Inter-County Association strongly encouraged member counties to attend those meetings and participate by providing brief testimony. The next meeting is being held in Woodbury on February 23, 6:00 p.m. at the Central Park Amphitheater. Commissioner Weik will be testifying at that meeting.

Commissioner Peterson requested that any comments made by Commissioners at the Town Hall meetings be written and distributed to the leadership of both parties in addition to the committee members participating in the listening sessions.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the deployment ceremony for the Red Bull 34th Infantry Division last Tuesday. He thanked all the communities who adopted resolutions of support. These resolutions were presented to the Generals and will become a part of the Red Bull Infantry history.

Commissioner Weik reported she toured the Oak Park Heights prison last Tuesday together with Representative Marsh Swails. It was a sobering experience. The warden indicated that there had never been any escape attempts and the facility is a national model. The prisoners are able to study for their GED and she was impressed with the focus on rehabilitation. The prisoners also publish a newsletter entitled "A New

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Perspective". Items discussed in the newsletter include prison rehab, how to land jobs, and talking about success in their future lives. Many of the prisoners were using the library and she suggested the One County, One Book program, "Choosing Civility: The Twenty-five Rules of Considerate Conduct" which was discussed at last week's meeting be included in that library. Commissioner Weik did check out the book at the Stafford Library last Sunday and noted that the library was very busy as has been reported in the newspapers.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the MICA meeting with Commissioners Hegberg and Peterson and indicated she would be interested in being the delegate to the committee and Commissioner Hegberg could step back into the alternate role. She reported that the Rice County Commissioners were there and have so far refused to pay the attorneys for CHIPS cases.

Commissioner Weik was at the State Capitol last Thursday and listened to Commissioner Peterson's testimony regarding the Red Rock Corridor Transitway, Hastings to Minneapolis for \$2 million.

Commissioner Weik will attend the Counties Transit Improvement Board. On February 19, there will be a Public Health and Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting. On Friday there will be a visitation for Judge Doyscher in Forest Lake and the funeral services will be on Saturday, February 21.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint Commissioner Weik as a delegate to the Minnesota Inter-County Association replacing himself on that Board. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Community Action Program for Ramsey and Washington Counties Committee and the various subcommittees that meet each week during the month. The Bremer Foundation gave \$100,000 to the organization to be used in many different ways.

Commissioner Hegberg reported that MICA discussed levy limits and that it is 3.9% or inflation which ever is less. He would like the legislature to realize that the inflation rate may be in the negative which would make it very difficult to fund mandates and other projects that are given to counties. Commissioner Weik stated that point is included in the draft testimony she will be presenting to the Legislators at the Town Meeting next week. The Commissioners will receive the draft for their review and input.

Commissioner Hegberg will attend his first Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging meeting later this week.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he was not too concerned about the levy limits Commissioner Hegberg mentioned earlier. He feels the legislature will put in so many exceptions so there is always a way of getting around it.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek indicated that he will be attending the I-94 corridor group meeting on Friday at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Weik will also be in attending that meeting. It will be held at the Woodbury City Hall.

Commissioner Peterson asked that an alternate be appointed to the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board. If one of the two Washington County Commissioners does not attend, they will only have one vote and she feels it is important to have two votes.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint Commissioner Weik as an alternate to the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson announced that the Legislative Committee Conference will be held April 29 and 30, at the Crowne Plaza and cities, counties, schools and townships will have a joint legislative meeting.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT CLOSED SESSION WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The County Board convened in Closed Session to discuss the final settlement of CSAH 15, the Crescent Development; the time being 11:18 a.m. Present for the closed session were Commissioners Kriesel, Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Weik. Also present were Jim Schug, Doug Johnson, Richard Hodsdon, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Sharon Price, and Deb McDonald.

The County Board reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

CSAH 15 CRESCENT DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the settlement for the CSAH 15 Crescent Development on the Attorney's fees and appraisal fees in the amount of \$46,390.77. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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 11:30 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the 2009 budget. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present were Commissioners Hegberg,

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Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Melinda Kirk, Doug Johnson, Dan Papin, Tom Adkins, Harley Will, Kay McAloney, Sue Fennern, Myjke Nelson, Patricia Conley, Kevin Corbid, Lowell Johnson, Don Theisen, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Kevin Giles and Elizabeth Mohr.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Myra Peterson, Chair

County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 24, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Chief Deputy Mike Johnson; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Jacob Gave, Design Engineer I; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steve Anderson, 2530 Countryside Court, spoke about the proposed budget change for Extension. He is the Executive Director of the Washington County Ag Society, which owns and operates the fairgrounds. The Ag Society relies on the 4-H to fill eight of the buildings at the fairgrounds. He feels that the fair and the 4-H activities have a direct stimulus for the local economy of Washington County. He stated that this year's fair will be the 137th fair and 4-H has been around for over 100 years. Without 4-H and the programs it brings to the fair, there will be no fair. The Washington County Ag Society asks the County Board to leave the Extension program in the budget.

Jason Campbell, 10579 10th Street North, Lake Elmo – Mr. Campbell stated he has been the Washington County 4-H Federation Adult Treasurer for the past five years. He has been a resident of Washington County for 38 years. He is here to talk about the fiscal value of 4-H. The \$130,000 of funding for the 4-H program represents about .0008% of the annual budget of Washington County. For this money the county receives an educational program that serves 500 youth directly and another 200 youth indirectly. Also included in this money are the numerous volunteer hours of adult and youth. If you add up these volunteer hours, he believes the county receives the equivalent of six or more full time employees for the price of \$130,000 or \$21,000 for a full time employee. He feels this is the fiscal value that 4-H brings to Washington County.

Mike Clemens, 8490 108th Street North, Forest Lake – Mr. Clemens stated he is a proud 11 year alumni of the Washington County 4-H program. He knows his experience with 4-H has developed him into who he is today in his career. He is a manager for a business in Minneapolis and works part time for the Forest Lake Police Department, a position he has held for the past 23 years. His local club annually donates and plants

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trees throughout Washington County. During the holidays they adopt families. They have supported the troops over seas with correspondence and supplies. Annually their club spends one night a week before the Holidays bringing fruit baskets to the elderly in a local nursing home. It is a great experience for the youth to talk to seniors who have been involved in 4-H and were former leaders. Their club has also donated to the local ambulance in Marine on St. Croix. He feels the program has impacted a lot of people and it will continue to impact a lot of people. He asked that the County Board continue funding for the 4-H program.

Rebecca Tenpas, 11330 50th Street North, Lake Elmo – Ms. Tenpas stated that 4-H is a learning experience. Not only does it address the community service projects and youth curricular activities, it teaches the youth a lifetime of service. It teaches them to care about their community, to care about each other, and teaches them how to relate and give to the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1 Approval of the February 10, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Anthony Carr, Stillwater, to the Community Corrections Advisory Board as a minority representative to fill an unexpired term to December 31, 2009.
3. Approval of agreement with Community Services, the Sheriff, and the County Attorney to administer the Child Support Enforcement program.
4. Approval of the master grant agreement between the Washington County Workforce Center and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2012.
5. Approval of contract with East Suburban Resources to partner with the Workforce Center on the EXTRA – Taking Action on Racial Disparities project for African American Minnesota Family Investment Program customers.
6. Approval of Amendment #1 to Contract No. 4281 with State Operated Services to adjust the rates for two registered nurses providing services to county clients.
7. Approval of contract with Expedite! Direct Mail for printing and mailing of 2009 property tax-related documents.

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8. Approval to renew application of off sale liquor license for SSG Corporation, April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010, in Denmark Township.
9. Approval of agreement with Washington Conservation District for 2009 professional services.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Aerial Photography

Commissioner Kriesel moved to award a contract to Kucera International Inc. to perform county-wide aerial photography and authorize execution of the contract through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action from the County Board. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Campus 2025 Phase 5 Improvements

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve professional service contract amendments for the Campus 2025 Phase 5 improvements with Wold Architects and Engineers for \$400,625 and Kraus-Anderson Midwest Construction for \$1,194,812. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve the Voluntary Leave Without Pay Program by increasing the leave from 40 hours per year to 120 hours a year subject to the approval of the Department Head. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-018** as follows:

Resolution Supporting a Fee Increase for Deputy Registrars

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota established a public/private deputy registrar system to provide citizens convenient locations to conduct title registration services for motor vehicles and DNR recreational vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota in 1949 established a user service fee on motor vehicle transactions to be retained by the deputy registrar to defray the cost of providing the local service; and

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WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has shifted increased costs and responsibilities onto the deputy registrar such as regular replacement schedules of computers and associated electronic equipment, printing of previously supplied state forms, and expanded auditing tasks with additional risks and potential liability that was previously the responsibility of the State; and

WHEREAS, collectively the deputy registrar system handles over one billion dollars of state funds for the State of Minnesota annually with considerable risk whereby dishonored checks are the responsibility of the deputy registrar in the full amount tendered after remitting the bulk of those funds to the State; and

WHEREAS, the user service fee that should fully support the cost for providing motor vehicle transactions no longer covers the operational costs to maintain most deputy registrar offices. Many public deputy registrars must use property tax levy proceeds to subsidize this service. Rural areas with lower volumes are in jeopardy of losing service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports a reasonable increase in the deputy registrar filing fee in order to maintain local title and registration services to the citizens of Minnesota.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Recognition for Supervisor John McPherson

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-019** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation
Supervisor John McPherson
Upon his Retirement from the West Lakeland Township Board

WHEREAS, Supervisor John McPherson will retire as a supervisor on the West Lakeland Township Board effective March 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor John McPherson has served on the West Lakeland Township Board for 41 years after he was first elected to fill a Town Board vacancy in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor John McPherson has always been a spokesperson for the best interests of the citizens of West Lakeland Township and has always been a strong advocate of low property taxes and efficient services; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor John McPherson's contributions in public service included the final route determination of I-94; adding soccer fields; reviewing a fly-ash landfill facility; paving the dirt roads of the township; and helping to direct the development of the township during the population growth from 345 to nearly 4,000 citizens during his years of service on the Town Board; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation Supervisor John McPherson's leadership and public service as a member of the West Lakeland Township Board for 41 years, of which approximately 35 years were as Board Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily commends Supervisor John McPherson upon his retirement from the West Lakeland Township Board and hereby proclaims Monday, March 2, 2009, as "Supervisor John McPherson Day in Washington County."

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a legislative update on the following items: the House passed SF 49, in part repealing the maintenance of effort suspension, and the Governor subsequently signed it; bills are moving through house committees and the Senate is making modifications in the Green Acres legislation; in Public Safety and Corrections, Sheriff Hutton and Sheriff Bud Olson from Carver County have been active with the Sheriff's Association trying to maintain funding for the eight-day detention facility for juveniles; the Department of Corrections has indicated some interest in opening discussion about short-term offenders; in transportation a lot of discussion has centered on the impact of the Federal economic stimulus bill would have on Minnesota; and last evening the first of the two town meetings being conducted by the legislators was held in Washington County in Woodbury, the second meeting will be held in Forest Lake on February 26.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg attended the town meeting last evening in Woodbury and the gist of the testimony was don't raise any taxes and don't cut any services. The Counties Transit Improvement Board met last week and the project contracts were let and everything is going as expected.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on his first meeting of the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging last week. The Dial-a-Ride program was discussed and some individuals cannot get rides to the cities or cannot get back home because of where they live is not in the transit taxing district. They also discussed Metro Mobility. In the afternoon he attended the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties. The stimulus package did increase their amount of funding in certain areas, but it was only for one year and it would make it difficult to budget for following years if no further funding is provided. He has also attended different subcommittees which meet every week.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek asked for more detailed information on the stimulus package on where this money is coming from, how the interest will be paid, and what percentage of future budgets will be dedicated for debt/interest payments.

Commissioner Peterson reported she attended an Association of Minnesota Counties meeting and a person from the Department of Revenue addressed an issue regarding the audit process. Once the stimulus dollars are received the reporting on what the money is used for, and how many jobs were created, will be intense and thorough.

Commissioner Weik stated she has attended two listening sessions in the last three days. She attended one at the Guardian Angels Church in Oakdale on Sunday morning and the one in Woodbury on Monday. Of the 300 people in Woodbury about 100 people spoke. They were allowed a minute and a half to give testimony so everyone who wanted to could speak. She testified that counties are silent partners with the state to deliver health and human services and correction services in talking about the cuts, but did acknowledge that counties had to play a part in the state's budget problems. She briefly touched on maintenance of effort requirements and brought up levy limits and its impact on revenue. One resident stated that there had been a lot of emphasis on cuts and he said he hadn't heard enough about how they were going to raise revenue or ideas legislators had for revenue streams. She thought that was a good comment.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board last week. There was an update on the economic stimulus package. There was also a presentation from the Transit for Livable Communities and a review of the transitway map for 2020 and that the east metro stations were left off. This map was also brought up at the I-94 Transportation Corridor meeting she attended on Friday. On March 16 the CTIB will hold a workshop to discuss the long-term investment framework and review the financial analysis of the quarter cent sales tax.

Commissioner Weik attended the Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting which reviewed the hazardous response and recovery plan. They are recruiting for medical reserve corps. She asked that the link for the medical reserve corps be added to the advisory committee/citizen involvement section located on the web.

Commissioner Weik mentioned an article in the Pioneer Press regarding the increased use of libraries.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he spoke to the Hilltoppers at Trinity Church regarding the campus expansion and concerns they had about the budget cuts. He attended the I-94 Corridor coalition meeting. He mentioned that after the County Board passed the resolution honoring the Red Bull Infantry that is being deployed to Iraq, a committee was formed to have Washington County become a Yellow Ribbon initiative county. On March 9 there will be a meeting of citizens and local community leaders to encourage support to families of the soldiers who are currently deployed.

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Commissioner Kriesel and County Administrator Schug attended the Lower St. Croix Valley Alliance meeting last evening. That group is looking at how to develop a legislative agenda and how they might form joint power agreements so communities could work together on common efficiencies.

Commissioner Kriesel noted that a large group of Extension and 4-H people attended the Board meeting earlier this morning. The advice he gave them prior to the meeting was to appear at the Forest Lake town hall meeting to bring this matter to the State legislators. The County Board approved funding for 4-H and Extension in the 2009 budget and when the unallotment came from the state and the anticipated budget cuts those items are revisited. He was disappointed that with the amount of e-mails he has been receiving that these folks are not looking at what caused Washington County to possibly consider taking that funding out of its budget. The message to the legislators is if they are going to cut county funding it will have an impact on what the county provides.

Commissioner Peterson met with Representative Marsha Swails who chairs the House Committee that will be looking at efficiency and consolidation. She will meet with the Representative again for suggestions the County Board might have on consolidation and efficiencies in government. Last Wednesday at the Transportation Advisory Board meeting there was considerable discussion about the stimulus package for the metro area. Commissioner Peterson stated she took a strident position that the stimulus money should be used for big projects that cost a great deal of money rather than to spend dollars on little projects. Many of the transportation projects being considered are for mill and overlay and she feels that the stimulus money should be used for major projects. If the Board disagrees with that position, please tell her and she will curb her advocacy.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Director's meeting last Friday. There was a lot of conversation about the stimulus package, the maintenance of effort, and county redesign.

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 Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Community Services Department to discuss the county human service delivery systems. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Harley Will, Mjyke Nelson, Lowell Johnson, Pat Singel, and Dan Papin.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Myra Peterson, Chair

County Board

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WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
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The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners, Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Patrick Singel, Community Services Deputy Director; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Mike Johnson; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Susan Clemens, Eden Prairie – Ms. Clemens stated she was a 4-H member of Washington County for 11 years in the Forest Lake area. She indicated that 4-H shaped her into who she is today. The challenges of the 4-H program and the relationships that she built gave her the confidence and the leadership skills to successfully shape her future. She thanked the Board for its past support and asked for its support in the future.

Abby Persoon, 115 Ridge Way, Mahtomedi – Ms. Persoon is 13 years old and currently secretary of the Soil Savers 4-H Club in Washington County. 4-H is a program for kids in grades 3-12. Projects are displayed at the Washington County Fair, they show animals and livestock, run the 4-H food stand at Hooley Hall, put on a performance at the park pavilion, they host family fun day and hold activities outside the 4-H building. Without funding, all the 4-H programs will stop at the county fair, service to kids will go, service to the community will decrease, opportunities will go away, and the county community will never be the same. She thanked the Board for its funding in the past, and on behalf of all 4-H she asked the Board to help them make the best better by funding 4-H.

Emma Persoon, 115 Ridge Way, Mahtomedi – Ms. Persoon is 10 years old and a member of the Soil Savers 4-H Club and has been a 4-H member for four years. She thinks the Board should fund 4-H because it helps the community and the world. She has learned a lot and has made many friends. If 4-H is not funded then there might not be a county fair. If there is no county fair some people who are not even in 4-H will be bummed out. She thinks Washington County will lose a lot of money if 4-H is not part of the fair. 4-H has helped her love and care about the environment and has helped her learn to help kids less fortunate than her by doing service projects. She knows the Board has a hard decision on how best to spend the money in the county and she hopes they choose to sponsor 4-H in some way.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to appoint John Rheinberger, Stillwater, to the Groundwater Advisory Committee to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
2. Approval of a service agreement with the Washington County Conservation District in the amount of \$34,000 to prepare a conservation plan for the Land and Water Legacy Program.
3. Approval of a special project position of Eligibility Specialist (.25 F.T.E.) in the Community Services Department through December 31, 2009.
4. Approval to amend the County Fee Policy (#1032) to change or add certain fees for service charged by the Washington County Department of Information Technology.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-020** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption Application from the
Ruffed Grouse Society, Missi-Croix Chapter

WHEREAS, the Ruffed Grouse Society, Missi-Croix Chapter 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.

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

6. Approval to renew application for on sale and Sunday liquor license for Afton Alps, Inc. for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.
7. Approval to renew application for on sale and Sunday liquor license for the Outing Lodge at Pine Point, LLC, for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.
8. Approval to renew application for on sale and Sunday liquor license for The Point, Inc. for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.
9. Approval to renew application for on sale and Sunday liquor license for Stoneridge Golf Club for the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.

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10. Approval of contract with WSB and Associates, Inc. for preliminary design services for the TH 244 and CSAH 12 safety and mobility intersection reconstruction project in Mahtomedi and Willernie for a cost not to exceed \$52,760.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Commissioner Pulkrabek commented on the liquor license applications that were on the Consent Calendar. He stated it bothers him that there is no uniformity about liquor license fees.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Josh Beck, Associate Planner, reviewed the proposed uses of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds for 2009: Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Retreat at Garden Gate II, \$350,000; Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Raymie Johnson Townhomes, \$133,012; Granada Lakes Limited Partnership Granada Lakes Estates, \$200,000; Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Housing Reinvestment Initiative \$100,000; Washington County Public Services, \$120,506; and Administration, \$164,772.

Commissioner Weik noted she found errors in some of the tables in the draft plan and called Mr. Beck about those. Mr. Beck indicated those changes have been made to the draft plan that will be published.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the funding recommendations and release for public comment on the draft 2009 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Action Plan. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Federal Economic Stimulus Update

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director, presented an update on the stimulus package which is called the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – 2009. He highlighted the infrastructure and science category which represents \$111 billion of the total package of \$787 billion. Minnesota will receive \$668 million which is divided as follows:

Highways and Bridges, \$502 million - \$345 million will go to MnDOT for statewide highway projects; \$150 million to local agencies statewide of which \$76 million will go to the local metro area; certain requirements need to be met to get this money.

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Intercity Rail/High Speed Rail – At this time no there is no definite amount that will be coming back to Minnesota, but nationwide there is \$8 billion for capital grants for high speed rail and intercity rail with \$1.3 billion for capital grants to Amtrak;

Transit Capital - \$94 million is available for Minnesota, and of that \$65 million is allocated for the Metro Transit; Met Council will determine the priorities which include covering their current operating budget shortfall of \$45 million and other capital projects.

Mr. Sandberg noted that final distribution of this money is still unknown as is how the distribution will affect Washington County. He stated that MnDOT has three major projects they could use the money on and still not do all three. They are: Highway 610; Highway 494 and 169; and the Cayuga Bridge. Another option would be for MnDOT to take all the money and all the local money and complete two of those bigger projects and then that would free up money already allocated in future years to do local projects.

County Road 82 Project in Forest Lake

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve a contract with Toltz, King, Duval, Anderson and Associates for final design services for the proposed Hardwood Creek Trail Bridge over County Road 83 (11th Avenue SW) in Forest Lake, for a cost not to exceed \$78,000. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

The Board discussed the Federal economic stimulus funding and whether the money should be spent on a lot of little projects or use it all to complete two major projects as described by Mr. Sandberg earlier.

Commissioner Hegberg moved that a letter be sent to the Metropolitan Council and the Transportation Advisory Board urging the use of stimulus funding for the CR 14 overpass project in Anoka County. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Weik, and Kriesel; No, Commissioner Peterson.

Commissioner Peterson stated she is opposed to this letter because she feels that the stimulus funding should be used for two or three major road projects rather than several smaller projects.

The County Board discussed the transit portion of the stimulus package where \$45 million of the \$65 million would go to the Metropolitan Council for their budget shortfall.

Commissioner Peterson moved that a letter be sent to the Metropolitan Council stating that the \$45 million budget shortfall for Metro Transit should not be made up with one-time stimulus money. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Washington County Position Reductions**

Jim Schug, County Administrator, informed the Board that he has just received the Governor's announcement about the new State deficit and it is now projected at \$6.4 billion, but that the proposal is to put approximately \$1.8 billion of the Federal stimulus money to buy down the State deficit leaving a net deficit of about \$4.6 billion.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to eliminate the following staff positions as recommended: Administration, (Management Analyst, Records Management); Community Corrections (Probation Office II); Community Services; (Child Support Officer); County Attorney's Office, (Paralegal Assistant); General Operations (3 Court Security Positions); Information Technology (3 IT Analysts); Library (Office Support II); Property Records and Taxpayer Services, (Property Appraiser I and II); Public Health and Environment, (Office Support II); Public Works, (2 Maintenance Workers, Senior Planner, Transportation Coordinator, and Sr. Engineering Tech.-Special Project); and Sheriff's Office, (Deputy, 2 Office Support II, and CO Sergeant II). Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Legislative Update

Mr. Schug presented the following legislative update: the Governor may consider a repeal of the short-term offender program because prison growth has slowed; Green Acres legislation continues to move forward; in health and human services area there is a significant amount of money that would be coming to Minnesota in Federal funds for homelessness prevention, food stamp benefits, and child support enforcement; there is also a moratorium on child welfare targeted case management role which has been extended which allows the county to earn revenue under that Federal program for a longer period of time; a hearing was held this week in the Senate and more details were revealed on the Governor's proposal to create 15 regional human service organizations; and another hearing was held on mandates, matches and maintenance of effort requirements.

Commissioner Peterson noted that she attended a meeting with Congresswoman McCollum to address the stimulus package. Congresswoman McCollum encouraged Dakota, Washington and Ramsey Counties to work together and make application for the special stimulus dollars. She asked that the three county chairs work to devise the sub-groups that would be evaluating and making application for stimulus dollars for housing and other areas.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on a meeting held at Rock-Tenn Company to discuss recycling and that the value of recycling materials has declined. The inventories are building in the warehouses and there is not a

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lot of positive news. Some of the plastic materials is being shipped to China, but there are huge amounts of inventory sitting in California. Steel has also dropped considerably. Because of the environmental laws on the steel industry in this country, it causes their costs to be considerably higher than other countries.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the two listening sessions he attended, one in Woodbury and the other in Forest Lake. The Forest Lake speakers were mainly businessmen who did not advocate increased or maintenance of services. They advocated tax reductions. Several people talked about property values and the decrease of house values, and they hoped their property taxes would be decreased. Commissioner Hegberg feels there will be many angry individuals as the Boards of Equalizations meet and the Truth-in-Taxation hearings are held. He feels the public should be educated on what the county is doing and how the system works.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that Chuck Haas has not resigned from the Park Commission yet. He should be contacted because he is going on the Metro Park Board and some individuals have asked about that position.

Commissioner Hegberg noted that he will not be at next week's meeting because he will be on vacation and then he will be going to an insurance trust conference. It should be an interesting conference with insurance rates going up 21% and AIG is out of the business as well as others. The insurance trust will have to make difficult choices in the future and might have to take additional risks to reduce those premiums as much as possible.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated that there will be a Finance Committee meeting following the Board meeting this morning. There is also a Metro Energy Policy Coalition meeting on Thursday and he and Commissioner Weik will meet with the Woodbury Chamber of Commerce to discuss transportation issues. He also will not be at the Board meeting next week he will be attending the National Association of Counties meeting.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he attended the West Lakeland Town Board meeting last evening and presented retiring Supervisor John McPherson with his resolution of appreciation from the County Board. Last week he and Commissioners Weik and Hegberg attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board.

Commissioner Kriesel commented on the group of individuals that showed up this morning and spoke on the 4-H issue. He believes there isn't anyone on this Board that doesn't appreciate the value of 4-H. He believes it comes down to whether continuing to fund that is a core service of government. He was impressed by the energy of the 4-H supporters and believes that energy should be transferred into working towards self sustainability, possibly through private foundations. The Rotary, Lions Club, and Boy Scouts are all worthy organizations that recognize the government cannot be all things to all people and that they have to work towards self sufficiency.

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Commissioner Kriesel announced that the Valley Outreach Food shelf will be holding their major annual event on March 7, 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. at the Water Street Inn in Stillwater. The event includes a buffet dinner, silent auction and music.

