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	12/18/2012		Annual group short term and long term disability insurance w/National Insurance Services for 2013.	26	433
	12/18/2012	2012-168	2013 salary for the County Sheriff and Deputy.	26	437
	12/18/2012	2012-167	2013 salary for the County Attorney and Assistants.	26	437

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Human Resources	12/18/2012	2012-170	Establishing county Commissioners salaries and expenses for 2013.	26	438
	12/18/2012	2012-169	2013 salary for the County Administrator.	26	438
Information Technology	10/02/2012		Sale of 46 desktop computers to the Stillwater Library, \$30.00 each.	26	351
	10/23/2012		Service at Will agreement w/Verizon Wireless for wireless services.	26	375
	11/06/2012		Award bid to Access Communication for the installation of fiber optic cabling to connect WACO to Dakota County using the Hastings bridge.	26	385
	11/13/2012		Renew contract to purchase software licensing, maintenance, and support from Infor Global Technologies for Infinium application Manger, Human Resources/Payroll, Query and Infinium Self Services Software through 12/31/2013.	26	390
	12/18/2012		Purchase Citrix equipment and software licensing from Syntax, Inc. to support remote access and virtual desktop infrastructure.	26	433
Internal Auditor	07/17/2012		Presentation of the 2011 Audit Committee Annual Report.	26	265
Legislative	07/24/2012		Workshop w/Administration to review the proposed 2013 WACO legislative positions.	26	272
	09/11/2012		Workshop to complete the review of the proposed 2013 WACO Legislative positions.	26	319
	10/09/2012		2013 Legislative Agenda.	26	363
	10/23/2012		Workshop w/Administration to review additions to the 2013 Legislative Agenda.	26	379
	11/06/2012		Adopt amended WACO 2013 Legislative Agenda.	26	382
Library	07/24/2012		Workshop held to discuss days of services and hours.	26	272
	09/25/2012		Workshop held to discuss Library service levels and hours for 2013.	26	349
	10/02/2012	2012-126	Library service schedule for 2013.	26	353
	11/20/2012		Amend the delivery contract to library branches and Stillwater and Bayport Libraries beginning 1/7/13.	26	397
	11/20/2012	2012-148	Acceptance of donations from the WACO Library Partners in the amount of \$14,700	26	398
	12/18/2012	2012-163	Acceptance of donation from the J.F. Rooney Family Charitable Foundation.	26	433
	12/18/2012	2012-166	Acceptance of donation from the RAFT Foundation.	26	436
Property Records/Tax Services	06/26/2012	2012-082	Application to conduct excluded bingo resolution from the St. Paul East Parks Lions Club.	26	236
	07/17/2012		Two temporary on-sale Liq. Lic. For the VFW Post 323 at WACO Fairgrounds, 8/1-5/12.	26	264
	08/07/2012		New on-sale Liq. Lic. For the Afton Apple Orchard, Denmark Township.	26	275
	08/07/2012		Comm. Lehrke and Comm. Kriesel appointed to the 2012 County Canvass Board for the August 14, 2012 State Primary Election.	26	276
	08/14/2012	2012-097	Lawful gambling exemption for Pheasants Forever Mississippi Longtail Chapter 385.	26	282
	08/14/2012	2012-098	Repurchase of TFL by Deutsche Bank National Trust on behalf of Harlan and Lisa Beberg.	26	282
	08/14/2012	2012-100	Repurchase of TFL by Marline R. Rygh.	26	283
	08/14/2012	2012-099	Repurchase of TFL by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems on behalf of Kurt A. Hamernick.	26	283

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Property Records/Tax Services	08/14/2012	2012-101	Conveyance of TFL to Mississippi Dunes Townhomes Association.	26	284
	08/28/2012		Plat of Anna F. Anderson Addition, May Township.	26	296
	09/04/2012		Two 1-4 day temporary on-sale Liq. Lic. For the MN Food Association w/special events to be held on 9/23 and 10/13/12 at Big River Farms, May Township.	26	300
	09/18/2012	2012-116	Application for cancellation of forfeiture.	26	324
	09/18/2012	2012-119	Establish the date for a public hearing for the detachment and annexation from ISD #833 and ISD#834 for 10/16/12.	26	327
	09/18/2012	2012-120	Private sale to adjoining land owners through sealed bid.	26	328
	10/09/2012	2012-127	Repurchase of TFL by Kathleen Henry.	26	357
	10/09/2012	2012-128	Combination of T-F-Parcels and private sale to adjoining land owners through sealed bid.	26	358
	10/09/2012	2012-129	Repurchase of TFL by Donald Baierl.	26	359
	10/16/2012	2012-136	Reappt. Of Bruce Munneke as County Assessor through 12/31/16.	26	369
	10/16/2012		Public Hearing held to consider petition of detachment and annexation.	26	369
	10/16/2012	2012-138	Detachment and Annexation of property, ISD #833 and ISD #834.	26	370
	10/16/2012		County Attorney's Office to prepare an Order conforming to the Board's decision on the Annexation and Detachment.	26	371
	10/23/2012	2012-139	Recommending approval to set aside a portion of the annual distribution of net revenue from tax forfeited land sales.	26	375
	11/06/2012	2012-140	Repurchase of TFL by Darryl Westerlund.	26	382
	11/13/2012	2012-145	List of Tax Forfeited Land to be sold at auction, setting the terms of sale and time and place of public auction.	26	390
	11/20/2012		Board workshop held to discuss the proposed 2013 taxes.	26	402
	11/27/2012		Order of Detachment and Annexation involving parcels contained in ISD 833 and 834.	26	404
	12/06/2012	2012-153	Repurchase of TFL by Laurent Builders, Inc.	26	414
Public Health & Environment	06/26/2012		Workshop held to review operations at the county's Environmental Center.	26	241
	07/10/2012		Recycling grant agree. w/Forest Lake and Stillwater, distribution of curbside recycling funds.	26	244
	07/24/2012		Grant agree. w/MN Dept. of health, public health emergency preparedness and the Cities Readiness Initiative.	26	267
	08/14/2012		Appt. Mary Ann Thelen, MN Extension, 1st term to 12/31/14.	26	281
	08/14/2012		Appt. Andrew Weaver, Carnelian-Marine- St. Croix Watershed District Board of Managers three-year term to 6/21/15.	26	281
	08/14/2012		David Benke, MN Pollution Control Agency, thanking county for its leadership in waste management.	26	285
	08/14/2012		Recycling grant agree. w/Oakdale for distribution of curbside recycling funds.	26	285
	08/14/2012		Workshop held for a presentation on their strategic plan.	26	288
	08/28/2012		Reappt. Wayne Moe, Comfort Lake- Forest Lake Watershed, 2nd term to 9/22/15.	26	296
	09/04/2012		Update on new NACo prescription drug card which launched on 9/1/12.	26	305

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Public Health & Environment	09/11/2012		Reappt. Rick Vanzwol and Gerald Johnson, Brown's Creek Watershed District, to 10/21/15.	26	310
	09/11/2012		Recycling grant agree. w/Cities of Cottage Grove and Woodbury.	26	310
	09/11/2012		Grant application to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources for a subsurface sewage treatment system inventory.	26	310
	09/18/2012	2012-117	Solid waste management tax.	26	324
	09/18/2012		Discussion on 2013-2015 waste processing agreement w/Resource Recovery Technologies. Discussion continued to 9/25/12.	26	328
	09/25/2012	2012-123	Waste process agree. w/Ramsey County, Wash. County and Resource Recovery Technologies.	26	341
	10/02/2012	2012-124	Certification of unpaid county environmental charges.	26	351
	10/09/2012		Reappt. Dale Borash, Valley Branch Watershed, to 11/13/15.	26	357
	10/09/2012		Natural Resources Block Grant from MN Board of Water and Soil Resources for 2013.	26	359
	10/09/2012		Workshop held w/Public Health & Environment and WMO's to discuss their proposed 2013 budgets, priority projects and the Water Consortium Activities; and the Washington Conservation District's 2013 budget.	26	366
	10/23/2012		1 FTE for a special project Community Health Specialist position.	26	375
	10/23/2012		Agree. w/Wash. Conservation District to fund general operations and services to county departments and county residents.	26	376
	10/23/2012		Agree. w/Wash. Conservation District for services related to the Wetland Conservation Act.	26	376
	10/23/2012		Workshop held to discuss a grant to expand evidence based, voluntary home visiting to high risk families.	26	380
	11/13/2012		Twin Cities Public Health and Environment Health entities in MN Mutual Aid Agree. to extend the termination date to 12/31/17.	26	390
	11/27/2012	2012-150	Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery 2013 budget.	26	404
	12/11/2012		Reappoint John Waller to Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers to a three-year term expiring 1/18/16.	26	422
	12/11/2012	2012-155	Auditing services for the County Environmental Charge with Olsen, Thielen & Company, Ltd.	26	423
	12/11/2012		Price changes and contract extension w/Dynamic Recycling to recycle electronic waste received at the WACO Environmental Center.	26	423
	12/11/2012		State of Minnesota JPA for the operation of a household hazardous waste program.	26	424
	12/18/2012		Letter to the South Washington Watershed District administrator commenting on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Central Draw Storage Facility Overflow Project.	26	435
Public Works-Facilities	06/26/2012		Contract w/Metropolitan Mechanical Contractors, Inc., replacement of the Cottage Grove Service Center air chiller.	26	236
	07/17/2012		Amend the Historic Courthouse Restoration fund to accept a \$40,000 grant from the Helmsman Foundation to restore the north portico/north entryway.	26	265

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Public Works-Facilities	08/07/2012		Budget amendment up to \$885,000 for costs to replace the north wing of the Government Center/Courthouse roof system.	26	275
	08/07/2012		Review of new daylight cleaning program.	26	276
	08/07/2012		Bldg. Services working with Public Health and Environment to change how the county picks up trash and how different materials are disposed.	26	277
	08/21/2012		Amend. No. 1 to contract w/ICF Construction for additional services on the Government Center waterproofing repairs.	26	290
	10/16/2012		Amend. #1 to contract w/Hunt Electric Corporation for general electrical services.	26	369
	11/06/2012		Submit grant application to the MN Historical Society State Capital Grant Program for funding to repair and restore the Historic Courthouse flashing, fascia and soffits.	26	383
	11/13/2012		Contracts w/Reliable Property Services for Zone 1 snow removal services and Twin City Outdoor Services for Zones 2 and 3 snow removal services.	26	390
	11/13/2012		County office hours changed to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and the libraries, WIC Clinics, and license centers will maintain their current hours.	26	393
Public Works-General	10/23/2012		Convert a non-supervisory Maintenance Worker position to a supervisor position of Public Works Supervisory I.	26	375
Public Works-Parks	07/10/2012		Appt Jennifer Pelletier, Parks and Open Space, 1st term to 12/31/14.	26	243
	07/10/2012		Change Order No. 2 to contract w/Jorgenson Construction, Inc. Lake Elmo Park Reserve Winter recreation area project.	26	244
	07/10/2012	2012-086	Purchase Croone property, Big Marine Park Reserve.	26	244
	07/24/2012	2012-092	Removal of house located in Lake Elmo Park Reserve, 9941 Stillwater Blvd.	26	267
	09/18/2012		Budget amendment of \$65,000 for cost of the Lake Elmo Park Reserve Swim Pond Visions Study; and contract with SRF Consulting, Inc. to complete the Lake Elmo Park Reserve Swim Pond Visions Study.	26	326
	10/09/2012	2012-130	Met Council recreation open space acquisition grant SG-2012-082.	26	359
	10/09/2012	2012-131	Met Council grant agreements: SG-2012-074, Hardwood Creek Regional Trail improvements; SG-2012-075, Phase 2 of the St. Croix Bluffs Campground Improvements; and SG-2012-076, Lake Elmo Park Reserve Parking and Trail improvements.	26	360
	10/09/2012	2012-132	Award of bid for Nordic Center parking area site improvement construction to Arnt Construction Company, Inc.	26	361
	10/23/2012		Accept donation of \$3,000 from the Ride and Glide Ski Club for light fixtures on the ski trails in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve.	26	376
	11/06/2012	2012-141	Award of parks agricultural land leases for 2013.	26	383
Public Works-Roads	11/20/2012	2012-147	Met Council recreation open space acquisition grant SG-2012-087.	26	397
	06/26/2012		Contract w/AAA Striping Service Company, pavement marking for control and guidance of traffic.	26	236
	06/26/2012		Amend. No. 2 to contract w/Boonestroo, Inc. for additional construction inspection services on the Hardwood Creek Trail Bridge over Broadway Ave.; and assignment of contract from Bonestroo, Inc. to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	26	236

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Public Works-Roads	06/26/2012	2012-083	Request for variance from MN Design Standards for the CSAH 23 improvement project.	26	237
	07/10/2012		Change Order No. 1 for the CSAH 18 turn lane project w/Hardrives, Inc.	26	244
	07/10/2012	2012-085	Final payment for crack seal provision and application on county roads to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC.	26	244
	07/10/2012		Change Order No. 1 for 2012 crack sealing w/Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC.	26	244
	07/10/2012		Traffic control signal maintenance agree. w/City of Cottage Grove.	26	245
	07/10/2012	2012-090	Bid award for CSAH 16 reconstruction to C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc.	26	259
	07/10/2012		Workshop held for an update on the design of the Newport Transit Station.	26	262
	07/17/2012		Contract w/Braun Intertec Corp. precondition surveys and vibration monitoring on properties surrounding CSAH 23.	26	264
	07/24/2012	2012-093	Request funding from MN DOT through the FY 2014 Municipal Agreement Program.	26	268
	07/24/2012	2012-094	Acquire Right of Way for the realignment and improvement of CSAH 19, 20, and 22.	26	269
	07/24/2012		Workshop held to discuss TH 61 and CSAH 4 and CR 4A construction project and a draft MOU.	26	272
	08/07/2012		MOU w/RRA and MN DOT for implementation of a roundabout at the intersection of US 61/CSAH 4/CR 4A.	26	275
	08/21/2012		Workshop held to discuss the CTIB 2012 grant solicitation and potential eligible WACO projects.	26	293
	08/28/2012		Workshop held to discuss a federal funding opportunity for design and construction of a mini-roundabout at the intersection of CSAH 5 and CSAH 12 in Stillwater.	26	298
	09/04/2012	2012-107	Traffic control signal agree. w/MN DOT and Cottage Grove.	26	300
	09/04/2012	2012-106	Application to CTIB for grants payable in FY 2013 for use on 2013 WACO priority transit projects.	26	300
	09/04/2012		Workshop held to review the East Metro Rail Capacity Study findings.	26	306
	09/11/2012	2012-109	Appropriate money to the coalition for the St. Croix River Crossing.	26	310
	09/11/2012		Amend #4 to contract w/TKDA, Inc. Harwood Creek Regional Trail overpass at CR 83 in Forest Lake.	26	310
	09/11/2012		Update on the St. Croix River Crossing construction.	26	311
	09/11/2012	2012-110	Bid award for CSAH 23 reconstruction to Hardrives, Inc.	26	313
	09/11/2012		Update on CSAH 10 repairs.	26	314
	09/18/2012		Update on CSAH 2 improvement project.	26	326
	09/25/2012	2012-121	Bid award for CSAH 14 to North Valley, Inc.	26	338
	09/25/2012	2012-122	Bid award for CSAH 3 curb and gutter replacement to New Look Contracting, Inc.	26	339
	10/09/2012		Cooperative cost share agree. w/Stillwater for CSAH 23 construction.	26	359
	10/09/2012		Cooperative agree. w/Woodbury for construction of turn lane at intersection of CSAH 16 and CSAH 19.	26	361
	10/09/2012		Letter of support to the MN Dept. of Natural Resources to issue permits necessary for the construction of the St. Croix River Crossing.	26	362

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Public Works-Roads	10/16/2012		Workshop held to review the details of the TH 36 and Hilton Tail interchange project.	26	372
	10/16/2012		Workshop held to discuss projects associated w/the St. Croix River Crossing Project.	26	373
	10/23/2012		Amend. No. 1 to contract w/HR Green Company for additional professional engineering services for CSAH 19 project.	26	377
	11/06/2012		Contract w/Short Elliott Hendrickson, preliminary design, geotechnical service, and environmental service on 56th Street/Pickett Ave.	26	382
	11/06/2012		Transfer interests overlooked in transferring a portion of CSAH 15 to MN/DOT to become TH 95 between I-94 to CSAH 18.	26	383
	11/13/2012		Supplemental agree. 1 w/Hardrives, Inc. for additional work on the CSAH 10 construction project.	26	390
	11/13/2012		Executive Session held to discuss an appeal option from the award of Commissioners to the compensation and damages for the McCullough easement parcel as it pertains to the I-35 overpass for CR 83.	26	395
	11/20/2012		RRA Workshop to review the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis.	26	401
	11/20/2012		RRA Workshop to receive information about the proposal from the City of Forest Lake for a crossing over the Hardwood Creek Trail for a future city hall and fire station.	26	402
	12/11/2012		Work order 1 w/Peterson Companies, Inc. for additional work on CSAH 2 landscaping project.	26	424
	12/18/2012	2012-164	St. Croix River Crossing Project cooperative construction and maintenance agree. w/MN DOT.	26	434
	12/18/2012	2012-165	St. Croix River Cross Project local road improvement program application Project SAP 082-594-001.	26	434
	12/18/2012		Cooperative Agree. w/Forest Lake for the cost share and maintenance of the roundabout at US Highway 61 and CSAH 2.	26	435
	12/18/2012		Executive Session held to discuss an appeal option from the Award of Commissioners to the compensation and damages for the Nightingale Partners (White Castle) and Forest Lake Enterprises (Culvers) parcels as they pertain to the reconstruction of CSAH 2.	26	444
Public Works-Surveyor	07/10/2012		Public Hearing to consider amendments to the WACO Development Code; Variance; Shoreland Management Ord. Amendment; and Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ord. Amendment.	26	246
	07/10/2012	2012-087	Amending WACO Development Code Chapter One, Section 19 Nonconforming situations - Ordinance No. 189.	26	249
	07/10/2012	2012-088	Amending the WACO Development Code Chapter One, Section 6.4, Variance, Ordinance No. 190.	26	252
	07/10/2012	2012-089	Amending the WACO Development Code, Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 6 - Wind Energy Conversion Systems, Ordinance No. 191.	26	256
	07/10/2012		Appt. Mark Doneux, Planning Advisory Commission, 1st term to 12/31/14.	26	260
	11/06/2012	2012-142	MN Digital Library Coalition grant.	26	383
Regional Rail Authority	06/26/2012		Workshop w/Public Works to discuss the MN High Speed Rail Commission.	26	241

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Regional Rail Authority	08/07/2012		RRA meeting minutes from 5/22/12; MOU for implementation of a roundabout at intersection of US 61/CSAH 4/CR 4A; and Res. No. RRA-2012-004, grant permanent easement to WACO for roadway purposes at CR 4A in Hugo.	26	273
	08/21/2012		Executive Session with Public Works to discuss possible options to purchase a portion of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad between 145th Street and 140th Street in Hugo.	26	292
	08/28/2012		RRA meeting minutes, 8/7/12; and Sub-recipient agree. w/Met Council for Federal 5339 grant funds.	26	295
	09/04/2012		Workshop held to review the East Metro Rail Capacity Study findings.	26	306
	09/25/2012		RRA withdrew from the MN High Speed Rail Commission effective January, 2013.	26	348
	10/16/2012		RRA Minutes from 8/21, 8/28, and 9/25; and Subrecipient Agree. No. SG-2010-015 w/Met Council for funding for the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis study.	26	367
	10/23/2012		RRA met in Executive Session to discuss negotiating options to purchase a portion of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad between 145th St. and 140th St. in Hugo.	26	379
	11/20/2012		RRA Workshop w/Public Works to review the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis.	26	401
	11/20/2012		RRA Workshop w/Public Works to receive information about the proposal from the City of Forest Lake for a crossing over the Hardwood Creek Trail for a future city hall and fire station.	26	402
	12/11/2012		RRA meeting minutes from 10/16 & 10, 23; and selection of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for completion of the Red Rock Corridor Alternatives Analysis update.	26	421
Sheriff	07/10/2012		JPA w/MN-Commissioner of Corrections for the housing of offenders in the WACO Jail.	26	245
	07/17/2012		JPA w/MN Correctional Facility-Oak Park Heights for temporary secure housing for a WACO inmate in the Oak Park Heights Correctional Facility-Transactional Care Unit.	26	264
	08/07/2012	2012-096	Renew lease of tower space for an additional five year term.	26	276
	08/21/2012	2012-103	State of MN Federal Boating Safety supplement equipment grant agree.	26	289
	08/21/2012		Accept donation for \$1,000 from Rotary Club of Forest Lake.	26	289
	08/21/2012	2012-104	Court Data Services Subscriber Agree.	26	290
	09/18/2012	2012-118	Donation of the WACO Sheriff's Office command trailer to the St. Croix County Wisconsin Sheriff's Office.	26	325
	10/02/2012	2012-125	MN Dept. of Public Safety Grant, 2012-2014, Toward Zero Deaths Enforcement Program.	26	352
	10/09/2012	2012-133	Renewal of the JPA w/MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, MN Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.	26	362
	10/09/2012	2012-134	Adoption of the WACO All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.	26	362
	10/09/2012		Agree. w/MN Dept. of Public Safety, Division of Homeland and Emergency Management, grant.	26	363
	10/16/2012	2012-137	Grant Agree. w/the Invitation Health Institute for 2012-2013 Compliance Check Grant Contract.	26	369

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Sheriff	10/23/2012		Amendment to the 2012 Narcotics and Gang Task Force grant to extend it through 12/31/13.	26	376
	10/23/2012		Agreement w/MN Dept. of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, to purchase night vision, GPS and sonar equipment.	26	376
	11/06/2012		Agree. w/Stillwater to lease space in the county's equipment bldg. at the Olive St. tower.	26	384
	11/27/2012		Agree. w/Cities of Mahtomedi, Dellwood, and Willernie for law enforcement services.	26	405
Veterans Services	09/25/2012		Veterans Job Fair, 9/27/12, at Oakdale Prom Center.	26	341
	11/13/2012	2012-143	Auth. The receipt of \$2,298 in grant funding from the MN Dept. of Veterans Affairs.	26	389
	11/13/2012	2012-144	Auth. The receipt of \$5,600 in grant funding from the MN Dept. of Veterans Affairs.	26	390
Workforce Center	06/26/2012		Reappointment to the WIB: Wayne Morris, 2nd and final term to 6/30/14; Timothy Swanson, 2nd and final to 6/20/14; Tom Colosimo, 2nd and final term to 6/30/14; Colleen Eddy, 2nd and final term to 6/30/14; Teresa Dye, 2nd and final term to 6/30/14; Cheryl Beaumier, 2nd and final term to 6/30/14; Jeralyn Jargo, 2nd and final term to 6/30/15; and Peg Killen, 3rd and final term to 6/30/15.	26	235
	10/16/2012		Appt. Elizabeth Aza, U.S. Bank, Oakdale, to the WIB to 6/30/14.	26	368
	11/06/2012		Appt. Steve Moeller to the WIB, 1st term to 6/30/14.	26	381
	12/18/2012		2013 to 2015 contract w/ESR, employment training services to dislocated workers and at-risk youth.	26	433

WASHINGTON COUNTY
2012 COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
JUNE 12, 2012

Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg called the 2012 Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting to order at 5 p.m. The following members were present: Commissioner/Chair, Dennis Hegberg, Commissioners Gary Kriesel, Autumn Lehrke, Bill Pulkrabek, Lisa Weik and Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid.

Chairperson Hegberg welcomed all attendees and explained that the purpose of the meeting is to review the 2012 classification and valuation concerns of the property owners that have brought their appeals before the Board.

Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg went on to explain that this first meeting of the Board of Appeal & Equalization will allow the property owners the opportunity to present to the Board any information they feel supports a change in the classification or valuation of their property. According to Minnesota Statute the appellant has the burden of proving that the property's actual value differs from the assessor's estimated market value.

The Board will review the information presented by each property owner and the recommendations of the County Assessor's staff and will make a final decision on each appeal at the second meeting tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on June 19, 2012.

Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid and Commissioner/Board Chair Dennis Hegberg administered the oath to the Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization members and the required certification forms were signed.

County Assessor Bruce Munneke introduced the assessment staff in attendance.

County Assessor, Bruce Munneke gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the 2012 assessment, summarized the Local Board and Open Book meeting appeals that preceded this meeting, and went over the format for the appeals on tonight's meeting agenda.

AY 2012						
Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
1	Eric & Lisa Ranum	32.029.20.42.0011	West Lakeland Twp	157,000	788,200	945,200

Appearance made by Eric Ranum and is appealing the value of his home. Mr. Ranum provided an appraisal in the amount of \$670,000 and felt that the value should be at the price it was appraised. The appraisal encompasses two years of values. Commissioner Kriesel commented that the Board will make a determination after the appraisal staff reviews the documentation and provides their recommendation.