Commissioner Weik commented on a couple of e-mails she received criticizing the County Board and Commissioners for going through these commissioner reports at the end of each meeting. Some people in the public do not want these reports, or suggested they be moved to after the meetings in a workshop format. She feels that the most important issue for elected officials is transparency in government, so that is her position on commissioner reports.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Mosquito Control Board meeting she attended. They discussed plans for 2009, management of the expansion of the Oakdale facility and facilitating the addition of two new crews in Oakdale and in Andover. They are looking at strategic planning and opportunities for staff to refine their processes with a goal of delivering efficient services in a cost effective manner.

Commissioner Weik attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board as a guest. She volunteered to take Commissioner Hegberg's place on that committee as it meets right after the Mosquito Control in the same building and her background is in biology. She mentioned a major concern is for electronic waste management handling because of the conversion to digital this summer. The concern is that the public be educated and to advocate for responsible recycling of analog television sets that could end up in the waste stream. She also noted that Minnesota is one of three states nationally chosen for the paint pilot project. Consumers could see a 25 cent to 40 cent price increase.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended a tour of the Dakota County Board Room and the Farmington City Council Chambers. During the snow storm last Thursday, she attended a ride-a-long with a county snowplow driver. The route they went on is in Woodbury and included CR 13 and CR 19 and parts of Valley Creek Road. The drivers work in tandem and sometimes a third vehicle is required. She thanked Wayne Sandberg for setting this up because it gave her a greater appreciation for the amount of work these drivers do. She urged other drivers to stay back and away from snowplow drivers.

Commissioner Weik will be attending a Lions Club meeting this evening and she plans on attending the book club meeting this evening at the Stafford Library to discuss "Civility – The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Contact".

Commissioner Kriesel announced that the Yellow Ribbon Initiative will meet at the Oak-Land Jr. High School on Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m. The invitation list is up to 400 and includes professionals from the education field, law enforcement, prosecutors, and clergy. The group is trying to build awareness and how they can better support the troops and their families.

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Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint Commissioner Weik to the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board and he will become the alternate. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson reported on an Eastern Transportation Alliance meeting she attended last Friday. They will continue to meet and asked if any other members of the Board would like to be notified when this group meets. In the afternoon she met with Congresswoman McCollum. On Saturday she met with a 4-H member. She was one of the most delightful young woman she has ever met and is passionate about her career in 4-H. Commissioner Peterson suggested to her that self sufficiency is not only good for oneself but also for one's organization. Later that morning she attended the legislative summit meeting in South Washington County where legislators met with local elected officials to talk about the budget process and what might be coming out of that legislative process. The legislators asked for the cities and counties input about the budget. The group asked how they could receive relief from mandates and maintenance of effort, but didn't get too much help.

Commissioner Peterson attended MnDOT's rail meeting and she came away with one thought. If the county is to be effective it will probably have to spend some money in having professional presentations. It seems like the organizations that present a vision without a lot of facts and figures are getting the money.

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 Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

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MARCH 10, 2009

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, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent. RRA Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology 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; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and David 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 9:20 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology 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; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mike Clemens, 8490 180 Street North, Forest Lake – Mr. Clemens stated he has been a resident of Washington County for 45 years and was employed with Washington County for 25 years. He feels it would be a shame if Washington County were not represented at the Minnesota State Fair. He hopes that the current County Board will continue the vision of past Boards to continue the County Fair and the 4-H program.

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Julie Finch, 2190 Sargent Avenue, St. Paul – Ms. Finch stated she is a parent of a Washington County 4-H member and is a volunteer for the Washington County 4-H program. She, like many families, lives outside of Washington County and participates in the Washington County 4-H program. She stated that agricultural production and processing is the second largest industry in Minnesota, but there are fewer and fewer places young people can learn about agriculture if the children live in cities and are not exposed to farming or ranching. 4-H gives urban youth a chance to be exposed to the state's second largest industry. There are thousands of volunteer hours and financial contributions made by individuals to individual clubs. 4-H does not solely rely on public funds. She stated that Washington County 4-H draws in families from the larger metro to support the local business community by purchasing gas, groceries and household goods from local businesses. These dollars will be spent in Dakota and Anoka Counties if Washington County does not support 4-H. She feels that 4-H is a good investment and not just a good organization.

Denny Seefeldt, 13809 Scandia Trail North, Scandia – Mr. Seefeldt stated he is currently the Mayor of Scandia. He was the County Ag Agent for Washington County from 1968 to 1977 and one of the things that was started with other County Extension agents was the Master Gardener program. That program has now spread across the State of Minnesota and the country, but was cut in Washington County where it started. 4-H is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Leadership skills were developed in 4-H and many members became county board members, school board members, town board members, and they formed co-ops. His focus and the organization's focus was to help young people grow up to be mature, responsible adults and community leaders. 16,000 volunteers hours were spent on collecting for food shelves, picking up trash on county roads and parks, sewing quilts for children's hospital, care packages for GI's, collecting money for Salvation Army, visiting nursing homes and veterans homes, and after school programs for underserved youth. He asked the County Board to not cut this program, but look at creative ways to reduce funding in other areas.

Chelsea Dietsche, 9673 Harrow Court South, Cottage Grove – Ms. Dietsche is a 4-H alumni and is currently a sophomore at Bethany Lutheran College. During her senior year of high school she was the Federation Vice President and the county Ambassador Leader. She has heard from 10 former Washington County 4-Hers and all shared how 4-H has permanently led their life paths in a positive direction; from full scholarship offers to high paying jobs all before they were 30. On behalf of the alumni, she thanked the County Commissioners for making their scholarships, internships, study abroad, and job opportunities possible by funding 4-H when they were younger.

Commissioner Kriesel commented that he is encouraged by Mayor Seefeldt's support of 4-H. The Board also received a resolution from the City of Hugo, and Baytown has called him in support of 4-H. He believes there is an opportunity for these communities that value 4-H to participate in the funding. He eagerly awaits the opportunity to meet with those officials to work out a business model that these communities can step up and help support 4-H.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to appoint Adam Stone, Woodbury, to the Planning Advisory Commission to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
2. Approval of revisions to Policy #2803, Fund Descriptions.
3. Approval of revisions to Policy #2901 Revenue and Expenditures Object Codes and Definitions.
4. Approval of Network Consulting amendment with Midwave Corporation.
5. Approval of agreement for Assessment Services between the City of Oakdale and Washington County.
6. Approval to renewal on sale and Sunday 3.2 malt liquor license for the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp Association, Inc. for the period of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.
7. Approval of contract with SRF Consulting Group for final design services for the Broadway Avenue improvement project in Forest Lake.
8. Approval of Change Order #7 to contract with Century Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$16,291.
9. Approval of Change Order #7 to contract with Gresser Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$25,665.79.
10. Approval of change Order #10 to contract with People's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$45,239.
11. Approval of Change Order #11 to contract with People's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$62,183.
12. Approval of Change Order #6 to contract with Commercial Drywall, Inc. in the amount of \$12,232.79.
13. Approval of Change Order #11 to contract with Sowles Company in the amount of \$58,549.99.
14. Approval of Change Order #6 to contract with General Sheet Metal Company, Inc. in the amount of \$60,145 and Change Order #7 in the amount of \$25,933.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Traci Thompson, Community Services Supervisor, advised the Board that the King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury has donated \$940 in gas cards to Washington County. These cards will be given to Adult Mental Health clients with limited incomes to use in attending medical appointments, moving expenses, transportation for grocery shopping, transportation to attend groups, transportation to attend vocational and/or educational opportunities.

Commissioner Weik moved to accept \$940 in gas cards donated by the King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury to be used by Community Services Adult Mental Health Unit clients. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, reviewed Change Order #12 to contract with People's Electric, Inc. He indicated that these changes were anticipated during the design phase and needed to be made during construction in order to attain true visual and spatial representation of how the security system would fit with the layout and flow of the building. This allowed staff to determine the best locations for cameras based on actual sight angles. It also allows a design that could be integrated with the current camera system and provide digital recording and storage of activities.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Change Order #12 to contract with People's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$241,418. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update on the following items: new Federal funds may be available that may have an impact on the State budget and that is being studied at this time; the Governor will have his revised supplemental budget out the week of March 22 and the respective houses of the legislature have indicated they will have budget bills to the divisions by April 22; two bills of interest to Washington County will be heard on Wednesday, one is the bill proposing funding for the I-94 Corridor study which will be held in the Senate Transportation Committee, and the other is the data practices request that would allow Washington County to share private data with the attorneys who represent the county on claims through the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust and that will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee, both of those bills are sponsored by Senator Saltzman; discussion on short-term offenders has gone behind closed doors and out of public discussion at this point; in Health and Human Services some

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additional Federal funding might be coming for case load increases, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and also funding for immunization/wellness programs.

Mr. Schug noted that the Pioneer Press had a nice article on Washington County's Wellness Program.

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, updated the Board on the recommended amendments to last year's Green Acres legislation. Mr. Corbid stated there has been discussion in both the House and Senate about Green Acres and also the possibility of adding a new program he believes is called the Conservation Property Tax Law Program. He feels a good position for the county to take is if the legislators are going to pass something now, just pass the first section where they make amendments to the 2008 Green Acres law because that gives the administrators direction. He suggested they wait to add the new program until later so more discussion can be had to see how it will be administered.

Mr. Schug stated he will communicate the county's position on the Green Acres amendments and that further discussion take place on adding any new programs to that bill to the Minnesota Inter-County Association and the county's legislative representative.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Yellow Ribbon meeting that was held at the Oak-Land Jr. High School last evening. Many city and county officials, judicial and law enforcement, clergy, educators, and State legislators are involved in this initiative. He thanked Commissioner Weik for attending and volunteering to participate in this group.

Commissioner Kriesel attended the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition where they had a presentation on a new business venture where they will turn garbage into diesel fuel. For that process it would require 720,000 tons of garbage.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the breakout session of the Yellow Ribbon Initiative. The City of Farmington is a Yellow Ribbon City, which would be a successful model for Washington County to use their strategies or plans based on their program.

Commissioner Weik attended a book club event at the Woodbury Library to discuss "Choosing Civility – The Twenty-Five Rules of Conduct". Prior to that she attended the Lions Club meeting and announced that the county is looking for more volunteers for the medical reserve corps. There is a certification process that is needed to serve in the group.

Commissioner Weik announced that she wrote a letter to the editor for the Pioneer Press regarding the "One County-One Book Club" and it was published yesterday in the editorial page. She thanked the Pioneer Press for its support.

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Commissioner Weik reported that she and Commissioner Pulkrabek met with members of the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce last Friday, and briefly with City of Woodbury Mayor Hargis and Councilwoman Giuliani Stephens. They discussed the I-94 Corridor and future changes to the watershed. She briefly attended the watershed district meeting in Woodbury last evening to get an overview of some of the changes that may be coming. Today, she and Commissioner Peterson will tape County Insight.

Commissioner Peterson reported on a Joint Powers Agreement meeting at Dakota County for the high-speed rail. She felt it was well attended with mayors as well as counties along the corridor. There are five counties who have indicated interest as a financial partner.

Commissioner Peterson announced that next Monday, March 16, there will be a Counties Transit Improvement Board workshop to discuss long-term investment. She believes that more than three Commissioners could be attending that meeting. It will be held at the Metro Counties Government Building in St. Paul at 1:00 p.m.

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 Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Hegberg and Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review and comment on the Draft Housing, Natural Resources and Environment, and Land Use Chapters of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Amanda Hollis, Don Theisen, Dennis O'Donnell, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Lowell Johnson, Sue Hedlund, Josh Beck, Amanda Strommer, and Judy Hunter.


Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MARCH 17, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Fred Anderson, Epidemiologist; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson, John Haugen, Sheriff's Office; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Julie Sorrem, Risk Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mark Zuzek, 11594 120th St. South, Denmark Township - Mr. Zuzek, Principal of Hastings Middle School, spoke about 4-H funding. Funding for 4-H comes from Washington County, the State of Minnesota, and from the University of Minnesota through the Extension Services. He believes the largest input and support for 4-H in Washington County is the thousands of volunteer hours from the adults. It is his perspective that each dollar invested into 4-H in Washington County grows far more than just ten-fold. He urged the Board to reconsider the elimination of funding for the 4-H program in Washington County.

Representative Bob Dettmer, District 52A, 20617 Everton Court, Forest Lake – Representative Dettmer noted that these are challenging times, but maybe a look should be given at how to support programs that are important, put money where it should be, and prioritize where the money should be spent. He suggested increasing membership, maybe increase the dues, and maybe have a partnership with the Farm Bureau and with FFA.

Commissioner Kriesel thanked Representative Dettmer for his comments. He stated that 4-H was in the county's 2009 budget which was adopted last year, but when they were confronted with the \$1.5 million unallotment and then levy limits, the county was then limited to the options of what could be taxed. He feels if the county does not fund 4-H there are other ways of funding it. He asked if the State could earmark funds to the University of Minnesota to be used for 4-H, he believes this board would consider some sort of participation.

Representative Dettmer stated there are legislators on both side of the aisle that are involved in agriculture who have a special interest in 4-H. He suggested that the county put together some language and present it to the legislators who are involved with the Ag Committee to see what could be done.

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Commissioner Kriesel would support that idea and that is one of the things he advised Extension last year is to support the county on some of these unfunded mandates and cuts that are coming to the counties.

John Strohfus, 3389 Oxford Bay, Woodbury – Mr. Strohfus stated he grew up in Denmark Township and is an alumni of the Sunny Side 4-H Club. He feels there is an economic stimulus that is generated by 4-H. After a quick survey of club membership and about 200 responses in a week campaign, they found the following information: Economic stimulus by clubs has generated roughly \$418,000 of revenue; 82 businesses have been impacted by 4-H; Cub Food's has benefited by about \$40,000; Target, \$8,000; Wal-Mart, \$10,000 etc. In total, with the 4-H program the costs and income generated is over \$1.1 million. He feels that is a significant dollar amount for an investment of \$130,000, not to mention the benefits to kids. He asked the Board to fund 4-H, save the county fair, and stimulate the economy.

Roger Tuckner, 10545 Mayfield Avenue North, Stillwater Township – Mr. Tuckner stated he owns Century Power Equipment on Highway 36 in Oak Park Heights. He feels the Washington County Fairgrounds adds value to his business. It benefits from the exposure of people who attend events at the fairgrounds. He feels the fair is a unique and necessary feature for the county to have, and 4-H is the backbone of the Washington County Fair. His family has donated hundreds of hours a year to run the horse camps and other 4-H activities. He believes that funding 4-H is a worthwhile investment in the kids and it also benefits the Washington County Fair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the February 17, 24 and March 3, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of Amendment #1 to contract for services with the Bayport Library.
3. Approval of Amendment #1 to contract for services with the Stillwater Library.
4. Approval to remove the \$5.00 driver license printout fee from the Sheriff's Office section of the Washington County Fee Schedule.
5. Approval to transfer ownership of Washington County Sheriff's office K-9 "Paetro" to his handler, Sgt. Kyle Schenck.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

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HUMAN RESOURCES/PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, reviewed Human Resource Policy #5425, Tuberculosis Occupational Exposure Control Plan. The purpose of the plan is to: ensure early and prompt detection of Tuberculosis (TB); isolate people suspected of having the disease; and treatment of people that have or are suspected of having the disease. The plan assigns department responsibilities and identifies jobs at risk for exposure. Mr. Johnson noted that in 2001 there were 239 cases of TB. In 2007, 238 cases were detected in Minnesota, which is the first time since 1992 that TB incidence rate in Minnesota has exceeded the national rate.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve revised Policy #5425, Tuberculosis Occupational Exposure Control Plan. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**2009 Work Plan**

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, reported that the Commissioners and Department Heads met on January 29, 2009 to review the status of the 2008 work plan. She stated that the proposed 2009 work plan identifies county-wide goals to be addressed, staff responsible for goal implementation, target completion dates and a status report on activities held since the January meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the 2009 Work Plan as presented. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Reduction of Passport Photos

Ms. O'Rourke announced that on June 1, 2009, the use of a passport will be needed for land crossings into Canada and Mexico. In order to publicize this change in federal requirements and to provide an opportunity for citizens to apply for and receive their passports prior to summer vacations, the U.S. Department of State is sponsoring a Passport Acceptance Day on Saturday, March 28. License centers will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and staff proposes to reduce the cost of passport photo fees from \$15.00 to \$5.00.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to reduce the passport photo fee from \$15.00 to \$5.00 on Friday, March 27 in the Washington County License Centers in Stillwater, Forest Lake, Woodbury and Cottage Grove, and on Saturday, March 28 in the Washington County License Centers in Stillwater, Forest Lake, and Woodbury. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented the following legislative update: the modified Green Acres legislation was passed by the Senate and included all of the provisions discussed last week, as well as a provision that creates a new land conservation property tax law which the Board indicated it wanted dropped; the Governor's supplemental budget will be released this afternoon and staff will review it for impact on county program aid and other grants that the county receives from the State; the Senate DFL Caucus released its budget proposal last week, but there is not enough information as yet to determine the potential impact on the county budget; a number of Senate Tax Committee actions were taken last week, one would repeal levy limits, would eliminate the requirement for a Truth-in-Taxation hearing, and also eliminate the need for the advertisement that precedes the Truth-in-Taxation hearing for two years; the Senate transportation bonding bill now includes I-94 Corridor funding in the amount of \$250,000, and it was amended to make park-n-ride lots eligible for funding under the transitway development; and, there was more discussion about the Governor's proposal to create 15 Human Service Authorities.

Mr. Schug reviewed the legislative items that are of Washington County origin. The county had asked for relief from the State sales tax for the Court's facility the county is building. There is a state-wide bill that has been introduced and that is something this county should support rather than trying to get an individual county bill. The watershed district budget approval item has not been a high priority, but the Senate Tax Chair has indicated he would be interested and willing to meet with Representative Dettmer and Commissioner Hegberg to discuss this issue. A hearing has been scheduled this week for the transit taxing district issue. MICA is not taking a position on it, and there is not a lot of support, but the county legislative agenda does include it. Finally, there was a Senate hearing last week on a proposal that would allow Washington County to share private data with its insurance carrier appointed lawyers if the county was in a situation where there was a written claim for a lawsuit. There was a compromise that the county feels would help the county manage this situation.

Commissioner Peterson noted there was one change in the high speed rail bonding bill allowing it to go to Minneapolis and those dollars would not come from the bonding bill but would come from the general fund. She asked that this situation be monitored because high speed rail from Chicago to the Union Depot is important to the east metro.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported on the following items: She attended the Senate hearings last week for data sharing and testified at the transportation bonding hearing; last week she and Commissioner Peterson taped County Insight; the MICA meeting discussed the Human Services consolidation and she questioned the timeline for this proposal starting in 2009 and wondered if it wouldn't be better to wait for the next census

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in 2010 or 2011; she is also concerned the State is acting in haste for this consolidation and that more discussion should be held; also, Anoka County announced at MICA that it is using Twitter for their county announcements; she attended the technical advisory work group of Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee on March 12 to review the cities readiness initiative; there is a Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting on March 19; and, she will attend the 4-H economic impact meeting that will be held immediately after the workshop today.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the following items: he attended the West Lakeland Township annual meeting and after the meeting they honored John McPherson on his 41 years of service; yesterday he attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board workshop where financial modeling studies were brought forward; he received an e-mail last evening that Senator Saltzman and Senator Vandever were able to amend the bonding bill to include \$650,000 as a stand-alone for the Stillwater levee; he will attend the Minnesota Extension Committee meeting on March 19 as well as the Parks and Open Space Commission that same evening; and, he will attend the legislative delegation meeting at 7:30 a.m. on March 20 at the AMC Building.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the following items: he attended the Association of Governmental Risk Pools (AGRIP) conference last week where they discussed claims and re-insurance throughout the nation; one of the speakers was a former California Highway Patrol (CHP's) officer and they will try to get him to speak at AMC and the Sheriff's Association on loss control which would be important for the State of Minnesota; and, he attended the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust last Friday and discussed consolidating human services because many of the rural counties already have joint powers agreements for human services and how they deliver that service and data practice privacy is a concern in the new bill also.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the following items: he attended the National Association of Counties conference last week and will update and share information with the Board; the atmosphere was more somber than in previous years because of the economic climate that most counties are facing nationally; he asked about the Community Services Advisory Committee and if it was still active.

Mr. Schug stated that the committee work has been suspended. It is no longer required under state statute and was discussed at the last committee meeting. Commissioner Kriesel stated it had the support of the advisory committee, and one of the members brought the suggestion forward to disband. Different options are being looked at as to whether to meld those people in with another committee such as the Mental Health Advisory group. The meetings take a significant amount of staff time to prepare and given the fact that staff has been reduced, they are trying to get the best use of their resources.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he and Commissioner Weik met with the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce and City of Woodbury Mayor Hargis and Councilwoman Giuliani Stephens to discuss transportation issues.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek also mentioned the 4-H issue and the support they have from cities and townships. He feels it is one thing to pass a resolution in support of 4-H, but thinks there is political posturing when there are no dollars that accompany a resolution in support.

Commissioner Peterson reported on the following items: she attended the AMC Legislative Committee meetings last week where she asked if combining and creating 15 districts would be as effective in cost reduction as the take over of the court services had been as well as the aging services of MAAA; she believes these ventures have not been successful and that they reduce services at an increased cost; in 2009 Washington County will receive 1% of the sales tax revenue through CTIB, but for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, Washington County will receive 3% of the revenue generated for transit in the five participating counties; she will attend the Transportation Advisory Board meeting this week and they will discuss the Federal Economic Stimulus dollars and determine how those funds will be disbursed; and, next Monday she encouraged the County Board to participate in the Region X meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to discuss two bills, one is increasing the taxing district and the other is council of governments.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

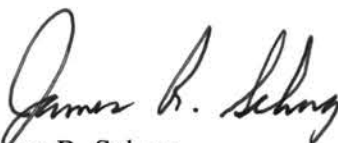
ADJOURNMENT

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 10:35 a.m.

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Regional Railroad Authority met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to review the Joint Powers Agreement for the High Speed Rail Corridor. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, and Andy Gitzlaff.


Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MARCH 24, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Barbara Fritsche, Information Technology Supervisor; Milan Tomaska, Information Technology Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Laurie Arco, 15581 Afton Blvd. South, Afton – Ms. Arco presented a list of home schooled students and students who go to non-public schools in the county and indicated that many of them benefit from 4-H. She thinks the 4-H program is beneficial.

Gary Houle, 29200 Forest Blvd., Stacy – Mr. Houle addressed the social and economic impacts of funding or not funding 4-H. He feels that the social benefit is the most important issue. In sports, many young women and men feel disenfranchised by the sports system. It is also costly to be involved in sports. 4-H is different, it gives young women and men an opportunity to be involved in community events, competition and it brings pride to them. That doesn't go away because they have reached the pinnacle of their physical capability; in 4-H they don't get cut. The economic impact of the 4-H program for him is great. A lot of the 4-H men and women will spend money at his two stores. If the Board decides to totally cut 4-H, there will be an economic impact and it will affect his bottom line. He feels the economic impact is less important than the social impact. He urged the Board to not totally cut the 4-H program.

Fran Miron, Mayor of Hugo – Mayor Miron stated that the City of Hugo submitted a resolution in support of the 4-H program and continued funding through 2009. There is also a resolution from the Washington County Farm Bureau asking the County Board to continue funding 4-H through 2009. He stated there is a tradition of the county supporting 4-H; so, he asked the County Board to support, to some extent, a continuation of the program for this year so relationships and collaborative efforts could be developed and can succeed long term.

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Alex Enter, 1400 North Owens, Stillwater – Mr. Enter stated he has been a member of the St. Croix Clovers 4-H club for the last five years. Outside of 4-H he has participated in many school sports, VAA sports and other activities. He feels none of these experiences have made the same difference in his life that 4-H has made. 4-H allows him to choose what he wants to learn about. He has made many friends of different political, religious and social backgrounds; but he has learned that they can accomplish great things when they work together. He asked the County Board to invest in a positive, character building opportunity for the youth of the county. 4-H teaches the leadership skills, life skills, and the social skills that youth need to succeed and become outstanding leaders in their community. He asked the Board to save the Washington County 4-H program; it has made a huge difference in his life and the lives of over 800 children.

Laura Reinke, 10310 Jody Avenue North, Grant – Ms. Reinke stated her goal is to explain Washington county's role and standing in the state and urge the Board's support of funding for 4-H programs. She is 16 and has been in 4-H for 10 years. She is one of Washington County's two members on the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador Team. Over the past 15 years, Washington County has had a representative on this 29-member team, which she stated is remarkably high. Washington County's standing and reputation as one of the strongest counties with the most active and accomplished youth, shows what can be accomplished with hard work. For many years, the county has asked 4-H to cut back and they have complied by reducing funding and increased fundraising events. She hopes that at this year's State Fair, she will still be able to greet visitors by saying "My name is Laura Reinke, and I'm from Washington County".

Allison Hansen, 11260 50th Street North, Lake Elmo – Ms. Hansen distributed a handout addressing the following items related to 4-H: Community Service – 16,000 hours of community service provided in 2008 worth \$289,000; Tufts Youth Development Study – decision making influences, community contribution, 4-H comparison to other out-of-school activities; Outcomes – 4-Hers got better grades and were less likely to display risk behaviors; What 4-H means for Washington County – more volunteers to do projects in the county; more successful youth, the future leaders of business owners in Washington County; less juvenile crime, less juvenile court cases, and less money needed for the juvenile justice system.

Amy Enter, 1400 North Owen, Stillwater – Ms. Enter believes that funding the 4-H program in Washington County is a wise investment. She feels the power in the 4-H program is the mentorship opportunities made possible because of the taxpayer dollars that are spent. She grew up in Farmington, Minnesota and stated that Dakota County has a better 4-H program. They have convinced their commissioners that this is an excellent prevention program. She thanked the Board for taking the time to listen to the youth. She closed by saying that the 4-H program has been around for over a 100 years. She asked the Board for its funding and to not let this fine program die on its watch.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the March 10, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Russell Williams, Cottage Grove, to the Workforce Investment Board representing Governmental Agency, to a two year term expiring June 30, 2011.
3. Approval to appoint Mark Frazer, Woodbury, to the Groundwater Advisory Committee, to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
4. Approval to reappoint Donald Pereira, Cottage Grove, to the South Washington Watershed District Board of Managers, to a term expiring May 1, 2012.
5. Approval to suspend the distribution of savings from the 2008 budget allowed by the Mission Directed Budget Policy No. 2202.
6. Approval of amendment to add adult psychosexual assessments to the services provided by Human Services, Inc. Contract No. 5048, not to exceed \$22,500.
7. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the 2009 contract with Human Services, Inc, reducing the amount of the Children's Mental Health Action Collaborative Funds by \$42,500.
8. Approval to accept \$73,223.71 from the Minnesota Department of Human Services for Children's Mental Health Crisis and Stabilization Services and Infrastructure grant.
9. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to the 2008 contract with Human Services, Inc. to reimburse HSI for the provision of Children's Mental Health Crisis and Stabilization Services.
10. Approval to accept \$281 from the Woodbury American Legion Post #501 for Community Services Veterans Services Emergency Assistant Fund.
11. Approval to establish County Policy No. 3004 for back-up and restoration of computer data.
12. Approval of revisions to County Policy No. 3001, Acceptable Use for Utilizing Information Technology Resources.

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13. Approval of Web Hosting with back-up amendment with Vector Internet Services, Inc.
14. Approval of the following contracts with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. for computer aided mass appraisal (CAMA) services for the calendar year 2009: extended service contract (web site), consolidated extended service contact, and service PLUS contract.
15. Approval to renew two-year agreements with the cities of Cottage Grove and Mahtomedi to provide individual sewage treatment system inspection services.
16. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-021** as follows:

Final Payment on 2007 Bituminous Road Overlays-South to
Hardrives, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on May 1, 2007 approved a bid award to Hardrives, Inc. and signed a contract with said company for overlays on CSAH 18 (St. Croix Tr.), from 2790' North of CSAH 21 in the City of Afton to 7th St. South in the City of Lakeland; CSAH 21 (St. Croix Tr.), from 1400' South of 45th St. to 600' North of River Road in the City of Afton; CR 71 (Neal Avenue North) from I-94 to CSAH 10 in West Lakeland Township; and

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

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

17. Approval of comments on West Lakeland Township and the City of Afton's Draft Comprehensive Plans.
18. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Joint Powers Mutual Aid Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, Minnesota Correctional Facility – Oak Park Heights to correct a typographical error.
19. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-022** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement for
the Federal Boating Safety Supplement Grant Agreement

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 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplement Grant Agreement.

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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.

Commissioner Weik thanked the Woodbury American Legion Post #501 for its donation to the Community Services Veterans Services Emergency Assistance Fund, which was approved on today's Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve Change Order #13 to contract with People's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$239,071. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Public Health and Environment – Minnesota Extension for 4-H Youth Development Program

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, reviewed the University of Minnesota Extension Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the proposed budget reduction. Three options were presented for the Board to consider:

Option 1 – Provide 90 day notice to terminate agreement effective July 1, 2009 – Budget impact: Savings of \$64,900;

Extension Advisory Committee Recommendation Option 2 – Modify MOA by continuing 1 FTE full time through December 31, 2009 and continue 1 FTE full-time through July 31, 2009 – Budget impact: Savings of \$27,044; and

County Staff Recommendation Option 3 – Modify (terminate) MOA by continuing 2 FTE full-time through September 15, 2009 – Budget impact: Savings of \$37,684.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve Option 3, to modify the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the University of Minnesota Extension by continuing 2 FTE full-time through September 15, 2009 at which time the MOA would be terminated. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion.

The County Board discussed this motion.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek indicated that this option would give 4-H assistance in the two positions they currently have through the county and state fairs and it will also give them time to look at new funding options, fund raising, restructuring of fees and maybe some business partnerships.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he is in support of the site-based programs and it would continue those through the summer. He noted that Washington County does face a severe economic situation. With levy limits and an eroding tax base they are backed into a corner that is difficult to deal with. He feels this will continue through 2010 and 2011 and the county faces difficult times. He asked for 4-H's help in figuring out a way to live through this. The county funds the Youth Service Bureaus and they have looked at a reduction in their contracts also. He thanked the 4-H members for the passion they showed and the dignified manner in which they presented their case. He is sure they will come forth with changes and recommendations that the county can live with.

Commissioner Weik stated she attended part of the Extension Advisory meeting last week. She supports Option 2. She is concerned that youth would start to leave the programs right at a time when the county would need them to develop a new business model. She is committed, along with Commissioner Kriesel, to look at a new funding formula, or new business model, use of Face Book or other exciting technologies, grow membership and be able to self-sustain the program. She is not asking that Washington County discontinue 4-H, this Board feels it is a wonderful program. She encouraged all of the cities and townships, the Farm Bureau who presented resolutions of support, to also give monetary pledges. She respectfully stated that resolutions that come in that do not have financial backing are all whistle and no train.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that this Board had 4-H in its budget, but because of the cut that came down from the State this Board was forced to consider what funding level it would provide to Extension. He is encouraged by the amount of support, not only the business community but other local elected officials have expressed for 4-H. He believes that will ultimately be the solution to sustain funding for that program. Virtually all of the input he has received speaks highly of 4-H's educational value in youth development. He also believes that those educational components should be funded through the State and he feels they have the wherewithal to make 4-H a mandated State program that the county could certainly participate in and administer. The Board recently met with its legislative delegation and posed that opportunity and challenge to them, they expressed interest in that. When the State Capitol takes back \$1.5 million that the county had coming, and through program aid cuts the county has to find \$3.2 million—it's a clear message to counties that the State is going to force counties to focus on core and essential services and let the rest reside on their plate. The challenge will be to harness this type of energy so that at the end of the year 4-H and everybody else has an understanding how this program will be sustained into the future. He is concerned about the membership which has declined from 700 in 1999 to about 500. The Fair Board is also facing difficulty and he has had discussions with Fair Board members on how to support 4-H and the county fair. He will be calling on the business community and the elected officials of the communities that sent in resolutions of support; he wants them to be part of the solution.

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Commissioner Peterson commented that if 4-H is defined as an educational program, then it is paramount that it seeks funding through K-12 or the University of Minnesota. Her greatest frustration has been with the Extension Department at the University of Minnesota, their inability to deliver facts and data that has not been complete and they have created their own problem by their ineffectiveness in their data delivery system. She suggested that 4-H go forth and find a sustainable business model that does not rely on public dollars. This is a tough economic year, next year will be tougher and the following year will be even more difficult.

The motion to approve Option 3, to modify the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the University of Minnesota Extension by continuing 2 FTE full-time through September 15, 2009 at which time the MOA would be terminated was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Kriesel; No, Commissioner Weik.

Amendment to the 2009 Adopted Budget

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief overview of the proposed 2009 budget reductions in the amount of \$3,087,100. Reductions include: various service contracts, wages, benefits, overtime, professional development, travel, lodging, meals, fuel, repairs, consulting, publishing, advertising, data lines, repairs, various supplies, minor equipment, ALERTS system, K-9, and technology.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve recommended budget reductions and amend the 2009 adopted budget by \$3,087,100 as presented. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

South Washington Watershed District Enlargement Petition

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-023** as follows:

Resolution Directing the Washington County Attorney's Office to
File South Washington Watershed District Enlargement Petition
with the Board of Water and Soil Resources

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners completed a water governance study to identify and evaluate government structures for water management in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved the findings and recommendations of the Water Governance Study recommending that the number of water management units in the county should be reduced and that local water management units should be watershed districts, not joint powers water management organizations; and

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WHEREAS, the Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization has adopted a resolution to dissolve the joint powers agreement contingent upon the Board of Water and Soil Resources approval of petitions for the enlargement of the South Washington Watershed District and Valley Branch Watershed District consistent with the plan of division and map incorporated into the Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization resolution adopted on March 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the four communities that are a party to the Joint Powers Agreement of the Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization, namely the Cities of Afton, Cottage Grove, and Hastings and the Town of Denmark, have adopted resolutions that ratify the disbanding of the WMO contingent upon the plan of division and map approved by the Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization and have adopted resolutions supporting the county's petition to enlarge the South Washington Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, the petition embodies such watershed expansion plan, and that such plan (a) requires an increase in managers from 5 to 7 and (b) requires the 7 managers be fairly and equitably distributed across the entire newly defined watershed district area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the reasons set forth in the attached petition, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Washington County Attorney's Office to file a petition with the Board of Water and Soil Resources to enlarge the South Washington Watershed District.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Valley Branch Watershed District Enlargement Petition

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-024** as follows:

Resolution Directing the Washington County Attorney's Office to
File Valley Branch Watershed District Enlargement Petition
with the Board of Water and Soil Resources

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners completed a water governance study to identify and evaluate government structures for water management in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved the findings and recommendations of the Water Governance Study recommending that the number of water management units in the county should be reduced and that local water management units should be watershed districts, not joint powers water management organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization has adopted a resolution to dissolve the joint powers agreement contingent upon the Board of Water and Soil Resources approval of petitions for the enlargement of the South Washington Watershed District and Valley Branch Watershed District consistent with the plan of division and map incorporated into the Lower St. Croix Watershed Management Organization resolution adopted on March 11, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, the petition embodies such watershed expansion plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the reasons set forth in the attached petition, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Washington County Attorney's Office to file a petition with the Board of Water and Soil Resources to enlarge the Valley Branch Watershed District.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he supports the resolutions but if the City of Woodbury still has concerns with this petition, they should bring those concerns to the Board of Soil and Water Resources.

Commissioner Weik concurred with Commissioner Pulkrabek. The City of Woodbury's main concern was that the tributary areas would be expanded to add the St. Croix to the Mississippi Drainage Area. They are concerned about adding a new level of complexity to the work and it could be a distraction from the key issues relative to the Mississippi Drainage ways. She asked that the Board of Soil and Water Resources address those concerns.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

75th Anniversary of the Washington County Historical Society

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-025** as follows:

Resolution of Congratulations Washington County Historical Society on its 75th Anniversary

WHEREAS, the Washington County Historical Society was founded on April 11, 1934, and is celebrating its 75th anniversary during 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Historical Society coordinates the county's various historical organizations and acts as a community resource for individuals and organizations seeking information on county history; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Historical Society has accomplished much and has steadily grown in membership over its 75 years of operation including: acquisition of the former Stillwater Prison's Warden's House in

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1941; purchase of the Hay Lake School and Boutwell Cemetery in 1978; acquisition of the Johannes Erickson Log House in the early 1980s; and reconstruction of the Carriage House as a museum building in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Historical Society provides many community services and educational programs for schools and the public; publishes original research books on a variety of county history subjects; collects, preserves, and exhibits museum collections at its facilities throughout the county; and provides expertise in research, documentation, and care of artifacts for the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognizes the many contributions made by the Washington County Historical Society over its 75-year history and commends the Society's work in preserving Washington County history and educating the community on this rich history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates the Washington County Historical Society's Board of Directors, staff, and members on the celebration of its 75th anniversary to be officially observed at the annual membership meeting on March 26, 2009.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update: the House has proposed authorizing counties to impose a half of one percent sales tax throughout the county as a replacement for the county's program aid; there is movement toward the elimination of the short-term offender program; a bill has been authored by Representative Hilstrom that would require the public defender's office to represent the custodial parents and only the custodial parents, and the non-custodial parents if they are made a party to the action; county's would then reimburse the public defender's office \$60 an hour for representation of the non-custodial parent; and, the Governor has released a new budget which would take into account the Federal Stimulus package and also the new February forecast on revenue; a requirement of the Federal Stimulus package is that eligibility could not be reduced for the programs that would be assisted with the Federal funding which means under the Governor's proposal they had to temporarily restore the eligibility for medical assistance and also Minnesota Care that had been originally proposed to be tightened and eligibility reduced.

Mr. Schug presented more information on the option for counties to impose a half cent sales tax subject to a reverse referendum. It is believed that this would be used for property tax relief. Washington County currently receives about \$7.4 million in county program aid; and if this were fully enacted in 2010, the estimate is that after offsets were made, the county would end up with a net increase of about \$4.2 million. He is not sure if this would result in a dollar-for-dollar reduction of property tax that would be expected as a result of that additional funding. If the county chose not to enact that half cent sales tax, the county's program aid

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from the State would be reduced by approximately 3.58% of the levy plus county program aid which would compute to about a \$3.3 million reduction in county program aid.

Commissioner Peterson stated that a number of years ago the State had an overall half cent sales tax and it was to subsidize local government aid. She asked what happened to that half cent sales tax.

Mr. Schug stated that was taken over by the State.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB). The big item was a resolution on increase funds for the transit district area. He attended the Rush Line Corridor which is still discussing the St. Paul route from Hugo. Forest Lake voted to not join the transit taxing district, and that means that the City of Columbus will not join. Their logic was that the majority of people that ride the bus are not from Forest Lake.

Commissioner Kriesel stated his support for the bus service ends because it was contingent on Forest Lake joining the transit taxing district.

Commissioner Weik asked if that would also affect the Rush Line bus service to St. Paul. Commissioner Hegberg stated it would to a certain extent, because the priorities are for the St. Paul route and Chisago County is willing to fund a portion of that route. He would say that is in jeopardy also.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the legislative delegation meeting last week and had good discussions. He will be attending the Transportation Alliance Fly-in next week in Washington D.C.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that most of week has been tied up with Extension issues. He did attend the Parks and Open Space Commission with discussion on the de-mapping proposal of Big Marine Park parcels. Also the Land and Water Legacy Lessard money was mostly targeted for outstate Minnesota. A concern that Washington County residents has is they authorized through referendum \$20 million in land and water legacy. He felt it was disappointing that none of the county's projects received funding from the Lessard money. The question is should the county move ahead on those projects without the matching dollars?

Commissioner Peterson thought it interesting that the areas that have the highest population receive the fewest dollars of the land and water legacy funds. She is appalled by that decision.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he was watching the Stillwater Council meeting last week and unfortunately there was misinformation and misguided statements regarding the notice that the various fire departments and communities had to reprogram their warning sirens. The Mayor was troubled with the county and felt

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the county wasn't responding back to them. The county discussed this last year and in November there was a reminder that this work had to be done. He will attend their next meeting and try to mend some fences and provide correct information.

Commissioner Weik reported that on May 2, Woodbury will hold an Earth Day recycling event and are looking for volunteers. She reported there was a good turnout at the mid-session legislative update last Friday. They covered a broad range of topics. Commissioner Kriesel covered the Yellow Ribbon Network and the initiative in the county is still going forward. They want to make sure that the legislators are informed and aware of this initiative. She also heard that the City of Hugo wants to participate as well as the City of Stillwater. She is concerned about the half cent sales tax to the business community. They briefly discussed the lift bridge in Stillwater, a possible endowment fund, and asked for continued focus by the legislature on that item. They discussed 4-H with the State delegation and discussed blended community funding. It was suggested that 4-H as education could be discussed at the capitol in an informational meeting.

Commissioner Weik reported she briefly attended the Parks and Open Space Commission with Commissioner Kriesel. Under the land and water legacy program, conservation plan, they are starting a work group to identify high priority land protection parcels. More grant money is available for land restoration and this is similar to the Green Corridor project of approximately 10 years ago. Parks summer programs will include a new women's only archery program, and a youth intro to archery five-day camp that is free and will be held in Lake Elmo Park. She also attended the Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee meeting. The topic was municipalities' preparedness and mini-grant evaluations. Up to \$10,000 was awarded to qualifying cities and townships. The goal of the mini-grants was to assist local units of government in community health emergency preparedness and increase community awareness and personnel and family preparedness. Five municipalities were awarded funds: Cottage Grove, \$900; Newport, \$10,000; Afton, \$9,500; Birchwood Village, \$10,000; and Oak Park Heights, \$10,000.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Library Board meeting she attended last evening. An update was given on their facilities plan/comp plan/capital plan. A brief overview was given of a report presented by Warren Grahm on how to improve their security. The Library Board passed a motion to seek safety grants from the State of Minnesota for several of the county library branches.

Commissioner Weik appreciated all of the presentation made by 4-H members and families. She urged 4-H to take that energy forward because the Board wants to see their program continue in Washington County. She has commented to some of the leadership and people who have contacted her to have each 4-H youth recruit one member. With the current 500 members that would increase to 1,000 and if fees were increased to \$100 a year that would bring in \$100,000. She is also committed to finding other grants and funding in case they cannot sustain members at 1,000.

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Commissioner Peterson reported that the Transportation Advisory Board had an interesting discussion about using the Federal Stimulus dollars to fund mega projects or small projects. The proposal that was put on the table and passed was the 610 extension and the smaller projects have yet to be determined. The Technical Advisory Committee will make a recommendation on those. MELSA had a joint trustee meeting last Thursday to discuss maintenance of effort. The library directors belong to the Minnesota Library Association (MLA) and county commissioners belong to AMC and there is difficulty in addressing the maintenance of effort issue. The commissioners are somewhat concerned that the MLA will advocate no reduction in maintenance of effort for libraries and AMC is advocating for maintenance of effort removal for libraries.

Commissioner Peterson stated there was a good turn out of legislators at the meeting last Friday and she recommended to staff that they look at the same location if another meeting is scheduled. It seemed to be a good location, good participation and a fruitful discussion.

Commissioner Peterson reported that the three county chairs from Dakota, Ramsey and Washington met to discuss the Federal Stimulus package to find out what the counties were doing and how they might work together.

Commissioner Peterson announced that Tuesday, April 14 is the Wakota Care Annual Community Leader's luncheon and she will be attending. She is not sure what is on the County's agenda, but she will be leaving at 11:20 to attend that luncheon.

Mr. Schug announced that next Tuesday, March 31 is the 5th Tuesday of the month, so there will be no County Board meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in executive session with the Office of Administration to discuss the possible purchase of conservation easement on the Lilligren Property, Denmark Township, through the Land and Water Legacy Program; the time being 11:10 a.m. Present for the Executive session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Richard Hodsdon, Don Theisen, Sharon Price, and Deb McDonald.

The Board reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Weik and Kriesel absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

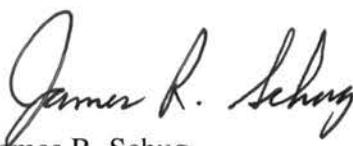
The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to discuss the assessment year 2009/payable 2010 valuations. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Harley Will, Melinda Kirk, Kevin Corbid, Shanna Fulkerson, John Elholm, Amanda Strommer, Lynne Freezy, Alan Labine, Bruce Munneke, and Roland Huber, Jr.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the sales tax for the Clean Water, Wildlife, Cultural Heritage, and Natural Areas Constitutional Amendment. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Lowell Johnson, Amanda Strommer, John Freitag, Jessica Collin-Pilarski, John Elholm, Don Wisniewski, Kathy Higgins, Denmark Township, and Jane Harper.


Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:


James R. Schug
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 7, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Harley Will, Director of Accounting and Finance; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Jon Larson, Veteran's Service Officer; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Jean Streetar, Program Manager; Fred Anderson, Epidemiologist; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Planning Manager; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Mike Polehna, Parks Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; Julie Sorrem, Risk Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Barb Fritsche, I.T. Supervisor; Director; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dan Dolan, 7120 Glen Road, Woodbury – Mr. Dolan is the President of the Washington County Agricultural Society. He stated he was here to answer questions posed to him by various Commissioners. He distributed information on the number of people working at the University of Minnesota Extension and the various areas they work in; Extension source of funding; Extension expenditures; comparisons between Washington County and other metropolitan counties related to 4-H headcount and ratios; Washington County 4-H operating costs; 4-H Program Coordinator job description; and a breakdown of where 4-H members in Washington County live.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the March 17 and 24, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Richard Thron, West Lakeland, to the Groundwater Advisory Committee as a Well Drilling Representative to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.

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3. Approval to appoint Robert Bankers, Woodbury, to the Groundwater Advisory Committee as a Construction Representative, to a first term expiring December 31, 2010.
4. Approval to appoint Peg Killen, Woodbury, to the Workforce Investment Board representing Rehabilitation Services, to a first term expiring June 30, 2012.
5. Approval of revisions to County Policy #2901, Revenue and Expenditure Object Codes and Definitions.
6. Approval to accept a \$250 donation from Rollx Vans to be deposited in the Veterans Service Office emergency assistance fund.
7. Approval to renew applications for consumption and display permit and on sale and Sunday liquor license for the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp Association, Inc. for the period of April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.
8. 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.
9. Approval of the Volunteer Management Services project agreement with the Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers and authorization for the County Board Chair and County Administrator to enter in the agreement.
10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-026** as follows:

Final Payment on CSAH 8 Construction Project to
Arnt Construction

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on February 14, 2006 approved a bid award to Arnt Construction and signed a contract with said company for grading, aggregate base, bituminous paving, storm sewer, concrete curb and gutter, concrete walk, bituminous path, turf establishment, signing, striping, traffic control signals, sanitary sewer, and watermain on County State Aid Highways 14 and 8 between I-35E and TH 61 in Lino Lakes, Anoka County and Hugo, Washington County, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Arnt Construction has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

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

11. Approval to request proposals for concessionaire operations at Point Douglas Park.

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12. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-027** as follows:

Trunk Highway 5 Detour Agreement with Minnesota
Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT)

IT IS RESOLVED that Washington County enter into Mn/DOT Agreement No. 94255 with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of County State Aid Highway No. 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue North) as a detour route during grading, drainage and bituminous surfacing construction and other associated construction upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 5 from 1,460 feet west of Trunk Highway No. 694 to 1,000 feet north of 53rd Street in accordance with State Plans, specifications and special provisions designated as Project No. 8214-143 (T.H. 5=045).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chair and County Administrator are authorized to execute the Agreement and any amendments to the Agreement.

13. Approval of contract with Ruffridge-Johnson Equipment Company, Inc. to purchase one Midland Self Propelled road widener for the fleet maintenance division.
14. Approval to amend the contract with Waste Management to extend the contract term to December 31, 2009 for trash hauling services through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without further action from the County Board.
15. Approval of permit for Southeast Area YMCA to operate a Day Camp at Lake Elmo Park Reserve, Group Camp Site #2.
16. Approval of agreement with CenterPoint Energy to provide natural gas installation and services to the new Environmental Center located in Woodbury and a development cash incentive to be paid to the county.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Briana Goodreau, SOS Technologies, presented an overview of the Philips HeartStart Defibrillator which is designed to be used by the layperson, it is safe, effective, small, lightweight, and low maintenance.

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Julie Sorrem, Risk Manager, reviewed the new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Plan, Policy #5435. The AED's are now in county parks, the Law Enforcement Center and squads, and the Public Works North Shop. The new AED's will be placed in the Cottage Grove Service Center, Government Center, Headwaters Service Center, Historic Courthouse, Libraries, and the Woodbury Service Center. The plan outlines the locations of the AEDs, types of AED equipment, plan authorization/responsibility, maintenance, list of job classifications (first aid/CRP/AED trained), medical emergency procedures, post incident procedures, and training.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt Policy #5435, Automated External Defibrillator Plan. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

CSAH 18 Road Construction Project Contract

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Supplemental Agreements #2 and #3 to the CSAH 18 road construction project contract with Forest Lake Contracting. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Corridor Access Plan with Woodbury

Commissioner Weik moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Corridor Access Management Plan with the City of Woodbury for the following corridors: Bailey Road (County Highway 18) from Military Road to Manning Avenue; Radio Drive (County Highway 13) from Bailey Road to Military Road; and Woodbury Drive (County Highway 19) from Bailey Road to the south city limits. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, presented an overview of the Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) to address chronic diseases and rising health care costs, targeting tobacco use and obesity. In the recently completed Community Health Assessment obesity was prioritized as the number one health concern in Washington County. Tobacco use was also identified as a top health concern as it is a major factor in heart disease, stroke and cancer.

Commissioner Peterson asked if this program will be evaluated by the county. Mr. Johnson stated there is a specific evaluation component with this grant. The county needs to show results.

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Commissioner Peterson stated the four cities that were chosen, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Willmar, and Rochester, are traditional cities, no suburban areas are represented. Suburban areas have been designed to accommodate travel by car. She hoped that the county would work with policy makers and planning commission members in the redesign of communities to promote healthier activities.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked is the money for this project coming from the tobacco settlement of a few years ago. Mr. Johnson stated that the funding for the Statewide Health Improvement Plan comes from the Healthcare Access fund, which is the 2% provider tax from medical clinics and hospitals.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated if these are different phases and if the legislature, for whatever reason, decides not to fund them, does this program just go away, there is no expectation that this will suddenly fall on the property tax. Mr. Johnson stated it is his understanding at this point in time there is no expectation of an ongoing maintenance of effort type of model. While these dollars are available they will be granted to local health departments.

Commissioner Pulkrabek referred to claims that the Cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Willmar and Rochester have been doing this, and that there is evidence that it is working. He asked to see the data that this is the case before he would move to approve this project. Mr. Johnson stated he does not have those statistics with him today, but he can get that information. He indicated that the grant proposal is due on Monday to the State Health Department.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that Mayo Clinic had a speaker at the AMC conference who spoke about this program and if you want to hold health care costs down, physical activity and good healthy living standards are important.