June 12, 2012

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
2	Kristen Kajer	05.027.21.32.0020	Cottage Grove	69,800	318,100	387,900

Appearance made by Rece and Kristin Kajer. They are appealing the value of their home. Kristin provided handouts to the commissioners of two appraisals one from July 7, 2011 and another from April 20, 2012. She explained the value through Home Value Explorer; a commonly used automated value generator, was at \$298,789 and was used for their home loan. Kristin also reviewed other properties of the same style on the Washington County Website but with less square footage. The values are significantly different when factoring in an unfinished basement. It was noted that the appraiser has been in the property and that there is a tax petition for assessment year 2011, payable 2012 for this property. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid requested to review the adjustments that had been made to the Cottage Grove residential properties since the 2007 assessment.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
3	Ronald Holt	04.030.20.42.0004	Stillwater Twp	140,100	617,000	757,100

Mr. Hold did not attend the meeting.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
4	Jim Wright	21.028.20.24.0002	Afton	188,500	321,400	509,900
	write in	21.028.20.21.0003	Afton	14,500	-	14,500
						524,400

The Assessor's office received a written appeal submitted June 5th, contesting the value of one of two contiguous parcels under the same ownership. County Assessor Bruce Munneke explained that the two parcels combined make up the total value. The second parcel is not a buildable site and that this is the first time there has been an appeal on an excess piece. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid requested a comparison of the 2010 through 2012 estimated market values for review.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
5	Todd Hawkins	30.030.21.13.0019	Birchwood Village	842,600	272,000	1,114,600

Mr. Hawkins did not attend the meeting.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
6	Ralph Heimer	19.030.21.33.0008	Birchwood Village	790,600	243,200	1,033,800

Appearance made by Ralph Heimer who is appealing the value of his property on White Bear Lake. As a result of appeals submitted by four properties in Birchwood, it was recommended to make sure there is equalization of the four properties as well as the community. There were no qualified sales on White Bear Lake during the sales study period (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011) used for establishing the 2012 estimated market value.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
7	Albert Whitcomb	17.029.20.34.0017	Baytown Twp	97,800	497,600	595,400

Appeal was settled prior to meeting.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
8	Kim Hanson	17.029.20.31.0008	Baytown Twp	97,800	543,800	641,600

Appeal was settled prior to meeting.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
9	Norm Dupre	17.029.20.31.0010	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0011	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0012	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0013	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0015	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0016	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0017	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0005	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0006	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0007	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0009	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0010	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0011	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0012	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0013	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0014	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0015	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0016	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0018	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800

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17.029.20.34.0019	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
17.029.20.34.0020	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
17.029.20.34.0022	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
				2,151,600

Mr. Dupre did not attend the meeting.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
10	Candice Kraemer	30.030.21.13.0023	Birchwood Village	603,000	122,000	725,000
	Candice Kraemer	30.030.21.13.0024	Birchwood Village	254,100		254,100
						979,100

Appearance made by Candice and Mike Kraemer. They are appealing the value of their home. This property was recently purchased on an estate sale 2 ½ weeks ago. Commissioner /Chair Dennis Hegberg stated that there are a few other appeals from Birchwood and explained that staff will give the Board a recommendation next week after further review.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
11	John Burke	30.030.21.21.0020	Birchwood Village	993,600	182,900	1,176,500

Appearance made by John Burk and he is appealing the value of his property. John submitted an appraisal dated 3/28/2012, in the amount of \$850,000. He expressed that he would like to be fair with other properties and mentioned that there are currently 30 homes for sale on White Bear Lake and only one has sold. Commissioner/ Chair Dennis Hegberg commented that four properties in Birchwood have submitted appeals. He also stated that staff will give the Board a recommendation next week after further review.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
12	Richard Werner	26.028.22.41.0034	Newport	155,100	381,900	537,000

Appearance made by Richard Werner of KRI Investments and owner of commercial property located in Newport. The subject property is a multi-tenant office/retail building with a small area of warehouse space. Mr. Werner is appealing the value of this property. The owner made repairs to the building due to storm damage received in 2010 which resulted in an increase in the 2012 estimated market value. Richard explained that there is a high vacancy rate (35-40%). It is close to railroad tracks and is distracting to occupants and has a negative operating income. Assessor Bruce Munneke explained that the income approach would be best suited and most reliable in determining the estimated market value. It was also noted this in proximity to the transit station.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
13	Tom McElhinney					
	Oak Glen LLC					
	Oak Glen Dev	20.030.20.23.0001	Stillwater City	113,300	405,100	518,400
		20.030.20.24.0001	Stillwater City	140,500	-	140,500
		20.030.20.31.0003	Stillwater City	2,600	-	2,600
		20.030.20.31.0005	Stillwater City	284,100	-	284,100
		20.030.20.42.0001	Stillwater City	1,340,000	847,800	2,187,800
		29.030.20.12.0007	Stillwater City	1,600	-	1,600
						3,135,000

Appearance made by Greg Stang representing Oak Glen Golf Course and is appealing the value of the golf course properties. Greg handed out a document from Tax Profile Services containing purchases of golf courses and value of properties. Greg stated that the golf market is suffering with declining revenues and net income. He mentioned that he didn't feel golf courses can be assessed like residential sales whereby numerous golf courses have alternative uses and should be valued on an income approach versus comp sales. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid questioned the classification of this property. Commercial Appraiser Ann Miller responded and said that it is both commercial and qualifying golf course classifications. County Assessor Bruce Munneke asked Greg if he had an appraisal for the property and Greg responded that he did not other than an income approach that a Denver, CO company did for all 9 properties. Greg stated by using the income approach he thought the value should be in the range of 1.5 - 2 million.

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Walk-In	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
1	Philip & Jennifer Hart Abraham	31.031.21.24.0006	Hugo	303,900	587,600	891,500

Appearance made by Jennifer Hart Abraham, who is appealing the value of her home located on Bald Eagle Lake. Jennifer mentioned that property values around them have decreased while theirs had increased. There are 11 houses on her street and eight of them had decreased, one went up \$100, another up \$2,600 and hers increased \$88,000. Residential Appraiser Supervisor, Al Labine, responded that the \$88,000 increase was actually for the 2011 assessment and was based on new construction. Jennifer agreed that they had finished the basement and installed new siding and windows.

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Write-In	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
	Jim Gasperini	22.028.20.11.0008	Afton	363,200	204,200	567,400
1	Afton Market Square	22.028.20.11.0011		37,600		37,600

Mr. Gasperini submitted a letter for review by the committee.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY
2012 COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
2nd MEETING - JUNE 19, 2012

Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg called the 2nd meeting of the Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization to order at 10:00 a.m. The following members were present: Commissioner/Chair, Dennis Hegberg, and Commissioners Gary Kriesel, Autumn Lehrke, Lisa Weik, and Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid.

The Assessor staff in attendance today are: County Assessor Bruce Munneke, Deputy County Assessor Rollie Huber, Residential Supervisors Al LaBine and Don Lovstad, Assessment Support Manager and Secretary for today's meeting Jody Moran, and appraisers: Mike Bjork, Ann Miller, Lisa Janssen, and Real Estate Specialist Lynne Freezy. Also in attendance are Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator and Jennifer Wagenius, Director of the Property Records and Taxpayer Services department.

County Assessor Bruce Munneke explained that he will give a brief introduction for each appeal and will give the Board the county's recommendation of value. Each appeal will need an individual motion and vote of the Board.

The Board has also been given a list of changes that contain information on all of the County Board /Open Book changes that were settled with property owners prior to the County Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting. These changes must be approved by the Board.

One other appeal was brought before the Board and includes two parcels in Afton: 22.028.20.11.0008 and 22.028.20.11.0011. The two parcels combined make up Afton Market Square. This appeal started at the Open Book level and was settled with the property owner after the first meeting and prior to today's meeting.

The Resolution and County Board Certification forms will need to be signed by the Board members before the Board adjourns at the conclusion of today's meeting.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
1	Eric & Lisa Ranum	32.029.20.42.0011	West Lakeland Twp	157,000	788,200	945,200

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County Staff reviewed the appraisal submitted at the June 12th meeting. There was discussion concerning varied differences in quality of comparables. The comparables lack adequate adjustments for the major differences in the size and quality between the subject and comparable sales. The subject property far exceeds the quality of the comparable sales. Staff recommends no change to the 2012 EMV of \$945,200. Commissioner Autumn Lehrke made a motion to accept the assessor’s recommendation and Commissioner Lisa Weik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
2	Kristen Kajer	05.027.21.32.0020	Cottage Grove	69,800	318,100	387,900

County Assessor Bruce Munneke stated that staff had reviewed the two appraisals submitted. The adjusted sale prices used for sales analysis by county staff adjusts out to less than the estimated market value of the subject property. Staff recommends a change to the 2012 EMV from \$387,900 to \$365,000. Commissioner Autumn Lehrke made a motion to accept the assessor’s recommendation and Commissioner Gary Kriesel seconded the motion. The motion carried

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
3	Ronald Holt	04.030.20.42.0004	Stillwater Twp	140,100	617,000	757,100

County Assessor Bruce Munneke stated that Mr. Holt did not appear at the June 12th meeting and staff has not received any documentation to warrant a change in value. Staff recommends no change to the 2012 EMV of \$757,100. Commissioner Lisa Weik made a motion to accept the assessor’s recommendation and Commissioner Gary Kriesel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
4	Jim Wright	21.028.20.24.0002	Afton	188,500	321,400	509,900
		21.028.20.21.0003	Afton	14,500	-	14,500
						524,400

County Assessor Bruce Munneke stated that Mr. Wright submitted a letter prior to the first meeting regarding one of two pieces of his property. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid stated that it is not uncommon for owners to question the distribution of value between two contiguous parcels where “a + b = c”. Staff recommends no change to the 2012 EMV of \$524,400. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid made a motion to accept the assessor’s recommendation and Commissioner Lisa Weik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
5	Todd Hawkins	30.030.21.13.0019	Birchwood Village	842,600	272,000	1,114,600

County Assessor Bruce Munneke explained that this parcel was one of four properties on White Bear Lake that made an appeal. Each of them had submitted an appraisal and three of them were used to determine a land schedule to be used with the four County Board appeals. Staff recommends a change to the 2012 EMV from \$1,114,600 to \$1,054,200 using the newly revised land schedule values. Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation and Commissioner Autumn Lehrke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
6	Ralph Heimer	19.030.21.33.0008	Birchwood Village	790,600	243,200	1,033,800

Staff recommends a change to the 2012 EMV from \$1,033,800 to \$932,800 using the same methodology in case #5. Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation and Commissioner Lisa Weik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
7	Albert Whitcomb	17.029.20.34.0017	Baytown Twp	97,800	497,600	595,400

Staff reviewed the appraisal that was submitted, and inspected the property. Staff recommends reducing the valuation of this parcel to \$575,000. Commissioner Gary Kriesel made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation and Commissioner Lisa Weik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
8	Kim Hanson	17.029.20.31.0008	Baytown Twp	97,800	543,800	641,600

Staff reviewed the appraisal that was submitted and recommends a change to the 2012 EMV from \$641,600 to \$580,400. Commissioner Gary Kriesel made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation and Commissioner Autumn Lehrke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
9	Norm Dupre	17.029.20.31.0010	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0011	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0012	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0013	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0015	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0016	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.31.0017	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0005	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0006	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0007	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0009	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0010	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0011	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0012	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0013	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0014	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0015	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0016	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0018	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0019	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0020	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
		17.029.20.34.0022	Baytown Twp	97,800	-	97,800
						2,151,600

County Assessor Bruce Munneke stated that staff has not received documentation from appellant and therefore is recommending no change to the 2012 EMV of \$97,800 for each of the twenty vacant lots. Commissioner Lisa Weik made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation and Commissioner Autumn Lehrke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
10	Candice Kraemer	30.030.21.13.0023	Birchwood Village	603,000	122,000	725,000
	Candice Kraemer	30.030.21.13.0024	Birchwood Village	254,100	-	254,100
						979,100

Staff recommends a change to the 2012 EMV from \$979,100 to \$800,000 using the same methodology in cases 5 and 6. It was noted that this was recently purchased on an estate sale and closed for \$655,000. The actual closing date for this property transaction will coincide with the time frame used to determine the 2013 EMV. Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation and Commissioner Gary Kriesel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
11	John Burke	30.030.21.21.0020	Birchwood Village	993,600	182,900	1,176,500

Staff recommends a change to the 2012 EMV from \$1,176,500 to \$1,074,000 using the same methodology in case 5, 6 and 10. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid questioned whether or not Birchwood is an area that needs further review to be sure that it is equalized. County Assessor Bruce Munneke stated there are 72 parcels in Birchwood on White Bear Lake and recommended that the same revised land schedule should be applied to the remaining 68 parcels. Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg made a motion to accept the County Assessor’s recommendation and Commissioner Autumn Lehrke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
12	Kathy Werner	26.028.22.41.0034	Newport	155,100	381,900	537,000

Staff reviewed the income and expense information submitted by the property owner. Staff recommends a change to the 2012 EMV from \$537,000 to \$262,900. Commissioner Autumn Lehrke made a motion to accept the assessor’s recommendation and Commissioner Lisa Weik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Case	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
13	Tom McElhinney					
	Oak Glen LLC					
	Oak Glen Dev	20.030.20.23.0001	Stillwater City	113,300	405,100	518,400
		20.030.20.24.0001	Stillwater City	140,500	-	140,500
		20.030.20.31.0003	Stillwater City	2,600	-	2,600
		20.030.20.31.0005	Stillwater City	284,100	-	284,100
		20.030.20.42.0001	Stillwater City	1,340,000	847,800	2,187,800
		29.030.20.12.0007	Stillwater City	1,600	-	1,600
						3,135,000

Based on staff review of the sales analysis, the review of the income approach to value, and the value equalization check of similarly rated golf courses in the county, staff recommend an increase in value from \$3,135,000 to \$3,591,000 or \$133,000 per hole. Commissioner Gary Kriesel asked how zoning is applied to this property in the long term. County Assessor Bruce Munneke stated that there aren’t any golf courses in Washington County that have a residential value attached to it and zoning would not be a factor. Commissioner Gary Kriesel made a motion to make no change to the 2012 EMV of \$3,135,000. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Walk-In	Name	PID	City	EMV Land	EMV Building	EMV Total
	Philip & Jennifer Hart Abraham	31.031.21.24.0006	Hugo	303,900	587,600	891,500

Staff recommends a change to the 2012 EMV from \$891,500 to \$857,400 due to the substandard shoreline on the subject property. Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation and Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Assessor Bruce Munneke asked the Board to act on the 2012 Open Book Changes. Deputy Administrator/Auditor Treasurer Kevin Corbid made a motion to approve the changes and Commissioner Autumn Lehrke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

County Assessor Bruce Munneke asked the Board to act on the separate Open Book change. Parcel numbers 22.028.20.11.0008 and 22.028.20.11.0011 owned by Afton Market Square in Afton. Both owner and staff agreed to adjustment to value to reflect market. Staff recommends a change to the 2012 EMV on parcel 22.028.20.11.0008 from \$567,400 to \$549,600 and no change to the 2012 EMV on parcel 22.028.20.11.0011. Commissioner Lisa Weik made a motion to accept the assessor's recommendation and Commissioner Autumn Lehrke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Gary Kriesel moved to adjourn, and Commissioner/Chair Dennis Hegberg seconded the motion. All Board members concurred and the 2012 Washington County Board of Appeal and Equalization closed on June 19th, 2012.

Copies of the Open Book and County Board changes may be viewed at the Property Records and Taxpayer Services department located at the Washington County Government Center.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 26, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Division Chief-Attorney; Pete Orput, County Attorney; Sue Harris, Assistant County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Michelle Kemper, Community Services Deputy Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Robin Howard, Human Resources Administrative Assistant; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Joe Manion, Library Division Manager; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Carol Peterson, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Jody Moran, Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Perry Preuss, Senior I.T. Specialist; Rita Conlin, Public Works; Tom Westling, Accounting and Finance; Alex Eichman, Public Health and Environment; Logan Martin, City of Oakdale; John Dinsmore, Otter Tail County Community Services Division/Human Services Division Director; Eric Ratzmann, MN Association of County Social Service Administrators; Jim Schug, Former County Administrator; Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst II; Nancy Brase, Administrative Services Manager; Jane Harper, Principal Planner; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Specialist.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the June 12, 2012 Board meeting minutes.

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2. Approval of the following reappointments to committees and commissions with memberships that expire June 30, 2014: Child Protection Citizen Review Panel – Aine Bebeau, 3rd and final term to June 30, 2014; Workforce Investment Board – Wayne Morris, 2nd and final term to June 30, 2014; Timothy Swanson, 2nd and final term to June 30, 2014; Tom Colosimo, 2nd and final term to June 30, 2014; Colleen Eddy, 2nd and final term to June 30, 2014; Teresa Dye, 2nd and final term to June 30, 2014; Cheryl Beaumier, 2nd and final term to June 30, 2014; Jeralyn Jargo, 2nd and final term to June 30, 2015; and Peg Killen, 2nd and final term to June 30, 2015.
3. Approval of county comments on the City of Forest Lake's proposal to create the Airport Business Park Development District and Tax Increment Financing District No. 1 to facilitate the construction of a manufacturing facility and direction to county staff to submit the comments to the city in a letter.
4. Approval of the 2011 HOME Program Subrecipient Agreement between Dakota County Community Development Agency and Washington County.
5. Approval to renew a cooperative agreement which allows Washington County to continue participating in the Fair Housing Implementation Council with Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Dakota County, Hennepin County, Ramsey County, the Cities of Coon Rapids, Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Woodbury.
6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-082** as follows:

Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo Resolution from
the St. Paul East Parks Lions Club

WHEREAS, the St. Paul East Parks Lions Club has made an Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo according to requirements contained in M.S. 349.166. The event will be held August 1 through August 5, 2012, at the Washington County Fair Grounds, located at 12300 40th St., Baytown, Minnesota, during the Washington County Fair.

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

7. Approval of a contract with AAA Striping Service Company for pavement marking for control and guidance of traffic.
8. Approval to enter into a contract with Metropolitan Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for the replacement of the Cottage Grove Service Center air chiller in the amount of \$78,230.

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9. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to contract with Bonestroo, Inc. for additional construction inspection services on the Hardwood Creek Trail Bridge over Broadway Avenue in the City of Forest Lake in the amount of \$17,107.82; and approval of assignment of contract from Bonestroo, Inc. to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATORS

John Dinsmore, President of the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators, presented Dan Papin, Community Services Director, with the 2012 Human Services Award.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-083** as follows:

Resolution Requesting a Variance from Minnesota Design Standards for the
County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 23 Improvement Project

WHEREAS, Washington County is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 23; and

WHEREAS, the CSAH 23 Improvement Project is a joint project between Washington County and the City of Stillwater, part of which is the construction of a boulevard on the east side of CSAH 23, from Orleans Street to 423 feet north of Willard Street; and

WHEREAS, State Aid Operations Rule 8820.9946 Design Standards, Urban; Reconditioning Projects, requires 42 feet of total width with parking on both sides for this roadway; and

WHEREAS, due to the need to add a boulevard on the east side of the CSAH 23 for snow storage and the desire to enhance the residential character of the road and its surrounding area, the County's preferred design proposes to use 40 feet of total width with parking on both sides; and

WHEREAS, a resolution from the RGU requesting this variance be approved is required as part of the variance review process; and

WHEREAS, the RGU understands the need for the variance request and understands the risks and liability it assumes when a variance is granted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby request a variance from the Minnesota Department of Transportation State Aid Operations Rules Chapter 8820.9946 Design Standards, Urban; Reconditioning Projects to allow 40 feet of total width with parking on both sides of CSAH 23 in lieu

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of 42 feet of total width with parking on both sides, from Orleans Street to 423 feet north of Willard Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby indemnifies, saves and hold harmless the State of Minnesota and its agents and employees of and from claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or by reason of (CSAH 23 Improvement Project) in accordance with Minnesota Rules 8820.9936 and further agrees to defend at their sole cost and expense any action or proceeding commenced for the purpose of asserting any claim arising as a result of the granting this variance. Nothing in this resolution is intended to waive the tort liability limits contained in Minnesota Statutes Sections 3.736 and 466.04.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Performance Measurement and Indicators Annual Report

Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst II, presented the 2011 Annual Performance Measures and Indicators Report. Examples from the report were presented by Jody Moran, Property Records and Taxpayer Services, showing transactions per Property Records and Taxpayer Services employee; and Sue Harris, County Attorney's Office, showing the average number of days to make a charging decision.

Commissioners expressed support for the county's performance measurement efforts.

Agreement with the City of Oakdale for the Purchase of the Taubenberger Property

Jane Harper, Principal Planner, summarized the purchase of the Taubenberger Property and past County Board direction to participate in the project.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-084** as follows:

Approval of Agreement Between Washington County and the
City of Oakdale Providing Up to Fifty Thousand Dollars from the
Land and Water Legacy Program Funds to Acquire Interests in Property

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 84C, Minnesota Statute Section 373.40 and Minnesota Statute Section 394.25, Washington County is authorized to acquire and improve land and interests in land for the purpose of preserving open space, including natural and scenic areas and agricultural land; and

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WHEREAS, Washington County has enacted the Acquisition of Development Rights Ordinance #175 to establish a program for the preservation of open space, parks and public water, commonly referred to as the Land and Water Legacy Program and has established the policies, rules and official controls governing such acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has issued general obligation bonds to acquire land and interests in land to provide long-term stable funding to acquire land in fee and interests in land in the form of conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, Washington County passed Resolution Number 2007-163 making a declaration of official intent to reimburse certain costs of projects identified as part of the Land and Water Legacy Program from proceeds of the general obligation bonds in accordance with Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Treasury Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakdale is a governmental unit eligible for funds through the Local Match Program of the Land and Water Legacy Program and has applied to Washington County for a portion of the funds needed to purchase property owned by Peter Paul Taubenberger, parcel identification numbers 1802921320018 and 1802921310006; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has determined that the City of Oakdale's project meets the requirements of the Local Match Program and that the Washington County Board of Commissioners considers the proposed land to merit protection; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Parks and Open Space Commission has reviewed this expenditure of the Land and Water Legacy Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby grants to the City of Oakdale providing up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Land and Water Legacy Program Funds under the terms and conditions contained in the grant agreement between the City of Oakdale of Washington County in order to acquire interests in property owned by Peter Paul Taubenberger, parcel identification numbers 1802921320018 and 1802921310006; and authorizes the county board chair and the county administrator to sign the grant agreement and all other documents necessary to fulfill the obligations of this agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners intends that the reimbursement to the City of Oakdale of the costs of the project shall come from proceeds of the general obligation bonds issued to finance the preservation of open space, parklands, and other natural areas.

Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

July 3 County Board Meeting

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, announced that there were no items requiring Board action for the July 3, 2012 County Board meeting. She recommended that the meeting be cancelled.

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Commissioner Kriesel moved to cancel the July 3, 2012 County Board meeting. Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Flooding in Northeastern Minnesota

Ms. O'Rourke announced that Carlton County has requested assistance from Washington County due to the flooding in Northeastern Minnesota. As a result of that request the county will be sending three appraisers over the next few days to help them. It also benefits Washington County because they will get experience appraising flooded properties and given that the county has two major rivers and many lakes the potential for a flood in Washington County is always there.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Programs of Projects Workshop between the Metropolitan Council and the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) and they discussed what the next phase should be in the Twin Cities; she attended the CTIB meeting yesterday and they reviewed the financial capacity and it shows there are adequate resources and no bonding is needed within the next year; she announced to CTIB members that she would be attending the first few days of the National Association of Counties (NACo) conference targeting the transportation steering committee meetings and subcommittee meetings; and she attended an Association of Minnesota Counties Futures meeting where they had a presentation by Ted Mondale on public/private partnerships and a presentation on juvenile detention alternative initiatives.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she toured the new Cottage Grove Public Safety-City Hall facility; she stated that she was in Duluth where her husband attended a League of Minnesota Cities conference and she could see the devastation from the floods and is glad that Washington County can help; she attended the Manning Avenue-Gateway Trail grand opening; and she participated in a NACo membership committee teleconference which discussed the dental program that will be rolling out.

Commissioner Lehrke commented that a few months ago the county supported the 35E MnPASS. The information the Board received from the Minnesota Department of Transportation differed from the information she received from Senator Ted Lillie. She stated that knowing what she knows now she has changed her position. She would like the Board to receive additional information on MnPASS and discuss it during the 2013 Legislative Priorities workshop at the end of July. At this point she does not support that program.

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Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended a Plat Commission meeting; he attended the Audit Committee meeting; he attended the open house on the Stillwater lift bridge's three month closure that will be taking place this fall; and he attended the St. Croix River Crossing Coalition.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he too has had subsequent conversations with people related to the 35E MnPASS project with differing viewpoints and statistics. He would also welcome reevaluating that position.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended CTIB; he attended the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting to discuss its budget and a senior housing project in Mahtomedi on the old Piccadilly site and a site along the Red Rock Corridor; he attended the Transportation Advisory Board which discussed funding options and bike paths versus roads; he inspected a culvert under Highway 61 and noticed that it was getting full of debris on the south side; he announced that the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Bridge will have its grand opening on July 2 at 2:00 p.m.; he also noted that the path along Hardwood Creek is getting bumpy and will need maintenance.

Commissioner Weik mentioned that when the county is looking at its legislative priorities it should discuss how to streamline government services with more local partnerships, expanding the reach in the region, and there could be a detailed discussion on this Board's support or where the Board's position is on redesigning the Metropolitan Council.

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 Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Regional Railroad Authority met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Andy Gitzlaff, and Yvonne Klinnert.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment to review operations at the county's Environmental Center. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Adam Frederick, Judy Hunter, Nikki Stewart, Danielle Lesmeister, and Yvonne Klinnert.

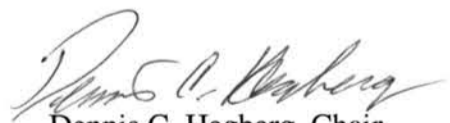
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the proposed 2013 Commissioner budget. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Nancy Brase, Melinda Kirk, and Yvonne Klinnert.

Attest:



Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JULY 10, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Division Chief-Attorney; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Supervisor; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; John Elholm Parks Division Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Mike Welling, Surveyor; Dennis O'Donnell, Senior Planner; Jacob Gave, County Engineer I; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Keith Carlson, Minnesota Inter-County Association; John Tuma, Minnesota Inter-County Association; Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the June 19, 2012 Board meeting minutes as amended.
2. Approval to appoint John Belisle, Hugo, to the Community Development Block Grant Citizen's Advisory Committee as a private sector representative, to a partial term expiring December 31, 2013.
3. Approval to appoint Jennifer Pelletier, Lake Elmo, to the Parks and Open Space Commission, to a first term expiring December 31, 2014.

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4. Information only – Annual update on active projects funded through the countywide Mission Directed Budget policy as required by County Policy #2202.
5. Approval of recycling grant agreements with the City of Forest Lake and the City of Stillwater for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
6. Approval of change order no. 1 for 2012 crack sealing with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC in the amount of \$18,338.73; and

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-085** as follows:

Resolution to Authorize Final Payment for
Crack Seal Provision and Application
on County Roads to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, on May 1, 2012 approved a bid award to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC and signed a contract with said company for crack seal provision and application on various county roads; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 160.17 subd. 3 requires that final payment on any road construction or improvement contract for which sealed bids have been required may not be made until the county engineer has certified to the county board that all work has been performed according to the contract; and,

WHEREAS, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC has satisfactorily completed all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC be given final payment in the amount of \$126,688.73 as claimed by Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC in the final payment voucher which is attached hereto. This final payment results in total satisfaction for the contract work more fully described in the above recitals.