Commissioner Kriesel agreed with Commissioner Pulkrabek and how to measure success. What goals are to be achieved. He gets nervous about government getting into too much social engineering. He supports the mission of providing opportunities for education, but he is concerned about intervention and policy.

Commissioner Weik stated she agrees with the comments of Commissioners Pulkrabek and Kriesel, however, she can support this Phase 1 proposal and she sees it as a mission of the county through the parks and the development of trails and education through the library system to facilitate programs for children and families to help engage them in physical activity and using better nutrition options. She sees no harm in that. She did ask that staff come back with a detailed proposal before Phase 2 is approved.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to authorize the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment to submit a proposal to the Minnesota Department of Health as part of the Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) to address tobacco and obesity health issues, in the amount of

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\$75,000. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-2 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, and Weik; No, Commissioners Pulkrabek and Kriesel.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update as follows: the Green Acres bill has now passed both the House and Senate and includes an additional program that was discussed a few weeks ago; authorization for a county based sales tax is getting a lot of attention and he will discuss that further; under the Public Safety area, two bills on eliminating the short-term offender program seem to be moving forward; one eliminates the short-term offender program and the other gives the State some opportunity to provide for an early release of some prisoners to supervised release in the community which would have an impact on the county probation system; there are some additional requests for raising revenue through higher fees on court documents, increase in attorney licensure, increase the public defender co-payments, and other miscellaneous fine increases which are meant to restore some of the lost funding that the State is anticipating; the House bonding bill was voted on last evening and includes \$250,000 for the I-94 corridor study, the Rush Line Park and Ride was proposed for \$500,000, and \$5 million for the high speed rail project; in Health and Human Services a bill has been discussed having to do with transportation for non-emergency medical care; and there is a North Star Care for Children proposal that would transfer revenue currently being paid for foster care to homes where there is a subsidy for adoption.

Mr. Schug reviewed the county .5% sales tax. Under this proposal counties would be given the authority to levy .5% sales tax that would be in addition to the sales tax currently collected in Washington County. That would raise approximately \$10 million in county sales tax revenue. Currently there is approximately \$7.4 million in county program aid that the county is scheduled to receive this year. If the sales tax were not implemented there would be a reduction in county program aid of about \$3.3 million, leaving about \$4 million in county program aid. If the county did adopt the .5% sales tax, the county program aid would be reduced by \$5.9 million, but the county would be collecting \$10 million in sales tax, the difference would be a net gain of \$4.2 million.

Commissioner Peterson asked for a legal opinion to find out if in fact this were implemented, could the State take away the dollars, or because the county voted it in is it the county's money.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, stated that the two day event reducing passport photos from \$15 to \$5 was very successful. During the two days they handled 267 passport applications and 418 passport photos. He believes they would have gotten about 60 of those applications regardless of doing this, so the net increase was about 200.

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Mr. Schug advised the Board that there is a proposed bill as part of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Bill that would exempt DNR wildlife management areas from certain local ordinances.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to oppose Section 6 of the Department of Natural Resources Bill that would exempt DNR wildlife management areas from certain local ordinances. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson supported the motion, but she asked staff to review this matter further.

Mr. Schug stated that as part of its legislative platform, Washington County had supported a Metro-wide transit tax. There have been some procedural problems, so that item was pulled. He suggested waiting to see if there might be broader support, because it is a bill that affects more than Washington County.

911 CALL CENTER

Sheriff Hutton informed the Board that the new 911 Call Center opened at 4:00 a.m. Things are going well with just a few minor phone issues. There are personnel in the old and new communication centers to make sure things will go as seamless as possible. Next week he will be coming before the Board with a resolution recognizing the Public Safety Dispatchers in Washington County and an award the Call Center received from the State Organization in regards to the Hugo Tornado.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg apologized to his fellow Board members for his misjudgment and improper behavior of driving while intoxicated a couple weeks ago.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on his trip to Washington D.C. last week for the Transportation Fly-in. He met with a number of Members of Congress to discuss transportation and transit issues. He believes they were successful in getting authorization for the I-94 corridor study. They also discussed high-speed rail and the Stillwater Bridge.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that the City of Forest Lake will reconsider their vote about joining the transit taxing district. That will be considered on April 13. He will be there advocating for its passage. He also attended the Hugo City Council meeting last evening. Hugo talked about the assessors and the Green Acres program. They also discussed the Yellow Ribbon Initiative and will become active in it. The City of Forest Lake is also looking at it.

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Commissioner Kriesel stated he has a Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee this week and the Metro Emergency Services Board.

Commissioner Weik reported on a Chamber Lunch for the I-94 corridor and that Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough was the speaker. The message was about economic development along transit corridors and to update the business leaders from Woodbury to let them know the progress on other metro transit projects and the recently signed joint powers agreement by Ramsey and Washington Counties. She has been attending several meetings on the Yellow Ribbon Initiative and informed the Board that former Commissioner Dick Stafford is also working on the initiative, as is the City of Woodbury. On Thursday afternoon she will tour the Idea Farm in Afton.

Commissioner Peterson reported there are a number of people in her district who are upset about 3M asking the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for authority to have other states and businesses bring their waste to Cottage Grove to be burned. 3M is sending their manufacturing overseas and they are also reducing the amount of waste that needs to be burned. The MPCA was supposed to meet on April 15 to discuss that issue, but it has been postponed.

Commissioner Peterson met with the State Rail Committee yesterday and the extension of the North Star Corridor was brought forward. There is a new corridor called the Little Crow which comes in from Willmar into Minneapolis. She will meet with the Newport City Council and county staff to update them on Red Rock Rail activities.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he received a couple of calls about allowing pets in county parks. He thinks it might be time to revisit that issue. He asked for information about the Federal tax on cigarettes that was just increased and how and if that would affect the county. Will that go back to the states and then go to community groups or the county?

Commissioner Weik addressed the ad that was placed in the Sunday St. Paul Pioneer Press and noted that it is not a paid advertisement from Washington County. It is entitled "How to Stop Flushing Money Away on Your Property Tax".

Mr. Schug announced that the workshop to review the draft Historical Resources and Parks and Open Space Chapters of the 2030 Comp Plan will be moved to the April 14 agenda.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the request to amend the boundary of the Big Marine Park Reserve. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, John Elholm, Mike Welling, Dennis O'Donnell, Linda Krafthefer, and Mary Divine, Pioneer Press.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to discuss the final 2009 property taxes. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, and Joanne Helm.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment to discuss Minnesota's electronics waste collection law. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Lowell Johnson, Judy Hunter, Sue Hedlund, Jeff Travis, and Adam Frederick.



Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 14, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson 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; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager; John Freitag, Senior Environmental Specialist; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Rosemary Peterson, Central Services Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Myjke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; 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 Chair asked for comments from the public; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Post Employment Health Care Savings Plan for the Supervisor's Association.
2. Approval to accept the software maintenance agreement with Radio IP Software, Inc. for the Squad Mobile Computer project.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

911 Call Center

Sheriff Bill Hutton displayed photos of the newly opened 911 call center.

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Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-028** as follows:

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 13-17, 2009 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, THEREFOE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week beginning April 13, 2009 – April 17, 2009 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.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Making a Difference Award

Sheriff Hutton stated that the Washington County Communications Center was recently recognized by the Minnesota Association of Public Safety Communications Officials for their outstanding work during the May 25, 2008 Hugo Tornado. Commander Dan Starry, Communications Center Manager Darlene Pankonie, PSAP Coordinator Karen Schmid, and Dispatcher Jean Nousiainen were presented with the award on behalf of the Communications Center.

COPS Hiring Recovery Program

Commissioner Hegberg moved to authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit an application for funding of seven licensed positions in the Sheriff's Office through the COPS Hiring Recovery Program to include:

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three deputies removed from the 2009 contingency fund for the new courts building; one eliminated patrol position; and three new contract positions as requested by existing contracts with the City of Hugo and Lower St. Croix Valley, and a new contract with the City of Marine on St. Croix for the period of September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2012. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Weik mentioned an article that was in Saturday’s Pioneer Press thanking Patrol Officer Kyle Olson for the help he gave a citizen after the death of her brother.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bid Award for Courtroom Audio/Video Technology

Bids were received for Courtroom Audio/Video Technology of the 2025 Campus Improvements as follows:

Appollo Systems	\$519,400.00
Tierney Brothers AV	\$556,642.54
DasCom Systems Group	\$608,220.94
Clarity AV	\$825,260.00

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-029** as follows:

Bid Award for Audio/Video Technology on the
2025 Government Center Campus Improvements Project
to Appollo Systems

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on March 17, 2009 with bids accepted from four vendors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Appollo Systems be accepted for Audit/Video Technology and the county enter into a contract with Appollo Systems under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the contracts between the county and Appollo Systems, 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.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Bid Award for Signage

Bids were received for signage of the 2025 Campus Improvements project as follows:

Signation Sign Group	\$92,726.00
GSI	\$98,985.00
Serigraphics Sign Systems	\$100,365.00
Designer Sign Systems	\$132,323.63

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-030** as follows:

Bid Award for Signage on the 2025 Government
Center Campus Improvements Project to Signation Sign Group

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on March 24, 2009 with bids accepted from four vendors; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Signation Sign Group be accepted for signage and the county enter into a contract with Signation Sign Group, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contracts between the county and Signation Sign Group, 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.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Bid Award for Window Shades

Bids were received for window shades for the 2025 Campus Improvements as follows:

OffiSource, Inc.	\$64,000.00
American Drapery System	\$64,877.00
Custom Expressions	\$81,288.00
Custom Drapery and Blinds by Michael Esch, LLC	\$97,163.00
Modern Window Shade	\$97,735.00
Midwest Blinds	\$97,995.00

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Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-031** as follows:

Bid Award for Window Shades on the 2025 Government
Center Campus Improvements Project to OffiSource, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on March 17, 2009 with bids accepted from six vendors; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of OffiSource, Inc. be accepted for Window Shades and the county enter into a contract with OffiSource, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contracts between the county and OffiSource, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator without the 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 Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Dial-a-Ride Services Within Washington County

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-032** as follows:

Resolution Requesting the Metropolitan Council Continue to
Manage a Competitively Procured Contract for Regional Dial-a-Ride
Services for Washington County

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council (Met Council) currently operates regional Dial-a-Ride service in the seven county metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, in Washington County, Met Council contracts with Human Services, Inc. a private non-profit human service organization, to operate a countywide Dial-a-Ride service with six to seven buses in daily operation; and

WHEREAS, the Met Council has recently approved a plan to restructure the regional Dial-a-Ride service; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2009, a letter was sent from the Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS) division of the Met Council to each of the seven counties requesting an official decision on one of two administrative and service delivery options for the continuation of Dial-a-Ride service; and

WHEREAS, each county can either directly operate or competitively procure and administer service within their respective county (Option 1); or defer to the Met Council to manage a competitively procured contract (Option 2); and

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WHEREAS, the endorsement of Option 2 would essentially result in no changes to the current arrangement with the Met Council for the procurement of Dial-a-Ride services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners requests that the Met Council continue to manage a competitively procured contract for regional Dial-a-Ride services for Washington County (Option2), conditioned upon Washington County reserving the option to reconsider its level of direct participation in the regional Dial-a-Ride services if a need or desire arises at a later date.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Big Marine Park Reserve Official Map

Don Theisen, Public Works Director, indicated that this item is a follow up to last week's workshop on landowner's request to be removed from the Big Marine Park Reserve Boundary. The Board's options are 1) to initiate proceedings that would begin a formal review process; or 2) not initiate proceedings which would leave the boundary as planned. It is staff's recommendation to not initiate proceedings, leaving the boundary as planned.

Commissioner Pulkrabek mentioned that Mr. Reibel has asked that the Board delay this matter for a couple of weeks so he could provide additional information, and that would be his preference.

Commissioner Weik stated that Mr. Reibel has talked to her and she suggested that he work through the Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission, would that be an option for residents?

Commissioner Kriesel stated the matter at hand today is whether to proceed with changing the mapping process. He is not sure if the Board should discuss anything beyond that at this point.

Commissioner Peterson stated the Board has listened and read information; staff has looked at it. She finds no compelling reason at this time to change the map that is in front of them.

Commissioner Kriesel stated the Board can have staff look at the permitting process to see if there are efficiencies that could enhance the permitting process.

Commissioner Hegberg suggested that when the Big Marine Park Reserve Master Plan is revisited, Mr. Reibel could present his additional information during that time period.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to not initiate proceedings to amend the Official Map of the Big Marine Park Reserve. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with the vote as follows: Yes, Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel; No, Commissioner Pulkrabek.

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Brent Reibel, 17751 Lamont Trail North, Marine on St. Croix – Mr. Reibel stated he is concerned about the regulations and rules, and what took place with him, that nobody knows the story yet. There are 10 people involved in the reserve, none of them want to sell and neither do their kids.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that the purchases are from willing sellers, nobody from the county will force somebody to sell their property.

Mr. Reibel stated if he shows the Board that he put a lawsuit against Washington County using government regulations for an inner motive to devalue his property to do an inverse condemnation, would that be good things to show the Board? He and his family and the other 10 owners have gone through eight years of hell. He would like to have the time down the road to show the Board what went on because nobody knows except his family and the other 10 people.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

John Freitag, Senior Environmental Specialist, presented highlights of the 2008 Groundwater Work Plan: completion of the groundwater dependent natural resources management plan for a project in Brown's Creek Watershed District; the methodology will be utilized to cost effectively duplicate the work for other groundwater dependent natural resources throughout the county; significant efforts have been made to incorporate groundwater protection and planning into local government unit comprehensive plans; the county's abandoned well sealing cost share program helped to seal 15 unused wells within the county; the East Metro Water Resource education program has performed significant education within the county; and metro blooms workshops were directed towards residents to help design rain gardens for their homes.

Mr. Freitag presented the 2009 work plan including: the Metropolitan Council will publish a metropolitan area master water supply plan which will include the metropolitan area groundwater flow model. Public Health and Environment activities include: assist with technical information on groundwater for county Land and Water Legacy Program; work internally with Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste staff to develop groundwater education outreach, targeted education to homeowners regarding proper use of fertilizer and pesticide as well as disposal. The 2009 Work Plan also includes work with the various watershed organizations including: the Brown's Creek Biota TMDL to determine groundwater quantity and quality related to the impacts it has on Browns Creek; methods to better understand and protect groundwater dependent natural resources are being developed by Brown's Creek Watershed, Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed, and Rice Creek Watershed Districts; Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed is using data from groundwater and surface water interaction studies to develop draft rules to determine proper location of infiltration devices; South Washington Watershed will continue to monitor member cities infiltration stormwater and how it affects the groundwater resources; and best management practices programs are

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being implemented by the Middle St. Croix WMO, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District and Valley Branch Watershed District.

Mr. Freitag updated the Board on Perfluorochemical (PFC) activities. PFC levels in municipal wells are stable, or slightly decreasing; the Minnesota Department of Health bio-monitoring study has completed collecting and assessing PFC levels from Oakdale, Lake Elmo and Cottage Grove; and clean-up activities continue at former disposal sites.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update on the following items: the Senate took action on eliminating a number of local government mandates including, allowing monthly visits by licensing workers in addition to the social worker for a child placed in foster care; eliminating the Truth-in-Taxation hearing and suspending the publication of the notice; delay in implementing some of the new rules until July 1; and allowing out-of-state placements of mentally ill children under limited circumstances; efforts to eliminate the counties obligation to provide custodial care incarceration for short-term offenders has been moving along.

Mr. Schug noted that last week the County Board took action to oppose Section 6 of the DNR bill that would exempt wildlife management areas from local ordinances. A problem is that the bill has had a couple of hearings already and it is probably a little late to totally get it out. There is a possibility of a compromise particularly around the buffer zones and that it be inside the wildlife management area rather than on private lands outside of it.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee; tomorrow he will attend the Metro Emergency Services Board Finance Committee and will not be attending the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting; he will meet on Thursday with the St. Croix Foundation; and he will meet with the Yellow Ribbon Committee on Friday. He mentioned that West Lakeland had two long-time community activists passed away recently: Raymond Swanson, who served on the Planning Commission for 15 years and the Fair Board and Willie Talberg. He expressed his condolences to both families.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting last week; this weekend there will be a Lions Club Pancake Breakfast on Sunday at the Woodbury Jr. High; she will attend the Counties Transit Improvement Board on Wednesday; on Friday she will visit the Afton Idea Farm; and she will also be attending the Yellow Ribbon Network committee on Friday. The City of Woodbury has shown an interest. She indicated that she did have an extended conversation with Mr. Reibel regarding the

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Big Marine Park Reserve Official Map. She told him she did support not removing the 10 landowners from the map. Twenty-one years ago there was extensive investigation on that land and its unique features. The Metropolitan Council is also involved, and if the county had referred this to the Planning Commission, she believes the county would have to replace any county park lands with comparable land. Because of the unique features she does not know if the county could have done a comparable swap.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he attended, and was the MC, of Congresswoman Michelle Bachman's forum at the Woodbury City Center. He asked last week that the county consider allowing pets in parks and asked that it be discussed at the Parks and Open Space Commission. He suggested having a park or two allow pets on a probationary period to see if that would work. He will be attending the Hennepin County State of the County address. He suggested that Washington County take a look at doing this for next year or the following year, possibly combining it with the League of Local Governments meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Public Employee Retirement Association meeting which discussed bringing in the Minneapolis Retirement Group. The PERA Board opposes that at this time. St. Cloud hosted the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust retreat on Thursday and Friday. They discussed allowing school boards coming into the MCIT. It was the feeling of the board that they would not be interested in expanding and just want to concentrate on counties.

Commissioner Pulkrabek noted that Woodbury will be holding a Prayer Breakfast on May 5 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. He asked if the Board meeting could be pushed back about a half hour to 9:30 for those attending.

Commissioner Kriesel asked Commissioner Hegberg when the City of Forest Lake will be determining whether or not they will join the transit taxing district. Commissioner Hegberg stated the last he heard it would be the 27th, but yesterday he was told the Mayor might not be able to be at that meeting so they might push it back again to the next week.

Commissioner Kriesel stated if the City of Forest Lake chose not to join that taxing district he will push strongly that the bus service be discontinued as soon as possible. Commissioners Peterson and Pulkrabek agreed with that statement.

Commissioner Kriesel asked staff for options if the City of Forest Lake chooses not to join the taxing district as to when the bus service could be canceled.

Commissioner Peterson announced that Kristen Tuenge, Community Corrections Deputy Director, will be retiring on April 30 after 35 years with the county. She wished her well and noted there will be a reception for her on April 30 from 2:00 to 4:00.

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Commissioner Peterson stated she received an invitation to participate in a workshop for the St. Croix River Basin. It will be held on Saturday, April 25 at 9:45 to 11:45. She has asked Diane Davies to attend on her behalf. Commissioner Weik noted she is registered to attend. It will be at the Science Museum.

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 Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

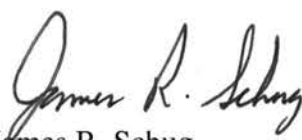
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services to consider county participation in the aggregate resource preservation property tax law program. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Bruce Munneke, and Wayne Sandberg.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review the draft Historical Resources and Park and Open Space Chapters of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, John Elholm, Peter Mott, and Jane Harper.


Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest: 
James R. Schug
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 21, 2009**

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. RRA Vice 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; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; and David 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 9:10 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Peterson absent. County Board Vice Chair Pulkrabek 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; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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1. Approval to appoint Mary Beth Johnson, Woodbury, to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to a first term expiring December 31, 2009.
2. Approval of an update to the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan.
3. Approval to authorize the Community Corrections Director to apply for Federal Byrne Grant funds to address domestic violence through the Federal Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
4. Approval of contract with Medica Health Plans, a health maintenance organization for Washington County to provide care coordination services for Medica clients enrolled in the State's Minnesota Senior Care Plus Program.
5. Approval to renew two year agreements with the Cities of Afton and Lake St. Croix Beach to provide individual sewage treatment system inspection services.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-033** 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 disbursal 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 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.

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

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to appoint Marisa Novak, Woodbury, to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board of Commissioners to a first term expiring December 31, 2011. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent.

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**2009 Community Involvement Awards**

Valerie Jones, Community Thread Executive Director, presented the 2009 Community Involvement Awards as follows:

Outstanding Group Volunteer Award – The United Way of Washington County – East, 2008 Board of Directors for the extra effort they made during a very difficult time for the organization. Board members, many of whom had full-time jobs, took on more than part-time roles as volunteers, often coming into the office daily to assist staff.

Outstanding Youth Volunteer – Alexandra Richardson, Woodbury, is recognized for her volunteer work at the Children's Museum as a Youth Squad Volunteer. She is willing to help with anything and always has a ready smile. She serves on the Youth Council of South Washington County reviewing grants and planning youth activities such as the Daddy/Daughter dance and she also works at the Rainbow Kids Klub as a teen teacher.

Outstanding Volunteer – Marie Bristol, Cottage Grove, started volunteering with Tubman, then the Family Violence Network, 15 years ago answering the crisis line for domestic abuse. She helped raise funds for the organization by speaking to community groups about the importance of supporting the Family Violence Network. She currently organizes a Baby Shower with her church, collecting supplies to donate to Tubman and provides administrative assistance to the agency.

Lifetime Volunteer – Jeannine Hoffbeck, Stillwater, volunteers at the Valley Outreach Food Shelf, Courage Center and her church. She is willing to cover any shift, coordinate between shifts, stock shelves, breaks down large quantity products into smaller packages, and just about any other need that comes up. She volunteers for her church, St. Michaels, through the Council of Catholic Women. She also provides Meals on Wheels and volunteers at the Courage Center working with stroke victims in the aquatics program.

Proclaim April 19 -25, 2009 as National Volunteer Week

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-034** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation - Community Thread
National Volunteer Week
April 19 – April 25, 2009

WHEREAS, the volunteers of Washington County are “Celebrating People in Action,” by working together to help others and support community projects;
and

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WHEREAS, volunteer organizations, such as Community Thread formerly known as Community Volunteer Service and Senior Centers, provides vital services in Washington County including volunteer coordination, volunteer service programs, and recognition for volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Community Thread's 1,565 volunteers provided 17,549 hours for a value estimated \$342,381 using the standard \$19.51 per volunteer hour in service to community organizations in the St. Croix Valley during 2008; and

WHEREAS, Washington County citizens have received benefits from the volunteer services of Jeannine Hoffbeck of Stillwater as the Lifetime volunteer; Marie Bristol of Cottage Grove as the Outstanding Adult volunteer; Alexandra Richardson of Woodbury as the Outstanding Youth volunteer; and the United Way of Washington County – East as the Outstanding Group volunteer; and

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 Community Thread and its volunteers for their public service since 1967 and hereby proclaims the week of April 19 – April 25, as "National Volunteer Week in Washington County."

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

County Board Recognition for Committee Volunteers

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-035** as follows;

Resolution of Appreciation
Washington County Board of Commissioners Volunteers
National Volunteer Week
April 19 – 25, 2009

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week offers the opportunity to thank the county's volunteers and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 when President Richard M. Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Celebrating People in Action" acknowledges that, by itself, that government cannot solve or direct all of the county's needs without support of citizen volunteers; and

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WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners greatly appreciates the approximately 200 advisory committee volunteers who currently provide their assistance, knowledge, dedication, and service to the County Board and to county departments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many county citizens who effect positive change through their volunteer actions; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners commends all citizen volunteers for their participation and positive contributions to Washington County.

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Washington County Farm Family of the Year – 2009

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-036** as follows:

Resolution of Congratulations
Maurice and Pat Grogan – Stephen and Mary Ann Grogan
Managers of the Kelley Farms in May Township
Washington County Farm Family of the Year – 2009

WHEREAS, each year a farm family from 70 participating Minnesota counties is honored by the University of Minnesota Extension as a Farm Family of the Year in recognition of their contributions to agriculture and their community; and

WHEREAS, farm families who are nominated by each county have shown their commitment to support agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Farm Family of the Year - 2009 was announced at the Washington County Salute to Agriculture event on April 17, 2009, to recognize the management by Maurice and Pat Grogan and Stephen and Mary Ann Grogan of the Kelley Farms located in May Township; and

WHEREAS, the Grogans moved to the Kelley Farms when Maurice Grogan was hired as manager in 1959 to restore the buildings and prepare the land for use as a cattle ranch which has become a successful business with Stephen Grogan taking over as manager in 1986 when his father retired; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the contributions, innovations, and successes of Maurice and Pat Grogan and Stephen and Mary Ann Grogan for their management of the Kelley Farms; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily congratulates Maurice and Pat Grogan and Stephen and Mary Ann Grogan for being honored as the Washington County Farm Family of the Year - 2009.

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

Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-037** as follows:

Resolution of Support
Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County

WHEREAS, many families support their military service members who are serving in the United States and overseas to protect the values and freedom enjoyed by the citizens of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County has been formed to connect local military family members with citizens and organizations such as cities, townships, schools, churches, community groups, businesses, and government agencies that can provide assistance and support in various forms to family members including spouses and children; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County will build on the existing strengths of organizations already providing support of service personnel and their families by adding to the community support and awareness for helping spouses and children in ways to lessen their burden while a family member is deployed to protect our country; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County encourages communities and citizens to work together to support the active duty troops and their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation, respect, and admiration, the sacrifices of military personnel who are leaving home and their loved ones to serve our nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners fully supports the efforts of the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County to support family members of service personnel during deployments to defend the democratic values of the United States of America.