7. Approval of change order no. 1 in the amount of \$35,936.70 for the County State Aid Highway 18 turn lane project with Hardrives, Inc.
8. Approval of change order no. 2 to contract with Jorgenson Construction, Inc. for the Lake Elmo Park Reserve Winter Recreation Area project, in the amount of \$11,336.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-086**, as follows:

Resolution to Purchase Croone Property
Big Marine Park Reserve

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

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

That part of Government Lot One (1), Section Five (5), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Twenty (20) West, Washington County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section Five (5); thence West 0 degrees 00 minutes, assumed bearing, along the North line of Section Five (5), a distance of 638.2 feet; thence South 14 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West, a distance of 368.4 feet; thence South 8 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds West, a distance of 180.1 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 8 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds West, a distance of 311 feet, more or less, to a point on a previously described line along or near the centerline of an existing Township road; thence North 72 degrees 58 minutes West, along said line, a distance of 312.4 feet to the Easterly line of the Minnesota Conservation Department, Division of Game and Fish, public access tract, as described in Book 278 of Deeds, pages 612 and 613, on file in the office of the Register of Deeds, Washington County, Minnesota; thence North 2 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds West, along said Easterly line, a distance of 104 feet to the Northeast corner of said public access tract; thence North 79 degrees 53 minutes West, along the Northerly line of said tract, a distance of 198 feet, more or less, to the shoreline of Big Marine Lake; thence Northerly, along said shoreline, a distance of 190 feet, more or less, to the point of intersection with a line that bears North 77 degrees 37 minutes West from the point of beginning; thence South 77 degrees 37 minutes East, along said line, a distance of 510 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, containing 3.0 acres, more or less, and subject to the existing township road along the most Southerly line thereof.

For the sum of \$465,000.00.

10. Approval of traffic control signal maintenance agreement between Washington County and the City of Cottage Grove.
11. Approval of joint powers agreement between the Washington County Sheriff's Office and State of Minnesota-Commissioner of Corrections for the housing of offenders in the Washington County Jail.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

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MINNESOTA INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Keith Carlson, MICA Executive Director, and John Tuma, contracted lobbyist, presented an overview of the 2012 Legislative Session.

PUBLIC HEARING – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**Public Hearings to Consider Amendments to the Washington County Development Code**

The Board Chair presented an overview of today's consolidated public hearing to consider amendments to the Washington County Development Code. The Board Secretary indicated that the notices of the consolidated public hearing were published.

Dennis O'Donnell, Senior Planner, reviewed the three proposed amendments:

Development Code Amendment – Variance

The primary change to Chapter 1, Section 6.4 of the Washington County Development Code pertains to variances. Per a revised Minnesota State Statute, the "hardship" standard was changed and now an applicant for a variance must make a showing of "practical difficulties." The practical difficulties standard includes: A) The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by an Official Control; B) The plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and C) the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. D) Economic conditions alone shall not constitute practical difficulties if reasonable use for the property exists under the terms of the Development Code.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing on August 23, 2011 on the proposed ordinance amendment and recommended approval. Township officials were notified of the Planning Commission hearing on this amendment. No comments from the township officials or the public were received regarding this ordinance amendment.

Shoreland Management Ordinance Amendment

This is a request to amend Chapter 6, Section 19.1 of the Washington County Shoreland Management Regulations. This section of the ordinance pertains to non-conforming situations. A non-conforming parcel is a separate parcel or lot of record that existed on the effective date of the Development Code and which does not conform to the regulations, including dimensional standards contained in the code.

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The purpose of this ordinance amendment is to align the Washington County Shoreland Management Ordinance with recent changes to State Statute.

The following summarizes the three primary changes to this section of the ordinance:

- 1) Current ordinance allows a single parcel or lot of record to be used as a building site without a variance from the minimum size requirement if the parcel or lot meets 60% of the minimum size and width requirements and all set back requirements are met.

Revised State Statute and the proposed ordinance would allow a parcel as a building site without the need for variance from the parcel/lot size requirement if all structure setback and septic system requirements are met.

- 2) The second change to the ordinance pertains to contiguous parcels of land under single ownership. The current ordinance states the following: "If in the case of two or more contiguous lots or parcels of land under a single ownership, any individual lot or parcel does not meet the minimum requirements of this Development Code, such individual lot or parcel cannot be considered as a separate parcel of land for purposes of sale or development but must be combined with adjacent lots under the same ownership so that the combination of lots will equal one or more parcels of land meeting the full requirements of the Development Code."

Revised State Statute and the proposed ordinance state, "If in a group of two or more contiguous lots of record under a common ownership, an undeveloped lot must be considered as a separate parcel of land for purpose of sale or development if the lot meets 66% of the low width and lot size requirements."

- 3) The third significant change relates to existing dwellings on contiguous lots under the same ownership.

Currently, the ordinance prohibits the individual sale or purchase of contiguous non-conforming parcels even if they contain a residential dwelling.

The revised State Statute and the proposed ordinance state: Non-conforming lots of record in shoreland areas under common ownership must be able to be sold or purchased individually, if each lot contained a habitable residential dwelling at the time that the lots came under common ownership and can be serviced by a suitable sewage treatment system.

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Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing on August 23, 2011 on the proposed ordinance amendment and recommended approval. Township officials were notified of the Planning Commission hearing on this amendment. No comments from the township officials or the public were received regarding this ordinance amendment.

Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinance Amendment

This is a request to consider amending Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 6 of the Washington County Development Code pertaining to Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS). The County Board directed the Planning Advisory Commission to review the existing ordinance as a result of a request for a 185-foot tall WECS on a farm in Denmark Township.

The Planning Advisory Commission reviewed the existing ordinance and agreed some amendments should be made. They heard testimony from three outside experts: a representative from the Minnesota Department of Health who spoke about the health effects of WECS; a representative from the non-profit group Windustry who provided background information and addressed issues related to WECS; and Tom Hoffer, a May Township resident who installed a WECS on his property. The Planning Advisory Commission also considered the following issues: tower height/aesthetics; noise; parcel size; setback distances; shadows/flickers; and bird/avian kill.

Mr. O'Donnell stated there are significant differences between the county's existing WECS ordinance and the proposed draft ordinance recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. The existing ordinance requires a minimum lot size of ten acres for a WECS, a maximum total height of 100 feet, and a maximum rotor diameter of 26 feet. The proposed ordinance would base the height and rotor diameter on the parcel size. The minimum parcel size on which a WECS could be installed will be reduced to five acres. The total height of a system will range from 100 feet to 199 feet depending on the parcel size. Setback distances will be increased for taller towers.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing on April 24, 2012 on the proposed ordinance amendment and recommended approval. Township officials were notified of the Planning Commission hearing on this amendment. The only comment received was from May Township which objected to increasing the height of the turbines and was concerned about the overall impact on scenic views in the area.

Commissioner Kriesel stated it is his understanding that the electricity is for private ownership use and not commercial. When the electricity goes onto the grid, credits would come back to the owner. Mr. O'Donnell stated what they were trying to get at is they weren't allowing wind farms, but as the Commissioner described the situation that would be correct.

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Commissioner Kriesel stated there could be added electricity going on to the system that would exceed the homeowner's needs with additional benefits possibly to the grid. Mr. O'Donnell stated that is correct.

Commissioner Kriesel asked if townships could be more restrictive on this ordinance. Mr. O'Donnell stated that is correct.

Commissioner Weik stated she agrees with the concerns of May Township. She does not have a comfort level with revising the ordinance to allow the larger towers. She also has concerns about the view sheds. It seems like there might be other options available to individuals such as a combination of the standard 100 foot towers along with arrays of solar panels that are not a visual blight on the horizon.

The Board Chair asked for comments from the public on any of the three ordinance amendments.

Joseph Moore, 12672 100th Street South, Denmark Township – Mr. Moore stated he is generally pleased with what came from the discussion. He is not against wind power. His neighbor had applied for a taller tower and his concerns at that time were aesthetics, shadows/flickers and some other unknown items. He also noticed that someone with five to ten acres could have one of these if they cared to. He noted one item that he thinks should be addressed. On the proposed ordinance amendment, Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 6.0 4(C) near the bottom of the page it says "The WECS shall be located so as to have the least impact on adjoining parcels. Visibility/views, shadow flicker, and noise shall be considered when determining least impact on adjoining parcels." He suggested changing the word "adjoining" to "affected". He also stated that maybe it would be important to put some sort of reference to the distance from this tower, possibly a mile or two.

The Board Chair asked for further comments; none were heard. The Board Chair closed the consolidated public hearing and opened the matter for discussion by the Board members.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-087** as follows:

Resolution Amending the Washington County Development Code
Chapter One, Section 19 Nonconforming Situations
Ordinance No. 189

WHEREAS, Washington County is authorized to carry on County planning and zoning activities in the unincorporated areas of the County pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapt. 394: and

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WHEREAS, the Washington County 2015 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners on April 22, 1997 and became effective October 1, 1997 as Washington County Ordinance No. 124 and was most recently amended on September 7, 2010 to Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan as Washington County Ordinance No. 184; and

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

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

WHEREAS, on August 11, 1998, the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted Chapter Six of the Washington County Development Code, Shoreland Management Regulations, as Washington County Ordinance No. 134; and

WHEREAS, effective May 22, 2009, the Minnesota Legislature amended Minn. Stat. § 394.36 to add a subdivision which regulates the use of existing nonconforming lots in shoreland areas; and

WHEREAS, the new statutory subdivision states that, in a group of two or more contiguous lots of record under a common ownership, an individual lot must be considered as a separate parcel of land for purpose of sale or development if certain criteria are met: and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing on August 23, 2011 to consider the proposal of county staff that the Washington County Development Code be amended to delete the existing language of Chapter Six, Section 19 in its entirety and to replace it with language that included the new statutory provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval of the amendment request; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2012, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Amend the Development Code, conducted a public hearing on the request; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would be in conformance with the Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the Washington County Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the records of the public hearing consist of the minutes of the public hearing before the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission on August 23, 2011, and the staff reports, and presentations by staff of the Washington County Public Works Department, Division of Survey and Land Management and comments from members of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the hearing record, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby amends Chapter Six, Section 19 Nonconforming Situations by deleting the existing language in its entirety and by restating Section 19 as fully set forth in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 189 shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication according to law, and the Washington County Zoning Administrator is directed to make the changes set forth in the Washington County Development Code and cause the same to be published and codified according to law.

EXHIBIT A

AMENDMENT TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CODE ORDINANCE NO. 189

19 Nonconforming Situations

Nonconforming situations shall be regulated in accordance with Chapter One Section 13 of the Washington County Development Code with the following exceptions:

19.1 Nonconforming Lots. This section applies to shoreland lots or parcels which are in a residential or agricultural district, which do not meet the requirements for lot size or lot width, and which were of record as a separate lot or parcel in the Office of the Washington County Recorder or Registrar of Titles on or before January 1, 1973.

(1) A nonconforming single lot of record located within a shoreland area may be allowed as a building site without variances from lot size requirements, provided that:

- (A) All structure and septic system setback distance requirements can be met;
- (B) A Type 1 sewage treatment system consistent with Minnesota Rules, chapter 7080 and local government controls, can be installed or the lot is connected to a public sewer; and
- (C) The impervious surface coverage does not exceed 25 percent of the lot.
- (D) On Natural Environment Lakes, any separate lot or parcel of record may be used for single family detached dwelling purposes without a variance if it is at least 1.5 acres in size, is 120 feet in width, and meets items (A), (B) and (C) above.
- (E) Lot meets 60% of lot width requirement.

(2) In a group of two or more contiguous lots of record under a common ownership, an individual lot must be considered as a separate parcel of land for the purpose of sale or development, if it meets the following requirements:

- (A) All structure and septic system setback distance requirements can be met;
- (B) The lot must be at least 66 percent of the dimensional standard for lot width and lot size for the shoreland classification consistent with Minnesota Rules, chapter 6120, and local government controls;
- (C) The lot must be connected to a public sewer, if available, or must be suitable for the installation of a Type 1 sewage control treatment system consistent with Minnesota Rules, chapter 7080, and local government controls;
- (D) The impervious surface coverage must not exceed 25 percent of each lot; and
- (E) Development of the lot must be consistent with the Washington County Comprehensive Plan.

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- (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), contiguous nonconforming lots of record in shoreland areas under a common ownership must be able to be sold or purchased individually if each lot contained a habitable residential dwelling at the time that the lots came under common ownership and the lots are connected to a public sewer or are suitable for, or served by, a sewage treatment system consistent with the requirements of Minnesota Statute § 115.55 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 7080, and local government controls.
- (4) In evaluating all variances, zoning and building permit applications, or conditional use requests, the zoning authority shall require the property owner to address, when appropriate, storm water runoff management, reducing impervious surfaces, increasing setback, restoration of wetlands, vegetative buffers, tree replacement, sewage treatment and water supply capabilities, and other conservation-designed actions.
- (5) A portion of a conforming lot may be separated from an existing parcel as long as the remainder of the existing parcel meets the lot size and sewage system requirements of the zoning district for a new lot and the newly created parcel is combined with an adjacent parcel.

19.2 Decks.

- (1) Deck additions may be allowed without a variance to a structure not meeting the required setback from the ordinary high water level if all of the following criteria and standards are met:
 - (A) The structure existed on the date the structure setbacks were established.
 - (B) A thorough evaluation of the property and structure reveals no reasonable location for a deck meeting or exceeding the existing ordinary high water level setback of the structure.
 - (C) The deck encroachment toward the ordinary high water level does not exceed 15 percent of the existing setback of the structure from the ordinary high water level or does not encroach closer than 30 feet, whichever is more restrictive.
 - (D) No deck on a nonconforming structure shall exceed 10 feet in width.
 - (E) The deck is constructed primarily of wood, and is not roofed or screened.
 - (F) A certificate of compliance is obtained from the Zoning Administrator.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota, This 10th day of July, 2012.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-088** as follows:

Resolution Amending the Washington County Development Code
Chapter One, Section 6.4 Variance
Ordinance No. 190

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WHEREAS, Washington County is authorized to carry on County planning and zoning activities in the unincorporated areas of the County pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapt. 394; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County 2015 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners on April 22, 1997 and became effective October 1, 1997 as Washington County Ordinance No. 124 and was most recently amended on September 7, 2010 to Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan as Washington County Ordinance No. 184; and

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Minnesota Legislature amended Minn. Stat. § 394.27 Subd. 7 to change the standard for granting a variance from a showing of "hardship" to a showing of "practical difficulties"; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing on August 23, 2011 to consider the proposal of county staff that the Washington County Development Code be amended to update Chapter One Administration, Section 6.4 Variance by adopting the new variance standard of practical difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval of the amendment; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2012, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Amend the Development Code, conducted a public hearing on the request; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to Section 6.4 adopts the revised variance standard of practical difficulties as contained in State statute; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would be in conformance with the Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the Washington County Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the records of the public hearing consist of the minutes of the public hearing before the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission on August 23, 2011, and the staff reports, and presentations by staff of Washington County Public Works, Survey and Land Management Division and comments from members of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based upon the hearing record, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby amends Chapter One Administration, Section 6.4 Variance of the Washington County Development Code by deleting the existing language in its entirety and by restating Section 6.4 as fully set forth in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 190 shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication according to law, and the Washington County Zoning Administrator is directed to make the changes set forth in the Washington County Development Code and cause the same to be published and codified according to law.

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6.4 Variance

A variance is the modification or variation of the Zoning Regulations where it is determined that, by reason of exceptional circumstances, the strict enforcement of the Zoning Regulations would cause practical difficulties.

- (1) No variance may be granted that would allow any use that is not allowed in the zoning district in which the subject property is located.
- (2) An application for a variance shall be filed with the Zoning Administrator; the application shall be accompanied by development plans showing such information as the Zoning Administrator may require for purposes of this Development Code. If the application does not contain all required information, the Zoning Administrator shall send notice within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request, telling the applicant what information is missing.
- (3) Variances shall only be permitted when they are in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Official Controls in cases when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of any official control and the terms of the variance are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- (4) "Practical difficulties" as used in connection with the granting of a variance means:
 - (A) The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by an Official Control;
 - (B) The plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property, not created by the landowner, and
 - (C) The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.
 - (D) Economic conditions alone shall not constitute practical difficulties if reasonable use for the property exists under the terms of the Development Code.
 - (E) The Board may consider "practical difficulties" to include inadequate access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems.
- (5) Variances shall be granted for each sheltered earth construction as defined by Minnesota Statute 216C.06, Subd. 14 when in harmony with the Official Controls.
- (6) Where, in the opinion of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, a variance may result in a material adverse effect on the environment, the applicant may be requested by the Board to demonstrate the nature and extent of that effect.
- (7) The Board of Adjustment and Appeals may impose conditions in the granting of variances. A condition must be directly related to and must bear a rough proportionality to the impact created by the variance. The zoning authority may establish conditions that require the property owner, when appropriate, to improve storm water runoff management, to reduce impervious surfaces, to implement remedial tree replacement, to restore wetlands, to establish vegetative buffers or to take other conservation actions.

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- (8) In exercising its power under this Development Code, the Board shall take into consideration the affected town board's recommendation when the Board OF Adjustment's decision directly affects land within the township.
- (9) No application for the same variance as ruled upon by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals shall be resubmitted for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of denial of the previous application unless there has been a substantial change in circumstances as it relates to the request.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota, This 10th day of July, 2012.

Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Commissioner Hegberg asked if the word "adjoining" could be replaced with the word "affected" in the proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 6.0 4(C) near the bottom of the page. Mr. O'Donnell believes that would be fine. The intent was to look at the overall neighborhood and not just the adjacent properties. The suggestion to use the word "affected" is a good one and staff would recommend that change.

Commissioner Weik stated she still has a question on whether or not the technology exists that property owners can get a different option using a wind turbine and solar panels. She still objects to very tall structures damaging view sheds. She does not believe this serves the greater public good.

Commissioner Kriesel stated his response to that would be it is not the purview of the Board to design systems. This Board's task is wind turbines not to try and define an ordinance that captures solar. This is an ordinance for wind turbines.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that is correct. There has been an increase in solar ray panels recently both on the roof and separate free standing solar ray. Those are permitted since they are on the roof or less than 35 feet if they are mounted on the ground. There is that option that is permitted under the current ordinance. This morning the Board is just dealing with the wind turbines.

Commissioner Weik stated she is not trying to design how people run their systems. What she is trying to get at is do people have other options. She objects to the tall towers and wanted to know if there are other options where they can supplement a 100 foot tower so the Board wouldn't have to implement this ordinance.

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Commissioner Kriesel stated that townships have the ability to be more restrictive than this ordinance. If the local government determines it does not want to allow a 100 foot tower, it does not have to allow it. He feels it is a reasonable ordinance that allows wind technology.

Commissioner Kriesel asked if somebody acquires a used turbine would that be allowable. Mr. O'Donnell stated it would be left up to the various inspectors to make sure it met the standards of the ordinance.

Commissioner Lehrke moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-089** with the change to the ordinance as discussed:

Resolution Amending the Washington County Development Code
Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 6.0
Ordinance No. 191

WHEREAS, Washington County is authorized to carry on County planning and zoning activities in the unincorporated areas of the County pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapt. 394; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County 2015 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners on April 22, 1997 and became effective October 1, 1997 as Washington County Ordinance No. 124 and was most recently amended on September 7, 2010 to Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan as Washington County Ordinance No. 184; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the incorporation of sustainable growth and environmental conservation and protection, and lists Wind Energy Conversion Systems and other alternative energy sources as means to implement the Land Use vision of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Development Code was amended on October 8, 2002, by the adoption of Washington County Ordinance No. 162 which added Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 6 which provided for regulation of Wind Energy Conversion Systems to protect the public health and safety of Washington County residents and to protect the scenic views of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the regulations contained in Section 6 limited the height of a Wind Energy Conversion System to a maximum of 100 feet and contained other criteria which reflected the technology that was in existence in 2002, limiting the use of wind energy by property owners in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2012, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing to consider the proposal of county staff that the Washington County Development Code be amended to delete the language of Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 6

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in its entirety and replace it with regulations which allow for Wind Energy Conversion Systems with heights up to 199 feet, depending on lot size, and other criteria which reflects current technology; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval of the amendment; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2012, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Amend the Washington County Development Code, conducted a public hearing on the request; and

WHEREAS, the records of the public hearing consist of the minutes of the public hearing before the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission on April 24, 2012 and the staff reports, and presentations by staff of Washington County Public Works, Survey and Land Management Division and members of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the hearing record, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby amends Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 6.0 by deleting the existing language in its entirety and by restating Chapter Two, Part 3, Section 6.0 as set forth in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 191 shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication according to law, and the Washington County Zoning Administrator is directed to make the changes set forth in the Washington County Development Code and cause the same to be published and codified according to law.

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CHAPTER TWO, PART 3, SECTION 6.0**

6.0 Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS)

6.1 Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish regulations for small WECS and encourage the use of alternative energy systems, while preserving general community aesthetics including scenic views.

1. Definitions:

Rooftop Wind Turbine – A wind Turbine mounted on a roof.

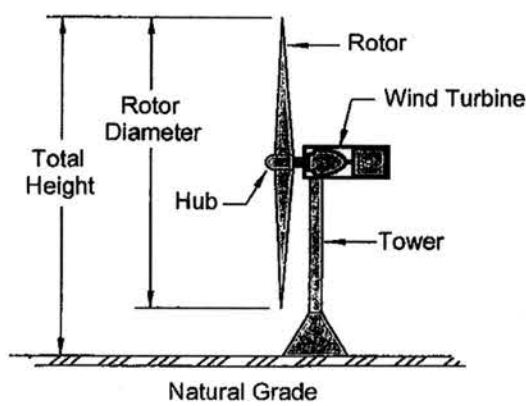
Small Wind Energy Conversion System – A WECS utilizing a wind turbine with a generating capacity of 100 kW or less.

Total Height – The highest point above natural grade reached by a rotor tip or any other part of a WECS.

Tower – The vertical structure portion of a WECS that supports a wind turbine.

Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) – One (1) tower with one wind turbine and a rotor / airfoil.

Wind Turbine – The portion of a WECS comprising the electrical generating equipment that converts wind energy into electrical energy through the use of rotors, airfoils or similar devices.



- 2. Required Permits – A conditional use permit is required for a WECS in all zoning districts. WECS are not permitted within the St. Croix River Bluffline and Shoreland Management District and the Mississippi River Critical Area. WECS must comply with the requirements of the Airport Overlay District.
- 3. Other Requirements – WECS shall comply with all rules and regulations of Federal, State, County, and local agencies.
- 4. Performance Standards – WECS must comply with the following standards:
 - a. Number – No more than one WECS is permitted per parcel.
 - b. Height – In all districts in which a WECS is permitted, the total height of a WECS shall be based on the acreage of the parcel. The permitted total height of a WECS is as follows:

Parcel Area*	Total Height
Less than 5 acres	Not permitted
5 acres to less than 10 acres	100 feet
10 acres to less than 40 acres	136 feet
40 acres to less than 80 acres	160 feet
80 acres or greater	199 feet

*Once a WECS has been installed, the area of a parcel shall not be reduced below the minimum size permitted for the height of the WECS unless the system is removed and all other provisions of the Washington County Development Code are met.

- c. Setbacks – The base of the WECS tower shall be set back the following distances from all property lines:

Height	Setback
Less than 136 feet	Equal to total height of WECS
136 feet or greater	500 feet

WECS shall not be located within any other required setback area. The WECS shall be located so as to have the least impact on affected parcels. Visibility/views, shadow flicker, and noise shall be considered when determining least impact on affected parcels.

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d. Rotor Diameter:

Parcel Size	Maximum Rotor Diameter
Less than 80 acres	31 feet
80 acres or greater	55 feet

- e. Noise – WECS shall comply at all property lines with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s standards outlined in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7030.
- f. Aesthetics – All portions of the WECS shall be a non-reflective, non-obtrusive color, subject to the approval of the County Zoning Administrator or County Planning Advisory Commission. The appearance of the turbine, rotor, tower and any other related components shall be maintained throughout the life of the WECS pursuant to industry standards. WECS shall not be used for displaying advertising. Lights, flashers, reflectors, or other illuminated devices shall not be affixed to WECS.

5. Rooftop wind turbines – Rooftop wind turbines must comply with all performance standards contained in Section 6.1 (4).

6. Safety

- A. Climbing – To discourage unauthorized climbing, WECS towers must comply with at least one of the following provisions:
 - 1. Tower climbing apparatus shall not be located within 12 feet of the ground.
 - 2. A locked anti-climb device shall be installed on the tower.
 - 3. A protective fence at least 6 feet in height shall be installed around the tower base.

7. Abandonment

- A. Removal – If the WECS remains nonfunctional or inoperative for a continuous period of one year, the system shall be deemed to be abandoned and shall constitute a public nuisance. The owner shall remove the abandoned system within 120 days at their expense. Removal includes the entire structure including transmission equipment and foundations to below natural grade.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota, This 10th day of July, 2012.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-1 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Hegberg; Nays, Commissioner Weik.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bids were received for a reconstruction project on County State Aid Highway 16 (Valley Creek Road) as follows:

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<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc.	\$3,267,819.85
Shafer Contracting Company, Inc.	\$3,795,481.16

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-090** as follows:

Bid Award for County State Aid Highway 16
Reconstruction to C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 16 (Valley Creek Road), the county solicited bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2012, bids for the project were opened and it was determined that C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$3,267,819.85 be accepted and the county enter into a contract with C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc. pursuant to the rights and obligations contained in the county's bid specifications and the C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc. proposal thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and C.S. McCrossan Construction, 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.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint Mark Doneux, Stillwater Township, to the Planning Advisory Commission to a first term expiring December 31, 2014. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control meeting which heard an auditor's report on the financial statements ending 2011 and it showed no findings or non-compliances; they also approved the release of emergency funds because of the wet summer; and she attended a first annual event in Woodbury called Best of Woodbury Awards.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended the Groundwater Advisory Committee meeting which discussed the Groundwater Plan; she attended a MELSA (Metropolitan Library Services Agency)

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meeting which discussed the preliminary 2013 budget; she attended the Red Rock Corridor meeting which issued a request for proposal for an Alternative Analysis update; she attended the Newport Planning Commission for an update on the Newport Transit Center; she visited the South Service Center in Cottage Grove and met with Dan Papin's staff and went through the process to apply for medical assistance; and she attended the strategic planning session yesterday.

Commissioner Lehrke announced that she will be attending the National Association of Counties Conference this week. She asked that it be announced at next week's Board meeting that she would be at that conference.