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

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Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented the following legislative update: the Board opposed HF 1238, the Department of Natural Resources bill which proposed exempting from local ordinances a number of activities in Wildlife Management Areas, discussion is taking place with the author of the bill and Natural Resources to look at that section and a hearing was held last evening and again this morning; a bill has been introduced by Representative Diane Loeffler who represents Minneapolis and Hennepin County, which would create a global solution to maintenance of effort and county match requirements, it replaces the individual county maintenance of effort requirements with an absolute percentage of adjusted net tax capacity that would be paid by every county into a pool; Washington County would pay in considerably more than what it is currently paying under maintenance of efforts requirements; the legislature has maintained its commitment for the Statewide Public Safety Communication System; and there are a couple of bills that would raise the tax on alcoholic beverages for a judicial impact fee, and also the dime-a-drink bill that would be used to fund chemical dependency treatment.

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, updated the Board on SF 775 and HF 797 related to the boarding of horses. Both are in tax committees waiting action. The House has put out its Omnibus Tax Bill yesterday and it did not include any language on horse boarding, but he is not sure if amendments were done yesterday or today.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Farm Family of the Year event that he attended last week. He will be attending the Metropolitan Mosquito Control for Commissioner Weik who will be in Washington D.C. and he also has the Regional Solid Waste Management Coordination Board meeting. This evening he will attend the Historic Courthouse Advisory Committee and the volunteer reception. Last week he attended the Metro Emergency Services Board Finance Committee, but there was no quorum. There was discussion of rolling the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee into one. He attended a workshop between Minnesota Legislators, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Legislators, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding how to restrict truck traffic on the Stillwater Bridge.

Commissioner Weik reported on the Woodbury Lions Club breakfast which had a good turnout of 650 people. Last week she attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) as an alternate. She attended the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Technical Committee which discussed its target capabilities gap analysis for emergency preparedness, a four year workforce training and exercise plan. They are getting ready for testing in mid-June. Last week she toured the Idea Farm in Afton. The ideas are for energy saving techniques including geo-system design to deliver all heating, cooling and domestic water, rain recovery system which would harvest four to eight thousand gallons of rain water each summer month, and siding and exterior trim made with cement. She will be attending the One County, One

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Book event at the Central Park in Woodbury. The Pioneer Press had a nice article discussing Washington County Library Director Pat Conley and how she started the One County, One Book program and started with Considerate Behavior in Libraries. She will be attending the CTIB Fly-in to Washington D.C. She is meeting with former Commissioner Dick Stafford and Mike Hughs who is the Veterans Affairs Director from Globe College to discuss the Yellow Ribbon Network. On Saturday she is attending a workshop at the Science Museum to discuss the St. Croix River Basin, watershed science.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting which discussed the financial model. When the CTIB first started they anticipated \$100,000,000 a year and now that is closer to \$85,000,000. When the Central Corridor project is completed, it will take about 18 months after that before they get the cash back from the Federal government, so cash flow presents difficulties. He attended the Community Action Partnership for Ramsey and Washington Counties which discussed projects and budget items. He advised their Executive Director that somebody from Washington County may be contacting him regarding site based programs as Ramsey County receives some funding for their Extension Services through them. He indicated it wouldn't necessarily have to be 4-H, it could be Family Means or others. He attended the Metro Area Agency on Aging discussing Dial-a-Ride and other transportation issues. Also, Red Cross is discontinuing their volunteer program at the end of this year.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that Representative Dettmer will be looking at getting 4-H funded through the education components.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he attended the Woodbury Lions Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. He will be attending the One County, One Book event this evening.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Weik moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Peterson absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review and comment on the Draft Facilities and Transportation Chapters of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek,

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Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Ted Schoenecker, Don Theisen, Harley Will, Dan Papin, and Josh Beck.

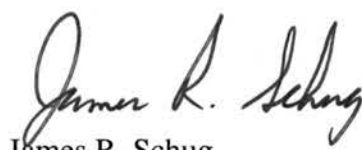
REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Regional Railroad Authority met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Counties Transit Improvement Board financial model. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Ted Schoenecker, Harley Will, and Kathy Aho, Springsted, Inc.



Bill Pulkrabek, Vice Chair
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 28, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board 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; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Joe Gustafson, Transportation Engineer; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Fred Anderson, Epidemiologist; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Barbara Fritsche, I.T. Supervisor; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Jane Harper, Principal Planner; Deb McDonald, Management Analyst II; 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 Hegberg moved, seconded by Commissioner Weik to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the April 7 and 14, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of revisions to County Policy #1201, Contract Administration, approval to establish County Policy #1903, Conveyance of County Owned Real or Personal Property, and authorization to rescind County policies #1202 and #1807.
3. Approval of revisions to Policy #2506, Petty Cash and Change Funds.
4. Approval of the Microsoft Select Software Licensing Agreement effective March 2009 through March 2012.
5. Approval of budget amendment and use of an additional \$500,000 from County Environmental Charge (CEC) Fund for the Environmental Center project.

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6. Approval of Work Order No. 17 for the CSAH 13 road construction project contract with CS McCrossan Construction.
7. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Minnesota Department of Transportation Contract No. 93611 related to the Phase I and II investigation of historic structures along CSAH 2 in Forest Lake.
8. Approval of Change Order No. 3 to the contract with St. Paul Linoleum and Carpet Company in the amount of \$25,000.
9. Approval of application for funding of one 911 Public Safety Dispatcher in the Sheriff's Office through the Edward Byrne Competitive Grant program for hiring civilian law enforcement.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Joe Gustafson, Transportation Engineer, presented an update on projected traffic impacts and reviewed completed, pending and future improvements to roadways in the vicinity of the new East Ridge High School in southern Woodbury.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-038** as follows:

Resolution to Set Public Hearing Related to Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of maintaining aggregate resources within the county; and

WHEREAS, the County Board recognizes that property taxes are an important consideration as to the viability of the aggregate industries located in the county; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has an ad valorem property tax system based on the full market value of real estate; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Minn. Statute 273.1115, Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law, grants special treatment to owners of land containing aggregate deposits, in comparison with other property in the county, therefore shifting the tax burden onto other properties; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Minn. Statute 273.1115 allow a county to terminate application of this law; and

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WHEREAS, a county may reauthorize application of this law by a resolution of the County Board revoking the termination; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held prior to making any decision to terminate application of the program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on May 19, 2009 at 9 a.m. to consider the termination of the application of Minn. Statutes 273.1115, the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law, in Washington County.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Grant Request to the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-039** as follows:

Application to Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources for
Grant Funds to Use as Matching Funds to Acquire Interests in Property
through the Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program

WHEREAS, Washington County established the Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program (LWLP) after voters approved a \$20 million referendum to acquire interests in property for the preservation of water quality, woodlands and other natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners chose an initial set of high priority projects after a careful review of proposals that involved technical evaluation and ranking, local government comment, and review by a citizen advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, the owners of each parcel are the project applicants and are willing to sell an interest in their property; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2007, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorized staff to begin valuations and negotiations on the LWLP high priority projects and to search for opportunities to leverage the county funds through outside funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) is requesting proposals for projects to receive funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund beginning July 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the LWLP high priority projects are consistent with the LCCMR's priority to acquire lands with high quality natural resources and conservation lands that provide natural buffers to water resources; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds would allow the county to protect about 450 acres of outstanding natural habitat along the St. Croix River and its tributaries, thus creating a permanently protected three-mile corridor of forested bluff land and ravines along the river.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves submitting a grant request to the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources for up to four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to purchase land and interests in land on high priority lands along the St. Croix River and its tributaries through the Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Reimbursement of Land and Water Legacy Funds

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-040** as follows:

Authorization to Reimburse the Land and Water Legacy
Bond Fund from Various Accounts for Costs Incurred
for Land and Water Legacy Program Projects

WHEREAS, Washington County established the Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program (LWLP) after voters approved a \$20 million referendum to acquire interests in property for the preservation of water quality, woodlands and other natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on October 8, 2007, adopted Resolution 2007-126 stating the county's intent to reimburse itself from proceeds of the future sale of tax-exempt bonds for the purchase of the Betty Katarek property in Grey Cloud Island Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on December 18, 2007, adopted Resolution 2007-163 stating the county's intent to reimburse itself from proceeds of the future sale of tax-exempt bonds for certain eligible expenditures associated with additional LWLP projects; and

WHEREAS, reimbursement from proceeds of the future sale of tax-exempt bonds must occur within 18 months of the original expenditure; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2008, the Washington County Board of Commissioners made the decision to defer sale of the tax-exempt Land and Water Legacy Program bonds until 2010, thereby disallowing the county's use of the bond proceeds for various past expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on May 22, 2007, adopted Resolution 2007-062, programming a portion of the 2007 Capital Improvement Bond Funds for Big Marine Parkland acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Lois and Jerome Grundhofer property is located within the Big Marine Park Reserve, thereby making its purchase eligible for reimbursement from the 2007 Capital Improvement Bond Funds; and

WHEREAS, funds are available from various other accounts to reimburse the LWLP Fund for other expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves reimbursement of the LWLP Fund for past expenditures in the following manner:

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Transfer from the Park Permit Fund the following amounts:

- \$271,600 for the Betty Kartarek land acquisition in Grey Cloud Island Park Reserve.
- \$2,500 for expenditures related to the Forrest Anderson land acquisition in Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park.
- \$1,600 for expenditures related to the John Pontius land acquisition for the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail.

Transfer from the 2007 CIP Bond Funds the following amounts:

- \$137,300 for the Jerome and Lois Grundhofer land acquisition in Big Marine Park Reserve.

Transfer from the Commissioners Purchase of Development Rights Fund the following amounts:

- \$6,400 for expenditures related to the Pat Lilligren conservation easement project.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented the following legislative update: Both the Senate and the House passed their budget bills and they will be headed toward conference committee later this week; if tax increases are included there is a strong possibility of a gubernatorial veto; under Public Safety and Corrections the Senate bill has a 7% across the board cut in pass through grants to counties and there is no provision for repeal of the short-term offender program but it is in the House version; in Transportation the Senate bill has an endowment fund for the preservation of the Stillwater lift bridge and maintenance of the bridge; in the conference committee the funding for the I-94 corridor in the amount of \$250,000 does not seem to be in the discussion nor the Rush Line park-and-ride; the St. Paul to Chicago high-speed rail does include \$12 million on the Senate side; in Health and Human Services the House and Senate have the State Health Improvement Program (SHIP) fully funded; the Health Care Access fund has not been merged into the general fund in the House proposal; and the House and Senate bills both have the recovery of the targeted case management funds.

Mr. Schug reported that he attended a meeting yesterday in Baytown Township convened by Senator Kathy Saltzman to discuss the Wildlife Management Areas. The Department of Natural Resources officials and hunting and angling organizations attended, as well as Representative Dennis McNamara and Representative Julie Bunn. They discussed the purpose of the Wildlife Management Areas and that if local units of government apply restrictions to them, particularly for hunting and fishing, it could render some of the smaller areas unusable. The group was working towards language that if the DNR did not agree with a local ordinance, there would be an appeal process available.

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Commissioner Peterson reported that the State Rail subcommittee met on Monday and there was discussion that the bonding bill would need \$22 to \$26 million this biennium to match the Federal stimulus funds for high-speed rail to Chicago.

Swine Flu Update

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, presented a brief update on actions being taken by the State of Minnesota and Washington County in response to the potential swine flu outbreak. He noted that a site has been established on the county web site that links to the Minnesota Department of Health web site. The county's internal web site the WashNet also provides general health guidelines and links to the latest information for county employees. Mr. Johnson indicated that Washington County is in daily contact through conference calls with the Minnesota Department of Health and all local public health departments around the state.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported that he and Commissioner Weik were in Washington D.C. as part of the Counties Transit Improvement Board and met with a number of the Congressional staff and with Congresswoman Bachman and Congressman Ellison to discuss high priority projects.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he attended the Lower St. Croix Valley Alliance last evening. He attended the Veteran's Rest Camp Board last week and they are still developing a policy and are moving in the right direction. He attended the volunteer reception last Tuesday at the Historic Courthouse. It was well attended and a great event. This Friday, there will be a Yellow Ribbon Network meeting at the Cottage Grove Armory. Chief Deputy Mike Johnson, Chair of the Yellow Ribbon Network, is preparing to send letters to all of the local government agencies informing them on how they can become Yellow Ribbon Communities.

Commissioner Weik reported that the City of Woodbury passed a resolution last week supporting the Yellow Ribbon Network. Last week she attended the One County, One Book event at the Central Park in Woodbury. The guest speaker was Dr. Forni and he did a wonderful job. There were over 100 people in attendance. She felt the trip to Washington D.C. last week for the Counties Transit Improvement Board was positive and time well spent. The reaction from the offices they visited was good and they were glad to see the entire group there together. They also met with Congressman Tim Walz in addition to Congresswoman Bachman and Congressman Ellison. She attended a press conference yesterday at the Union Depot with Commissioner Peterson, and many Chambers of Commerce were in attendance. She will be attending the two day Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Conference at the Crowne Plaza in St. Paul. On Saturday in Ojibway Park, Woodbury will hold its Earth Day Recycling event from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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They will be collecting appliances, tires, electronics, scrap metal and a new item this year is furniture. This past Saturday she attended a two hour seminar at the Science Museum which discussed the St. Croix River Basin. There was a great turn out of State and local officials.

Commissioner Peterson attended a meeting on the South Washington and Valley Branch Watershed enlargement last Wednesday. Letters of support were received from Denmark Township, Cottage Grove, Grey Cloud Island Township, and St. Paul Park. Only Woodbury was not in favor of it. She indicated there was some historical information given that was totally inaccurate and she has asked a senior person who was involved in the previous water management organization, the Cottage Grove Ravine, to write a brief history to submit for the records.

Commissioner Peterson noted that the press conference held at the Union Depot included Chamber members from Winona as well as Commissioners from Winona. There was also representation from the Indian community of Prairie Island. They will be having a joint meeting today in Winona to kick off the high-speed rail corridor.

Commissioner Peterson indicated she will not be attending the AMC Legislative Conference on Wednesday until later. She has a 9:00 meeting in Cottage Grove to talk with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency about 3M's request to take in materials from other states and other companies to burn like products in the Cottage Grove burn facility. The city has taken a strong negative posture on that variance and she too has taken a strong posture against it. She will be sending a letter, not as chair of this board, but as a representative of the district and she wanted the Board to be aware of that. It is her personal belief that the City of Cottage Grove allowed the burn facility to be developed to take care of 3M's waste when they were doing manufacturing in Minnesota. 3M has a corporate policy now to outsource their manufacturing jobs overseas; and to increase the burn material at the facility in Cottage Grove is totally inappropriate. There is no reason for Cottage Grove to accept other people's waste products.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

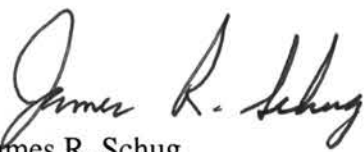
There being no further business to come before the Board, Board Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session with the Community Services Department to discuss mental health case management changes. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Dan Papin, Cindy Rupp, Rick Backman, Therese Gilbertson, Traci Thompson, and Julia Wallis.

Attest:


James R. Schug

County Administrator


Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MAY 5, 2009

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:05 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik 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; Adam Gitzlaff, Transportation Planner; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Mike Polehna, Parks Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Diane Elias, Associate Planner; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; 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 9:30 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik 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; Adam Gitzlaff, Transportation Planner; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Mike Polehna, Parks Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Diane Elias, Associate Planner; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Jeff Travis, Program Manager; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; and Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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CONESSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the April 21 and 28, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-041** as follows:

Resolution Approving the 2010 Qualified Allocation Plan
and Housing Tax Credit Program 2010 Procedural Manual
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 the Housing Tax Credit Program Procedural Manual (the "Manual"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has adopted the Plan and the Manual, both as amended, in substantially the forms attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively, following a public hearing regarding the revision of the Plan and the Manual 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 the Housing Tax Credit Program Procedural Manual previously adopted by the Authority and attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively, are hereby adopted and approved.

3. Approval to revise Washington County Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 12, Discipline.
4. Approval to revise Washington County Personnel Rules and Regulations Section 13, Grievance Procedure.
5. Approval to revise Human Resources Policy #5203, Family and Medical Leave of Absence.

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6. Approval to amend the agreement with Heritage Environmental Services LLC for household hazardous waste services and authorize execution by the Board Chair and the County Administrator.
7. Approval of comments to the City of Lake Elmo regarding their Local Water Management Plan and approve comments drafted on behalf of the Commissioners to be signed by the Board Chair.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-042** as follows:

State Cost-Share Assistance Contract with Washington
Conservation District – Prairie Restoration

WHEREAS, Washington County Parks requested cost-share assistance from the Washington Conservation District to help defray the cost of prairie restoration in Lake Elmo Park Reserve and Pine Point Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Conservation District has made available a State Cost-Share Assistance Contract to Washington County for the described project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners to sign on behalf of the county the State Cost-Share Assistance Contract between Washington County and the Washington Conservation District conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant funds for the described development project be directed to Washington County without further action by the County Board.

9. Approval to enter into an agreement with Xcel Energy to provide underground electric cable installation and services to the new Environmental Center located in Woodbury.
10. Approval to accept a donation to the Washington County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post in the amount of \$150 from Washington County residents Michael and Susan Haines.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Capital and Transit Operating Assistance Agreements with Counties Transit Improvement Board

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve and authorize the County Board Chair and the County Administrator to sign the \$553,950 Capital Grant Agreement for the I-94 Alternatives Analysis and the \$396,050 Transit Operating Assistance Agreement for the transit services from Forest Lake Transit Center to

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downtown St. Paul and to downtown Minneapolis with the Counties Transit Improvement Board. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Closure of Lake Elmo Park Boat Ramp to Conduct a Rowing Regatta

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-043** as follows:

Authorization to Close Lake Elmo Park Reserve
Boat Launch for a Rowing Regatta

WHEREAS, Washington County operates a public boat launch on Lake Elmo in Lake Elmo Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Boat Club requests authorization to exclusively use the boat launch for the 106th Northwestern International Rowing Association Championship Regatta on August 21 and August 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, in consideration of the rowing event, will close the boat launch to the public for a fee of \$50 for each day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize Washington County Parks to close the Lake Elmo Park Reserve boat launch to the public on August 21 and August 22, 2009 for the exclusive use of the Minnesota Boat Club and the 106th Northwestern International Rowing Association Championship Regatta.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds

Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager, presented an update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the allocation of the \$978,730 in funding: Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Dislocated Workers, \$534,145; WIA Adults \$127,462; WIA Youth, \$289,936 and WIA Seniors, \$27,187.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to accept funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in the amount of \$978,730 and to approve the 2009-2011 contract with Tree Trust to provide services for Washington County's Workforce Center youth employment programs for the summers of 2009, 2010 and 2011 (April 1 to August 31 of each year); and approval of a contract with East Suburban Resources to provide additional services to youth, adults, and dislocated workers beginning May 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program Funds

Diane Elias, Community Services Associate Planner, reviewed the application for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) funds in the amount of \$458,650 to be used by the following programs: Salvation Army, \$77,000; FamilyMeans, \$28,000; East Metro Women's Council Home Again and Outreach Worker, \$151,500; Human Services, Inc. Youth Transition Project, \$160,000; and Administration cost, \$41,650.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-044** as follows:

Authorizing Application for Minnesota Housing and
Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and
Assistance Program (FHAP) Funds

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorized to undertake a program to provide funds for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Projects; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Services has developed an application for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program funds; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Services has demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program in the County of Washington, in Minnesota.

Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Peterson took a moment to inform the Board and audience that former Commissioner Phillip McMullen passed away last week. Commissioner McMullen was her predecessor and spent over 30 years in the education field in South Washington County as a teacher and Principal. His whole life was dedicated to public service and he will be greatly missed.

National County Government Week

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-045** as follows:

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Resolution of Appreciation
Washington County Employees
National County Government Week
May 3 – 9, 2009

WHEREAS, National County Government Week is observed each year to recognize county government employees who 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 more than 306 million citizens as an essential component of local government; and

WHEREAS, Washington County provides services and programs for more than 233,000 citizens as well as in partnerships with communities within the state and county; and

WHEREAS, the National County Government Week theme for 2009 is "Greening Our Future" to recognize all county employees who help the environment through office recycling, construction sustainability, utilizing environmentally safe products and practices, energy conservation, road maintenance practices, and in many other forms; and

WHEREAS, Washington County values its employees who plan, administer, and deliver county services that address present and future community needs and priorities; and

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 May 3 – 9, 2009, as "National County Government Week in Washington County."

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Legislative Update

Commissioner Peterson moved to send a letter to Washington County's Legislative delegation opposing H.F. 2076 sponsored by Representative Loeffler addressing Maintenance of Efforts requirements for health and human services programs that would adversely affect Washington County and many other counties in Minnesota. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented the following legislative update: the budget conference committees are meeting and hope to have their work completed by Thursday of this week; and the transportation bill has moved forward and the indication is that the Governor is likely to sign that bill.

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Update on the H1N1 Flu

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, gave a brief update on the H1N1 virus. His department continues to be in daily contact with the Minnesota Department of Health. Yesterday the State Department of Health released revised guidelines, and although this virus is reaching global proportions, it does not necessarily imply the severity of the illness as being deadly. Schools are being told to treat this virus as they would seasonal influenza. Last evening Washington County was notified that it has a probable case of H1N1 influenza and that case is being followed up on.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported that the Planning Commission met last week to discuss the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. He attended the Yellow Ribbon Initiative meeting last week and a letter was sent to all Washington County communities offering them the opportunity to become Yellow Ribbon Communities. This week he will attend the Counties Transit Improvement Board in place of Commissioner Hegberg. On Thursday he has the Stillwater Prayer Breakfast, the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition in the afternoon and that evening he will be meeting with the Extension Service. He received a call from an Afton constituent who was concerned about bike riders on Stagecoach Trail going south. The gentleman came around a curve and two bikes were out in the middle of the driving lane. Commissioner Kriesel urged all drivers to be cognizant of bicyclists.

Commissioner Kriesel informed the Board that Bob Thompson, Thompson Hardware in Stillwater, passed away this past week. He was active in the community and a great guy.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Woodbury Prayer Breakfast prior to the meeting this morning. She reported on the two day Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Legislative Conference held in St. Paul. She attended the Law Library Board meeting yesterday where they passed a resolution to close the Law Library during the week of June 22 for the scheduled move to the new courts building. This week there will be an I-94 kickoff meeting on Thursday. She attended the Yellow Ribbon Initiative last week. Staff Sergeant Jim Norton reported that Washington County was close to obtaining Yellow Ribbon status.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported that he attended the AMC Legislative Conference last week, and the Woodbury Prayer Breakfast this morning. He asked for an update on whether Century Avenue will be going to four lanes anytime soon. He understands that the Minnesota Department of Transportation rejected the request of getting a no passing on shoulder sign on Century Avenue.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he also attended the AMC Legislative Conference last week. Last week he attended the Community Action Partnership for Ramsey and Washington Counties where the Minnesota

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Department of Health discussed units of measurements for efficiencies. He is meeting with some people to discuss 4-H. He is hoping to attend the Governor's Fishing Opener on White Bear Lake this weekend. He will be attending the Association of Governmental Risk Pools Conference at the end of this month. He is also trying to arrange a trip to China in August and will probably be gone quite a bit.

Commissioner Peterson reported that she met with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the City of Cottage Grove last week about commercial burning. Cottage Grove is anticipating the passage of a resolution opposing the commercial burning. She also attended the AMC conference last week and they affirmed its position against the ½ cent sales tax.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

The Board recessed at 11:20 a.m. to go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH PUBLIC WORKS

Proposed Condemnation Appeal – TMT Land V, Reconstruction of CSAH 13

The Board recessed into Executive (Closed) Session with the Department of Public Works to discuss a proposed condemnation appeal regarding compensation and damages for TMT Land V as it pertains to the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 13. The time being 11:29 a.m. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Sharon Price, Rick Hodsdon, and Patricia Raddatz.

Possible Purchase of Pontius Parcel and Portions of the Carpenter Nature Center for Washington County Parks Trail System

The Board met in Executive (Closed) Session with the Department of Public Works to discuss possible purchases of the Pontius Parcel for the Washington County Parks Trail System, and portions of the Carpenter Nature Center for Washington County Parks Trail System. The time being 11:57 a.m. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Jane Harper, Don Theisen, John Elholm, Sharon Price, Rick Hodsdon, and Patricia Raddatz.

The County Board reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.



Myra Peterson, Chair

County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MAY 12, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Patrick Singel, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton, Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to appoint Amy Rostron-Ledoux to the Mental Health Advisory Council to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
2. Approval of a Needs Determination for expanding the licensed capacity of Phoenix Alternatives, a Day Training and Habilitation Program serving adults with developmental disabilities from 40 persons to 50 persons.
3. Approval to accept a \$635 donation from the Washington County United Veterans Council into the Washington County Veterans Service Office Emergency Assistance fund.
4. Approval of contract with Bonestroo for preliminary and final bridge design engineering services for the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail overpass at Broadway Avenue (CSAH 2) in the City of Forest Lake for a cost not to exceed \$96,264.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-046** as follows:

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Bid Rejection – Technical Services for Modular Furnishings

WHEREAS, in order to provide for technical services for modular furnishings located at the various county facilities, the county solicited bids for this service; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on April 14, 2009 with only one bid proposal received; and

WHEREAS, rejection of the bid will allow staff to solicit additional competitive quotes for the comparison and evaluation of services; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners rejects the bid for Technical Services for Modular Furnishings.