Commissioner Pulkrabek announced that he would be attending the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board meeting on Wednesday and that he too would be attending the National Association of Counties Conference this week.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District meeting; he attended the Planning Advisory Commission meeting; and he enjoyed the St. Croix Valley fireworks.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Resource Recovery Board Executive Committee which discussed a contract with RRT; he attended the Hugo open house for the roundabout on Highway 61 and County Road 4; and yesterday he attended the workshop with department heads.

Commissioner Kriesel commended the parks staff for their great work during the 4th of July celebrations. The parks were crowded and well attended.

Commissioner Hegberg appointed Commissioner Gary Kriesel to the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission.

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 Lehrke and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

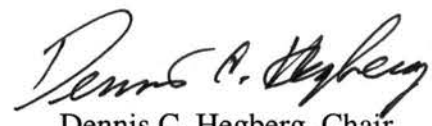
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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works for an update on the design of the Newport Transit Station. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Ted Schoenecker, Andy Gitzlaff, Yvonne Klinnert, Stuart Krahn, Stantec, Chip Robinson, Stantec, Tim Harlow, Star Tribune, and Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspaper.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss the next steps in land conservation through the Land and Water Legacy Program. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Jane Harper, John Elholm, Yvonne Klinnert, Steve Hobbs, and Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspapers.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JULY 17, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Kriesel, Hegberg, and Weik. Commissioners Pulkrabek and Lehrke absent. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; Linda Krafthefer, Assistant County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Michelle Kemper, Deputy Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Shoua Ly, Employment Counselor; Tina Simonson, Community Services Supervisor; Beth Clendenen, Social Worker II; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Peter Mott Public Works Assistant Manager; Carolyn Phelps, Historic Courthouse Coordinator; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Commander Chuck Yetter; Ron Johnson, Internal Auditor; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the June 26, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of an agreement with the State of Minnesota for continued work on a property survey for the Brown's Creek State Trail corridor.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-091** as follows:

2012 2nd Quarter Donations, Gifts, and Bequests

WHEREAS, Washington County gratefully accepts donations, gifts, and bequests from public and private sources to enhance the programs and services it provides; and

WHEREAS, Any gift, donation, or bequest becomes the property of Washington County; and

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WHEREAS, The Washington County Board is authorized to approve donations, gifts, and bequests on a quarterly basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve donations and gifts for 2012 second quarter.

4. Approval of a contract with Hugo Gracewood, LLC to provide services to elderly individuals receiving Medical Assistance Home and Community Based Services.
5. Approval of two temporary on-sale liquor licenses for the VFW Post 323 for a special event at the Washington County Fair in Baytown Township, August 1-5, 2012.
6. Approval to enter into a contract with Braun Intertec Corporation for precondition surveys and vibration monitoring on properties surrounding County State Aid Highway 23.
7. Approval of a joint powers agreement with the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Oak Park Heights for temporary secure housing for a Washington County inmate in the Oak Park Heights Correctional Facility-Transitional Care Unit.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 3-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none; Commissioners Pulkrabek and Lehrke absent.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Recognition of Shoua Ly, Employment Counselor of the Year Award

Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager, presented Shoua Ly with the Minnesota Family Investment Program/Diversionary Work Program Employment Counselor of the Year Award. Ms. Ly has been an Employment Counselor for nine years. She was selected for this award from a distinguished group for her leadership and dedication to helping participants improve their lives, creating innovative approaches and promoting employment opportunities for participants.

The Commissioners expressed appreciation for Ms. Ly's service.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, announced that Commissioner Autumn Lehrke is attending the National Association of Counties meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Acceptance of a \$40,000 Grant from the Huelsmann Foundation

Peter Mott, Public Works Assistant Manager, reviewed the request to accept a \$40,000 grant from the Huelsmann Foundation to restore the decorative railings surrounding the north portico/north entryway of the Historic Courthouse. Kris Danielson-Rossiter, President of the Huelsmann Foundation was present and spoke of her Uncle's, Dick Huelsmann, commitment to volunteerism and community service in the Stillwater and St. Croix Valley area.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to amend the Historic Courthouse Restoration Fund to accept a \$40,000 grant from the Huelsmann Foundation to restore the Historic Courthouse north portico/north entryway. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Pulkrabek and Lehrke absent.

Audit Committee Annual Report

Ron Johnson, Internal Auditor, presented the 2011 Audit Committee Annual Report to the County Board. The County Board thanked Mr. Johnson for his outstanding work and keeping the county's audit controls in place. Commissioner Kriesel thanked the citizen members who serve on the Audit Committee.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Mental Health Advisory Committee meeting which discussed the impact of mental illness on law enforcement and the legal system; she attended the Southwest Light Rail Management committee meeting and they have submitted an application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for partial funding; and she attended the Woodbury Yellow Ribbon meeting and they will be staffing the VFW booth.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended a couple of days of the National Association of Counties Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and participated in the following events: transportation steering committee and subcommittees; she attended the highway safety subcommittee meeting which discussed the reauthorization of the surface transportation program and future funding sources; she attended the full transportation steering committee which passed 10 resolutions related to future funding, and discussion on mileage based user fees to pay for better roads and bridges; she had a discussion with a Public Works Engineer from Barron, Wisconsin, about the effect of sand mining operations on local roads; she attended three workshops: 1) County and Community College Collaboration, 2) Counties in the Global Economy, Strategies to Attract International Tourism, and 3) Messaging Session on Communication. She attended an achievements award reception; she attended the Minnesota delegation caucus and it was very well attended; she attended the Opening General Session and heard remarks from

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Former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; and she used the Pittsburgh transportation system's light rail and subway.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he met with a School Board member from 834 to discuss shared services; and he met with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to discuss the status of the St. Croix River Crossing.

Commissioner Kriesel requested that the Board hold a workshop with the Washington County Historical Society to discuss its activities and the possibility of procuring a new building to house their operations. Commissioner Hegberg suggested that it be a televised workshop to allow the public to become more familiar with their activities and how it has become a more county-wide historical society.

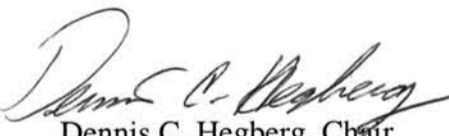
Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Greater Minneapolis/St. Paul Economic Development Board meeting; and he attended the Community Action Program meeting which is working on its comprehensive strategic planning.

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 Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioners Pulkrebek and Lehrke absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JULY 24, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; George Kuprian, Division Chief-Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Linda Bixby, Community Services Division Manager; Sue Fennern, Sr. Human Resources Representative; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Sara Meyer, Library Board Member; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Mike Polehna, Public Works Assistant Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; John Kaul, Legislative Liaison; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager; Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette and Tim Harlow, Star Tribune.

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 Lehrke to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the July 10, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of 1.00 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Eligibility Specialist position and 1.00 Economic Support Program Specialist position and the conversion of 2.00 FTE Special Project Eligibility Specialists to regular status positions in Community Services to meet the increased needs in managing individual and family health care and food support caseloads.
3. Approval of a grant agreement and authorization for the County Administrator and Board Chair to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Health related to public health emergency preparedness and the Cities Readiness Initiative in the amount of \$238,024.
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-092** as follows:

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Removal of House
Located in Lake Elmo Park Reserve

WHEREAS, Washington County is the owner in fee simple absolute of a house located at 9941 Stillwater Boulevard, Lake Elmo Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the house has been used as a rental property for the majority of thirty years and is currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, the cost of refurbishing the house and bringing it into a suitable condition for a new tenant far exceeds the value that may be attained by repair; and

WHEREAS, there is no future public park use for the house and it is scheduled for removal in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute section 375.18 subd. 2 bestows upon the county board the management and care of county property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize that bids be requested in 2012 for the removal, salvage or demolition of the house located at 9941 Stillwater Boulevard within the Lake Elmo Park Reserve.

5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-093** as follows:

Resolution Requesting Funding from the
Minnesota Department of Transportation through the
Fiscal Year 2014 Municipal Agreement Program

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is currently accepting candidate projects for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Municipal Agreement Program; and,

WHEREAS, Washington County is proposing to submit the following projects for consideration:

1. Construction of a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Trunk Highway (TH) 96 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 (Manning Avenue N).
2. Construction of a channelized, right turn porkchop island at 8th Street to the southbound lane of CSAH 18.

WHEREAS, the proposed projects would be expected to reduce traffic delays as well as reduce the potential for fatal or serious injury crashes; and,

WHEREAS, some of the principles of the program that apply to these projects include leveraging public investments to achieve multiple purposes, focusing on a low cost/high benefit solutions, and using partnerships; and,

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WHEREAS, the projects will be of mutual benefit to Mn/DOT and Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is committed to providing the county share of the costs if the projects are selected as part of the FY 2014 Municipal Agreement Program; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is committed to completing the project if selected and funding is provided as part of the fiscal year 2014 Municipal Agreement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County is requesting funding from MnDOT for improvements at the intersection of TH 96 and CSAH 15 and 8th Street and CSAH 18. The county is committed to completing such projects, if funded, and providing the county share of funding.

6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-094** as follows:

Resolution to Acquire Right of Way for the Realignment and Improvement of County State Aid Highways 19, 20, and 22

WHEREAS, in order to complete the intersection realignment and improvement of County State Aid Highways (CSAH) 19, 20, and 22 in the City of Cottage Grove, Washington County needs to acquire right of way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County proceed to realign and improve a portion of CSAHs 19, 20, and 22 east of CSAH 19 to intersect back into existing CSAH 20, located in Sections 2 and 11, Township 027 North, Range 21 West, in the City of Cottage Grove.

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

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials Award

John Elholm, Parks Division Manager, presented the County Board with an award from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials for the Washington County Lake Elmo Park Ski

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Trail Lighting Project. The county expanded winter skiing opportunities at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve by adding over 200 light fixtures to 5.4 miles of cross country ski trails. Using five foot poles, the new energy efficient method focuses a LED beam of light down the directional trail which makes the trails bright with very little light spillage.

National Association of Counties Award for the Library Community Partnership Project

Patricia Conley, Library Director, presented the County Board with a 2012 Achievement Award and the Best of Category Award from the National Association of Counties for its Washington County Library Community Partnership Project. The award recognized the county's work with two communities, Marine on St. Croix and Newport, which worked to replace traditional libraries with community reading rooms, staffed by part-time staff and community volunteers, with a small collection from the county along with donated items from the community.

Sara Meyer, Library Board member, presented an overview of a recent Valley Branch Library open house.

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, announced that the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting scheduled for July 26 has been cancelled.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Lehrke reported on her trip to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference. She attended the following meetings and workshops: Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee, the Water Quality Subcommittee, and Land Use Solid Waste Subcommittee which discussed Environmental Protection Agency job killing regulations and the waters of the U.S. definition; she attended the NACo Membership Committee meeting where she learned that the U.S. Communities Program offers 28 different product lines that can be purchased using national purchasing power and non-profits can use these items also; she attended the Community and Economic Development Committee meeting which had a Housing and Urban Development presentation on affordable housing; she attended the Jobs and Capital Economic Development 2012 workshop where Darden, the owners of Red Lobster and Olive Garden, gave a presentation on what they look for when placing a restaurant; she attended a workshop on Governance Changes to the New Normal and that message was that the current form of government was outdated and it cannot afford to be inefficient any longer; she attended a workshop on Railroads and Counties – Making a Connection which dealt with freight mostly but they also talked about passenger rail service; she attended a workshop on the Benefits of Open Space and how people are directly benefited from open space even if they don't use it; and she attended the parks award and other meetings.

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Commissioner Lehrke stated after returning from the NACo Conference she attended the Newport Transit Center open house; she attended the Cottage Grove City Council meeting; and last evening she attended the beginning of the Library Board meeting with a constituent.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting with Commissioner Hegberg and learned that the Washington County Guaranteed grant application is due September 7 and they heard a report on the Regional Transportation System-What's the Return on the Investment; she attended the Personnel Committee meeting and the Financial Committee meeting last week; she attended the Library Board meeting last evening; this week the Woodbury Dairy Queen will participate in the Miracle Treat Day; and she mentioned that there may be a change in date to the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Executive Committee meeting, but she has not seen a subsequent confirmation on that.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported he attended the Parks and Open Space Commission meeting which reviewed the priorities on parcels and revisited the selection criteria.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended several meetings related to the St. Croix River Crossing; he attended the Lower Valley Alliance of Cities which discussed the counties five year Capital Improvement Program; and he attended the Library Board meeting which discussed library hours and reviewing the policy on meeting rooms.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting which discussed the 2013 budget and housing projects in Mahtomedi and Newport; he attended the Rush Line Corridor Task Force meeting which discussed the bus service from Forest Lake to St. Paul; the meeting was held at the Union Depot and they toured that facility; he attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting; and he attended the Community Action Program meeting which discussed the budget.

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 Lehrke and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

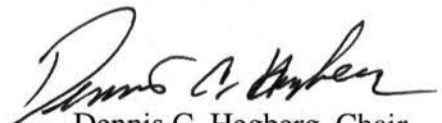
The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss Trunk Highway 61 and County State Aid Highway 4 and County Road 4A construction project and a draft memorandum of understanding. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Sharon Price, Ted Schoenecker, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Yvonne Klinnert, Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspaper, Patricia Conley, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette, Herb Japs, Washington County Library Board, Tim Harlow, Star Tribune, Marc Briesse, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and John Kaul, Legislative Liaison.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COUNTY LIBRARY

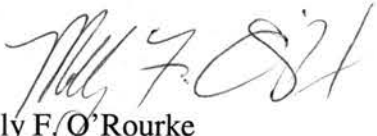
The Board met in workshop session with the County Library to discuss days of services and hours. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Patricia Conley, Yvonne Klinnert, Melinda Kirk, Joyce Schneider, Joe Manion, Margaret Stone, Herb Japs, Washington County Library Board, Judy Bull, Washington County Library Board, Sara Meyer, Washington County Library Board, Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspaper, Patricia Conley, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette, and Tim Harlow, Star Tribune.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review the proposed 2013 Washington County legislative positions. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Lowell Johnson, Pat Conley, Dan Papin, Jennifer Wagenius, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Harley Will, Tom Atkins, Yvonne Klinnert, and John Kaul, Legislative Liaison.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

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WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
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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 Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Regional Railroad Authority Chair Weik presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Division Chief-Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Sharon Price, Right of Way Specialist; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Public Works Senior Planner; Rose Peterson, Public Works Assistant Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Commander Doug Anchutz; Sandra Hahn, Community Corrections Deputy Director; Terry Thomas, Community Corrections Division Manger; Nancy Brase, Administrative Services Manager; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manger; Michael Langley, Greater MSP; Kathy Schmidlkofer, Greater MSP; Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette; Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspapers; and Tim Harlow, Star Tribune. 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 9:05 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; George Kuprian, Division Chief-Attorney; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Sharon Price, Right of Way Specialist; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Public Works Senior Planner; Rose Peterson, Public Works Assistant Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Commander Doug Anchutz; Sandra Hahn, Community Corrections Deputy Director; Terry Thomas, Community Corrections Division Manger; Nancy Brase, Administrative Services Manager; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst II; Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manger; Todd Streeter, Executive

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Director Greater Stillwater Area Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Dean Johnston, City of Lake Elmo; Mike Pearson, Lake Elmo City Councilmember; Dean Zuleger, Lake Elmo City Administrator; Craig Waldron, Oakdale City Administrator; Don Schaps, City of Oakdale; Michael Langley, Greater MSP; Kathy Schmidlkofer, Greater MSP; Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette; Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspapers; and Tim Harlow, Star Tribune.

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 July 17, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-095** as follows:

Resolution Establishing the Date for a Public Hearing on a Proposal That Washington County Approve the Issuance and Principal Amount of certain Governmental Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds in an Estimated Original Principal Amount of up to \$13,500,000, to be Issued by the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and to which the General Obligation of Washington County will be Pledged as Additional Security, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.034

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.034, as amended (the "Act"), the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") is authorized to pledge the general obligation of Washington County (the "County") as additional security for certain bonds to be issued by the Authority to finance or refinance a qualified housing development project (as defined in the Act), subject to approval by the County of the principal amount of the issue; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has advised the County that the Authority previously issued its revenue bonds to finance and refinance certain housing development projects owned by the Authority and located in the County, including as follows: \$17,225,000 Governmental Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds (Washington County General Obligation – Woodland Park Apartments Project), Series 2002, issued to refinance a housing development project commonly known as "Woodland Park

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Apartments Project” and \$9,760,000 Governmental Housing Revenue Bonds (Washington County General Obligation – Pooled Refunding Project), Series 2003, issued in part to refinance a housing development project commonly known as “Brick Pond Apartments Project” (the foregoing bonds are sometimes referred to collectively in this Resolution as the “Prior Bonds,” and such housing development projects are sometimes referred to collectively in this Resolution as the “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has proposed to issue certain governmental housing revenue refunding bonds (the “Bonds”), to which the general obligation of the County is proposed to be pledged as additional security, in an estimated original principal amount of up to \$13,500,000, for the purpose of refunding the Prior Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has represented to the County that the issuance of the Bonds, backed by the Authority’s pledge of the full faith and credit of the County, to refund the Prior Bonds will result in significant interest cost savings; and

WHEREAS, each of the Projects constitutes, and at the time of issuance of the Bonds will constitute, a “qualified housing development project”, as defined under Section 469.034, subd. 2, of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, a public hearing will be held by the County on the proposed pledge of the general obligation of the County to the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Washington County on August 7, 2012, as follows:

1. The County hereby gives preliminary approval to the pledge of the general obligation of the County to the Bonds, subject, however, to further proceedings and final approval by the Authority and this Board.
2. The County will conduct a public hearing on the issuance and principal amount of the Bonds on September 4, 2012, at or after 9:00 a.m. at the Washington County Government Center Board Room, Stillwater, Minnesota.
3. A notice of public hearing shall be prepared with the advice of the County’s bond counsel and published in the official newspaper of the County. Publication of the notice shall be at least fifteen (15) days before the date set for the hearing.

3. Approval of application for a new On-Sale Liquor License for the Afton Apple Orchard located in Denmark Township.
4. Approval of budget amendment up to \$885,000 for costs to replace the north wing of the Government Center/Courthouse roof system.
5. Approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Washington County, Washington County Regional Railroad Authority, and the Minnesota Department of

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Transportation outlining roles and responsibilities for the implementation of a roundabout at the intersection of US 61/County State Aid Highway 4/County Road 4A.

6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-096** as follows:

Resolution to Renew Lease of Tower
Space for an Additional Five Year Term

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Sections 1.1 and 2.2 of Tower License Agreement Site MIN 443D, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves renewal of the Agreement for another 5 year term under the conditions set forth in Section 2.2

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

**GREATER MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERSHIP (MSP)**

Michael Langley, Chief Executive Officer, and Kathy Schmidtkofer, Executive Vice President, representing the Greater MSP, presented an update on their activities, accomplishments, and where the region is headed over the next five to ten years. Goals for the region are to: outpace the U.S. rate of employment growth; reorient the trajectory to compete more effectively against peer regions; work to recast and increase job growth over the next five years by over 100,000 new jobs in the region; and achieve a positive rate of return.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

2012 County Canvass Board for State Primary Election

Commissioner Lehrke moved to appoint Commissioner Kriesel to the 2012 County Canvass Board for the August 14, 2012 State Primary Election. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously. Commissioner Hegberg moved to appoint Commissioner Lehrke to the 2012 County Canvass Board for the August 14, 2012 State Primary Election. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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PUBLIC WORKS**Presentation on the Daylight Cleaning Program**

Greg Wood, Building Services Manager, reviewed the daylight cleaning program. Benefits include energy cost savings; increased tenant satisfaction; improved building security; improved consistency of cleaning services; reduced environmental impact; healthier buildings; and socially responsible. He also noted a major reduction in types of cleaning products, which are green seal certified; they use microfiber towels; and they use low decibel and high efficiency vacuums.

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, noted that Building Services has been working with Public Health to change how the county picks up trash and how different materials are disposed. Trash cans in cubicles and offices are not emptied every night, and composting bins have been placed in the break rooms. This leads to a greater awareness by employees of what can be composted thus sending fewer items through the solid waste system.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Ms. O'Rourke reported that in Commissioner Correspondence a letter was received from the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust announcing that Washington County has received a dividend in the amount of \$1 million this year. That money will be used to reduce post-employment health care liability.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS - COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Executive Committee meeting of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District where they certified the preliminary levy for 2013; she attended the Gateway Corridor Policy Analysis Committee (PAC) meeting which looked at input from the Technical Advisory Committee and based on that input the PAC recommended full model runs for three alternatives; she attended a City of Woodbury County Road 19 project update; Senator Franken was in Woodbury and she was invited to tour the Woodbury Health Care Center; she attended a Woodbury Chamber luncheon and thanked County Attorney Pete Orput who spoke on identity theft; and she attended the Washington County Fair senior awards event on Friday, where Jessie Crane, a Woodbury resident, was a recipient.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended a Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board meeting and toured By the Yard which makes lawn furniture from recycled plastics; she attended the East Metro Rail Capacity Study open house; she met with Friends of the Mississippi River to discuss conservation areas along the Mississippi River for Land and Water Legacy money; she attended the Community Conversation in Woodbury on the topic of "How Does Tax Inhibit Meaningful Public Policy Debate";

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she had a phone conversation with Kevin Walsh, Administrator from St. Paul Park, to discuss the Housing and Redevelopment Authorities moving from St. Paul Park to Woodbury; she attended the Washington County Fair on Saturday; she attended the Minnesota Inter-City Passenger Rail Forum; and she informed the Board that she was appointed to the National Association of Counties Veterans and Military Service Members Committee.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Bayport City Council meeting where they honored Mike Bell who retired as Fire Chief, after many years of great service to the community; he noted that Mark Swenson was appointed to replace Chief Bell; he attended the Law Library Board meeting; he attended the Minnesota High Speed Rail Committee meeting in Red Wing; and he has attended multiple meetings involving the St. Croix River Coalition, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Oak Park Heights City Council.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Minnesota Association of Governments Investing for Counties meeting; he attended the Community Action Program Board meeting; and he attended the Washington County Fair on Friday and Sunday.

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 Lehrke and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP – 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET


The Board met in workshop session to discuss the 2013 proposed budget with Administration, Accounting and Finance, Human Resources, General Operations, and Information Technology. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Jennifer Wagenius, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Pam French, Mjyke Nelson, Victoria DeFord, Terry Thomas, Sandy Hahn, Terry Giebel, Pat Conley, Dan Papin, Lowell Johnson, Nancy Brase, Stephanie Kammerud, Kirsta Sanchez, Yvonne Klinnert, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette; Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspapers; Tim Harlow, Star Tribune, and Tom Simonet, David Grabitske, Scott Foss, Brent Peterson, Washington County Historical Society, Executive Director.

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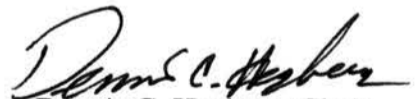
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Board met in workshop session with the Washington County Historical Society to discuss Historical Society activities. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Dan Papin, Kirsta Sanchez, Yvonne Klennert, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette; Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspapers; Tim Harlow, Star Tribune, and Tom Simonet, David Grabitske, Scott Foss, Brent Peterson with the Washington County Historical Society.

Attest:



Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 14, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; Pete Orput, County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Carol Peterson, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Deputy Director; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager; Nicole Stewart, Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the July 24, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Mary Ann Thelen, Oakdale, to the Minnesota Extension Committee for Washington County, to a first term expiring December 31, 2014.
3. Approval to appoint Andrew Weaver, May Township, to the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District Board of Managers to a three-year term expiring June 21, 2015.
4. Approval of updated Policy No. 1300 – Washington County Guidelines and Procedures for Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

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5. Approval of Amendment No. One to a Memorandum of Understanding among metro counties for a cross county collaboration with respect to information technology infrastructure and functionality.
6. Approval of contract amendment to increase the contract with Trissential, LLC, for the JD Edwards Enterprise One Upgrade Project, by the amount of \$67,380.
7. Approval of Amendment No. One for contract with Tree Trust to provide services to Washington County's Workforce Center youth employment programs for the summers of 2012, 2013, and 2014.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-097** as follows:

Lawful Gambling Exemption Resolution

WHEREAS, the Pheasants Forever Mississippi Longtail Chapter 385, has made an 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, located at 12378 Point Douglas Road South, Hastings, MN (Denmark Township), 55033. This event will be conducted on September 11, 2012.

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

9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-098** as follows:

Resolution Approving Repurchase of Tax Forfeited Land by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company on Behalf of Harlan and Lisa Beberg

WHEREAS, Minnesota statutes 282.241 allows for the repurchase of tax forfeited land by the previous owner, heirs, or other parties with the appropriate legal interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, taxation parcel 18.029.21.43.0051 forfeited for the non-payment of property taxes on July 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the law allows for the repurchase of homesteaded property up until the property is sold or conveyed by the county; and

WHEREAS, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company has submitted a request for repurchase under 282.241, on the behalf of Harlan and Lisa Beberg, having an interest in the property as previous owners that allows them to request the repurchase; and

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WHEREAS, Bank of America and Briggs and Morgan have submitted checks totaling \$453.78 representing taxes, penalties, interest, costs, and fees for the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, the department believes a repurchase is in the best interest of the public in that it allows Harlan and Lisa Beberg to collectively form a single developed lot with their home parcel and pay off the back taxes and costs that are owed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request for repurchase of the tax forfeited parcel 18.029.21.43.0051 by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company on behalf of Harlan and Lisa Beberg.

10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-099** as follows:

Resolution Approving Repurchase of
Tax Forfeited Land by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems
on Behalf of Kurt A. Hamernick

WHEREAS, Minnesota statutes 282.241 allows for the repurchase of tax forfeited land by the previous owner, heirs, or other parties with the appropriate legal interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, taxation parcel 04.032.21.22.0011 forfeited for the non-payment of property taxes on July 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the law allows for the repurchase of homesteaded property up until the property is sold or conveyed by the county; and

WHEREAS, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems has submitted a request for repurchase under 282.241, on the behalf of Mr. Hamernick, having an interest in the property as previous owner that allows them to request the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, Bank of America has submitted checks totaling \$2,976.40 representing taxes, penalties, interest, costs, and fees for the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, the department believes a repurchase is in the best interest of the public in that it allows Mr. Hamernick to collectively form a single developed lot with his home parcel and pay off the back taxes and costs that are owed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request for repurchase of the tax forfeited parcel 04.032.21.22.0011 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems on behalf of Kurt A. Hamernick.

11. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-100** as follows:

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Resolution Approving Repurchase of
Tax Forfeited Land by Marlin R. Rygh

WHEREAS, Minnesota statutes 282.241 allows for the repurchase of tax forfeited land by the previous owner, heirs, or other parties with the appropriate legal interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, taxation parcel 08.027.21.11.0006 forfeited for the non-payment of property taxes on July 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the law allows for the repurchase of non-homestead property if application and funds are received within one year of the forfeiture date unless the property is sold or conveyed by the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rygh has submitted a request for repurchase under 282.241, having an interest in the property as previous owner that allows him to request the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rygh has submitted a check totaling \$1,417.49 representing taxes, penalties, interest, costs, and fees for the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, the department believes a repurchase is in the best interest of the public in that it allows Mr. Rygh to continue with his plans to develop the property and pay off the back taxes and costs that are owed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request for repurchase of the tax forfeited parcel 08.027.21.11.0006 by Marlin R. Rygh.

12. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-101** as follows:

Resolution Approving Conveyance of
Tax Forfeited Land to Mississippi Dunes Townhomes Association

WHEREAS, taxation parcels 19.027.21.44.0062 and 19.027.21.44.0136 forfeited for the non-payment of property taxes on July 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 282.01 allows for the conveyance of tax forfeited land by the commissioner of revenue to the association of a common interest community if the association certifies to the county board they were entitled to the parcel prior to forfeiture; and

WHEREAS, no compensation or consideration is required for the conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Dunes Townhomes Association has certified in a letter received from Carlson & Associates that the Association was entitled to the parcels prior to forfeiture; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services believes the conveyance is in compliance with Minnesota Statutes and recommends the request to be granted.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the application from the Mississippi Dunes Townhomes Association for the conveyance, due to prior failure to convey which was duly certified, of tax forfeited parcels 19.027.21.44.0062 and 19.027.21.44.0136 and recommends to the commissioner of revenue that the application be granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conveyance be granted for no compensation except for reimbursement of the state deed and recording costs.

13. Approval of recycling grant agreement with the City of Oakdale for distribution of curbside recycling funds.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

David Benke, Division Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, extended its agencies thanks to Washington County for its continued leadership in waste management. The county's plan includes several items that are both innovative and continue the foundation that Washington County has made in looking forward to reuse material.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Benke for attending today's Board meeting. They also asked that when the State makes rules, it also enforces them. They noted this will help the county achieve goals based on the laws.

Commissioner Weik suggested that more school districts participate in the source separation of organic waste. Washington County has had success with its pilot programs.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Recognition of Mike Bell, Chief of the Bayport Fire Department

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-102** as follows:

Resolution of Congratulations and Thanks to
Mike Bell
on his Retirement as Chief of the Bayport Fire Department

WHEREAS, Mike Bell has served in the Bayport Fire Department, which serves the communities of Bayport, Baytown Township, Oak Park Heights and West Lakeland Township, for 22 years; and

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WHEREAS, he has risen to the rank of Fire Chief, a post in which he has served for eight years; and

WHEREAS, he has chosen to retire from that post and pass the responsibility onto his successor; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners wishes to extend its appreciation and gratitude for the selfless contributions he has made to Washington County communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners sends its congratulations to Chief Bell on his retirement and wishes him the best in the coming years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners thanks Mike Bell for his outstanding contributions to the Washington County community during his years of service.

Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Primary Election

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, reminded the viewing audience that this is primary election day and the polls will be open to 8:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported he met with the City of Stillwater and Stillwater Township staff to discuss possible Land and Water Legacy parcels that will be further explored; and he attended the Gateway Corridor meeting which discussed alternative analysis.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Gateway Corridor meeting and they approved the Policy Analysis and Technical Analysis Committees recommendations for full model runs on three of the alternative routes that will include ten design refinements; she attended the Woodbury Yellow Ribbon Committee Network meeting and announced that they would have a section within the Minnesota Yellow Ribbon booth at the State Fair this year; she attended the Woodbury Chamber monthly luncheon where Woodbury City staff gave an overview of the Bielenburg Sports Center expansion plans; yesterday she volunteered at the annual Woodbury Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament that is held in honor of late Commissioner Dick Stafford and raises funds for the Veterans Memorial at Woodbury City Hall; and she plans to attend the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting tomorrow morning.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended several block parties last week for National Night Out; she met with staff to discuss groundwater issues in her district; and the Newport Pioneer Days was held this past weekend.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting where they received additional information on budgets; he attended the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust; he attended the Transportation Advisory Board meeting where they discussed road projects and the lack of funds; he attended the Community Action Program Finance Committee meeting; he attended a discussion put on by Congresswoman Betty McCollum regarding transportation projects on the east side of the metro area and because of the efficiency in cars and trucks, the gas tax is not generating the type of revenue that the federal government had anticipated, and they will need to use general funds to subsidize the federal road projects; and he attended a Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Workshop discussing the future goals of the HRA.

Commissioner Kriesel mentioned that the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) has hired Steve Novak and he will bring a wealth of experience to MICA.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file. Commissioner Hegberg noted that in Board correspondence the county was notified by letter that an individual donated 79 acres to the Department of Natural Resources along Hardwood Creek. He has asked that staff check to see if the County Board needs to pass a resolution to accept that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Weik moved to go into Executive Session with Human Resources to discuss negotiations related to health insurance contributions for 2013. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Pam French, Frank Madden (by phone conference), and Patricia Raddatz; the time being 9:40 a.m.

The County Board reconvened at 9:55 a.m. following an Executive Session to discuss negotiations related to health insurance contributions for 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Kriesel moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Lehrke and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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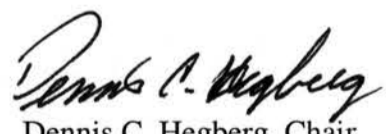
BOARD WORKSHOP – 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board met in workshop session with Property Records and Taxpayer Services, Public Works, Regional Rail, County Library, and the Law Library to discuss their proposed 2013 budgets. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Colleen Reynolds, Tom Adkins, Sandy Hahn, Lowell Johnson, Judy Hunter, Dan Papin, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Mjyke Nelson, Stephanie Kammerud, Jennifer Wagenius, Cynthia Boyce, Carol Peterson, Steven Gransee, Yvonne Klinnert, Kirsta Sanchez, Patricia Conley, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette, and Johnthan Avise, South Washington County Bulletin.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment for a presentation on their strategic plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Lowell Johnson, Sue Hedlund, Yvonne Klinnert, and Amanda Hollis.

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator
Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 21, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney Division Chief; Peter Orput, County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandy Hahn, Deputy Community Corrections Director; Terry Thomas, Community Corrections Division Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Erik Jalowitz, Building Services Project Manager; Rosemary Peterson, Public Works Assistant Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Commander Cheri Dexter; Commander Chuck Yetter; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to accept a donation for \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Forest Lake for helping them with the 2012 Winter Plunge fundraiser.
2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-103** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Execution of the
State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety
Supplement Equipment 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 Equipment 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.

3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-104** as follows:

Approval of Court Data Services Subscriber Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into The Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment between the State of Minnesota Department of Public Health, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and State of Minnesota Court Administrator's.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Weik moved to authorize Amendment No. 1 to a contract with ICF construction for additional services on the Government Center waterproofing repairs project in the amount of \$138,490. Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, followed up on a request by Commissioner Hegberg last week regarding Board correspondence received from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) notifying the county that an individual had donated 79.3 acres to the DNR to become part of the Hardwood Creek State Wildlife Management Area. Commissioner Hegberg asked staff to research whether or not the county needed to pass a resolution accepting that donation. Ms. O'Rourke informed the Board that when property is donated, the county does not need to do anything; however, if the individuals had sold the property to the DNR, then the county would need to pass a resolution approving that action.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she met with staff to review building services division cleaning policies in more detail; she attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) meeting which had an update on the Rail~Volution Conference and travel authorization and CTIB is allocating money to pay for airfare to the conference; CTIB also had an overview on the Program of Projects Study; and tomorrow she will be attending the Metropolitan Mosquito Control meeting.

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Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Board of Director's meeting and she shared with them what she learned from Community Services about Medical Assistance and the archaic technology that the state uses; AMC updated the group on a meeting it had with the Department of Revenue and would like counties to start thinking about programs that could be turned back to the state; she noted that she voted against the dues increase at their last meeting because she felt there were efficiencies that could be found in the association and at this past meeting they had a lengthy discussion about purchasing software that would allow members to have on-line meetings from any location, but a lot of the commissioners wanted face-to-face meetings; AMC meetings costs between \$6,000 and \$8,000 per meeting and she felt the software, which costs \$1,000, would pay for itself in the first meeting; she served on the canvass board to certify the primary election results; and she met with the County Engineer this morning to talk about Hill Road in Woodbury.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he met with the shared services committee, which is made up of the school district and various community leaders, to find opportunities where various organizations can share services for efficiency and cost savings; he served on the canvass board to certify the primary election results; and yesterday he and county staff met with Lake Elmo Mayor Dean Johnston to discuss the city's downtown vision, necessary road improvements, and Lake Elmo's intention to bring sewer up and how that would impact county roads.

Commissioner Kriesel noted that tonight at the Oak Park Heights City Council meeting there will be a workshop on the St. Croix River Crossing. The Minnesota Department of Transportation has gotten the cost down to zero dollars for the City of Oak Park Heights and the only cost would be if the city wanted to replace aging infrastructure. He noted that the Oak Park Heights City Council will have a special meeting on Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. that would determine whether Oak Park Heights allows the project to move forward without objection. Commissioner Kriesel believes it is important that the city does approve it and would advise that citizens attend those meetings and show their support for the project.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) meeting and commented on the action by the legislature which took CTIB dollars and used it for busing operations; his question is if the legislature continues to do that, the counties will have fewer dollars to build out transit systems, and is that a legitimate cost of the state or local boards; he attended the Transportation Advisory Board meeting; he attended the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging meeting and they toured the Presbyterian Homes facility which prepares meals for Meals on Wheels; he attended the Community Action Program meeting which is going through strategic planning for the next three to four years; and he attended a Chamber event yesterday.

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Commissioner Hegberg responded to Commissioner Lehrke's report about on-line meetings and his concerns about the open meeting law. He feels it is very difficult to make sure the public has access to the meetings if they are televised or doing it by computer. He feels that needs to be ironed out by the legislature if they will allow counties to have meetings on-line.

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 Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:28 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. RRA Chair Weik presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney Division Chief; Richard Hodsdon, Assistant County Attorney; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Sharon Price, Property Manager; and Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

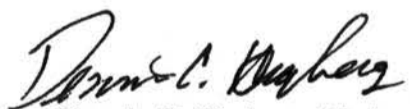
BOARD WORKSHOP 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board met in workshop session with the County Sheriff's Office, the County Attorney's Office, and Community Corrections to discuss their 2013 proposed budgets. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Peter Orput, Barb Nelson, Stephen Povolny, Barb Nelsen, Mjyke Nelson, Harley Will, Dan Papin, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Brian Mueller, Jennifer Arbogast, Jill Zenzola, Chuck Yetter, Doug Anschutz, Cheri Dexter, Jennifer Wagenius, Stephanie Kammerud, Yvonne Klinnert, Kirsta Sanchez, Lowell Johnson, Annette Fritz, Barb McGinnis, Terry Thomas, Sandy Hahn, Tom Adkins, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, and Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette.


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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss the Counties Transit Improvement Board's 2012 grant solicitation and potential eligible Washington County projects. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Wayne Sandberg, and Ted Schoenecker.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

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AUGUST 28, 2012**

THE 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 Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. RRA Chair Weik presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney Division Chief; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Lyssa Leitner, Transportation Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Kirsta Sanchez, Public information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:11 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney Division Chief; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Lyssa Leitner, Transportation Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Kirsta Sanchez, Public information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

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 Pulkrabek to adopt the following Consent Calendar:

1. Approval of the August 7 and 14, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint Wayne Moe, Scandia, to the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District to a second term expiring September 22, 2015.
3. Approval of contract with John Kaul, d.b.a. Capitol Gains, for legislation liaison services.
4. Approval of the plat of Anna F Anderson Addition located in May Township.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, announced that following today's meeting there will be Board workshops to review 2013 proposed budgets for the Departments of Community Services and Public Health. Following the workshops there will be a Finance Committee meeting to receive an update on the new actuarial study on the Post Employment Health Benefits.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District where they discussed the 2013 budget and a request was made for test runs to consider a 10 percent cut in the 2013 budget; they also heard an update on the West Nile outbreak in Texas; there are 1,118 West Nile cases in the nation, half of those are in the north Dallas area; in Minnesota there are 27 cases, with 2 cases in Hennepin County, and there is one La Crosse encephalitis case in Carver County; she attended several events at Woodbury Days last weekend; she plans on attending the Finance Committee meeting; and she may attend the County Attorney's luncheon on Thursday.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended the Cottage Grove Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting and announced that she volunteered to help staff the booth at the State Fair today because it is Military Appreciation Day at the fair; she attended the Groundwater Advisory Committee meeting; and she attended the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting where they discussed extending the contract for RRT (Resource Recovery Technologies); she feels that RRT should be market driven and it was RRTs

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goal to be market driven by the end of their current contract; however they are not, so that is why she voted against the contract because the counties have already subsidized it by \$75 million over the past six years.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting and he voted in favor of extending the three-year contract; he attended the Community Corrections meeting and thanked the County Attorney for his presentation on Veterans Court; and he attended a public health town forum at the Stillwater Public Library regarding the deaths in Lily Lake.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that the peak for West Nile is later in the fall and he urged people to wear long clothing and repellent; he reported he attended the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting where they discussed their budget and heard there is a waiting list for senior housing that is longer than units available; he attended the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting and he voted in favor of extending the three-year contract; he reminded the Board that years ago the county had been sued because of the Wisconsin landfill and the county had to contribute a certain amount of money because of the pollution over there; he feels how the county handles waste is important; and he announced that the Housing and Redevelopment Authority will hold a special meeting to discuss Landfall issues which will be closed to the public.

Commissioner Kriesel left the Board meeting at 9:23 a.m.

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 Lehrke and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

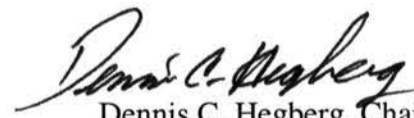
The Board met in workshop session with the Departments of Community Service and Public Health and Environment to discuss their 2013 proposed budgets. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Dan Papin, Robert Crawford,

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Robby Robinson, Linda Bixby, Michele Kemper, Rick Backman, Cindy Rupp, Jill Timm, Harley Will, Mjyke Nelson, Lowell Johnson, Sue Hedlund, Jean Streetar, Connie Waldera, Yvonne Klinnert, Kirsta Sanchez, Maureen Trost, Kris Keller, Amanda Strommer, Amber Shanahan, Ann Church, Dan Dolan, Kim Boyce, Judy Hunter, Sheriff William Hutton; and Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss a federal funding opportunity for design and construction of a mini-roundabout at the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 and CSAH 12 in Stillwater. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Joe Gustafson, Harley Will, Yvonne Klinnert, and Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney, Acting First Assistant; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Public Health and Environment Senior Program Manager; Amanda Strommer, Public Health and Environment, Program Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Jon Chiglo, Minnesota Department of Transportation; Commander Doug Anshutz; Stephanie Kammerud, Administrative Assistant; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board held a moment of silence to remember those who died eleven years ago on September 11, 2001.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Matthew Behning, 3443 Maureen Lane, Stillwater, stated he has a wife and two children and they are struggling financially. They have gone over their budget and are putting off large purchases. The county has \$157,000,000 in debt. He feels the county should pay down the debt before there is non-essential spending.

Brent Reibel, 1767 4th Street, May Township, stated he owns property in the Big Marine Park Reserve and has had an ongoing dispute with the county as to whether it had an easement for a road through his property. Mr. Reibel distributed a letter from May Township indicating that after reviewing their records they were "unable to locate any ordinances, resolutions or other official business related to the establishment or adoption of a road named Lomond Trail North". He asked that an agreement be reached so his family can live in peace.

Bob Tatreau, P.O. Box 25072, Woodbury, stated that the United States has been in an economic disaster since September 11, 2001. He stated that spending is out of control and has to be reined in. Projects of all kinds need to be carefully looked at and the right financial application has to be made in every instance. He is happy with the Library hours that he has in Woodbury.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to reappoint Rick Vanzwol, Grant, and Gerald Johnson, Stillwater, to the Brown's Creek Watershed District Board of Managers to three-year terms expiring October 21, 2015.
2. Approval of Policy for Reimbursement Allowance for Personal Communication Devices and Service Contracts replacing Policy #5505 Acceptable Use and Reimbursement of Office and Portable Electronic Equipment.
3. Approval of Amendment Number Two to the Cooperative Agreement with Anoka, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Sherburne, and Washington Counties for the provision of non-emergency medical transportation services for eligible Medical Assistance and Minnesota Care recipients.
4. Approval of grant in the amount of \$68,000 to offset expenses of Victim/Witness staff in the County Attorney's Office.
5. Approval and execution by Board Chair and Administrator of recycling grant agreements with the City of Cottage Grove and the City of Woodbury for distribution of curbside recycling funds.
6. Approval to authorize the Department of Public Health and Environment to submit a grant application to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for the Fiscal Year 2013 Clean Water Fund Accelerated Implementation Grant Program for a Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Inventory in the amount of \$27,000.
7. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to contract with TKDA, Inc. for construction inspection and administrative services necessary to complete construction of the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail overpass at County Road 83 (11th Avenue South West) in Forest Lake.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-109** as follows:

Resolution to Appropriate Money to the
Coalition for the St. Croix River Crossing

WHEREAS, the construction of a new St. Croix River crossing is soon set to begin; and,

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WHEREAS, the new St. Croix River crossing will be of an invaluable benefit to the economic and agricultural resources of Washington County; and,

WHEREAS, it serves the best interests of the county to begin touting the county's economic and agricultural resources prior to the start of the construction of the new St. Croix River crossing; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statue section 375.83 authorizes counties to expend monies from the general fund in order to pay incorporated development societies or organizations of Minnesota to promote and advertise the economic and agricultural resources of counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Coalition for the St. Croix River Crossing is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota whose mission is to:

- Educate citizens about the benefits of building a new St. Croix River Crossing
- To organize community support for the project in both Minnesota and Wisconsin
- To communicate support for a new St. Croix River Crossing to federal and state representatives; and,

WHEREAS, the Coalition for the St. Croix River Crossing has worked to promote and advertise a new St. Croix River Crossing that will improve and develop the economic resources of the county, and,

WHEREAS, the Coalition for the St. Croix River Crossing would greatly further and enhance the development of the county's economic and agricultural resources attendant to the construction of the St. Croix River Crossing through promotion and advertisement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the appropriation of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars from the county's general fund to be paid to the Coalition for the St. Croix River Crossing for the purpose of furthering the improvement and development of the county's economic and agricultural resources through its promotion and advertisement.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

PUBLIC WORKS

Update on the St. Croix River Crossing

Jon Chiglo, Minnesota Department of Transportation, presented a brief update on the St. Croix River Crossing. He reviewed the reconstruction of Trunk Highway (TH) 36 and frontage roads, and TH 95. He stated that a Request for Qualifications was issued on August 30; a request for proposals will be issued in late October or early November; the award will not be solely based on low bid, it will be a best value selection that also takes into consideration qualifications in addition to price. There will be a

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letting in February of 2013 with construction starting May 1 and construction completed in the fall of 2014. They will try to get the frontage roads completed in the first year and complete TH 36 the second year. Their goal is to have a single lane open in both directions on both TH 36 and TH 95 and the hope is to limit intersection closures of Oakgreen/Greeley and Osgood to 12 days each and at separate times. Business access will be maintained during normal business hours and traffic will only be detoured if intersections are closed. During construction of the bridge there will be impacts to river traffic but it will still be allowed to go north and south of the construction zone. They will be using incentives and disincentives, especially on the frontage roads.

Mr. Chiglo gave an update on the Wisconsin approach. The schedule is as follows: west half of new grade will be let in fall of 2013 with construction to start in spring of 2014; east half of the new grade will be let in the fall of 2014 with construction to start in spring of 2015; the paving contract will let in the fall of 2015 with construction to start in the spring of 2016; and open to traffic at same time as the river bridge. This is an earlier start than first anticipated because they are targeting an area in Wisconsin for a casting yard to precast segments of the bridge, transport them to the site and then hoist them up and install them one by one. They are looking at between 600 and 800 segments that need to be constructed. They are 18 feet tall and 42 feet wide and 10 feet long and weigh between 180 to 200 tons.

Mr. Chiglo noted that the bridge designer was selected in June. Since that time they have been working on making this design more efficient by lengthening the spans from 475 feet to 600 feet which eliminated one pier in the water reducing it from six to five; and they've eliminated two towers reducing it from seven to five. These changes mean savings to the project and making the design more efficient. It also eliminates the environmental footprint and minimizes environmental impacts. They anticipate that the design of the bridge will be completed in the spring and they will begin advertising those plans in the summer for a letting in the fall of 2013. They are estimating three construction seasons.

Mr. Chiglo listed other contracts that will occur under this project: construction of Club Terra parking lot in 2013; Club Terra is a historic property and they use the frontage road as a parking lot which they will not be able to do in the future as the frontage road is being extended east to Stagecoach Trail; landscaping contracts in 2015; and in 2017 they will have final project completion, the lift bridge conversion project, and the loop trail. Because of the load testing they have been able to reduce the size of the drilled shafts; they've been able to refine the capacity of those reduced shafts; they've been able to reduce the length of those shafts; and this relates into managing the costs effectively.

Mr. Chiglo stated they have held many open houses in both Minnesota and Wisconsin and will continue to do so; and they have engaged the Stillwater Area School System to work with their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math program. They hope to open an office in the project area to make themselves available to residents and businesses to answer questions.

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Mr. Chiglo informed the Board that the Stillwater Bridge will be closed for 91 days for repairs. Once that project is complete that is the extent of the work that should occur on that bridge until the new bridge is opened to traffic in 2016. The day the new bridge is opened to traffic in 2016, the existing bridge will close and the focus will be on converting that bridge into a pedestrian and bike bridge. The lifting schedule will continue; the Minnesota Department of Transportation will own that bridge into the future and it will staff the necessary people to continue the function of the lifting element of that structure to keep boat traffic going up and down the river. Mr. Chiglo responded to several question from Commissioners on the project staging and impacts.

Bid Award for County State Aid Highway 23 Reconstruction

Bids were received for reconstruction on County State Aid Highway 23 as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Hardrives, Inc.	\$714,233.66
Midwest Asphalt Corporation	\$735,946.15

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-110** as follows:

Bid Award for County State Aid Highway 23
Reconstruction to Hardrives, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 23 from Orleans Street to Trunk Highway 95 (Main Street) in Stillwater, MN, the county solicited bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2012, bids for the project were opened and it was determined that Hardrives, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the bid from Hardrives, Inc. in the amount of \$714,233.66 in order to complete the above described road construction project and authorizes the county to enter into a contract with Hardrives, Inc. pursuant to the rights and obligations contained in the county's bid specifications and the Hardrives, Inc. proposal thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Hardrives, 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.

Commissioner Kriesel left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none; Commissioner Kriesel absent.

Commissioner Kriesel returned at 10:10 a.m.

Update on County State Aid Highway 10 Repairs

Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer, presented an update on repairs to County State Aid Highway 10. This project was paved in July, 2012. Due to uneven shifting of new pavement on eastbound lanes, from Helmo Avenue to Inwood Avenue, this segment needs corrective action. Mr. Sandberg explained that the characteristics of this roadway are that it is a four lane highway; it was built in 1994, before that it was a two lane road; the road is near high water and a swampy area, and when it was constructed as a four-lane road there was a lot of excavation of the muck and it was replaced with sand. Recently, they hired a geotechnical engineer consultant to assist with the investigation into the shifting and they consulted with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. A number of tests were performed on the roadway including soil borings. The results confirmed what they believed was below the road. There was water present, about four feet down. It also confirmed that sand fill had been placed uniformly across the roadway back in the 1990s. Nothing back then was done improperly. What the tests didn't find was poor soils or other indications that there was a deep structural problem, and it didn't explain why this happened. They believe that vibration from the compaction machines made during paving drew water up through the sand and the soil temporarily lost its bearing capacity. After water drained back down the soil further compacted, causing additional settlement. Mr. Sandberg stated that the road is now stabilized, the water has drained out of the subgrade, the settlement that they have today is not going to get worse, so the road can now be fixed. The fix is to mill off the surface, make it flat, and then pave on top with different compaction equipment that creates fewer vibrations. The cost will be approximately \$175,000 and state aid funds will be used.

Mr. Sandberg stated this was a unique situation. Staff will look for similar conditions on future projects. The consultant is looking further into this issue. The bid was awarded in June, the initial paving started in July, and the pavement repair will begin in mid-September.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Bond Rating

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, informed the Board that the county had its rating reviewed last week by Standard and Poor's. She is pleased to announce that the county has retained its AAA rating, which is the highest rating a local government can receive from a rating agency.

Certifying the Proposed Property Tax Levy Payable 2013, Washington County

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-111** as follows:

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Resolution Certifying Proposed Property Tax Levies for
Washington County Payable 2013

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following proposed tax levy for payable 2013:

Washington County	\$ 86,523,700
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Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Certifying Proposed Property Tax Levy Payable 2013, Regional Railroad Authority

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-112** as follows:

Resolution Certifying Proposed Property Tax Levy for
the Washington County Regional Rail Authority
Payable 2013

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following proposed tax levy for payable 2013:

Regional Rail Authority	\$ 574,800
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Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Certifying the Proposed Property Tax Levy Payable 2013, Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he has voted against the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) levy for the past five to six years. He stated his vote against is not a reflection on the HRA management, as he feels they have an excellent director and they do a great job. He fundamentally disagrees that the government should be involved in the housing market. He will be voting no.

Commissioner Lehrke stated she agrees with Commissioner Pulkrabek's comments and she voiced them a couple weeks ago during the HRA budget presentation. She does not believe that the government should be involved in the housing market. She also will not be supporting this resolution.

Commissioner Kriesel asked if the HRA levy failed does that mean it couldn't be re-established, their budget would be dead. George Kuprian, County Attorney Acting First Assistant, stated this is an up or down vote. It is the HRA's levy and all the Board can do is approve or reject the HRA's levy. If the Board does not approve it, then the HRA cannot levy.