6. Bids were received for cracksealant on various county roads for 2009 as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Expert Driveways, Inc.	\$72,750.00
Hardline Asphalt, Inc.	\$97,500.00
Precision Sealcoating, Inc.	\$112,125.00
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers	\$136,500.00
Asphalt Surface Technologies	\$159,750.00
American Pavement Solutions	\$171,750.00

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-047** as follows:

Bid Award for Crackseal Provision and Application on County Roads for 2009 to Expert Driveways, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road maintenance during 2009 on county roads to fill cracks in highway surfaces, the county solicited bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on April 30, 2009, with Expert Driveways, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Expert Driveways, Inc. be accepted and the county enter into a contract with Expert Driveways, 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 Expert Driveways, 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.

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7. Approval to accept a donation from the staff at Prosperan Bank in the amount of \$115 to be used toward expenses for the K-9 Unit.
8. Approval to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Commissioner of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for investigative overtime reimbursement, training and equipment in combating the exploitation of children.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-048** as follows:

Recognizing Law Enforcement Memorial Day and Law Enforcement Memorial Week in Washington County

WHEREAS, the peace officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of this Nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

WHEREAS, these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations; and

WHEREAS, these men and women by their patriotic service and their dedicated efforts have earned the gratitude of the citizens of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2009 the Washington County Sheriff's Office holds an annual Memorial Ceremony recognizing fallen Correctional and Law Enforcement Officers at the Historic Courthouse.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the week of May 10 – May 16, 2009 as Law Enforcement Memorial Week in Washington County and extends its appreciation and thanks to the dedicated Law Enforcement Community for the vital contribution they make to public safety and the well being of our citizens.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Sheriff Hutton noted that the U.S. Department of Justice, Division of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, presented a national award for the Sheriff's work on the Bever case, the Lake Elmo shooting that occurred in May of 2003. They recognized the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and the Minneapolis Police Department for the work on that case.

METROPLITAN COUNCIL

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-049** as follows:

Supporting the Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities and
Appointing John Elholm, Parks Director, to the Foundation Board of Directors

WHEREAS, Washington County is an Implementing Agency of the
Metropolitan Regional Parks and Open Space System; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Regional Parks and Open Space System
includes approximately 53,000 acres, 49 regional parks and park reserves, 6
special recreation features, 29 regional trails, and has more than 33 million
visits; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan identifies approximately
17,000 acres of additional land to complete the system; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for acquisitions is estimated at approximately \$193
million; and

WHEREAS, partnerships with the private sector is key in achieving the
vision established in the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board
of Commissioners, hereby supports the Regional Parks Foundation of the
Twin Cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that John Elholm, Washington County Parks
Director, be appointed to the Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities
Board of Directors to represent Washington County.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Josh Beck, Associate Planner, presented an overview of the 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Annual Action Plan. Staff and the Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee propose the following uses of CDBG and HOME Funds: Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity Retreat at Garden Gate II, \$350,000; Washington County HRA Raymie Johnson Townhomes, \$133,012; Granada Lakes Limited Partnership Granada Lake Estates, \$200,000; Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Housing Reinvestment Initiative, \$100,000; Washington County Public Services, \$120,506; and Administration, \$164,772; for a total of \$1,068,290.

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Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the 2009 Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program Annual Action Plan as presented. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Amendment to Agreement with Appollo Systems for Courtroom Audio/Video Technology

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve an amendment to the agreement with Appollo Systems for Courtroom Audio/Video Technology of the 2025 Campus Improvements resulting in a savings of \$39,651; and, authorizes the execution by the Board Chair and County Administrator. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the CSAH 18 Reconstruction Project in the City of Afton

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-050** as follows:

Federal Participation in Advance Construction for
SP 82-618-11; MP STPX 8209 (128) for
CSAH 18 in the City of Afton

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chair and County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the county 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. 94599, a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

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

Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 9:45 a.m.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator, presented a legislative update as follows: the Governor has vetoed the tax bill for a second time because of major sticking points which include, refinancing of the debt service

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with 20 year appropriation bonds, the potential delay of K-12 payments to the school districts, and what, if any, state taxes should be increased; the Loffler bill, which would have shifted property taxes to other counties to offset Human Service costs, has now changed to a study with a report due back to the legislature next year; elimination of the truth-in-taxation hearing requirement and the advertising of that; there is a two-year moratorium on implementing any new maintenance of efforts of matching fund requirements in the tax bill; the environment bill has passed and includes a prohibition on the disposal of yard waste in non-compostable bags in the metropolitan area only; the economic development bill was vetoed by the Governor due to the loan forgiveness provision for the City of St. Paul and the hockey arena, but the bill has been revised to delete that reference and is likely to be approved; the Transportation Finance bill has been signed by the Governor; the Capital Bonding bill has not been finalized; the Public Safety and Correction bill has a final agreement between the Senate and House, but the Governor still has some concerns; it appears that the short-term offender transfer will end as of June 30; there is a loss of funding for the eight-day hold for juvenile facilities; the county correction act grants are cut by about \$2 million; the courts and public defender cuts were 1% and there are significant amounts of fee increases in the courts area; the Health and Human Services bill has reached agreement within the Conference Committee but the Governor is expected to veto it; and the bill does eliminate the broker in the metro area for transportation access services.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting held last week which discussed the financial study and long term transit investment. He attended the national prayer breakfast in Stillwater. He attended the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition which discussed alternative energy. This week he has the Mental Health Advisory Committee. He also has the Planning Advisory Commission on Wednesday. He will be out of town on Thursday and Friday.

Commissioner Weik attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board as an alternate. She attended a meeting for an update on the progress with 4-H supporters. She reported their objective is to secure annual funding to offer 4-H in Washington County and to grow their membership. The I-94 Corridor Commission met last week to receive State and Federal legislative updates, review the Joint Powers Agreement, and an update on the corridor studies. Last weekend was the Annual Lions Woodbury Garage Sale. She noticed from the Pioneer Press an article about 10 locations in the Twin Cities that are on the most endangered historic places list and it included the Rock Island Swing Bridge. This week she has the Association of Minnesota Counties Futures Committee on Wednesday and Thursday. She will be taping the County Insight this afternoon. She will attend the Law Enforcement Memorial on Friday.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he met with Forest Lake to discuss roundabouts. The Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust met last Friday. There is a special assessment for the worker's compensation fund and it is a significant amount of money. The group has asked the Commerce Commissioner to spread that out over several years. Last night the City of Forest Lake voted to join the Transit Taxing District. He will attend

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the Community Action Partnership tomorrow afternoon and Public Employees Retirement Association on Thursday. He will also attend the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Memorial on Friday.

Commissioner Peterson reported she attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting last week. Several policy issues will have to be discussed at the next meeting and decisions will need to be made in June. One is the 3% return of funds to Washington County that would go to 2014. The other policy issue to be discussed in June is passenger rail funding. The high speed rail joint powers board met in Red Wing last week. The energy in the room was exciting. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency continues to have several meetings with citizens in the southern part of Washington County regarding the commercial burn facility. She mentioned that the Cottage Grove National Guard Medical Unit is being deployed and there will be an event at 2:00 today.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

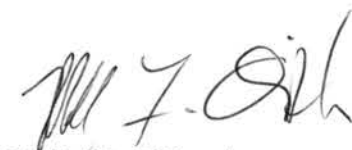
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.



Myra Peterson, Chair

County Board

Attest:



Molly F. O'Rourke

Deputy Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MAY 19, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson 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; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Deputy Pete Godfrey; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II; 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 Pulkrabek moved, seconded by Commissioner Weik to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the May 5, 2009 board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint Steve Kronmiller, Scandia, to the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District to a term expiring June 21, 2012.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-051** as follows:

Authorizing the Director of Washington County Community
 Services to Subordinate Washington County Owner-Occupied
 Rehabilitation Loans and First HOME Down Payment
 Loans to a Refinanced First Mortgage

WHEREAS, Washington County receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County currently utilizes CDBG funds for the Washington County Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan program and in the past utilized HOME funds for the First HOME Down Payment Loan program; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Services oversees both the Washington County Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan program and the First HOME Down Payment Loan program; and

WHEREAS, the policy manuals of the Washington County Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan program and the First HOME Down Payment Loan program allow for subordination to a first mortgage in certain instances; and

WHEREAS in certain instances it is advantageous for homeowners who have accessed Washington County Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan program or the First HOME Down Payment Loan program to refinance their homes first mortgage for a lower interest rate; and

WHEREAS, these homeowners only wish to refinance their homes for a lower interest rate and not receive cash.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby delegates to the Director of the Washington County Community Services Department or designee the authority to execute on behalf of Washington County subordination agreements involving the Washington County Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Loan or First HOME Down Payment Loan programs under the following conditions: The homeowner is refinancing a first mortgage owner-occupied home loan for the exclusive purpose of obtaining an interest rate lower than his or her current rate and only if the amount of the new mortgage loan is no more than the original principal amount secured by the first mortgage plus five (5) percent of principal amount of the new mortgage with the 5 percent addition to be used exclusively to pay for reasonable closing costs.

4. Approval of abatement on parcels owned by CP Rail (Soo Line Railroad) in the City of Cottage Grove: 20.027.21.11.0002, 17.027.21.43.0002, 20.027.21.12.0002, 20.027.21.12.0004, 17.027.21.44.0010, 20.027.21.13.0005, 20.027.21.12.0003, and 20.027.21.12.0005.
5. Approval of abatement on parcels 08.032.21.12.0109 and 08.032.21.12.0100 owned by Forest Lake American Legion Post 225.
6. Approval of agreement with CRT Processing LLC for electronics waste management services and authorize execution by the Board Chair and the County Administrator.
7. Approval of letter in support of a Highway System Improvement Program Solicitation application by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for improvements and signalization at County State Aid Highway 4/County Road 4/Trunk Highway 61.

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8. Approval to award contract to United States Mechanical for the replacement of the Law Enforcement Center water control system without further action of the County Board conditioned upon the execution of a contract as approved by law.
9. Approval of a cooperative agreement with the City of Stillwater for County State Aid Highway 15 landscaping construction cost reimbursement and maintenance.
10. Approval of public safety Communications System Subscriber Agreements with the cities of Woodbury, Oak Park Heights, Forest Lake, Stillwater, Oakdale, Marine, Lake Elmo, St. Paul Park, Mahtomedi, Hugo, Bayport, Scandia and Newport and with Stillwater Township and the Lower St. Croix Valley Fire District

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bids were received for cold inplace bituminous recycling, bituminous milling, and bituminous paving on County Road 71 in the City of Afton as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tower Asphalt	\$1,086,574.57
Hardrives	\$1,188,754.59
North Valley	\$1,217,378.08

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-052** as follows:

Bid Award for Cold Inplace Bituminous Recycling Project on County Road 71 in the City of Afton to Tower Asphalt

WHEREAS, in order to complete road maintenance construction on county roads, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WEHREAS, bids were opened on May 5, 2009, 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

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.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

LAKES AREA YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

The Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau and former Washington County Sheriff James Trudeau presented the 2008 James Trudeau Law Enforcement on Behalf of Youth Award to Deputy Pete Godfrey for his outstanding work with youth in the Forest Lake area.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Board Chair Peterson presented Family Child Care Provider, Preschool Caregiver, and Center Caregiver of the Year Awards to the following individuals: Karen Birong, Oakdale, Family Child Care Provider of the Year; Barb Ledo, Woodbury, Family Child Care Provider of the Year; Lisa Bents, Rainbow Christian Preschool, Lakeland, Preschool Caregiver of the Year; and Elizabeth Lauterbach, Primrose School of Woodbury, Center Caregiver of the Year for 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Consider County Participation in Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law Program

The Board Chair presented a brief overview of today's public hearing dealing with Washington County's continued participation in the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax program. The Board Secretary indicated that the notice of public hearing was published and was placed on file.

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, reviewed the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law program. The intended purpose of the program is to promote aggregate mining prior to development and creates a program that requires property containing commercial aggregate deposits to be valued at its agricultural value. It becomes effective for 2009 assessment, with taxes payable in 2010. The program requires an application and restrictive covenant and the land must be presently classified as residential or agricultural. Land enrolled would be valued at average agricultural value per acre with a class rate of 1%. If not mined, additional tax will be due for all years in the program. If it is mined, no benefits need to be repaid and the classification changes to commercial. Currently, there are more than 2,000 acres owned by aggregate companies. Land values currently run from \$7,500 to \$20,000 per acre or more in some parts of the county. Value under the program would be between \$3,300 and \$4,300. Impacts from this program would be lower value on some lands owned by or held for future aggregate mining which would impact other property owners who would not be benefiting from the program.

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Mr. Corbid stated the Board has the following options to consider: 1) Approve the resolution to terminate Washington County's participation in this property tax program; or, 2) Take no action and make a decision upon an initial application. By law, the counties have until May 2010 to opt out of the program and may opt back in at anytime by county resolution.

Mr. Corbid noted that a change was made to the program in the last couple days of the legislative session. Along with the valuation reduction they also passed a new class rate, 2E for aggregate mining properties that has a 1% class rate and it doesn't pay for the school excess levies. When the bill was first passed the interpretation was that counties could opt out of the evaluation side, but it could not opt out of having this 2E classification available to the property owners. The legislature has changed the language to say that counties can now opt out of both. Currently in Washington County the property owned by the aggregate mining companies and that are currently being mined are being classified as commercial, the rest of them are either residential classification or agricultural classification based on its current use. The county does not have any unmined deposits being classed as commercial.

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

Commissioner Kriesel moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously. The public hearing was closed at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-053** as follows:

Resolution Terminating Participation in the
Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of maintaining aggregate resources within the county; and

WHEREAS, the County Board recognizes that property taxes are an important consideration as to the viability of the aggregate industries located in the county; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has an ad valorem property tax system based on the full market value of real estate; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Minn. Statute 273.1115, Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law, grants special treatment to owners of land containing aggregate deposits, in comparison with other property in the county, therefore shifting the tax burden onto other properties; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Minn. Statute 273.1115 allow a county to terminate application of this law; and

WHEREAS, a county may reauthorize application of this law by a resolution of the County Board revoking the termination; and

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WHEREAS, the County Board has met the requirements to terminate application of this law by holding a public hearing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners hereby terminates participation in the Aggregate Resource Preservation Property Tax Law in Washington County.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Public Information Coordinator II

Jim Schug, County Administrator, introduced Yvonne Klinnert as the new Public Information Coordinator II. Yvonne most recently has worked with the Stillwater Courier as Editor. She has also spent a considerable amount of time over the years covering County Board actions.

Legislative Update

Mr. Schug presented a legislative update as follows: the legislature adjourned last evening without a tax bill and the question is how that will impact the county's program aid which it receives from the state to fund the many services it provides under mandates and direction of state agencies; the current estimate for the shortfall is about \$2.7 billion; a non-controversial tax bill was approved by the legislature, the Governor has signed it and includes the elimination of a separate truth-in-taxation hearing, and the requirement to advertise for a truth-in-taxation hearing was also eliminated; there is a requirement that the landowners still receive a truth-in-taxation notice and that a date of a regularly scheduled board meeting be identified where they can comment on the proposed budget and levy before it is adopted; it also states that the meeting cannot be held before 6:00 p.m.; final levies do not have to be certified up until January 15 if the December aid payments are unallotted; an optional special levy has been approved that allows the first year operating and maintenance costs for new public safety facilities to be added outside of the levy limit and because the new building includes a courts and an in-custody arraignment courtroom it is staff's understanding that those are permitted in terms of being able to exceed the statutory levy limits; and there is a requirement that any new or changes to existing Maintenance of Efforts or matching fund requirements that are enacted by the legislature cannot be implemented until July 1, 2011.

Under Public Safety and Corrections the bill that was passed and signed by the Governor did reduce county probation grants by about \$2 million over the biennium, but the Department of Corrections has the discretion on where to implement those cuts; the county will lose the \$90,000 grant for funding the 8-day juvenile hold facility; General Assistance Medical Care has been line-item vetoed by the Governor and there was some limited use of that program by jail prisoners to cover some of their medical costs which may not now be available; there was elimination of the short-term offender program; and counties and cities have authority

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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 Hegberg, Peterson, Weik, 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; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jennifer Wagenius, Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Andy Gitzlaff, Associate Planner; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo; Senior Planner; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II; and David 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 9:10 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Peterson, Weik and Kriesel. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jennifer Wagenius, Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Andy Gitzlaff, Associate Planner; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo; Senior Planner; Sue Hedlund, Deputy Public Health and Environment Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II; and David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the May 12, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of county comments on the City of Oak Park Height's proposed establishment of Municipal Development District No. 1, and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District No. 1-1.
3. Approval to renew a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Corrections for remote electronic alcohol monitoring.
4. Approval for the Community Corrections Director and the Sheriff to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Tubman, to support a federal grant for interagency planning and coordination to address domestic violence.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-054** as follows:

Resolution Approving Washington County Community
Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cooperation Agreement

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has the authority to award Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds to local governments for the purpose of providing assistance to low-and moderate-income individuals and families, pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 24, Chapter 5, 570; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has determined that Washington County is eligible to receive a CDBG Block Grant upon execution of CDBG Cooperation Agreements with the cities and towns of Washington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Development Block Grant Cooperation Agreement between Washington County and the Town of Denmark of Washington County be approved, and that the County Board Chair and County Administrator are authorized to execute the CDBG Cooperation Agreement.

6. Approval of a Needs Determination for expanding the licensed capacity of East Suburban Resources, a Day Training and Habilitation Program serving adults with developmental disabilities, from 32 persons to 48 persons.
7. Approval of plat of Murphy Addition located in Denmark Township.

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8. Approval of Change Order #2 to contract with Ford Metro, Inc. in the amount of \$35,031.91.
9. Approval of Change Order #5 to contract with Gresser Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$78,729.81.
10. Approval of Change Order #7 to contract with Commercial Drywall, Inc. in the amount of \$76,545.64.
11. Approval of Change Order #14 to contract with People's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$127,206.
12. Approval of Change Order #15 to contract with People's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$81,250.
13. Approval to enter into an agreement with Xcel Energy for Peak-Controlled Tiered Services for the Government Center Campus.
14. Approval of license agreement with USA Mobility for co-location on Washington County's Somerset, Wisconsin tower site.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Commissioner Kriesel moved to amend Washington County's 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership program Annual Action Plan to apply for \$218,213 in CDBG Recovery funds allocated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as follows: 1) Ann Bodlovick Senior Housing Elevator Replacement Project, \$110,000; 2) Publicly owned transitional housing energy efficiency rehabilitation project, \$65,538; 3) Brick Pond Apartments exterior repair and replacement project, \$20,854; and 4) Community Services to administer the CDBG-R program, \$21,821. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Recognition for Court Administrator Christina M. Volkers

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-055** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation
Christina M. Volkers
Washington County Court Administrator

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WHEREAS, Christina Volkers will leave her position as Washington County Court Administrator effective June 21, 2009, to accept a new position as Deputy Court Executive Officer of the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, California; and

WHEREAS, Christina Volkers took the oath of office as Washington County Court Administrator in Judicial District 10 on July 3, 2000, to provide a full array of court services to the public, judges, attorneys, agencies, and other members of the judicial district; and

WHEREAS, Christina Volkers achieved many departmental and district goals during her tenure including changing from a county to state judicial system in 2005 increasing the security in the adult and juvenile courtrooms, utilizing new technology for smoother and more efficient court operations, and playing a key role in the planning and construction of the new Washington County Courthouse in Stillwater; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving in Washington County, she served from 1996 to 2000 as the Court Manager in the Criminal and Traffic divisions of Hennepin County; worked from 1988 to 1996 as the Administrative and Accounting manager in the Criminal and Traffic divisions of Ramsey County; provided leadership as the President of the Minnesota Association for Court Management from 2006 to 2008; and was appointed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2000 to serve on the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges, with grateful appreciation, Christina Volker's exemplary leadership as the Washington County Court Administrator and her public service to the citizens of Washington County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily commends Chris Volkers for her dedication and extends their best wishes to Chris and her family as she assumes new responsibilities and challenges in her new position in California.

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

Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan

Jane Harper, Principal Planner, presented the Draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan includes new policies and strategies to address contemporary issues such as sustainability, healthy communities, transit, and transit-oriented development. The component of the plan that is most different from the 2020 plan is the section on natural resources. The county now has a Groundwater Plan and implementation work plans, the Water Governance and implementation strategy, the Water Consortium, the Land and Water Legacy Referendum and Program, an updated Solid Waste Master Plan, and a large emphasis on impaired water bodies and TMDL's study. In the area of housing the county now has a Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program, there is a consolidated housing plan, an owner-occupied rehab program, and in the last couple of years a focus on foreclosed housing.

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Ms. Harper reviewed the recommendations of the Planning Advisory Commission. They held two workshops and received an overview on all of the chapters of the plan. They also considered three township requests for changes to the future land use map from West Lakeland, Denmark and Baytown Townships.

Denmark Township requested a change of 54 acres from agriculture to commercial/industrial rural with no urban services, and 64 acres from agriculture to semi-rural with 5 acre lot size. The Planning Advisory Commission recommended that the county modify its future land use map to be consistent with the township map.

West Lakeland Township's plan shows three areas of commercial/industrial along I-94. The county does not recognize that in its future land use map. The Planning Advisory Commission recommended against changing the future land use map to be consistent with the township map. However, they did recommend that the county continue to consider requests from individual land owners and evaluate each request on its merits.

Baytown Township requested to revise its land use plan to change its land use designation on 1,628 acres in the central portion from rural residential to single family estates. County staff and Met Council have concerns about the change. The township has been meeting with Met Council for over a year discussing this request. A week before the Planning Advisory Commission meeting they negotiated a compromise whereby the area could be designated as a single family estate if it was put under an overlay district called a flexible development overlay district. It would require that any new development be clustered on small lots and that a substantial portion of the property have a development agreement over that lot. However they would not allow the township to put a permanent conservation easement over that undeveloped portion. The ordinance would be in conflict with the county's cluster housing ordinance. The Planning Advisory Commission took two votes on this issue. The first was to carry both the township's proposal and the county's proposal forward through the public review process but that vote did not prevail. The second vote was to accept the negotiated proposal for the overlay district and that vote also failed. Therefore, there was no action to change the county's future land use plan to adopt the negotiated compromise. The commission's greatest concern was they did not have any time to review and understand the impacts of that overlay district. There was concern that it would set a precedent for how the county handled it in other areas and the county would have to amend its ordinance and treat Baytown Township differently than it treats other townships. The lack of understanding of how the county would implement the proposal given its cluster housing ordinance requires the conservation easement.

The Planning Advisory Commission took a final vote to recommend to the County Board that the plan as drafted with the suggested changes in front of the Board including the change in land use for Denmark Township be approved. The Planning Commission wanted to be assured that it would see the plan again and see the comments received during the comment period. They also wanted to express to the Board their concern about the lack of a strong goal statement regarding the protection of agricultural land and preserving farming in the county. They wanted to see something in the goals.

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Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-056** as follows:

Approve the Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 473.864 requires local governmental units to review and, if necessary, amend their entire comprehensive plans and their fiscal devices and official controls at least once every ten years to ensure comprehensive plans conform with metropolitan system plans and ensure fiscal devices and official controls do not conflict with comprehensive plans or permit activities that conflict with metropolitan system plans; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes sections 473.858 and 473.864 require local governmental units to complete their "decennial" reviews by December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section 473.864, the Metropolitan Council granted Washington County an extension of the deadline to complete its "decennial" comprehensive plan to May 29, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has developed a sound plan for its future growth after considering population and job projections, past and possible future patterns of development, the future infrastructure needs, the condition of the natural and historical resources and the recreational needs and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Washington County reviewed the pertinent chapters of the draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan with Washington County's Library Board, Water Consortium, Park and Open Space Commission, and Planning Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission reviewed the final draft plan on April 28 and May 13, 2009 and approved a draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan to recommend to the Washington County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 473.858, subd. 2 requires the county to submit its proposed plan to adjacent governmental units, affected special districts lying in whole or in part within the metropolitan area, and affected school districts for review and comment at least six months prior to submission of the plan to the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has requested that Washington County submit its approved proposed plan to the Metropolitan Council for its review concurrently with the distribution of the proposed plan to the adjacent governmental units for their review.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and directs staff to submit the plan for review to adjacent governmental units, affected special districts, and affected school districts for their review and to submit the plan to the Metropolitan Council for its review.

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

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The Commissioners discussed the request by West Lakeland Township. Ms. Harper stated staff could add something to the draft comp plan before it goes out for release about the Board's concerns about development along I-94 and its willingness to study the township's request in the future.

Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a legislative update as follows: the Governor has not made any decisions on unallotment, but staff is working on the 2010 budget, and they are taking a conservative approach on any revenue that may be coming from the state; staff will be coming to the Board in workshop to lay out the parameters for the 2010 budget guidelines as soon as they get information from the state regarding program aid; the legislature has authorized the use of credit cards in deputy registrar transactions and a surcharge can be imposed to cover the cost; and the county has a \$10 booking fee for individuals held in county jails, but the cap has now been removed and counties can charge for actual costs.