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Commissioner Hegberg stated that the county has guaranteed the debt and the HRA levy is used to pay the debt service on the bonds. Mr. Kuprian stated that is a different issue, but if the HRA cannot pay the debt services off then bond holders would call on the county’s general obligation.

Commissioner Weik stated that the county does back the HRA’s bonds and there was just one before the Board that was supported by a 5-0 vote. For issues regarding the HRA and the future of the HRA for Commissioners who disagree with the structure or with their budget or whether or not there should be housing in the public sector, there are other models the Board could adopt. Currently, Washington County appoints HRA commissioners, so she feels it is this Board’s responsibility to ratify their budget. They are a separate taxing authority. If the County Board feels the structure should change, they could talk about it in a workshop, as the County Board could appoint itself to be the HRA commissioners. At this point she is not willing to go out on legal shaky ground and not ratify their levy authority when the county is backing their bonds.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-113** as follows:

Resolution Certifying Proposed Property Tax Levy for
the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Payable 2013

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following proposed tax levy for payable 2013:

Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority \$3,332,236

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-2 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, Commissioners Pulkrabek and Lehrke.

Adopting the Regional Railroad Authority 2013 Proposed Budget

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-114** as follows:

Resolution Adopting the Washington County Regional Rail Authority
Proposed Budget for Payable 2013

OPERATING FUNDS	EXPENDITURES	OPERATING TRANSFERS AND REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY	FUND BALANCE Contrib/(Use)	GROSS LEVY	STATE AID	CERTIFIED LEVY
Regional Rail Authority	\$543,800	(\$31,000)		\$574,800	\$0	\$574,800
Total Proposed 2013 Budget:	<u>\$543,800</u>	<u>(\$31,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$574,800</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$574,800</u>
Total Washington County Regional Rail Proposed 2013 Levy :				\$574,800	\$0	\$574,800

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Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Adopting the Washington County Proposed Budget for Payable 2013

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-115** as follows:

Resolution Adopting the Washington County Proposed Budget for Payable 2013

OPERATING, SPECIAL REVENUE, and DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	EXPENDITURES	OPERATING TRANSFERS AND REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY	FUND BALANCE Contrib/(Use)	GROSS LEVY	STATE AID	CERTIFIED LEVY
General Government	\$92,334,700	\$42,028,800	\$1,051,300	\$51,357,200	\$5,818,700	\$45,538,500
Code Red System	\$18,300	\$18,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Services	\$34,399,200	\$17,684,900	(\$166,700)	\$16,547,600	\$0	\$16,547,600
Debt Service - Countywide	\$10,843,600	\$0	(\$327,100)	\$10,516,500	\$0	\$10,516,500
Debt Service - Library District	\$816,200	\$0	(\$24,600)	\$791,600	\$0	\$791,600
Library	\$6,389,600	\$447,400	\$0	\$5,942,200	\$0	\$5,942,200
Parks	\$4,128,100	\$3,373,500	(\$70,000)	\$684,600	\$0	\$684,600
Public Safety Radio	\$583,000	\$606,100	\$23,100	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Works	\$9,140,100	\$4,380,100	\$0	\$4,760,000	\$0	\$4,760,000
Subtotal:	\$158,652,800	\$68,539,100	\$486,000	\$90,599,700	\$5,818,700	\$84,781,000
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS						
Capital Historic Courthouse	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Repair	\$580,000	\$882,700	\$302,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Road & Bridge	\$13,210,800	\$10,906,500	\$0	\$2,304,300	\$1,000,000	\$1,304,300
Subtotal:	\$13,810,800	\$11,814,200	\$307,700	\$2,304,300	\$1,000,000	\$1,304,300
REFERENDUM ITEM						
Land & Water Legacy Program	\$438,100	\$0	\$300	\$438,400	\$0	\$438,400
Total Proposed 2013 Budget:	\$172,901,700	\$80,353,300	\$794,000	\$93,342,400	\$6,818,700	\$86,523,700
Total Washington County Proposed 2013 Levy:				\$93,342,400	\$6,818,700	\$86,523,700

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Commissioner Lehrke stated that throughout this budget process she has expressed her concerns about items that are in the preliminary budget and she would like these items addressed over the next few weeks in workshops and before the final budget is set. The items are: High Speed Rail; duplication of association fees such as the Association of Minnesota Counties; library hours, as well as other items. She noted that for the county to withdraw from the High Speed Rail that decision will need to be made before September 25.

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Commissioner Hegberg asked that a workshop be scheduled to discuss those items; and then those items will be brought forward to a Board meeting and voted on at the table.

Audit Committee

Ms. O'Rourke announced that the Audit Committee scheduled for September 13, 2012 has been cancelled. A new date will be set and placed on the calendar.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated that he talked to a constituent who had applied for Section 8 housing in 2004 and was listed at 1,200 at that time. Now, she is still on the list but is at 110 and was told that it may be another five years before she is eligible for Section 8. She is 80 years old and she might not even be around by the time it gets approved. He asked why this takes so long and the allocation formula for Washington County. He feels that it is ridiculous to be on this list for 10 to 15 years.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition meeting; and he attended a Plat Commission meeting.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended the Minnesota Inter-City Passenger Rail Forum; she wondered if there was an Inter City bus forum, or take the rail portion out and have a Minnesota Inter-City Transportation Forum; and the Washington County Yellow Ribbon Committee invited the Commissioners to the next meeting on October 10 or October 17.

Commissioner Weik noted that Washington County Library Partners has a sponsor who has offered a \$10,000 in a challenge grant with a deadline of September 30, any donation made is like making a double donation; she noted that JC Penny has a program called "Rounding up to the Nearest Dollar" which includes donations to 4-H and Boys and Girls Clubs of America; she reported she attended the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition meeting; and she attended the Southwest Light Rail Transit Management Committee meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting; he attended the Community Action Program meeting; he attended a City of Forest Lake Council meeting for an update on the Broadway mega project; and he announced that the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust has changed their meeting location to Embassy Suites.

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

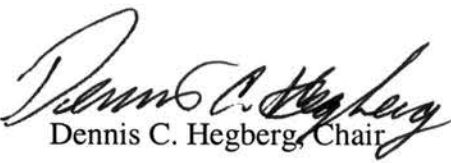
Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT


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

BOARD WORSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to complete the review of the proposed 2013 Washington County Legislative positions. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Lowell Johnson, Harley Will, Dan Papin, Jennifer Wagenius, John Elholm, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Yvonne Klinnert, Patricia Conley, Tom Adkins, and John Kaul, Legislative Liaison.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney Division Chief; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Vicki DeFord, Deputy Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Carol Peterson, Election Supervisor; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Public Health and Environment Senior Program Manager; Gary Bruns, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Commander Chuck Yetter; Fran Miron, City of Hugo, Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Matt Behning, 3443 Maureen Lane, Stillwater, stated he looked at the 2012 State Auditor report on county budgets and compared the amount of debt and interest payment of \$7 million in Washington County to other Minnesota counties and found only Hennepin County and Ramsey County have that much in debt and interest. He doesn't expect that Washington County can be like the 11 Minnesota counties that are debt free, but Washington County could be like the 64 Minnesota Counties that have kept their debt under control and are paying less than \$1 million in interest and fees on their debt. He asked the county to reign in excessive spending and pay down the debt.

CONSENT CALENAR

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

1. Approval of the September 4, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of revisions to the county's 2013 Flexible Benefits Plan document.

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3. Approval of the 2013 Attorneys Association bargaining unit health insurance reopener contract as follows:

Accord \$25 Copay Plan

Single	\$433.00
Single + Child	\$433.00
Single + Spouse	\$589.00
Family	\$619.00

Accord \$30 and \$35 Copay Plan

Single	\$498.50
Single + Child	\$550.00
Single + Spouse	\$744.00
Family	\$872.50

Accord 75% Deductible Plan

Single	\$515.55
Single + Child	\$563.85
Single + Spouse	\$762.30
Family	\$893.55

Flex Credits (\$70/month) remain unchanged for 2013.

4. Approval of the appointed and elected Department Heads' 2013 health insurance as follows:

Accord \$25 Copay Plan

Single	\$433.00
Single + Child	\$433.00
Single + Spouse	\$589.00
Family	\$619.00

Accord \$30 and \$35 Copay Plan

Single	\$498.50
Single + Child	\$550.00
Single + Spouse	\$744.00
Family	\$872.50

Accord 75% Deductible Plan

Single	\$515.55
Single + Child	\$563.85
Single + Spouse	\$762.30
Family	\$893.55

Flex Credits (\$132/month) remain unchanged for 2013.

5. Approval of the Confidential Supervisors' 2013 health insurance as follows:

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Accord \$25 Copay Plan	
Single	\$433.00
Single + Child	\$433.00
Single + Spouse	\$589.00
Family	\$619.00

Accord \$30 and \$35 Copay Plan	
Single	\$498.50
Single + Child	\$550.00
Single + Spouse	\$744.00
Family	\$872.50

Accord 75% Deductible Plan	
Single	\$515.55
Single + Child	\$563.85
Single + Spouse	\$762.30
Family	\$893.55

Flex Credits (\$73/month) remain unchanged for 2013.

6. Approval of the Confidential Group's 2013 health insurance as follows:

Accord \$25 Copay Plan	
Single	\$433.00
Single + Child	\$433.00
Single + Spouse	\$589.00
Family	\$619.00

Accord \$30 and \$35 Copay Plan	
Single	\$498.50
Single + Child	\$550.00
Single + Spouse	\$744.00
Family	\$872.50

Accord 75% Deductible Plan	
Single	\$515.55
Single + Child	\$563.85
Single + Spouse	\$762.30
Family	\$893.55

Flex Credits (\$71/month) remain unchanged for 2013.

7. Approval of the 2013 AFSCME Exempt and Non-exempt bargaining unit health insurance reopener contracts as follows:

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Accord \$25 Copay Plan	
Single	\$433.00
Single + Child	\$433.00
Single + Spouse	\$589.00
Family	\$619.00

Accord \$30 and \$35 Copay Plan	
Single	\$498.50
Single + Child	\$550.00
Single + Spouse	\$744.00
Family	\$872.50

Accord 75% Deductible Plan	
Single	\$515.55
Single + Child	\$563.85
Single + Spouse	\$762.30
Family	\$893.55

Flex credits (\$70/month) remain unchanged for 2013.

8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-116** as follows:

Resolution Approving Application for
Cancellation of Forfeiture

WHEREAS, the following parcel has forfeited to the State of Minnesota on August 10, 1987, and

WHEREAS, an Application for Cancellation of Forfeiture has been received from the department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, and

WHEREAS, the county board shall consider applications for cancellation of forfeiture under section 279.34, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County Board of Commissioners approve the application and recommend its acceptance by the Department of Revenue.

Applicant: Steve Gransee, Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services

Legal Description of Property: Lot 4, Block 2, Glenmar, being located in the City of Mahtomedi PID# 29.030.21.42.0033 (87275-2750 at the time of Auditor Certificate Filing)

Certificate of Forfeiture Recorded: August 12, 1987.

Document Number: 548383

9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-117** as follows:

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Solid Waste Management Tax

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §297H requires political subdivisions that subsidize tipping fees at solid waste management facilities to identify the "market price" for solid waste management services, which is identified as "the lowest price available in the area, assuming transactions between separate parties that are willing buyers and willing sellers in a market"; and

WHEREAS, this law requires political subdivisions to identify the market price and submit their findings to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency each year; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey and Washington Counties Boards of Commissioners in 2011 by resolution identified \$28.69 and \$34.70 per ton, respectively, as the "market price" for purposes of the Solid Waste Management Tax, effective January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, Washington County, and the Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Project staff have worked cooperatively to identify the market price for Ramsey and Washington Counties, beginning January 1, 2013, and have determined a different market price which requires approval by County Board Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes identification of \$34.92 per ton as the "market price" for purposes of the Solid Waste Management Tax, which reflects a waste disposal tipping fee of \$21.42 per ton at the Pine Bend landfill plus an estimated transportation cost of \$13.50 per ton, and authorizes submittal by the Department of Public Health & Environment of this "market price" and supporting documentation to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

10. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-118** as follows:

Donation of the Washington County Sheriff's Office
Command Trailer to the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. section 471.85 gives the Washington County Board of Commissioners the authority to transfer property to another public corporation for public use;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Sheriff's Office owns a 31' Haulmark Command Trailer that was used for as a command post;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Sheriff's Office took possession of a new Patrol Operations Vehicle in 2012 to replace the command trailer;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Sheriff's Office wishes to donate the 31' Haulmark Commander Trailer to the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office in a "as is" condition, with no warranties or guarantees;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the donation of the 31'Haulmark Command Trailer currently owned by the Washington County Sheriff's Office to the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office.

11. Approval to join other Minnesota Counties in a class action suit brought by Hennepin County against Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

PUBLIC WORKS

Lake Elmo Park Reserve Swim Pond Visioning Study

John Elholm, Parks Director, presented an update on the proposed Lake Elmo Park Reserve Swim Pond Visioning Study. He noted that the swim pond opened in 1986 and was designed for use by 600 to 800 people at one time. Today, the swim pond use is often between 1,000 to 2,500 people at one time on summer weekends. The swim pond visioning project will involve a complex planning process that involves pond safety, maintenance, design, policy, and revenue. A technical advisory team is proposed to look at these issues. It would consist of the Sheriff's Office, traffic design, landscape design, building design, park maintenance, and park operations. Funding would be through the Parks Division Stewardship fund which is revenue from house/farmland rental that must be spent in parks. No levy dollars will be used.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$65,000 for cost of the Lake Elmo Park Reserve Swim Pond Visioning Study; and authorization to execute a contract with SRF Consulting, Inc. to complete the Lake Elmo Park Reserve Swim Pond Visioning Study in the amount of \$65,000. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Update on County State Aid Highway 2 Improvement Project

Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer, presented an update on the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 2, Broadway Avenue improvement project. He stated they are in the final phase of this project which started in 2011 and anticipate holding a grand opening event this fall with a tentative date of October 16, 2012. He reviewed supplemental agreements for additional erosion control; additional traffic control and portable concrete barriers; and additional muck excavation and select granular backfill in the northwest ramp freeway ramp, First Avenue Northwest, and within utility trenches along Broadway Avenue.

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Commissioner Hegberg moved to approval supplemental agreements 6, 12, and 13 in the amount of \$773,408.19 to the CSAH 2 Broadway Avenue reconstruction project with Redstone Construction. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Appoint Members to the 2012 County Canvass Board for the State General Election

Commissioner Weik moved to appoint Commissioner Lehrke and County Administrator Molly O'Rourke to the 2012 County Canvass Board for the State General Election. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Set Public Hearing to Consider Petition for Detachment and Annexation

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-119** as follows:

Resolution Establishing the Date for a Public Hearing for the
Detachment and Annexation of the following parcels:

12.028.21.24.0066, 12.028.21.24.0067
12.028.21.24.0068, 12.028.21.24.0069
12.028.21.24.0070, 12.028.21.24.0071
12.028.21.24.0072, 12.028.21.24.0073
12.028.21.24.0074, 12.028.21.24.0075
12.028.21.32.0087, 12.028.21.32.0088
12.028.21.32.0089, 12.028.21.32.0090
12.028.21.32.0091, 12.028.21.32.0092
12.028.21.32.0093
WOODBURY, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.S. 123A.45 an owner may file a petition with the county auditor for the annexation and detachment of land from any independent school district and the auditor shall present the petition to the county board.

WHEREAS, the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services has received an owner petition from Pulte Homes of MN for the detachment and annexation to and from ISD #833 and ISD #834 along with resolutions from the school districts in support of the same.

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.S. 123A.45 the county board must set a public hearing in consideration of an ISD detachment and annexation petition.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 16th, at or after 9:00 am at the Washington County Government Center Board Room, Stillwater, MN for consideration of the petition for detachment and annexation of land to and from ISD #833 and ISD #834.

Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Setting the Date, Time and Sale Terms for a Private Sale to Adjacent Owner – City of St. Paul Park

Commissioner Lehrke moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-120** as follows:

Resolution Approving Private Sale to Adjoining
Land Owners through Sealed Bid

WHEREAS, the following parcel has forfeited to the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners desires to bring this parcel of tax forfeited land back to the tax rolls,

WHEREAS, the county is authorized through special legislation that was effective August 1, 2012 to sell by private sale to an adjacent landowner the tax forfeited land described below, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County Board of Commissioners establishes the appraised values as listed below, and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County Board of Commissioners directs the Department of Property Records & Taxpayer Services to sell the following parcel on October 22, 2012 at 10:00 AM for not less than the appraised value plus all other additional fees and costs.

<u>PID#</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Appraised Value</u>
02.027.22.41.0011	St Paul Park	29,000

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager, presented an overview of the 2013-2015 Waste Processing Agreement between Ramsey County, Washington County, and Resource Recovery Technologies (RRT). Under this agreement the Facility in Newport will continue to operate as a private venture, as it has since 1987. RRT will be responsible for the business risks inherent in this industry, including a guarantee that

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delivery of a minimum amount of waste will occur. During this three year term the counties will have time to analyze how to continue processing waste, whether through continued contracts with the private owner of the facility, or by purchasing the facility.

Commissioner Weik moved to approve the 2013-2015 Waste Processing Agreement between Ramsey County, Washington County, and Resources Recovery Technologies, (RRT), and authorize the Chair and County Administrator to execute the agreement. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion.

The County Board discussed this issue.

Commissioner Weik asked what the cost was to clean up the Lake Jane Landfill. Ms. Hunter stated it was \$28 million but that does not include staff time, so it would be slightly more than \$28 million.

Commissioner Weik asked if this issue was in the county's legislative platform, or should it be something that the county adds. Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, stated it is not in the proposed legislative agenda. She can work with the Department of Public Health and Environment to draft language for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Weik made the following comments: it is a state law that counties process waste, although the state is not currently enforcing it; if the county does not provide some subsidy to RRT, she believes that the RRT plant would likely close in December; she does not believe there is an alternative facility in the county or another business that would be ready to take on this waste; RRT is the only processing plant that would keep Washington County in compliance with state law to process waste before it is buried in landfills; the risk of unprocessed waste going to landfills is that the groundwater could be poisoned and pollute the drinking supply; she supports this action today; she quoted from the county's 2012-2030 Waste Master Plan under Policy No. 5 "the county eventually seeks to eliminate any public subsidy in the form of processing payments or hauler rebates for waste processing recognizing that market forces are out of the county's control. Some subsidy to assure continued waste processing may be needed"; she would like the county to continue to drive hard within the next 36 months to try to find an alternative; and she would at this time oppose purchasing the facility in three years.

Commissioner Lehrke asked out of the two privately owned and operated processing plants, RRT being one, who is the second one. Ms. Hunter stated of those that run a refuse derived fuel facility like the Newport Facility, the other one is owned by Great River Energy in Elk River, Minnesota.

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Commissioner Lehrke asked what their subsidy is. Ms. Hunter stated their 2012 tip fee is \$68 that includes a \$14 rebate from Anoka so a net cost to haulers is \$54. They are receiving about half the waste that the facility could receive.

Commissioner Lehrke asked if the Minnesota Pollution Control enforces the law February 15 of next year how does the capacity affect RRT for next year and going into the future. Ms. Hunter stated that if the State of Minnesota did enforce the no unprocessed waste could go to a landfill, one would think there would be more waste delivered to resource recovery facilities both at Newport, Elk River, Minneapolis and other processing facilities. They could be at full capacity so it would be more like a market based system so there would be less of a need for the county to continue providing a payment for processing services. This agreement could be looked at again and different choices could be made. But they don't know if or when that could happen.

Commissioner Lehrke asked if the counties do not need to subsidize it any more, what is the cancellation clause in this contract. Mr. Kuprian, Acting First Assistant County Attorney, stated that it is a three year contract with a termination for cause.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked what Dakota County's master plan is for garbage. Ms. Hunter stated she is not sure how they plan to meet the Pollution Control Agencies requirements, but from what she knows they do not provide a processing payment or pay for the processing of services.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated that RRT has not opened their books to be examined by the counties—how much they pay their management and employees; how much profit that they're making. Ms. Hunter stated that is correct. Staff has tried to examine both what is the cost of landfilling, what is the cost of processing, and then provide their best estimate of that cost and to try and look at the market and see if the fees are within that range. But they do not have their exact costs.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated that the county was able to steer all of the garbage to the facility between 1988 and 1993. He asked her to discuss the Supreme Court decision as to why that ended. He also asked if it is true that every day, garbage from Washington County residents goes to a landfill. Ms. Hunter answered in the affirmative and stated there is solid waste produced both from residents and businesses being transported to landfills mainly because of solid waste hauler's choice and whether they own a landfill or not. On the designation end, there was a challenge to the law that required all the haulers to drive their waste to a processing facility back in 1994. The Supreme Court deemed solid waste to be a commodity and it cannot be restricted to not go across state boundaries; it might be feasible to restrict it within the state. There have been other precedent cases of a publicly owned facility that can set policies in direction to require waste to be designated to the facility. Staff has been looking at those cases as to whether changing ownership could impact those laws.

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Commissioner Kriesel made the following comments: Five years ago the counties entered into a contract with RRT and they were going to move toward a market-based approach—had that been successful the Board wouldn't be discussing this contract today; he would like to look at RRT's books, but private businesses are very reluctant to do that; the cost is \$8.4 million, \$6.2 of that is Ramsey County—this Board should keep in mind that there is a partnership with Ramsey County and wherever they go in the future if this Board is going to continue that relationship whether it's moving this towards public ownership, this Board has to keep in tune with them; if a commissioner is going to vote against this, if their district would accept a landfill he's willing to listen—he believes landfills can be constructed where they are safe according to today's technology—although they've heard that in the past when they said Lake Jane would be safe; he hasn't heard or had any discussions with the City of Newport if the facility is moth balled about lost jobs; what are the consequences if this Board rejects this contract, will RRT shut it down; is there a community in Washington County that would accept a landfill; and he believes the Resource Recovery Project Board provided clear direction that they have to start getting more details on this.

Commissioner Hegberg made the following comments: this issue is in the grey area, there are no black or white answers; in 1979, 1980 the Met Council held public hearings trying to locate a landfill and one location was between Forest Lake and Hugo—the residents in those two cities didn't want a landfill anywhere near their water source; technology is there for landfills, but technology doesn't last two to three hundred years; they're lined but that only lasts from fifty to one hundred years; the financial obligation of those who own the landfill ends 25 years after they abandon it, at which time it becomes a public process on how to take care of it; in the past the subsidy was closer to \$12 or \$13 million a year, so the subsidy has been reduced over time; Olmsted County's operation is different in that they can burn and transfer the heat to the City of Rochester, so their costs are about \$80 a ton which is pretty close to Ramsey/Washington Newport Facility costs; Xcel Energy is taking on the risk and disposal of the ash; 3M wants to handle most of their waste internally so they limit their risk and liability; there are manufacturing factories that require their waste be taken to the processing plant to limit their liability; he believes there will always be landfills, because after the processing is done, even if it's burnt, there is the ash to take care of; it's a difficult question as to whether to buy the plant or not; nobody wants to locate it in their backyard; if they closed the RRT plant, where would a new plant be located; it might be better to buy the facility. He feels a three year extension of the contract seems reasonable, and he feels they have gotten the costs down as much as they can.

Commissioner Lehrke made the following comments: she believes processing waste is the right thing to do, however she does not believe that this is the right way to do it; when a private company is asking for a subsidy, she feels the counties have every right to see their books for the transparency for the citizens and residents who are paying for the subsidy; the counties tax its residents on their garbage bills to pay for this; this is a service that the counties buy for residents and unlike roads which the county gets bids

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from multiple contractors and the county can decide what is the best value or best price, in this situation it's a monopoly; she also believes that this is not a private/public partnership; the county cannot see the books, what are they hiding; she asked RRT about their subsidy and their profits and their reply was that their profit was less than the subsidy; but she does not know what that profit is; the county has no input, no control, no ownership, and it feels like it has no authority; and from 1994 to 2011 Washington and Ramsey Counties have subsidized this plant for a total of \$211 million. Commissioner Lehrke stated that based on the research she has done a modern mass burn facility could be built today for \$200 million.

Commissioner Kriesel asked what would be the consequences if the Board voted no today. Ms Hunter stated she would assume that RRT would not be able to negotiate agreements with solid waste haulers. Solid waste haulers would then have to decide where they bring their waste. She assumes those that own their landfills would continue to bring all of their waste to their own landfill. Small haulers would have to start negotiating with competitors to bring waste to their landfills.

Commissioner Kriesel asked if all of the waste goes to a landfill what would that do to RRT. Ms. Hunter stated she does not know how long they would be able to operate and at what level. She would assume that they would have to close down.

Commissioner Kriesel asked the following questions: what will happen if there are three no votes on this issue; what happens to the plant; where does this place Ramsey County and where would their waste go; what is the impact to Newport if that plant is closed; could that plant be rebuilt in Newport; and would they accept a mass burn facility. He thinks the Board needs to take a reasonable approach, move this forward, come up with a Plan B, and look at public ownership.

Commissioner Pulkrabek argued that Ramsey County will approve their contract for \$6+ million; RRT will continue to operate; and Washington County will put \$2.2 million back into the hands of county residents for them to spend as they wish. He believes in capitalism, he believes in competition, he believes in free markets, and he believes in consumer choice. Because he believes in these things he cannot support this contract.

Commissioner Kriesel asked when this contract would have to be ratified. Ms. Hunter stated the sooner it is ratified, the sooner the budget for the Resource Recovery Board can be prepared which needs action from both county boards also.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he would like to have further discussion and if it is possible to table this for a week to get more information. Mr. Kuprian stated he believes the issue is what the cost of processing is. The reason the market approach doesn't work is because they are competing with a lot of landfills. It

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is a lot cheaper to landfill than to process. The number they cannot get is how much it costs to process, but it does cost more to process than the landfills. If Washington County does not subsidize it the tipping fee, RRT will probably shut down and most of the waste will go to landfills. If the haulers want to bring the waste to the facility without the subsidy, the prices for hauling the garbage will go up. So rather than the government paying the subsidy the generators are going to end up paying a higher bill.

Commissioner Weik stated that in 2015 the State of Minnesota is raising the bar on counties to divert more solid waste out of the landfills. She noted that counties are agents of the state. It is mandated that counties protect the public health. It is clear that the state law reads that all waste needs to be processed.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he wants to have conversations with Ramsey County and the City of Newport about the consequences of a no. He would like to table this issue for a week. He is not ready to vote for or against it today.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that Washington County is on the joint committee with Ramsey County. They have had considerable discussion on this matter and he would like to bring it forward and vote today.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to table for one week discussion on the motion to approve the 2013-2015 Waste Processing Agreement between Ramsey County, Washington County, and Resources Recovery Technologies, (RRT), and authorize the Chair and County Administrator to execute the agreement. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency be invited to next week's Board meeting to answer the County Board's question.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, announced that the county is hosting a confidential shredding event at the Environmental Center on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kriesel left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Gateway Corridor Commission meeting where they heard an overview on the new federal transportation bill and an overview of survey results from Engage the

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East Side; this week the Woodbury City Council has a workshop on the Gateway Alternatives Analysis Study; and last night she attended the annual City of Woodbury development tour.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended the Minnesota Extension meeting where they heard a Youth Teaching Youth update and discussed the 2013 budget that they presented to the Board.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported he has the Workforce Investment Board on Wednesday, and the Parks and Open Space Commission on Thursday.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust retreat and meeting which looked at the dividend policies and what can reasonably be expected in the future; he attended the Community Action Program meeting which is looking at the 2013 budget; this afternoon he will be attending the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting; the Counties Transit Improvement Board tomorrow; the Transportation Advisory Board meeting tomorrow; Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging on Thursday; and the Community Action Program meeting on Thursday 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 Lehrke and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Kriesel absent. The Board adjourned at 10:49 a.m.


BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to identify outstanding issues, concerns, or ideas related to the proposed 2013 budget. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Dan Papin, Tom Adkins, Jennifer Wagenius, Mjyke Nelson, Patricia Conley, Melinda Kirk, Wayne Sandberg, Yvonne Klennert, Don Theisen, and Fran Miron, City of Hugo.

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Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Acting First County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandy Hahn, Deputy Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robert Crawford, Workforce Center Division Manager; Robby Robinson, Veterans Service Officer; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager; Gary Bruns, Sr. Environmental Specialist; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Brent Peterson, Washington County Historical Society; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to change the general county business hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, effective Tuesday, November 13, 2012.
2. Approval of contract with CliftonLarsonAllen for independent annual audit services for the years ending December 31, 2012, 2013, and 2014.
3. Approval of the 2013 International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49 bargaining unit health insurance reopener contract as follows:

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Accord \$25 Copay Plan

Single	\$433.00
Single + Child	\$433.00
Single + Spouse	\$589.00
Family	\$619.00

Accord \$30 and \$35 Copay Plan

Single	\$498.50
Single + Child	\$550.00
Single + Spouse	\$744.00
Family	\$872.50

Accord 75% Deductible Plan

Single	\$515.55
Single + Child	\$563.85
Single + Spouse	\$762.30
Family	\$893.55

Flex Credits of \$70/month remain unchanged for 2013

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-121** as follows:

Bids for County State Aid Highway 14 construction were received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
North Valley, Inc.	\$671,238.21
Hardrives, Inc.	\$688,697.72
Midwest Asphalt Corporation	\$735,686.02
Bituminous Roadways	\$816,130.00
C.S. McCrossan Construction, Inc.	\$885,374.35

Bid Award for County State Aid Highway 14
to North Valley, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete road construction on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 14 (40th Street N/Olinda Boulevard N.) from County State Aid Highway 15 (Manning Avenue N.) to 75 feet south of 47th Street N. in Baytown Township, MN, the county solicited bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2012, bids for the project were opened and it was determined that North Valley, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the bid from North Valley, Inc. in the amount of \$671,238.21 in order to complete the above described road construction project and authorizes the county to enter into a contract with North Valley, Inc. pursuant to the rights and obligations contained in the county's bid specifications and the North Valley, Inc. proposal thereto.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and North Valley, 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.

5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-122** as follows:

Bids for County State Aid Highway 3 construction were received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
New Look Contracting, Inc.	\$249,919.20
Midwest Asphalt Corporation	\$412,549.50

Bid Award for County State Aid Highway 3 Curb and
Gutter Replacement to New Look Contracting

WHEREAS, in order to complete road construction on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 3 (Olinda Trail N.) from 900 feet south of 205th Street N. to 372 feet north of Trunk Highway 97 in Scandia, MN, the county solicited bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2012, bids for the project were opened and it was determined that New Look Contracting, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the bid from New Look Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$249,919.20 in order to complete the above described road construction project and authorizes the county to enter into a contract with New Look Contracting, Inc. pursuant to the rights and obligations contained in the county's bid specifications and the New Look Contracting, Inc. proposal thereto.

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

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brent Peterson, Executive Director, presented an overview of his request for \$50,000 in funds for the purchase of housing to be known as the Washington County Heritage Center which will reposit and exhibit Washington County Historical Society artifacts.

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Commissioner Lehrke asked if this \$50,000 is a onetime payment, or will there be an annual contribution to maintain those documents from Washington County or is that a separate issue. Mr. Peterson stated that will be discussed after the building is opened dependent on negotiations with the county about storage of documents.

Commissioner Lehrke stated these funds would come from the county's contingency funds. What is the balance of the contingency fund. Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, replied that the county budgets a base of \$1.2 million in contingency and the county has probably not used more than approximately \$100,000 from that fund so far this year. According to county policy if there is any money left in the contingency fund at the end of the year it is transferred to pay off the Other Post Employment Benefit obligation.

Commissioner Weik stated she applauded the efforts to have the master index available on line. It benefits public access to records with greater ease.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he is in favor of this motion because it is a onetime obligation at this point in time.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he may agree that one of the core functions of government is keeping vital records, but how much of this \$50,000 is going to keep vital records and will that be in perpetuity or will there be an additional contract of a lesser amount that will come up annually. Ms. O'Rourke stated that currently every department is responsible for maintaining their own records in conformance with state and county policies. Any money for those services is budgeted by the departments and that is not changing. This allocation is just a pledge to help purchase the building. It does not pay for the storage of any records, nor is there anything in the pledge agreement that requires the county to use the services of the Historical Society in the future. Currently, the county uses an outside service called Iron Mountain and it is very cost effective for the county.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated he appreciates the efforts of the Historical Society and its members. He does not believe that this \$50,000 is a core function of government. He cannot support this motion to give \$50,000 to the Washington County Historical Society.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve an agreement with the Washington County Historical Society to provide \$50,000 in funding to be used for the purchase of suitable housing to reposit and exhibit Washington County Historical Society artifacts and that the Washington County Historical Society will seek pledges from other sources towards this project. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-2 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, Commissioners Pulkrabek and Lehrke.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Robby Robinson, Veterans Services Officer, advised the Board that there will be a Washington County Veterans Job Fair on Thursday, September 27 at the Oakdale Prom Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by Washington County Veterans Services, Veterans Linkage Line, the Washington County Workforce Center, and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. The event is open to veterans, active duty military, guard and reserve members, and veteran spouses.

Commissioner Kriesel gave a special recognition to the Lower St. Croix Valley Yellow Ribbon, that's led by Lakeland Shores Mayor Kopesky and Afton Mayor Synder; they are having an event Monday, November 12 at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi for a veteran's recognition dinner. The Director of Military Outreach, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs will be there and the special guest speaker will be Stanley S. Hubbard.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, reviewed the three year agreement with Resource Recovery Technologies (RRT) which is a solid waste processing facility in Newport that produces refused derived fuel and that fuel is then transported to Xcel Energy facilities and burned to produce electrical energy. This item has been carried over from last week's agenda in order for the Department to provide additional information about the potential impacts of not approving such an agreement. Staff has gathered information from a variety of sources and the Senior Program Manager Judy Hunter will present that information. The Board also asked for information from other sources and after Ms. Hunter's presentation he will defer to the Chair to entertain those comments or input.

Mr. Johnson pointed out that this issue comes to the County Board from the Resource Recovery Project Board. The Project Board oversees the joint powers agreement between Washington and Ramsey Counties and Washington County. Both organizations have participated in the joint powers board for approximately 25 years since the development of the plant. The Resource Recovery Project Board recommended the agreement that was developed by both staff from Ramsey and Washington Counties, consultants that are employed by the Project Board, and attorney's services employed by both counties and the Project Board.

Mr. Johnson noted that there is a policy guidance that drives this decision. Washington County is part of a larger regional policy plan for solid waste management and counties are mandated by the State of Minnesota to manage solid waste in their communities and in accordance with that statute counties need

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to develop policy plans that guide its actions. The Metropolitan Policy Plan was adopted by the State of Minnesota and it was developed by the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board. The county also adopted its Solid Waste Master Plan in March of this year. Mr. Johnson noted that although this is a significant monetary consideration for the county, the department feels that this is an environmental protection consideration. This county has a position of protecting groundwater resources due to a history of groundwater contamination. Ultimately, he believes water protection leads to the protection of community health.

Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager, stated the Board asked staff to provide information on what the impact would be if the County Board of Commissioners did not approve the three year processing agreement. She reviewed the written responses that she has received from different parties including:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency : position was that it jeopardized the county's ability to meet county and metropolitan plan goals and possibly Ramsey County's goals; the state could rescind the county's master plan; the state could withhold funds in the amount of \$851,160 (50 percent reduction in recycling grants to cities and townships-\$193,000, reduction in Environmental Center funding-\$580,000, and reduction in school and other education activities and program support-\$74,000); and require the county to revise and resubmit the Master Plan. Ms. Hunter advised the Board that state staff could not make it here today. They tried to rearrange their schedule but they had another meeting they couldn't change. They restated what they stated in their recent plan on trying to enforce a mandatory processing law; that this Metropolitan Policy Plan is a new plan; the County Waste Management Plan is a new plan; and the State feels like they have the support of their administration and they are looking to enforce this plan in the statute.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked why the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency could not send one person to attend today's meeting and answer questions. Ms. Hunter stated she asked Dave Benke to attend, he couldn't and she did not ask if someone else could attend.

Ms. Hunter stated that as part of state law, Washington County, as a public entity, must ensure that its county building waste and waste from cities who arrange for waste collection on behalf of residents are sent to a processing facility. So if the county were to vote no on the process agreement the county would need to make sure that its waste from each of the buildings, as well as the cities that have organized collection, gets processed prior to being landfilled.

Letter from Resource Recovery Technologies – their letter said it would result in the closing of the Newport facility; Excel's Red Wing Power Plant; Excel's Mankato Power Plan; loss of over 100 union jobs; loss of over \$30 million in annual revenue; and the loss of more than \$340,000 in property and income taxes. Ms. Hunter noted that representatives from RRT are in attendance.

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E-mail from Solid Waste Hauler – would force small independent hauling companies to negotiate landfilling rates with large national companies that own the landfills and compete for customers on collection side; the potential impact on price and services if only national companies present; and the National Solid Waste Management Association stating their support for processing.

City of Newport – resolution in support of processing agreement. City of Newport Mayor is in attendance.

Matt Behning, 3443 Maureen Lane, Stillwater, stated he pays 35 percent garbage tax to subsidize RRT. The landfill mentioned that polluted Washington County was an unlined landfill near Lake Jane. He feels a lot has changed in 40 years. Landfills have evolved from holes in the ground into high tech, environmentally safe options to contain, monitor, and record any impact. RRT continues to accept millions in tax dollars despite promising to be off this form of corporate welfare after each contract agreement. They continue to refuse to show their books like any other company who receives tax dollars. He feels it is cheaper to go to landfills with waste.

Tim Geraght, Mayor of Newport, stated he has had a long history with the facility in Newport. He feels the decision they made back in 1983 was the right one, to keep garbage out of the landfills. A strong relationship has been built between, Ramsey County, Washington County, and the City of Newport over the years. He is asking the County Board to support the City of Newport's resolution and ratify the agreement for another three years. He noted that RRT does not get the full 35 percent tax, the county retains a portion of that. The City of Newport relies on the property tax dollars from the facility and he wants to fight for the jobs that are there. They cannot afford to have that facility vacant.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked for a clarification on the tax. He has heard various numbers. Ms. Hunter stated that the County Environmental Charge is 37.5 percent.

Susan Stewert, 1811 Century Avenue, Newport, stated she and her husband own Highland Sanitation and they are a hauler in Washington County, Ramsey County, and Dakota County. Right now they are competing evenly with their competitors be it corporate or a small family business because they are all paying the same dump rate to take their trash into the RRT plant. If Washington County does not sign the agreement then they would have to check with Pine Bend Landfill or the Waste Management Facilities or possibly out of state. At that point they would have to negotiate the price for taking their trash into these dumps. It would be an uneven playing field. A company that has more tonnage versus a smaller company like theirs is going to get a better price. The corporate companies that own these landfills are not billing themselves for the trash they are bringing in. They are in favor of Washington County signing this agreement. They have the contract

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for the City of Afton and for the Washington County Government Center, so they would have to try and find a processing facility that would accept that garbage.

Commissioner Kriesel asked would create a hardship if they had to start bringing garbage out state, and would they have to buy bigger equipment. Ms. Stewert stated they would have to set up a building to transfer the waste from the packers into a semi because you wouldn't want to drive a garbage truck a hundred miles to go to an out-of-state facility. They would have to get into the trucking industry with semis.

Commissioner Lehrke asked if she thought the full tipping fee without a subsidy would be cheaper to go to RRT or would the fuel cost of going to a landfill somewhere else. Ms. Stewert stated going to a landfill somewhere else would be cheaper.

Commissioner Kriesel stated the tipping fee does not go to RRT it goes to the haulers. It's a hauler rebate. Ms. Stewert stated they fill out a form once a month and send it into Ramsey County and they receive a check back once a month.

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

Commissioner Weik stated if the county owns the facility, it wouldn't pay taxes on the facility. This may be a concern for the City of Newport tax base as it could result in increased taxes to other taxpayers. Ms. Hunter stated that part of the agreement is to determine what the county needs to do if the county decides to purchase the facility. That item would be fully examined. The Board also directed staff to look at a Plan B, and not rely on just the Newport Facility and what it does. Staff will look at some other processing options and whether they are feasible, where would they be, and the cost. The Commissioner's question about would the county pay taxes would be answered if the contract passes and they look at all of that as part of the research options.

Commissioner Hegberg asked what the figure was three years ago compared to today. Ms. Hunter stated that in 2002 the county adopted an ordinance and developed a County Environmental Charge, which is a service charge on the garbage bill. In the past agreement with RRT there were two types of payments, one that went to RRT and a hauler rebate that went to the haulers. In 2007, the counties processing costs were \$16.9 million of which \$3.8 went to the hauler rebate and \$13 million went to RRT. In 2008 that number went down to \$16.8 million \$12.9 to RRT and \$3.8 to hauler rebates. For 2011, the total amount was \$8.7 million of which \$4.2 million went towards the hauler rebates \$4.5 million went to RRT. In the new agreement there is no payment to RRT. All of it is \$28 hauler rebate and that goes to the hauler.

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Commissioner Hegberg stated that RRT has worked very hard to make this a market driven process. That was their goal but they have not been able to accomplish it because the State of Minnesota has not stepped up to the plate to enforce their law.

Chris Gondeck, RRT, 6321 Bury Drive, Eden Prairie, stood for questions from the County Board.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked why RRT has been unwilling to open their books. Mr. Gondeck stated over the past 25 years the books have never been made available. He is not here to propose any change in that or to defend it. Twenty-five years ago the counties made a choice to provide financial support. The private sector has taken on the role and full responsibility for the plant.

Commissioner Pulkrabek asked what is going to change or what is a reasonable expectation that the counties can expect in the next three years that will bring RRT to no subsidy, no public dollars when the counties were told the same thing five years ago. Mr. Gondeck is not sure if they can get to a full market approach without financial support from the counties. He cannot foresee anything changing now unless 473.848 (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency enforcement of mandatory processing law) has a major impact and the out-of-state landfills do something in their taxation to prevent them taking tons into their states. Six years ago there was a thought that the market would follow. The landfill rates have increased substantially and that's one of the reasons they've been able to reduce the subsidies from the counties from \$52 to \$28 a ton. That subsidy is capped at \$8.4 million. The total funding was \$17 million in 2007 and has been reduced to \$8.4 million. RRT has also made a number of improvements, cost savings and efficiencies.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he appreciated the letter from Chris Gondeck and believes it captures the essence of the issue.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Hegberg called the question that was made at the September 18, 2012 Board meeting as follows: Commissioner Weik moved to approve the 2013-2015 Waste Processing Agreement between Ramsey County, Washington County, and Resources Recovery Technologies, (RRT), and authorize the Chair and County Administrator to execute the agreement:

Resolution No. 2012-123

**Waste Processing Agreement Between Ramsey County and
Washington County and Resource Recovery Technologies**

WHEREAS, Ramsey and Washington Counties have committed to continue to protect and ensure the public health, safety, welfare and environment of each County's residents and businesses through sound management of solid and hazardous waste generated in the County; and

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WHEREAS, it is the stated policy of the State of Minnesota, under the Waste Management Act of 1980, to manage solid waste in an environmentally sound manner; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey and Washington Counties have approved County Solid Waste Master Plans; and

WHEREAS, since 1982 Ramsey and Washington Counties, have implemented a joint program for researching, developing, and implementing both the "Ramsey/Washington Waste-to-Energy Project" and the "Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project" (the "Project"), and have a joint powers agreement for the period of 2007-2012, which has been renewed for 2013-2017, to work together on waste processing; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey and Washington Counties ("Counties") are parties to a Processing Agreement, with a term through December 31, 2012, with Resource Recovery Technologies, LLC ("RRT"), a Delaware limited liability company, having its principal place of business in Minnesota and authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota, and which owns and operates the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Facility ("Facility") in Newport, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The Resource Recovery Project staff, consultants and attorneys entered into discussions with RRT to develop a new agreement for processing after the expiration of the current Processing Agreement, and the result of those discussions were material terms and conditions for a Processing Agreement for 2013 – 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Resource Recovery Project Board, at its August 23, 2012 meeting, approved Resolution 2012-RR-03, accepting the material terms and conditions, directed staff to complete a Processing Agreement, and to bring the agreement to the Ramsey and Washington County Boards for consideration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, contingent upon Ramsey County approval of the Waste Processing Agreement, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Waste Processing Agreement between Ramsey County and Washington County and Resource Recovery Technologies, (RRT), with a term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chair and County Administrator to execute the Agreement.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-2 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, Commissioners Pulkrabek and Lehrke.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, announced that Washington County has participated in the State's Standard Measures Program for the two years since it was created. The county will receive

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\$25,000 of county program aid and a workshop is scheduled for next week for an update on the strategic planning efforts and a proposal as to how that \$25,000 might be used to further that effort.

Ms. O'Rourke reminded the Board that there is a pharmaceuticals collection this Saturday, September 29 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Government Center Parking Lot A.

Ms. O'Rourke announced that Sandra Hahn, Deputy Community Corrections Director, received an Award from the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties Board of Directors for her work on a program that connects domestic violence victims and advocates reducing future risk of domestic violence.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Gateway Corridor Policy Advisory Committee meeting and recommended to the Gateway Corridor BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Option 3; he attended the Andersen Advisory Committee quarterly meeting; he met with Lake Elmo Mayor Johnston and their Administrator regarding traffic and speed limit concerns along Lake Elmo Avenue; and he attended the Lower Valley Alliance meeting and the Library Board meeting last evening.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee last week; she attended the Library Board meeting where they had a lengthy discussion on the meeting room policy; she attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting and heard a discussion on Metropolitan Council's Thrive MSP 2040 which will be conducting listening sessions with one to be held at the Washington County Government Center on Thursday, September 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Pulkrabek requested that a vote on membership to the Counties Transit Improvement Board be placed on the agenda next week. Board Chair Hegberg stated he would take that request under advisement.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended a National Association of Counties (NACo) Membership meeting which reviewed the Washington County NACo prescription drug card program numbers from August and on average the residents have saved 28.33 percent; she also expressed concerns about the Association of Minnesota Counties possibly being the gatekeeper to Washington County's NACo committees and how that might affect future decisions and participation in NACo if the county is not allowed to serve on committees; she attended the Board of Equalization and Appeal training; she attended the Newport City Council meeting; and she met with Bob Andrews of Hill Road to talk about the intersection in Woodbury.

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Commissioner Kriesel asked that the Board Chair, County Administrator, and staff begin work on the issue of the Resource Recovery Project Board facility.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he would be attending the Basic Political Operating Unit Meeting on Thursday, September 27 in Woodbury. Commissioners Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik stated they would also be attending.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting last Tuesday where they discussed Landfall solutions and the Newport Transit Facility redevelopment; he attended the CTIB meeting and the 2040 plan was discussed; he attended the Transportation Advisory Board meeting which discussed airport expansion; he attended the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging meeting which discussed the 2013 budget; and he attended the Community Action Program which approved its budget for 2013 with reductions in the administrative area.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Lehrke moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Weik and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

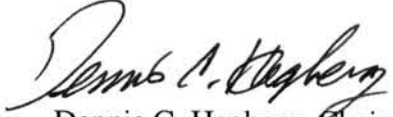
WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 11:07 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. RRA Chair Weik presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, Acting First Assistant County Attorney; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.


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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COUNTY LIBRARY

The Board met in workshop session with the County Library to discuss Library service levels and hours for 2013. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Joe Manion, Joyce Schneider, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Yvonne Klinnert, Kevin Giles, Star-Tribune, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette, Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspaper, Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press, Fran Miron, City of Hugo, and Herb Japs, Library Board Member.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 2, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney-Division Chief; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Barb Fritsche, IT Supervisor; Bill Reiners I.T. Specialist; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Sr. Program Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Commander Cheri Dexter, Deputy John Stoffel; Fran Miron, City of Hugo; Nancy Brace, Administrative Services Manager; and Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Pam Johnson, 3378 Heritage Court, Stillwater, stated she is upset by the two votes that were cast against the Resource Recovery Technology Service Agreement contract. She feels those votes support eliminating jobs in Newport, they support disregarding Minnesota law that requires garbage be processed into fuel, and it is also a disregard for the environment and groundwater.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the September 11, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the sale of 46 desktop computers (Dell, Model 740) to the Stillwater Library in compliance with Minnesota Statute 471.85 for the amount of \$30 each.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-124** as follows:

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Certification of Unpaid County Environmental Charges

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted the Washington County Solid Waste Management Ordinance #178 on October 28, 2008 and the Washington County Solid Waste Management Ordinance #114 on May 23, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Solid Waste Management Ordinance #178 establishes the County Environmental Charge (CEC); and

WHEREAS, a solid waste hauler has provided records to the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment (Department) of generators who have unpaid 2010 and 2011 County Environmental Charges; and

WHEREAS, the solid waste hauler sent four quarterly invoices to generators in 2010 and 2011 for County Environmental Charges; and

WHEREAS, Section 14.0, subpart 14.8.1 of the Ordinance #178 provides that on October 15 of each year, the County Board may certify to the County Auditor all unpaid outstanding Charges as reported by the Department, by Haulers and Disposal Facilities and a statement of the description of the lands which were serviced and against the Charges arose; and

WHEREAS, the Section 14.0, subpart 14.8.1 also provides that it shall be the duty of the County Auditor, upon order of the County Board, to extend the assessments with interest provided for in Section 279.03 subd.1 upon the tax rolls of the County of the taxes of the year in which the assessment is filed; and

WHEREAS, the properties that have failed to pay the County Environmental Charge are identified in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Auditor and the Department of Taxpayer Services to extend the unpaid County Environmental Charges on the properties set forth in Exhibit A to this resolution as assessments with interest in accordance with County Ordinance #178.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Bill Hutton presented an overview of a grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$269,060. The grant will be used to reimburse overtime costs associated with the Toward Zero Deaths Enforcement Program. The overtime cost will cover work performed by the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Police Departments of Stillwater, Bayport, Woodbury, Forest Lake, Oak

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Park Heights, Cottage Grove, and St. Paul Park. Sheriff Hutton recognized Deputy John Stoffel who was given an award for his work in this area.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-125** as follows:

Approval of Minnesota Department of Public Safety Grant 2012-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for Toward Zero Deaths Enforcement Program, for a period of two years per the request of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

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

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY

Patricia Conley, Library Director, summarized the proposal for increased library hours in 2013 and noted approval was being sought now to allow for adequate time to hire staff.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-126** as follows:

Library Service Schedule for 2013

WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Laws of Minnesota 2005, gives the Washington County Board of Commissioners the authority to direct, operate and manage the Washington County Library System;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Library desires to provide effective and cost efficient services in all branch libraries within the limits of its budget;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, effective January 1, 2013, Washington County Library will be open on the following schedule of hours, with the exception of legal holidays recognized by Washington County.

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BRANCH	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	HOURS/ WEEK
RH Stafford	1-5	9:30-8	9:30-8	9:30-8	9:30-8	9:30-5	9:30-5	61
Hardwood Creek	closed	9:30-8	9:30-8	9:30-8	9:30-8	9:30-5	9:30-5	57
Park Grove	closed	9:30-8	9:30-8	9:30-8	9:30-8	9:30-5	9:30-5	57
Oakdale	closed	9:30-8	12:30-8	12:30-8	12:30-8	12:30-5	9:30-5	45
Wildwood	closed	9:30-8	12:30-8	12:30-8	12:30-8	12:30-5	9:30-5	45
Valley	closed	10-2	2-6	2-6	2-6	10-2	10-2	24
HOURS/DAY	4	56.5	50.5	50.5	50.5	35.5	41.5	289

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that RH Stafford branch will be closed on Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day in 2013 as well as closed on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs the Library Administration to give public notice of this schedule of library hours at least 30 days prior to implementing the schedule.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, recognized Accounting and Finance Director Harley Will who recently earned the designation of Certified Public Finance Officer from the Government Finance Office Association. There are only 500 people nationwide with this certification and only 20 people within the State of Minnesota.

Ms. O'Rourke reported on the pharmaceutical collection held this past Saturday at the Government Center. Over 130 pounds of pharmaceuticals was collected. This is an additional service the county offers in addition to the drop off box in the Sheriff's Office. They are working at having drop off boxes at the service centers by the end of the year.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved that Washington County withdraw from the Counties Transit Improvement Board and rescind the quarter cent sales tax. Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to postpone this action until after the election and after the Board has met with the county legislative delegation. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion.

George Kuprian, County Attorney-Civil Division Chief advised the Board that the motion should be for a date certain or indefinitely.