Commissioner Peterson noted that the Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Committee as well as the Board of Directors met last Friday. The combined Boards indicated that they were not going to take any position and will let the Governor do what he's going to do; they weren't going to get involved in making recommendations at this time.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported on the joint meeting with Ramsey County that was held last week. It was a productive and positive meeting. She recommended as a next step to schedule an Implications Wheel meeting to review some of the changes that are coming from the legislature and if there might be future ways to partner with Ramsey County. Last Thursday she attended the Community Outreach Advisory Work Group for Public Health Emergency Preparedness. They discussed their senior citizen preparedness outreach program and expanding it to use the MRC volunteers. They discussed the "File of Life" program, which lists medications and is available to emergency personnel in the event of crisis situations. She felt that might be a good topic for the County Insight cable show. She also suggested that the program could be highlighted in the Staying in Touch Newsletter. Yesterday she attended the Woodbury Memorial Day services. Former Commissioner Dick Stafford gave the introduction and did a great job. Approximately 400 people attended and the keynote speaker was Lt. Colonel Joel Fortenberry from the U.S. Air Force. Mayor Bill Hargis also spoke and she thanked him for mentioning the Yellow Ribbon Network in Washington County.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting he attended. Washington County will be receiving 3% for four years instead of three years at 1% which it was originally planned. The Public Employee Retirement Association will not be required by the Legislature to merge with the Minneapolis teachers group. The Rush Line Task Force met and it looks like they are going forward

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with the buses from Forest Lake to St. Paul and looking at that starting in September. The route has not been finalized yet. He attended the event in Hugo marking the one year anniversary of the tornado. He attended the Community Action Partnership for Ramsey and Washington Counties and the Metropolitan Area on Aging Agency meetings last week. Commissioner Hegberg will not be at next week's meeting. He will be attending the Public Risk Management Association conference. In July he will be attending the National Association of Counties Conference, but he will try to make the July 28 Board meeting. He will leave for a personal trip to China on August 3 and will return on August 30.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that the Governor signed legislation that would prohibit truck traffic across the bridge. Stillwater held their first marathon and it was a great success. The City Administrator of Bayport, Mike McGuire, will be retiring. He attended the Parks and Open Space Commission meeting and they discussed allowing dogs in county parks. They are also checking into waiving the annual permit fee for families of deployed veterans using the parks.

Commissioner Peterson thanked staff for being concise, to the point and not giving the Board so much information that it was overwhelming regarding the joint meeting with Ramsey County. Last week she attended the Transportation Advisory Board and was surprised to learn that enhancement funds in the amount of \$1.5 million will be used for the fishing pier in Inver Grove Heights. She cannot believe that someone would want a fishing pier or an overlook on the river looking at the refinery and going past the King of Diamonds.

Commissioner Peterson stated she will suggest to the senior staff of the Counties Transit Improvement Board that they prepare a request for action form for each item. She also noted that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will hold an informational meeting regarding the proposed 3M chemical cleanup plan for Cottage Grove on the 27th at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Public Works Department to review background on the Regional Rail Corridor, Memorandum of Understanding with Hugo and the Minnesota Department of Transportation for Access Management along the TH 61/Regional Rail corridor and consideration of an easement to the City of Hugo for expansion of TH 61. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Weik, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Andy Gitzlaff, Ted Schoenecker, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Sharon Price, Harley Will, Mayor Fran Miron, City of Hugo, Brian Bear, City of Hugo Community Development Director, and Jay Kennedy, City of Hugo Engineer.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works for an overview of the transitway corridors within Washington County. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Weik, Peterson and Hegberg. Also present were Jim Schug, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Andy Gitzlaff, and Ted Schoenecker.

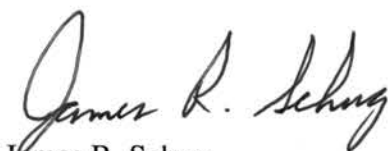
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Board met with the County Administrator to conduct his annual performance review and work plan. Present were Commissioners Peterson, Kriesel, Weik and Hegberg. Also present was Jim Schug, County Administrator.



Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

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to provide administrative penalties for most traffic violations with restrictions, with a maximum administrative penalty of up to \$60 and that the counties would retain two-thirds of that fine.

In Health and Human Services the Governor line-item vetoed the General Assistance Medical Care that would constitute about a \$381 million reduction in that program; and the Governor stated he had significant concerns with a provision in the bill that prohibits a special transportation broker.

Mr. Schug stated that staff is not sure at this time what the impact will be on the county program aid. They hope the Governor will act sooner rather than later so there is more time to take a look at budget impacts for the balance of 2009 and for 2010. One prediction that was made by Keith Carlson, Minnesota Inter-County Association Executive Director, was that the Governor was going to stick with his recommendations for reduction in county program aid which is the number the county has been using in its planning.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported that Lt. Colonel Barb O'Reilly from the National Guard attended the Mental Health Advisory Council. She was impressed with the group and plans on becoming a member. The Planning Commission met and discussed the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Last evening he attended the Stillwater Yellow Ribbon Initiative. This week he will be attending the Counties Transit Improvement Board and the Parks and Open Space Commission.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Law Enforcement Memorial Day at the Historic Courthouse. It was a solemn and moving ceremony. Jim Franklin, Executive Director of the Minnesota Sheriff's Association, was the keynote speaker and was outstanding. She attended the two-day Association of Minnesota Counties Futures meeting last week. She also attended a meeting of the Yellow Ribbon Committee and the next meeting will be Thursday, May 28 and she will not be able to attend that meeting. They are working on the web site and reviewed Pat Singel's draft report and action plan. This week she will attend the Counties Transit Improvement Board and the Public Health and Emergency Preparedness Committee on Thursday where they will review the Medical Reserve Corp Program. On Monday, Woodbury will hold a Memorial Day Service on the new City Hall Memorial Plaza at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Peterson reported that MELSA made significant policy changes and will be doing more purchases of joint programs and data basis. They continue to have a conversation about Maintenance of Effort and the disagreements they have with the Minnesota Library Association.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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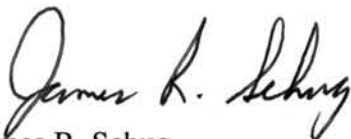
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourned, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 2, 2009

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, Weik, and Kriesel. Commissioner Hegberg absent. Board Chair Peterson 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; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Keith Potter, Facilities Manager; Jim Lindner, Public Works Assistant Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandy Hahn, Community Corrections Division Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Directory; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Sr. Program Manager; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Dave Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Yvonne Klinnert, 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 Weik moved, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the May 19, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Cynthia Krueger, Denmark Township, to the Minnesota Extension Committee, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
3. Approval to appoint Joseph Bauer, Stillwater, to the Mental Health Advisory Council as a Child Mental Health Professional, to a first term expiring December 31, 2011.
4. Approval to appoint Jerry Cagle, Cottage Grove, to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee to a first term expiring December 31, 2009.
5. Approval to renew a thirty-six month agreement for PRI circuit service from Qwest to the Government Center and the Law Enforcement Center.

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6. Approval to authorize the Public Works Director to enter into a cost allocation agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company pursuant to Minnesota Statute 219.071, Subdivision 3 for the replacement of the railroad crossing surface on CSAH 17 in the City of Lake Elmo.
7. Approval of mutual aid joint powers agreement between the State of Minnesota acting through its Commissioner of Corrections, Minnesota Department of Corrections, Minnesota Correctional Facility, Oak Park Heights, and the County of Washington, Minnesota.
8. Approval to accept a donation from Residential Mortgage Group on behalf of Wade and Lynn Settler of Hugo, MN, in the amount of \$100.

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Tubman

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve a revised 2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Tubman, formerly known a Tubman Family Alliance, by reducing the funding for services by \$16,000 for the last six months of 2009. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve the revised 2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau, by reducing the funding for services by \$13,500 for the last six months of 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

PUBLI WORKS

Update on Federal Funding

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director, presented an update on various federal funding that Washington County or projects within the county have received, have submitted for, or will be submitting for. The funding sources include the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Federal Year 2010 Appropriations, Federal Authorization High Priority Projects, and 2009 Regional Solicitation for Federal Transportation Projects. He also requested authorization for the Board Chair to send thank you letters to U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Representative Betty McCollum, and U.S. Representative Michele

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Bachmann for their support of Washington County's projects through the Federal Appropriations and High Priority Projects process.

Commissioner Weik moved to authorize the Board Chair to send thank you letters to U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Representative Betty McCollum, and U.S. Representative Michele Bachmann for their support of Washington County's projects through the Federal Appropriations and High Priority Projects process. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

Application for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-057** as follows:

U.S. Department of Energy Grant Application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and, to the maximum extent practicable, and maximize benefits for local and regional communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to reduce the total energy used in County operations and improve energy efficiency in operations; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has been a member of the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition since its inception in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has an approved resolution on use of sustainable building guidelines and identified energy policy program development areas in the County's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is eligible to receive \$693,000 in a direct grant from the U.S. Department of Energy under the Recovery Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to enter into and execute a grant application and agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy for a period of 3 years from the date the County receives the grant award.

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Library Board Appointment

Commissioner Peterson moved to appoint Herbert Japs to the Library Board representing District 4 to a first term expiring December 31, 2011. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent.

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Legislative Update

Jim Schug, County Administrator, presented a brief legislative update regarding the Governor's veto of the Omnibus Transportation Policy Bill which included the authority to use credit or debit cards for license tab fees. He is not sure if there is another avenue that can be explored, but it looks like that is temporarily on hold. He received information yesterday from Keith Carlson who threw a cautionary note on the unallocation of program aid to counties. Mr. Carlson has had conversations with the Department of Revenue and he is concerned about the methodology being used to allocate the county program and local government aid funds and that perhaps counties may not be doing as well as they had hoped when the Governor's budget was introduced. The timeframe is expected to have the unallotments occur in mid-June and Mr. Carlson is reminding the Department of Revenue and the Governor's staff about the things that county government uses its county program aid to fund which is subsidizing and helping cover the local cost of a variety of State and Federal programs.

Commissioner Peterson stated that on Friday night the Mayor of Wadena, Wayne Wolden appeared on Almanac and gave a reply about local government aid and it was quite effective. She stated she would send a letter thanking him for his comments and addressing the issue he had been chided for.

Commissioner Weik noted there was an excellent opinion column in the Star Tribune on Monday, June 1 from the Mayor of Alexandria, Dan Ness and a summary of the reality and impacts to the Governor's cuts.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Stillwater Ward 3 neighborhood meeting along with staff from Public Works. He also attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board to discuss the impacts of the legislative session.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board and added that there is a panel discussion of waste processing technologies that all Board members are invited to attend on Friday, June 26 at 9:00 a.m. at the Dakota Lodge Thompson Park Center. She has indicated that she will attend. The Solid Waste Board also discussed targets to increase recycling of various materials. She attended the District X meeting with Commissioner Peterson. They discussed the State/County results, accountability, and service delivery of the redesign. They also talked about juvenile detention alternatives and public health topics such as SHIP and H1N1 Virus. Over the weekend both she and Commissioner Pulkrabek were at the rally to save the Fury Dealership in Lake Elmo. There was a good turnout.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the rally at Fury Motors and estimated that about 250 people attended. On Thursday, through the Oakdale Business and Professional Association, he will attend the Eggs and Issues Breakfast.

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Commissioner Peterson reported on the Minnesota Pollution Control meeting held last Wednesday in Cottage Grove to discuss methods that were to be used to curb some of the contamination at the 3M Cottage Grove site. She raised the issue about the geology of the area and some of the practices they are looking at. She participated in a National Association of Counties transportation conference call last Thursday where they discussed the reauthorization and a number of Federal transportation issues. She will bring to the Board the final policies that are put in place prior to the summer meeting. She attended the Rail Policy meeting last week which was developing policies for the State Rail Plan. She was happy to learn that the legislature provided \$250,000 to Mn/DOT to establish a rail division. She would like to meet with Dan Papin and Commissioner Weik to discuss the Human Service redesign. At noon today she will be meeting with the new Administrator from Newport.

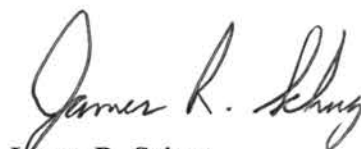
BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Hegberg absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Myra Peterson, Chair

County Board

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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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, 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; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst I; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Yvonne Klinnert, 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 9:14 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst I; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the May 26, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Jeralyn Jargo, Stillwater, to the Workforce Investment Board, representing Education, to a first term expiring June 30, 2012.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-058** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption for 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, 12378 Point Douglas Dr., Hastings (Denmark Township), 55033.

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

4. Approval and execution of a license to the Picnic Basket, Inc. for the use of a portion of the grounds at Point Douglas Park to operate a concession stand.
5. Approval to accept amendment to 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 of \$56.10 and extend the contract through June 30, 2010.
6. Approval of the 2009 Federal boating safety supplemental grant in the amount of \$25,708 to purchase a 19 ½ foot commercial boat, motor and trailer to station on Forest Lake.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS**Manning Avenue and Gateway Trail**

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-059** as follows:

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Cooperative Construction Agreement with State of Minnesota
Department of Natural Resources for the Gateway Trail
County State Aid Highway 15 Crossing

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Natural Resources has planned and intends to construct a separated trail crossing of the Gateway Trail over Manning Avenue (CSAH 15) in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, through its 2009 Capital Improvement Program allocated \$100,000.00 towards the construction of this Trail Crossing; and

WHEREAS, the State and the county are authorized under Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59 to enter into agreements to jointly or cooperatively exercise common powers; and

WHEREAS, the plans for the Trail Crossing have been developed by the State and approved by the County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the construction of this Trail Crossing has numerous safety benefits for both trail and highway users; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Washington hereby approves the Gateway State Trail Highway 15/Manning Avenue Crossing Cooperative Agreement and authorizes the proper county officers to execute such agreement and any amendments, and thereby assume for and on behalf of the county all of the contractual obligations contained therein.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Response to Petition to Assume Ownership of Goodview Avenue

Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Public Works Director, presented a brief overview of a petition for Washington County to assume ownership of Goodview Avenue which is located in the Cities of Grant and Hugo and White Bear Township in Ramsey County. Goodview Avenue runs north and south and is approximately 2.1 miles long. A segment in White Bear Township and Grant is gravel the rest is paved. Goodview Avenue is classified as a local street and a local collector. It lacks shoulders and is not designed for trucks. The adjacent use is exclusively residential and traffic volumes are low. The Washington County Comp Plan does not contemplate this as a county route.

Mr. Sandberg presented two options for the Board to consider: Option 1) Unilaterally assume ownership of Goodview Avenue through resolution which would mean that the county would be expected to pave the roadway, build to a 10 ton design and it would become a truck route; however, it is not state aid eligible so the use of levy or wheelage tax would be needed; or, Option 2) take no action thereby denying the request of the petitioners, ownership of Goodview Avenue would remain with the cities and township, the gravel road issues will remain, and there would need to be continued dialog with communities on a potential solution. Mr. Sandberg concluded that Goodview Avenue currently is not a candidate as a county road, and recommended Option 2 and would support continued efforts to develop a plan to pave the roadway.

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Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Option 2 and deny the petition for Washington County to assume ownership of Goodview Avenue. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Hegberg asked that the county continue to work with the cities and township to develop a plan for Goodview Avenue.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant Agreement

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-060** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Washington County Community Services
to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with Minnesota Housing for
Neighborhood Stabilization Program Funds

WHEREAS, the federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) appropriated \$3.92 billion in federal funds for emergency assistance for redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential properties, through a grant program commonly referred to as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program is to diminish house vacancy rates, reverse the decline of property values, and stabilize neighborhoods negatively impacted by foreclosure and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA) provides that grants under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program shall be treated as though such funds are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota through Minnesota Housing received approximately \$38 million in NSP funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Housing issued a request for applications for Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds in counties most impacted abandoned and foreclosed homes; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Housing required that eligible applicants administer Community Development Block Grant (Community Development Block Grant) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Services is the organization that is responsible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County has seen a rapid increase in foreclosures and vacant properties; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Services applied, in partnership with the Washington County HRA, the City of Cottage Grove, the City of Oakdale, and Two Rivers Community Land Trust, to Minnesota Housing for \$1,642,035 in NSP funds; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Housing has allocated \$1,642,035 in NSP funds to Washington County Community Services to meet the goals of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes a grant agreement between Washington County Community Services and Minnesota Housing and that the County Board Chair and the County Administrator are authorized to execute the grant agreement.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Workforce Investment Act 2009 Local Unified Plan Update

Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager, presented an overview of the 2009 Workforce Investment Act Local Unified Plan Update. The plan covers veterans, dislocated workers, economically disadvantaged, adults and seniors. In 2009 there are increased funds in the amount of \$734,905 for the dislocated workers program, adults program and senior program. Funding amounts for the state dislocated workers are still pending.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to approve the Washington County Workforce Center's 2009 Local Unified Plan Update as required by the Federal Workforce Investment Act. Commissioner Kriesel second the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Commissioner Pulkrabek returned to the meeting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Appointments to the Metropolitan Airports Commission Joint Airport Zoning Board for the Lake Elmo Airport

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the appointment of former Commissioner R.H. Stafford and Washington County Senior Planner Dennis O'Donnell to the Metropolitan Airports Commission Joint Airport Zoning Board for the Lake Elmo Airport. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Performance Measurement Annual Report

Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst I, presented an overview of the 2008 Annual Performance Measurement Report.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that in next year's report he would like to see comparisons for the five past years and also five years previous to that to see growth in the county or where there may be areas or services that are no longer needed.

Next Week's Board Meeting

Jim Schug, County Administrator, announced that next week the County Board will meet as the Board of Appeal and Equalization. By statute that meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. and must continue to at least 7:00 p.m. The county is also hosting a meeting at 3:00 p.m. with horse boarders from throughout the county and local units of government in which the horse boarding operations are located in order to talk with them about concerns that have been raised during the valuation process. The County Board will start at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked why there was a drop in the number of cases to be heard at the Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, stated there are a number of reasons why the number of cases went down. In some cases property owners got appraisals for the department or information that after review staff agreed that an adjustment was warranted. There were a number of cases where a taxpayer did not provide any additional information and when staff called them back to finalize plans for their appointment they informed staff that they did not want to appear. Some signed up prior to the local board finishing, and if the local board made an adjustment and they felt that was reasonable they canceled their appointment. A number of commercial property owners signed up. Staff sent out letters that in order to consider their appeal they need to give the county copies of appraisals, copies of income and expense, copies of rent roles and lease information. A lot decided they didn't want to share that with the county and would go to tax court. There are approximately 17 to 19 appellants who will appear.

Commissioner Weik mentioned that she will be in Chicago next week for an American Public Transportation Association Rail Conference so will miss the week's meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Peterson noted that a former Mayor of Woodbury, Dan Guider, passed away last week. He was a friend before he was a Mayor. He made many contributions to Woodbury and to South Washington County.

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Commissioner Weik noted that the Pioneer Press had a nice obituary for Mr. Guider that outlined his years of service, quotes from friends and colleagues that the City of Woodbury owes Mr. Guider a great debt. Her sympathy and thoughts are with the family.

Commissioner Weik stated she will be taking the Amtrak train to Chicago for the Rail Conference. It's an eight hour train ride. If there is high speed rail into the Twin Cities from Chicago in the future, close to three hours will be taken off that trip. She will be returning on June 23. She noted that she will not be here for the July 7 Board meeting.

Commissioner Weik noted that the City of Woodbury will consider appealing the Board of Water and Soil Resources decision to expand the South Washington Watershed District. She will try to attend the council meeting for that discussion.

Commissioner Weik reported that Councilwomen Julie Ohs has had a couple meetings to get orientated with the Yellow Ribbon Initiative in Woodbury. There is an effort also to form a steering committee in the City of Woodbury. They are tentatively preparing a kick-off event for September.

Commissioner Weik will attend a meeting with Commissioner Pulkrabek and Woodbury staff tomorrow morning to discuss the Northeast Business Park proposal.

Commissioner Weik announced that local churches in Cottage Grove have been offering free meals once a week for those who have been laid off and families struggling to feed their family a nutritious meal.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board meeting he attended last week which discussed the 2010 budget. The Audit Committee met and Washington County came out with a good report from the external auditors. Last evening he attended the West Lakeland Town Board and made a presentation on the Yellow Ribbon Initiative.

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Resource Recovery Budget meeting. The system is now 30 years old, technology is changing rapidly, and there is a waste processing technology forum that will be held on June 26. He attended the Public Risk Management Association conference in Dallas last week. He rode all the rail systems in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He believes Minnesota is doing a better job in designing the system and making it more accessible to the handicapped and elderly. The insurance industry is in a lot of change and reinsurance will be a bigger issue for the county and will affect the rates in the future.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported on the Public Policy Forum held by the Oakdale Business Professional Association. Tomorrow he will meet with representatives from the City of Woodbury and Thursday he will attend the I-94 Corridor Commission.

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Commissioner Peterson reported she attended the High Speed Rail Joint Powers meeting held in Red Wing last week. All the counties on the corridor have joined and many of the cities have also joined. There are also a few cities along the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern (DM&E) Railroads that have joined. They will have a press conference in July to announce the membership as well as those folks who have been elected chair and vice chair. She attended the State Rail meeting yesterday and will distribute copies of the State Rail Plan update to the Board. The Youth Service Bureau is selling tickets for the annual garden tour with a focus on gardens in Woodbury. Former City Administrator Barry Johnson will have his house on tour.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program continues to list the St. Croix River Crossing as a viable project. Wisconsin is also in line with that.

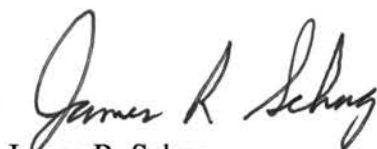
BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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 Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Myra Peterson, Chair
County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 16, 2009

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, and Kriesel. Commissioners Weik and Peterson absent. Board Vice Chair Pulkrabek presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Doug Johnson, County Attorney; John Elholm, Parks Director; John Kaul, Legislative Liaison; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jennifer Wagenius, Division Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Amanda Strommer, Public Health and Environment Program Manager; John Freitag, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Ron Johnson, Internal Auditor; David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the June 2, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Information only – 2008 report of the Audit Committee.
3. Approval to revise Human Resources Policy #5204 Adding Employee Benefit Options Through Payroll Deduction – Review Process.
4. Approval to amend contract #4399 (renumbered #2585) with SirsiDynix Corporation for software and maintenance to streamline process for interlibrary loans using the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) Circulation Interchange Protocol (NCIP).
5. Approval of comments to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding the 3M Cottage Grove Disposal Site Proposed Cleanup Plan for Perfluorochemicals and approval of the letter drafted on behalf of the Commissioners to be signed by the Board Chair.
6. Approval of comments to the City of Lakeland regarding their Local Water Management Plan and approve comment letter drafted on behalf of the Commissioners to be signed by the Board Chair.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Weik and Peterson absent.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-061** as follows:

Providing Free Access to the County's Parks for the Spouse
of any Currently Deployed Military Personnel

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to recognize the sacrifices that military families are making at home due to the deployment of military personnel; and

WHEREAS, Washington County would like to offer support to these families as part of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon initiative; and

WHEREAS, Washington County offers public park facilities that require the purchase of a permit for all vehicles entering the park; and

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to waive the park's vehicle permit fee for the spouse of currently deployed military personnel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the parks division to issue a free annual vehicle permit to the spouse of any currently deployed military personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the spouse of any currently deployed military personnel be issued the above pass between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 upon presentation of proper identification and other appropriate paperwork to the park attendant.

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Weik and Peterson absent.

Commissioner Peterson arrived at 2:20 p.m.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**Overview of 2009 Legislative Session**

John Kaul, Washington County Lobbyist, reviewed the 2009 State Legislative Session and its impact on Washington County.

James Schug, County Administrator, announced that the Department of Revenue has sent out a statement regarding the Governor's speech this afternoon. It appears that a \$100 million cut will come from county program aid, and the cuts will be distributed in two state fiscal years. There will be a \$1.1 million reduction in Washington County's grant for 2009 and then in 2010 there will be another \$2.2 million reduction. Those amounts are close to what staff has been using as estimates. In addition there is approximately \$236

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million in Department of Human Services cuts, grants will be reduced to counties for mental health services, chemical dependency treatment, housing and basic needs in emergency situations, child support administration costs, and other flexible social services purposes. It is expected that some of the Federal stimulus funds could mitigate some of the impact.

Mr. Schug stated that staff will review the report and come back to the Board in workshop session to discuss parameters for the 2010 budget.

Mr. Schug reminded the audience that at 3:00 p.m. there will be a meeting between the County Board of Appeal and Equalization and persons who are interested in or affected by some changes proposed for the classification of horse boarding operations. At 5:00 p.m. the County Board of Appeal and Equalization will convene to hear persons who are contesting the valuation placed on their properties for assessment year 2009.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Hegberg reported on the Public Employee Retirement Association and the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust meetings he attended last week.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported he met with the City of Woodbury to discuss a proposed project and they will be requesting Land and Water Legacy dollars from the county. The city will make a presentation to the Board next week. He also attended the I-94 Corridor Commission and reported that he was elected chair and Woodbury Mayor Hargis was elected vice chair.

Commissioner Kriesel mentioned that a good friend and a strong community advocate, Jerry Fontaine, passed away last week. He served on Stillwater's Planning Commission for quite a few years. He expressed his condolences to his wife and family.

Commissioner Peterson thanked Commissioner Pulkrabek for taking the leadership on the I-94 Corridor Commission. She feels this corridor is key to Washington County. She encouraged the public to support the non-profit organizations because they are having difficulty finding funding. They are being asked for a lot of assistance from citizens as they suffer setbacks from the economy.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

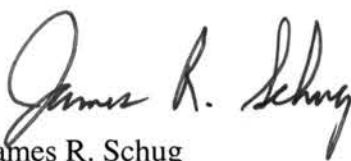
Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hegberg and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Weik absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Myra Peterson, Chair

County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 23, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson presided. Also present were James Schug, County Administrator; Molly O'Rourke, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Assistant County Attorney; Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Josh Beck, Associate Planner; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Deb Paige, Emergency Services Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; John Elholm, Parks Director; Jim Lindner, Assistant Manager; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Jane Harper, Principal Planner; David Brierley, Public Information Coordinator; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michael Weidner, Executive Director of Minnesota Paratransit Providers Association, discussed the non-emergency medical transportation contract. His organization represents access transportation and special transportation providers. He stated the county will not need to hire people to answer the phones to get rides. What will happen is the individuals who need a ride will call their providers. The provider will provide the service and the county will pay the bill which is a direct pass through to the Department of Human Services. He asked the Board to slow down and not rush into this contract.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the June 9, 2009 Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-062** as follows:

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

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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 and have high quality native plant communities or habitat for threatened, rare and/or endangered species; and

WHEREAS, Washington County recognizes the fifty (50) percent cash or in-kind match requirement of the Metro Greenway Program.

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.

3. Approval of contract amendment #2 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.
4. Approval to renew the Cooperative Agreement with the Metropolitan Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey and Scott and the State of Minnesota for the purpose of managing the joint Long Term Homelessness Support Services Program.
5. Approval for Community Services to use fund balance in the amount of \$25,300 from Fund 220 to meet the obligations of the Washington County Children and Families Council.
6. Approval of the 2009-2010 contracts with Colby Lake Care Home, Faith Home Care, and Liberty Homes of Woodbury, corporate foster cares, to provide home and community based services for persons on Medical Assistance "waivers".
7. Approval of contract with REM Minnesota Community Services, Inc. for services to clients living at the Woodlands Apartments in Cottage Grove.
8. Approval to award contract for installation of fiber optic cabling to Access Communications.
9. Approval of temporary on-sale 3.2 malt liquor license for the Greeder-Hinds-Comfort-Post #323 to be used at the Washington County Fair on July 29 through August 2, 2009.

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10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-063** as follows:

State Cost-Share Assistance Contract with Washington
Conservation District – Weed Control

WHEREAS, Washington County Parks requested cost-share assistance from the Washington Conservation District to help defray the cost of weed control in the Washington County Park System; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Conservation District has made available a State Cost-Share Assistance Contract to Washington County for the described project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the county the State Cost-Share Assistance Contract between Washington County and the Washington Conservation District conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant funds for the described development project be directed to Washington County without further action by the County Board.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2009-064** as follows:

Two Minnesota Trail Assistance Program Grant Request

WHEREAS, Washington County has developed cross-country ski trail systems in Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, Lake Elmo Park Reserve, and Pine Point Park; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Trails Assistance Program provides grants to local units of government for the construction and maintenance of recreational trails pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 85.44 and 84.026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that application for State grant-in-aid for the described cross-country ski trails be made and grant funds directed to Washington County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that participation in the Minnesota Trail Assistance Programs be authorized and the Grant in Aid agreement executed by the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator per the guidelines of Minnesota Statutes, Section 84.83, without further action by the County Board.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously.

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-065** as follows:

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Resolution Authorizing Submission of Application to
Department of Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity for
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Funds

WHEREAS, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided additional program funds of approximately \$10 million to the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of Economic Opportunity ("DHS") for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing activities (the "Funds"); and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority in partnership with several local private non-profit entities have developed an application for the Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Consolidated Plan has identified a need to provide additional rent assistance to prevent homelessness and to provide stabilized housing opportunities to homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has the lowest per capita allocation of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers in the Twin City Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has systems already in place to provide short term rental assistance of eighteen (18) months in compliance with DHS requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established relationships with non-profit agencies to provide services to participants in a variety of Authority programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. That Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is authorized to submit an application to the Department of Human Services for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Funds for services in Washington County; and
2. That this Resolution serves as the "Certificate of Approval" to conduct the activities authorized by the Funds in Washington County.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0, Commissioner Hegberg abstained.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two Funds

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-066** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Washington County Community Services to
Apply for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2) Funds with
Anoka County, Dakota County, Ramsey County, Scott County, and Chisago County

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$2.0 billion in federal funds for emergency assistance for redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential

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properties, through a grant program commonly referred to as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2); and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2) is to diminish residential vacancy rates, reverse the decline of property values, and stabilize neighborhoods negatively impacted by foreclosure and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides that grants under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program shall be treated as though such funds are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development require that eligible applicants have direct experience administrating projects related to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Community Services is the organization that is responsible for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has seen a rapid increase in foreclosures and vacant properties; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two funds are available only through competitive process at a national level; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development allows a consortia of local governments to apply for NSP 2; and

WHEREAS, a consortia can produce a more competitive application; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, Anoka County, Dakota County, Ramsey County, Scott County, and Chisago County are jointly contiguous units of local government and each have sufficient authority and administrative capability to carry out the purposes of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes Washington County Community Services to apply for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2) funds with Anoka County, Dakota County, Ramsey County, Scott County, and Chisago County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes Jim Schug, the County Administrator, and Daniel Papin, Community Services Director, to execute a Cooperation Agreement between Washington County, Anoka County, Dakota County, Ramsey County, Scott County, and Chisago County for the purposes of applying for Neighborhood Stabilization Program Two (NSP 2).

Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Non-Emergency Transportation Cooperative Agreement

Dan Papin, Community Services Director, reviewed a proposed cooperative agreement with metropolitan counties for the provision of non-emergency transportation for eligible Medical Assistance, General Assistance, and MinnesotaCare recipients through a contact with Medical Transportation Management, Inc. The agreement would run from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and would not exceed \$30,000. He stated this contract would be a stop-gap measure to ensure transportation is provided to those who need it. The counties will work for the next six months on other options that might be available.

The County Board discussed this contract and raised the following questions:

- Could Human Services, Inc. be the broker?
- How many of the 13,000 eligible recipients in Washington County use this program?
- If the county is required to pay for this service and not everybody that is eligible uses it how do the other people pay for it?
- Why is this necessary if these are non-emergency medical transportations, why can't individuals just call on their own?
- What would be the down side of waiting to get a few more answers?
- How many of the rides provided in Washington County are repeat riders?
- If a person independently arranged for their own ride what would the cost to the county be at that point?
- Would the Board consider meeting next Tuesday to get some of these questions answered?
- If the Board voted against this contract today, and the Board found out there were seniors who needed this service, how quickly would the Board know there was a problem and look at this again and implement this contract?
- The broker lines up a ride, the driver goes out to pick up the client and they are a no-show; the broker still gets paid but the driver eats the cost of driving out there and back with no ride, has that been corrected?
- If an individual brokered their own ride, could they seek reimbursement on their own, or does it have to go through an agency?

Commissioner Hegberg moved to enter into a cooperative agreement with other counties for the provision of non-emergency transportation for eligible Medical Assistance, General Assistance, and MinnesotaCare recipients through a contact transportation management service. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kriesel asked if the Board would entertain the suggestion by Commissioner Weik to meet next week to allow more information to be obtained on this matter.

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Commissioner Peterson asked could the questions raised today be answered by next week. Mr. Papin stated he would do his best to gather that information.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that if this contract does not pass, the Board would have to provide Community Services with the resources they need.

Commissioner Hegberg moved to postpone action on a cooperative agreement with other counties for the provision of non-emergency transportation for eligible Medical Assistance, General Assistance, and MinnesotaCare recipients through a contact transportation management service to June 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Peterson asked that the Board discuss next week the Governor's unallotment and cuts to Human Services and what ramifications those would have on the county.

Commissioner Weik moved that the County Board will meet in regular session next Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve a revised 2009 Purchase of Service Agreement with Human Services, Inc. by reducing the funding for domestic abuse service treatment for the last six months of 2009 by \$61,250. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Pulkrabek left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Commissioner Weik moved to approve an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to receive funding through the Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bid Award for Reconstruction of CSAH 18 in the City of Afton

Bids were received for reconstruction of CSAH 18 in the City of Afton as follows:

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<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Tower Asphalt, Inc.	\$4,020,974.18
Forest Lake Contracting, Inc.	\$4,085,093.00
Frontier Construction	\$4,162,690.68
Danner, Inc.	\$4,224,346.57
Max Steininger, Inc.	\$4,503,690.62
SR Weidema, Inc.	\$4,646,715.12
Palda & Sons, Inc.	\$4,689,757.91
Valley Paving, Inc.	\$4,718,130.53

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-067** as follows:

Bid Award for CSAH 18 East/West Reconstruction
in Afton, Minnesota to Tower Asphalt, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road reconstruction, the county solicited bids for this project; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened on June 11, 2009, with Tower Asphalt, Inc. being the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$4,020,947.18 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.

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

Campus 2025 Phase V South Wing Remodel Bid Package

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-068** as follows:

Bid Awards for Campus 2025 Phase V South Wing Remodel

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the 2025 Government Center Campus Improvements, South Wing Remodel, the County solicited bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, bids were opened on June 11, 2009 with bids accepted in 18 divisions; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Steenburg Watrud Construction, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 1 (Unit Masonry & Concrete) and the County enter into a contract with Steenburg Watrud Construction, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Northern Lights Steel Fabrication, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 2 (Structural Steel Erection & Supply) and the County enter into a contract with Northern Lights Steel Fabrication, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Prestige Builders of MN be accepted for Bid Division 3 (Carpentry/Selective Demolition) and the County enter into a contract with Prestige Builders of MN under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Paul's Architectural Woodcraft, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 4 (Interior Arch. Woodwork/P-Lam Casework) and the County enter into a contract with Paul's Architectural Woodcraft, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Palmer West Construction Co., Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 5 (Roofing, Aluminum Wall Panels & Flashing) and the County enter into a contract with Palmer West Construction Co., Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of United Glass, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 6 (Alum. Entrances, Alum. Windows & Glazing) and the County enter into a contract with United Glass, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Twin City Garage Door Co. be accepted for Bid Division 8 (Overhead Coiling Doors) and the County enter into a contract with Twin City Garage Door Co. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Twin City Hardware Company, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 9 (Steel Doors & Frames, Wood Doors & Finish Hardware) and the County enter into a contract with Twin City Hardware Company, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of W. Zintl, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 10 (Drywall) and the County enter into a contract with W. Zintl, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Dale Tile Company be accepted for Bid Division 11 (Ceramic Tile) and the County enter into a contract with Dale Tile Company under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Twin City Acoustics, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 12 (Acoustical Ceilings/Acoustical Treatment) and the County enter into a contract with Twin City Acoustics, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Target Commercial Interiors be accepted for Bid Division 13 (Carpet/Resilient Flooring) and the County enter into a contract with Target Commercial Interiors under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Wasche Commercial Finishes, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 14 (Paint/Wallcovering) and the County enter into a contract with Wasche Commercial Finishes, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of W.E. Neal Slate Company be accepted for Bid Division 15 (Visual Display Boards/Display Cases) and the County enter into a contract with W.E. Neal Slate Company under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Custom Drapery & Blinds be accepted for Bid Division 16 (Window Treatments) and the County enter into a contract with Custom Drapery & Blinds under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Brother's Fire Protection be accepted for Bid Division 17 (Fire Protection) and the County enter into a contract with Brother's Fire Protection under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Klamm Mechanical Contractors, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 18 (Plumbing, HVAC & Temperature Controls) and the County enter into a contract with Klamm Mechanical Contractors, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Parson's Electric, Inc. be accepted for Bid Division 19 (Electrical - Low Voltage - Audio Visual) and the County enter into a contract with Parson's Electric, Inc. under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Kraus Anderson, on behalf of Washington County Public Works requests quotes for Bid Division 7 (Joint Sealers) and the County enter into a contract at a later date for this work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contracts between the County and Steenburg Watrud Construction, Inc., Northern Lights Steel Fabrication, Inc., Prestige Builders of MN, Paul's Architectural Woodcraft, Inc., Palmer West Construction Co., Inc., United Glass, Inc., Twin City Garage Door Co., Twin City Hardware Company, Inc., W. Zintl, Inc., Dale Tile Company, Twin City Acoustics, Inc., Target Commercial Interiors, Wasche Commercial Finishes, Inc., W.E. Neal Slate Company, Custom Drapery & Blinds, Brother's Fire Protection, Klamm Mechanical Contractors, Inc., and Parson's Electric, Inc. be executed through the signatures of the Chairman of the Washington

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

Free Annual or Daily Vehicle Park Permits for Certain Military Personnel

Commissioner Peterson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-069** as follows:

Providing Free Access to the County's Parks for any
Military Personnel on Leave or Recently Leaving Active Service and
Any Veteran who has a Total and Permanent Service Connected Disability

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to recognize the sacrifices that have been made or are currently being made by our country's military personnel; and

WHEREAS, the program serves the public purpose of recognizing the sacrifices of veterans and current members of the military as reflected in numerous provisions of State Statute; and

WHEREAS, Washington County would like to offer support to these individuals as part of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon initiative; and

WHEREAS, Washington County offers public park facilities that require the purchase of a permit for all vehicle entering the park; and

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to waive the vehicle permit fee for any military personnel on leave or recently leaving active service, and any veteran who has a total and permanent service-connected disability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners, hereby authorizes the parks division to issue a free annual vehicle permit to any veteran who has a total and permanent service-connected disability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the parks division to issue free daily vehicle permits to any military personnel on leave and those visiting within 90 days of leaving active service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above military personnel be issued the above pass between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 upon presentation of proper identification and other appropriate paperwork to the park attendant.

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

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Partial Reimbursement of Costs to Purchase Parcel A within St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

Commissioner Hegberg moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2009-070** as follows:

Metropolitan Council Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant
Reimbursement for Portion of Parcel A, St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park

WHEREAS, Washington County Parks applied to the Metropolitan Council for a Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant for the partial reimbursement of the purchase price of a portion of Parcel A, a 208 acre parcel that was acquired by Washington County on October 31, 1996 for St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has made available a Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant to Washington County for the described parkland purchase with the requirement that the county provide an "Agreement of Restrictive Covenant" to protect the land into the future; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has prepared the "Agreement of Restrictive Covenant"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorize the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the Washington County Administrator to sign on behalf of the county Grant Agreement SG2008-039 between Washington County and the Metropolitan Council and the Agreement of Restrictive Covenant conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

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

Commissioner Pulkrabek returned at 11:05 a.m.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**City of Woodbury Request for Land and Water Legacy Funds**

Steve Kernik, City of Woodbury Environmental Planner, presented an overview of the City's request for an opportunity purchase through the Washington County Land and Water Legacy Program. He stated that the acquisition of this parcel meshes with the plans for the property being developed to the north. The city would like to acquire the entire 65.5 acre parcel. It would then obtain 24.5 acres of the property through park dedication and that would leave 41 acres remaining to be acquired through open space purchase. The developer is offering the remaining property at a cost of \$2.00 per square foot, or \$87,120 per acre for a total cost of \$3,571,920. With a 50% cost share, the city is asking the county for \$1,785,960. The city would be willing to front the money for the purchase of the entire parcel using its own open space funds, as long as they had an agreement with the county for reimbursement at a future date.

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Jane Harper, Principal Planner, reviewed her analysis of this proposal. She indicated that this project meets the general program criteria and meets the referendum purpose of preserving wetlands and woodlands, purchasing park land and protecting drinking water sources. It also meets the criteria the county board has set for the matching grant program that it be identified in a local plan and it is in the watershed district plans. Ms. Harper stated that the county would require that this project be reviewed by the Parks and Open Space Commission and that could be done at their July meeting. The county's internal Real Estate and Acquisition Commission would also need to look at this and she believes that also could be done in July. Staff also recommends that the city provide the county with an appraisal of the property to assure that whatever amount of money the Board would be willing to put into the project they would get that amount of value out of it.

There was Board consensus that the study of this project go through the next steps of review by the Washington County Parks and Open Space Commission, the County's Real Estate and Acquisition Commission, and that the Valley Branch Watershed District Board of Managers also review the project.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Kriesel moved to go into Executive Session with the Human Resources Department to discuss labor negotiation strategy for 2010. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously. The Board moved into Executive Session at 11:43 a.m. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik and Kriesel. Also present were Jim Schug, Molly O'Rourke, Kay McAloney, Frank Madden, Vicki DeFord, and Patricia Raddatz.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

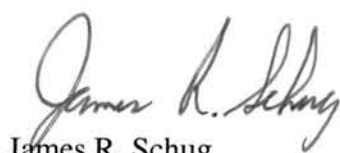
The Board convened as the Board of Appeal and Equalization at 1:00 p.m.



Myra Peterson, Chair

County Board

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 30, 2009

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 Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Peterson, Weik, and Kriesel. Absent none. Board Chair Peterson 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; Michele Kemper, Community Services Division Manager; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandra Hahn, Community Corrections Division Manager; Kevin Corbid, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Mike Johnson; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Coordinator II.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Matt Liveringhouse, 1438 54th Street North East, Buffalo, operates a Medical Transportation Company in Wright County that provides access and special transportation. He discussed the non-emergency medical transportation contract for brokerage services. Wright County has looked at a different option than the brokerage service. He feels the brokerage service is filled with bureaucracies and inefficiencies and cost more. His solution is simple. It allows a free market and the client, the passenger, to choose which company they want to be transported with. That is what Wright County is doing. They are contracting with specific providers and the client can call a company directly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt the June 16, 2009 County Board minutes. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dan Papin, Community Services Director, responded to questions raised by the County Board last week regarding the non-emergency transportation for eligible Medical Assistance, General Assistance and MinnesotaCare Recipients contract. Mr. Papin indicated that between 600 and 700 people last year, or an average of 245 people per month, used the MTM rider brokerage for ATS Services. An average of 45 of these rides were provided each month. The other question was why does the county need to be involved. Federal law requires states to insure that the ride occurs and that if the client requires assistance in obtaining that ride that it be available to them. In Minnesota the responsibility for that ride falls to the county. The broker determines if the individual needs special transportation or access transportation. They facilitate the

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bill payment mechanism and reimbursement mechanism that reimburses the person providing the ride for the services and mileage they provide. Another question that was asked was what are other counties doing. He stated that as of this morning Hennepin, Anoka, Ramsey, Dakota, Chisago, and Isanti have signed on. Sherburne has informed Anoka County of their intent to do so. Scott and Carver counties are in a unique position because they own and operate their own transportation system, they are going to sign on for 90 days, then they will transfer that business into their own internal system. Wright County has not signed the agreement. Mr. Papin recommended that the County Board approve the six month agreement with Anoka and the other participating counties. That six month period would allow staff time to identify the most appropriate long-term solution to the problem.

Mr. Papin advised the Board that Anoka County will be hosting a non-emergency medical transportation forum on August 6. They will invite the participating counties to attend. Medical Transportation Management, Inc. and other providers will be invited. The Department of Human Services will be available to address the requirements of the counties.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to enter into a cooperative agreement with other counties for the provision of non-emergency transportation for eligible Medical Assistance, General Assistance, and MinnesotaCare recipients through a contract transportation management service. Commissioner Hegberg seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Weik suggested that an implications wheel be performed prior to the August 6 meeting. She feels that a careful analysis through this software program in evaluating various options would be helpful and hopes that could be started.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to authorize the Community Corrections Department to end intake for custody evaluation and mediation services for Family Court effective August 31, 2009. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Impacts to Washington County from Cuts to Human Service Funds

Dan Papin noted that statewide Human Service cuts amount to \$236 million. He reviewed the following impacts to the county due to cuts in Human Service Funds:

Reduction in the Children and Community Services Act Grant – The state reduction of \$39.2 million over that biennium means that Washington County's \$2.5 million grant will be reduced by \$433,000 for state

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fiscal year 2010 and another \$572,000 for state fiscal year 2011 for a total of about \$1 million over the two years. These dollars are currently used to pay for child protection services, including investigation of child abuse, sexual abuse as well as child neglect, and work with the families to try to put back the pieces. These funds are also used for foster care and other out of home placement. The funds are also used to license child daycare homes and foster homes for adults and children. Children's mental health services are also provided with these funds. These are all state mandated services.

Mr. Papin noted that when there are fewer county or state dollars and social workers are laid off, that subsequently impacts the ability to draw down federal revenue under Title IV and other programs because staff claim their time and the county is able to get federal reimbursement on the time. So federal revenue is reduced any time staff is reduced and that affects the budget as well.

Mr. Papin stated this area will make for interesting policy decisions by the Board as it begins the 2010 budget process. Will the Board want to raise property taxes and not reduce services in this area? Or, will the Board want to reduce staff and perhaps impact the quality of services or start cutting corners that might end up creating more problems? Or, does the Board simply opt out and indicate that the county cannot be compliant and stop providing some of these mandated services? He is not advocating for any of these right now, especially opting out, but these are the kinds of choices the Board will need to make.

Commissioner Peterson asked for statistical information that indicates that if these services are not provided to children in the front end, will the county be providing services as they reach teenage and adult age. Mr. Papin stated he will provide the Board with that information.

Mental Health Grants - \$200,000 over the next two years have been unallotted. These funds are used to pay for social workers who provide services to the serious and persistently mentally ill, most of whom live in communities. They live in small apartments, small homes with a few of them living together, but that is where the impact will be felt. Based on growing case load demands and the fact that the state has over the last few years been reducing the number of institutions that are available, this is a time where he would normally be coming to the Board asking for staff instead they will have to go in the other direction. The Governor argues in his unallotment statement that this is a hold harmless cut because there is stimulus money that counties can plug into. He feels that argument is shaky and they have to worry about one time money being used to plug a gap that is an ongoing need. Staff has been notified that the \$200,000 cut may not be the end of it, there may also be further grant reductions.

Elimination of General Assistance Medical Care – This was done in the first set of unallotments and has now been moved up and will be effective March 1, 2010. This will affect single individuals making less than \$650 per month. In 2008 expenditures were made on behalf of Washington County residents eligible for the program in the amount of \$3.5 million. Currently, there are 545 active clients receiving General Assistance and there are 60 applications pending for this program. Most of these individuals are impaired,

they have disabilities, they are not the working poor, and they are the people that perhaps the government has a responsibility for. Many of these individuals are mentally ill. With some work, he believes that many of these individuals can be transitioned to MinnesotaCare. MinnesotaCare does not have as generous a benefit as General Assistance Medical Care, but hopefully the more people they can get into MinnesotaCare at least there will be some basic coverage. However, because many of these individuals are serious and persistently mentally ill, they will end up in hospitals and that is a more expensive level of care and there is a cap under MinnesotaCare on the amount they will pay for in-patient care. There is an implication for the county that the hold order costs for individuals who experience a mental health crisis will end up at Regions at about \$1,100 per day and that will come back to be a direct county cost.

Elimination of Emergency General Assistance and Emergency Minnesota Supplemental Aid Assistance –

This may end up being very costly. By not being able to resolve one-time emergencies, this may result in evictions and more complications for this population. This will go into effect November 1. Staff manage these crises for emergencies with a state allocation of \$210,000 a year. They were able to help 260 households last year. Most of the money goes for a month's rent to keep them in their homes or to fix a utility shutoff. Individuals are only eligible to get these funds one time a year. The implications of not being able to respond to that emergency situation is that people will face eviction and it is a population that is impaired or disabled. The Governor does have a plan to end long-term homelessness in Minnesota, but this may end up taking an abrupt turn with the elimination of this emergency program.

Child Support – The reduction was the elimination of all state incentive money. Washington County did well, so those incentives will be eliminated. Over the course of a year he anticipates a loss of \$150,000, \$75,000 for the remainder of 2009. This will also affect federal funding.

Mr. Papin indicated that the Governor last week unallotted mental health funding by an additional \$670,000 state wide, the county's share is about \$13,000. He further reduced the CCSA grants by about \$200,000 state wide, the county's share is about \$4,000. In doing so he restored some other funding for other programs such as the methamphetamine program. There will be significant impacts on the provider community, PCA and payments and other caps on what will be paid to the provider community for services that were provided.

NACo Board Appointment

Jim Schug, County Administrator, notified the Board that there is an opening on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors through July, 2010. If any Commissioners are interested in seeking this position, a letter of interest needs to be submitted to the Association of Minnesota Counties by July 3, 2009.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported on a Waste to Energy workshop that she and Commissioner Kriesel attended last week. She was excited about a process that takes solid waste and converts it to good or high quality transportation grade diesel fuel. She attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting yesterday and reported on her trip to Chicago to attend the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) workshop. She attended several technical tours and rode every rail in Chicago except freight. Attendance was up 30% and there were attendees from Japan and Spain. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) were also in attendance. There were high quality speakers and presentations. She attended many presentations on safety. Commissioner Weik mentioned that the City of Woodbury is going forward with their initiative for the Yellow Ribbon Network. She also reported that she will not be attending next week's County Board meeting.

Commissioner Kriesel reported on an event held at the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp. They hosted a picnic for the General of the Croatian Army. Some of his soldiers and some members of the German army are attending an exchange program and training exercises at Camp Ripley. He thanked Cub Foods for supplying steaks for this event. On Thursday he will be attending the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission in Red Wing. He indicated that the Counties Transit Improvement Board voted to have the GEARS Committee consider targeted projects in an advisory capacity to CTIB. Dakota County is talking about extending the Cedar Avenue project and would require another \$10 million, which they believe they can raise \$5 million in Federal or other funds, but it might necessitate a \$5 million increase from CTIB and there was a concern about that.

Commissioner Hegberg also attended the Waste to Energy workshop last week. He reported on the Counties Transit Improvement Board which discussed not having enough money to do all the things that are in consideration at this time. The Community Action Program for Ramsey and Washington Counties is meeting every other week and there are more meetings than he had anticipated.

Commissioner Peterson reported that South Washington County lost one of the nicest gentleman that has ever lived down there. Marty Lynch passed away last week. He was the Principal at Park High School and will be missed.

Commissioner Peterson reported that as Chair of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control she met with the Legislative Auditor and talked about their budgeting process and policies for mosquito control. She was pleased to learn that they had nothing but praise for the Mosquito Control budget and policies. She announced that the Government Center offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of the 4th of July.

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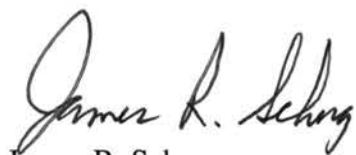
BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Attest:



James R. Schug

County Administrator



Myra Peterson, Chair

County Board