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Commissioner Kriesel restated his motion to postpone this action indefinitely until after the election and after the Board has met with the county legislative delegation. Commissioner Weik seconded the restated motion and it was adopted 3-2 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, Commissioners Pulkrabek and Lehrke.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended an Executive Committee meeting of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District which discussed the 2013 budget; and she attended a couple of Woodbury events last week including the Woodbury Business Classic and a networking luncheon with the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Weik left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board which met at the Arboretum where they heard a presentation on blue bag organics; she attended the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) which discussed e-books and working with 3M to develop a cloud infrastructure that would allow inter-library loans for e-books; she attended a public safety city hall bridge ribbon cutting ceremony; she attended the Denmark Township Historical Society Save our School Event; she met with staff to look at the Newport redevelopment area; she attended the Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS) Committee meeting which discussed how the current quarter cent sales tax is insufficient for the projects they have and that a 1.06 percent sales tax would be needed; and she attended a Resource Recovery Project Budget meeting which passed the 2013 budget.

Commissioner Pulkrabek noted that during campaign season he has been doing a lot of door knocking and he's been asked a lot of questions and requests for information. He complimented the Washington County staff for handling these items and answering their questions quickly and professionally. He also extended his thanks to the Cities of Woodbury and Oakdale for doing the same.

Commissioner Kriesel reported that he and Commissioner Hegberg met with a former member of the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District Board of Managers; he attended the Mosquito Control meeting; and he spent three intense days as a participant helping School District 834 craft their strategic plan.

Commissioner Kriesel asked that the Board send a letter of support to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue permits necessary for the construction of the St. Croix River Crossing. It was Board consensus that staff prepare a letter to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources allowing the Minnesota Department of Transportation to proceed for approval at next week's Board meeting.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported he toured the City of Hugo to view its economic development and growth.

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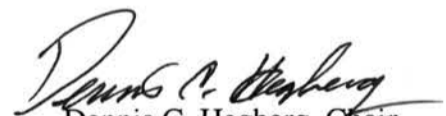
Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Lehrke moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Weik absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review the next steps following the July 9, 2012 planning session with department heads. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Dan Papin, Harley Will, Sheriff Bill Hutton, Mjyke Nelson, Lowell Johnson, Pam French, Tom Adkins, Don Theisen, and Fran Miron, City of Hugo.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 9, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney-Division Chief; Peter Orput, County Attorney; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; Jessica Collin-Pilarski, Associate Planner; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Erik Jalowitz, Building Services Project Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Commander Doug Anschutz; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the September 18, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint Dale Borash, West Lakeland Township, to the Valley Branch Watershed District Board of Managers to a three year term expiring November 13, 2015.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-127** as follows:

Resolution Approving Repurchase of
Tax Forfeited Land by Kathleen Henry

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WHEREAS, Minnesota statutes 282.241 allows for the repurchase of tax forfeited land by the previous owner, heirs, or other parties with the appropriate legal interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, taxation parcels 29.030.21.34.0158 and 29.030.21.34.0159 forfeited on July 19, 2012 for the non-payment of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the law allows for the repurchase of non-homestead property if application and funds are received within one year of the forfeiture date unless the property is sold or conveyed by the county; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Henry has submitted a request for repurchase under 282.241, having an interest in the property as previous owner that allows her to request the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Henry has submitted checks totaling \$2,868.31 representing the taxes, penalties, interest, costs, and fees for the repurchase of both parcels; and

WHEREAS, the department believes a repurchase is in the best interest of the public in that it allows Ms. Henry to retain her income property and secures the pay off all the back taxes and costs that are owed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request for repurchase of the tax forfeited parcels 29.030.21.34.0158 & 29.030.21.34.0159 by Kathleen Henry.

4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-128** as follows:

Resolution Approving Combination of Tax Forfeited Parcels
and Private Sale to Adjoining Land Owners Through Sealed Bid

WHEREAS, parcels 28.030.20.31.0087 and 28.030.20.31.0090 have forfeited to the State of Minnesota; and

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

WHEREAS, the best way to achieve this goal is by combining the parcels into one parcel and selling it to an adjacent land owner as authorized by Minnesota Statute 282.01; and

WHEREAS, the parcels have no public use to the county and the parcels were approved for sale by the local municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County Board of Commissioners directs the Department of Property Records & Taxpayer Services to combine the two parcels into one parcel and to sell the new parcel as a private sale to adjoining land owners on November 16, 2012 at 2:00 PM for not less than the appraised value as listed below plus all other additional fees and costs.

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Original Parcels

<u>PID#</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Year Forfeited</u>
28.030.20.31.0087	Stillwater	7/21/2009
28.030.20.31.0090	Stillwater	7/21/2009

New Parcel

<u>PID#</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Year Forfeited</u>	<u>Appraised Value</u>
28.030.20.31.0156	Stillwater	7/21/2009	\$7,500

5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-129** as follows:

Resolution Approving Repurchase of
Tax Forfeited Land by Donald Baierl

WHEREAS, Minnesota statutes 282.241 allows for the repurchase of tax forfeited land by the previous owner, heirs, or other parties with the appropriate legal interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, taxation parcel 17.031.21.12.0003 forfeited for the non-payment of property taxes on July 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the law allows for the repurchase of non-homestead property if application and funds are received within one year of the forfeiture date unless the property is sold or conveyed by the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baierl has submitted a request for repurchase under 282.241, having an interest in the property as previous owner that allows him to request the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baierl has requested that the repurchase be allowed with a 10-Year Contract for Repurchase; and

WHEREAS, the department believes a repurchase is in the best interest of the public in that it allows Mr. Baierl to continue his business on the property and secures the pay off the back taxes and costs that are owed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request for a 10 Year Repurchase Contract of the tax forfeited parcel 17.031.21.12.0003 by Donald Baierl.

6. Approval to accept the Natural Resources Block Grant funding from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for 2013.
7. Approval of the cooperative cost share agreement with the City of Stillwater for County State Aid Highway 23 construction.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-130** as follows:

Metropolitan Council Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant SG-2012-082

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WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated funds to the Metropolitan Council for subgrants for the acquisition of lands with the approved park unit boundaries of the metropolitan regional park system ("Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriation"); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has expressed its commitment to issue bonds for acquisition and betterment of regional recreation open space lands ("Council Park Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council is authorized by Minn. Stat. 473.301 to make grants to eligible governmental units for the purpose of acquisition of regional recreation open space in accordance with the Metropolitan Council's Recreation Open Space Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is a governmental unit eligible for a Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant; and

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 the Knauff property within the planned boundary of Big Marine Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2012, the Metropolitan Council authorized the granting of Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant SG-2012-082 to Washington County for up to \$329,550 for the acquisition of the Knauff property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners accepts the aforementioned grant from the Metropolitan Council and authorizes its County Board Chair and County Administrator to execute on behalf of the county Metropolitan Council Grant SG2012-082 conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the restrictive covenants to be imposed upon the Knauff property by the Metropolitan Council as a condition of the grant and authorizes the Washington County to enter into the restrictive covenant agreement through the signatures of the County Board Chair and County Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the recording of the said restrictive covenant agreement with the Washington County Recorder's Office.

9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-131** as follows:

Metropolitan Council Grant Agreement SG2012-074
for Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Improvements

Metropolitan Council Grant Agreement SG2012-075
for Phase 2 of the St. Croix Bluffs Campground Improvements

Metropolitan Council Grant Agreement SG2012-076
for Lake Elmo Park Reserve Parking and Trail Improvements

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WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature, by Minnesota Laws 2012, Article 3, Section 3, appropriated funds for State Fiscal Year 2013 from the Constitutional and Land Legacy Amendment's Parks and Trails Fund to the Metropolitan Council to grant to implementing agencies as required under the new Minn. Stat. 85.53; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature, by Minnesota Laws 2012, chapter 293, section 17, subdivision 2, appropriated state general obligation bonds to the Metropolitan Council for the costs of improving and bettering the metropolitan regional parks system ("State Bond Appropriation"); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council is authorized by Minn. Stat. 473.301 to make grants to eligible governmental units for the purpose of regional recreation open space development in accordance with the Metropolitan Council's Recreation Open Space Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is a governmental unit eligible for a Recreation Open Space Development Grant; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2012, the Metropolitan Council authorized the granting of up to \$794,000 to Washington County for the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2012, the Metropolitan Council authorized the granting of up to \$200,000 to Washington County for Phase 2 of the St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park Campground Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2012, the Metropolitan Council authorized the granting of up to \$324,000 to Washington County for the Lake Elmo Park Reserve Parking and Trail improvements Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners accepts the aforementioned grants from the Metropolitan Council and authorizes its County Board Chair and County Administrator to execute on behalf of the county Metropolitan Council Grants SG2012-074, SG2012-075, and SG2012-076 conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

- 10. Approval of cooperative agreement with the City of Woodbury for the construction of a turn lane at the intersection of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 16 (Valley Creek Road) and CSAH 19 (Woodbury Drive).
- 11. Bids were received for the Lake Elmo Park Reserve Nordic Center Parking area as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Arnt Construction Company, Inc.	\$434,793.60
Parkos Construction	\$464,200.00
Peterson Companies	\$472,236.70
New Look Contracting	\$489,927.83
Fitol Hintz Construction	\$503,955.65

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-132** as follows:

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Bid Award for Nordic Center Parking Area Site Improvement Construction
to Arnt Construction Company, Inc.

WHEREAS, in order to complete construction of Lake Elmo Park Reserve Nordic Center Parking Area Site Improvements, the county solicited bids for this project; and,

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2012, bids for the project were opened and it was determined that Arnt Construction Company, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the bid from Arnt Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$434,793.60 in order to complete the above described project and authorizes the county to enter into a contract with Arnt Construction Company, Inc. pursuant to the rights and obligations contained in the county's bid specifications and the Arnt Construction Company, Inc. proposal thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract between the county and Arnt Construction Company, 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.

12. Approval of letter of support to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to issue permits necessary for the construction of the St. Croix River Crossing.
13. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-133** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing the Sheriff's Office to Enter into a Renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (MICAC)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Sheriff's Office is authorized to enter into a renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (MICAC).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sheriff is hereby authorized to execute and sign this Joint Powers Agreement renewal and any amendments thereto, as are necessary to implement the program on behalf of Washington County.

14. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-134** as follows:

Adoption of the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, Washington County has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and

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WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Washington County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

15. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland and Emergency Management to receive Fiscal Year 2012 funding through the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2013 Legislative Agenda

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, stated there have been two workshops with the County Board to review the proposed Legislative Agenda. As a result of the last workshop an amendment has been made to the Metropolitan Area Transit Governance item to clarify that the county would like the state to

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take responsibility for transit including the funding. The other item that was amended was reducing reliance on property taxes for transportation through local control of the wheelage tax and clarified that the county is not seeking a tax increase but the county is seeking local control. The item on implementation of voter identification legislation if the constitutional amendment passed, was changed to clarify the county is requesting the state to fund the costs of implementing that legislation. The last two items related to equitable distribution of funds to the Metropolitan Regional Parks from the Clean Water Land and Water Legacy amendment and the collateralization of local government deposits remain the same and the county will support other organizations and let them take the lead on those items.

Ms. O'Rourke stated if the Board approves the Legislative Agenda, staff will begin working with John Kaul, the county's Legislative Liaison, to find sponsors for these specific items in this agenda. She mentioned there is one other item that the Board has asked staff to draft a legislative item on and that will be brought back to the Board in a week or two. It is to request that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency actively enforce its Solid Waste laws and that relates to the discussion of how the county handles its solid waste.

Commissioner Pulkrabek expressed his belief that the Board had taken a formal position in favor of voter identification. Ms. O'Rourke stated the Board did take action on the voter identification legislation and the Legislative Agenda item under previous consideration will be amended to show that.

Commissioner Weik proposed that an item be added related to Regional Railroad Authorities in the seven county metropolitan area. Currently in state law, there is a requirement that counties have a rail component to any studies in their transitway corridors. She believes this is an unnecessary restriction and an artifact of past technologies and that this could add unnecessary costs. She noted that the Counties Transit Improvement Board will also be adding this proposal to its legislative agenda.

Commissioner Hegberg would like to have further discussion on that issue. Commissioner Pulkrabek stated it sounds like something he could support but would like to see something in writing first.

Commissioner Weik noted that she will not be at next week's Board meeting she will be attending the Rail~Volution Conference.

It was Board consensus to bring back draft language on the Regional Railroad Authority issue and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency enforcement of its solid waste laws issue in two weeks.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the 2013 Legislative Agenda with the understanding that two additional legislative items will be discussed in two weeks. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Rail~Volution Conference

Ms. O'Rourke announced that the Rail~Volution National Transportation Conference will be held October 13 through 17. In 2014 the Twin Cities will be hosting this conference and the county will be participating in those efforts. The Counties Transit Improvement Board is supporting the efforts to attend this conference and will offset the conference costs by paying for the registration of two county representatives with an additional \$500 towards other costs. Andy Gitzlaff, Transportation Planner, will be representing Public Works and Commissioner Lisa Weik will be representing the County Board.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she is registered for two mobile workshop tours at the Rail~Volution Conference; she will be talking about the Gateway Corridor, Rush Line Corridor, and Red Rock Corridor as possible workshop destinations in the 2014 Rail~Volution Conference in the Twin Cities; she attended the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition which had an update on electric vehicles infrastructure and it was announced that Scott County would be the chair for 2013 and Washington County would be the vice chair.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she met with the watershed district and they mentioned the effective tax rate and she would like to know what Washington County's effective tax rate was for the last couple of years; and she's been in communication with the new Superintendent for School District 833 Dr. Keith Jacobus and will meet with him in the future to discuss recycling efforts in the schools and organics.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition; he sat in on candidate forums; and he and Public Works staff met with the West Lakeland Town Board to discuss county policy regarding easements on right-of-ways and 22nd Street.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he participated in two candidate forums.

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 Lehrke and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

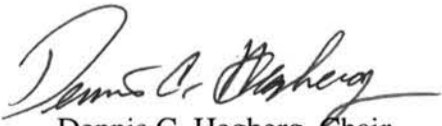
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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

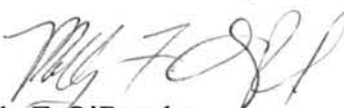
The Board met in workshop session with the watershed management organizations' to discuss their proposed 2013 budgets, priority projects, and the Water Consortium Activities for 2012; and the Washington Conservation District's 2013 budget and information on the District's program services. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Lowell Johnson, Amanda Strommer, Jessica Pilarski, Kris Keller, Harley Will, Wayne Sandberg, John Elholm, Yvonne Klinnert, Jay Riggs, Washington Conservation District, Brian Zeller, Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization, Amy Carolan, Middle St. Croix Water Management Organization, Karen Kill, Brown's Creek Watershed District, Connie Taillon, Brown's Creek Watershed District, Rick Vanzwol, Brown's Creek Watershed District, Jim Shaver, Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District, Cliff Aichinger, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, Dave Bucheck, Valley Branch Watershed District, John Hanson, Valley Branch Watershed District, Jack Lavold, South Washington Watershed District, Matt Moore, South Washington Watershed District, Doug Thomas, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District, John Waller, Rice Creek Watershed District, Phil Belflori, Rice Creek Watershed District, Melissa Lewis, Board of Water and Soil Resources, Kevin Giles, Star-Tribune, and Jon Avise, Bulletin.

WORKSHOP WITH HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Board met in workshop session with the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to review the proposed Red Rock Gateway Redevelopment Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Harley Will, Dennis O'Donnell, Andy Gitzlaff, Ted Schoenecker, Dan Papin, Wayne Sandberg, Don Theisen, Yvonne Klinnert, Barbara Dacy, HRA, Melissa Taphorn, HRA, Jay Demma, Stantec, Stacie Kvilvang, Ehlers, Jim Casserly, Monroe Moxness Berg, Brian Anderson, Newport, Kevin Giles, Star-Tribune, and Jon Avise, Bulletin.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
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WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (RRA) met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, and Lehrke. Commissioner Weik absent to attend the Rail~Volution Transit Conference. RRA Vice Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney-Division Chief; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Terry Thomas, Community Corrections Division Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Erik Jalowitz, Building Services Project Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager. 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 9:03 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, and Lehrke. Commissioner Weik absent to attend the Rail~Volution Transit Conference.. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney-Division Chief; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Terry Thomas, Community Corrections Division Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Erik Jalowitz, Building Services Project Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the September 25 and October 2, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Elizabeth Aza, U.S. Bank, Oakdale, to the Workforce Investment Board to a first term expiring June 30, 2014.
3. Approval to amend contracts from \$198,000 to \$228,000 for Multi-Systemic Therapy, a researched-based intensive, in-home family therapy program and alternative to juvenile residential placement.
4. Approval to submit a grant application to the Department of Human Services for funds to reimburse license agreement with LexisNexis Accurint for up to three licenses at \$116.00 per month for nine months starting October, 2012 through June 30, 2013.
5. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-135** as follows:

A Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on the Modification
of the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 2

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

Section 1. Public Hearing.

1.01. This Board shall meet on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. or shortly thereafter, at the Washington County Courthouse, 14949 62nd Street North, Stillwater, Minnesota, 55082, to hold a public hearing on the following matter: modification of the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 2 (the "Project Area") to reflect increased geographic area, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 to 469.047, Laws of Minnesota 1974 Chapter 475, Laws of Minnesota 2012, Chapter 199 and Minnesota Statutes Sections 469.174 to 469.179, inclusive, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

Section 2. Notice of Hearing; Filing of Plans.

2.01. The County Auditor is authorized and directed to cause the Notice of Public Hearing to be published, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and to place a copy of the modified Redevelopment Plan (the "Plan") on file in the County Auditor's office and to make the Plan available for inspection by the public.

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6. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-136** as follows:

Resolution Approving the Reappointment of Bruce Munneke
as County Assessor for a Term Beginning January 1, 2013.

WHEREAS, M.S. 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 four year terms beginning January 1, 2005 and January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Munneke is a Senior Accredited Minnesota Appraiser (SAMA) as required by statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby reappoints Bruce Munneke to the position of County Assessor for a term beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2016.

7. Approval and execution of Amendment #1 to contract with Hunt Electric Corporation for general electrical services.
8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-137** as follows:

Resolution Authorizing Execution of 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 Invitation Health Institute for the program entitled 2012-2013 Compliance Check Grant Contract.

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

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Hegberg; Nays, none; Commissioner Weik absent.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Consider Petition of Detachment and Annexation

The Board Chair presented a brief overview of today's public hearing to consider a petition by Pulte Homes of Minnesota for detachment and annexation of certain parcels in the school districts of 833 and 834. The Board Secretary indicated that proper notice was given.

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Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services, stated that the parcels in question lie in a newly platted subdivision, Dancing Waters 11th Addition. The new subdivision does not follow the line of the existing border between Independent School Districts (ISD) #833 and #834. The current owner and land developer, Pulte Homes of Minnesota, has worked with ISD #833 and ISD #834 to create a new school district boundary through portions of the subdivision. Pulte Homes of Minnesota has submitted a petition for the annexation and detachment of the parcels pursuant to M.S. 123A.45. Both ISD #833 and ISD #834 have submitted letters and school board meeting minutes affirming the detachment and annexation of the parcels.

Ms. Wagenius stated that the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services has served notice of the hearing on both school districts, has given published notice of the hearing, and there has been 10 days posted notice of the hearing in both school districts. The department recommends approval of the boundary change effective for taxes payable 2014.

The Board Chair asked for comments from the public; none were heard. The Board Chair closed the public hearing at 9:08 a.m.

Commissioner Lehrke moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-138** as follows:

Resolution Approving the Detachment and Annexation of the following parcels:

12.028.21.24.0066, 12.028.21.24.0067
12.028.21.24.0068, 12.028.21.24.0069
12.028.21.24.0070, 12.028.21.24.0071
12.028.21.24.0072, 12.028.21.24.0073
12.028.21.24.0074, 12.028.21.24.0075
12.028.21.32.0087, 12.028.21.32.0088
12.028.21.32.0089, 12.028.21.32.0090
12.028.21.32.0091, 12.028.21.32.0092
12.028.21.32.0093
Woodbury, Minnesota

WHEREAS, pursuant to M.S. 123A.45 an owner may file a petition with the county auditor for the annexation and detachment of land from any independent school district and the auditor shall present the petition to the county board.

WHEREAS, the Department of Property Records and Taxpayer Services has received an owner petition from Pulte Homes of MN for the detachment and annexation of land to and from ISD #833 and ISD #834 along with resolutions from the school districts in support of the same.

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the County conducted a public hearing following publication of notice, pursuant to M.S. 123A.45.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the county board hereby approves the petition of Pulte Homes of MN for the detachment and annexation of land to and from ISD #833 and ISD #834 and; that effective for taxes payable 2014, the following parcels of land as located in Washington County Minnesota are hereby detached from ISD #834 and annexed to ISD #833

12.028.21.24.0066, 12.028.21.24.0067
 12.028.21.24.0068, 12.028.21.24.0069
 12.028.21.24.0070, 12.028.21.24.0071
 12.028.21.24.0072, 12.028.21.24.0073
 12.028.21.24.0074, 12.028.21.24.0075

and; that effective for taxes payable 2014, the following parcels of land as located in Washington County Minnesota are hereby detached from ISD #833 and annexed to ISD #834.

12.028.21.32.0087, 12.028.21.32.0088
 12.028.21.32.0089, 12.028.21.32.0090
 12.028.21.32.0091, 12.028.21.32.0092
 12.028.21.32.0093

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Hegberg; Nays, none; Commissioner Weik absent.

The Board Chair directed the County Attorney's Office to prepare an Order conforming to the Board's decision which will be acted upon at a later board meeting.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, reported that this past Sunday evening and all day yesterday, the Department Heads met for strategic planning as a follow-up to the Commissioners' retreat held in July. They looked at developing a vision for the organization, discussed the potential need to revise the county mission, and values. They developed and identified strategic areas that need further refinement and will then pull further information together. The plan is to get more information and input from others in the organization and then come back to the Board after the first of the year to present options and recommendations on areas that need further analysis and action in the organization. They were positive-productive sessions and she appreciated that the Department Heads gave up their Sunday evening to start the process.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS - COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported he will attend the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting on Thursday.

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Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended a meeting of the Stillwater Community Symposium to discuss economic development; he announced that the county's Law Librarian Brian Huffman tendered his resignation; and he met with Senator Klobuchar and toured the St. Croix River Crossing construction area and gave her a briefing of the project.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she taped a segment with the South Washington Telecommunications Company regarding the Red Rock Transit Station in Newport and the redevelopment site; she attended the Newport Planning Commission meeting which held a public hearing regarding the Regional Rail's application and conditional use permit for the redevelopment in Newport; she attended the Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Director's meeting and she asked that staff look at what other counties are doing to manage waste to hit the state mandated processing goals; and she attended the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Finance Committee meeting; he met with the City of Forest Lake to discuss an access across Hardwood Creek Trail if they move the city hall and fire hall to the Northland Mall location; he met with the Independent Business Association to discuss taxes and how it affects small independent businesses; he attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting which focused on presenting their legislative issues for 2013; he attended the Greater Minneapolis-Saint Paul meeting which discussed meeting their goals of job production, and announced that their annual meeting is on November 5 and is open to the Commissioners; he attended a Community Action Partnership Finance meeting; and on Saturday he attended Punkinmania in Mahtomedi where he was asked about the Piccadilly site and when that would be redeveloped.

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 Lehrke and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Weik absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to review the details of the Trunk Highway 36 and Hilton Trail interchange project. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, and

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Lehrke. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Cory Slagle, Melinda Kirk, Yvonne Klinnert; Jim Anderson, Star-Tribune, Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press, Erik Sandin, Gazette, Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township, Curt Fakler, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and Cara Chandler, Minnesota Department of Transportation.

BOARD WORKSKHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Works to discuss projects associated with the St. Croix River Crossing Project. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, and Lehrke. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Cory Slagle, Melinda Kirk, Yvonne Klinnert; Jim Anderson, Star-Tribune, Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press, Erik Sandin, Gazette, Dan Kylo, West Lakeland Township, Curt Fakler, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and Cara Chandler, Minnesota Department of Transportation.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review major projects included in the Draft 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, and Lehrke. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Harley Will, Don Theisen, Mjyke Nelson, Wayne Sandberg, Cory Slagle, Melinda Kirk, Yvonne Klinnert; Jim Anderson, Star-Tribune, Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press, and Erik Sandin, Gazette.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke

County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
OCTOBER 23, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 10:30 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney-Division Chief; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Sue Fennern, Sr. Human Resources Specialist; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Mike Polehna, Public Works Assistant Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Matthew Behning, 3443 Maureen Lane, Stillwater, asked the Board to deny Amendment No. 1 to a contract with HR Green Company for additional engineering services for the County State Aid Highway project in Woodbury in the amount of \$281,000. He feels that HR Green Company should honor the original quote of \$1.2 million.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to convert a non-supervisory Maintenance Worker position to a supervisor position of Public Works Supervisory I in the Public Works Department.
2. Approval for 1 Full Time Equivalent for a special project Community Health Specialist position to assist the Epidemiologist and Public Health Nurses in the Disease Prevention and Control program with emergency preparedness planning, training and exercises.
3. Approval to enter into a Service at Will agreement with Verizon Wireless for wireless services.
4. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-139** as follows:

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

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

WHEREAS, the county auditor is to distribute the net revenue in the county's forfeited tax sale fund to the local taxing districts after payment of county administrative expenses, according to one of two prescribed apportionment plans, and

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

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

5. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Washington Conservation District for services related to the Wetland Conservation Act.
6. Approval to enter into an agreement with the Washington Conservation District to fund general operations and services to county departments and county residents.
7. Approval of an amendment to the 2012 Narcotics and Gang Task Force grant to extend the agreement through December 31, 2013 and provide an additional \$95,000 in funding.
8. Approval to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division, for funds in the amount of \$35,000 to purchase night vision, GPS and sonar equipment for the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

PUBLIC WORKS

Donation from the Ride and Glide Ski Club

The County Board accepted a donation from the Ride and Glide Ski Club in the amount of \$3,000 for the costs of installing four additional light fixtures on the ski trails in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve. Steve Thatcher presented the check to the County Board on behalf of the Ride and Glide Ski Club.

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Mike Polehna, Public Works Assistant Manager, updated the Board on a recent Yellow Ribbon event held by the Stillwater and Hugo Yellow Ribbon Networks. He stated that this past weekend they held a pheasant hunt for over 200 service members. They worked with different businesses and organizations and raised nearly \$50,000 for this event.

County State Aid Highway 19 (Woodbury Drive) Amendment No. 1 with HR Green Company

Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager, presented a brief overview of the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 19 project in Woodbury. The existing two-lane undivided roadway will be expanded to a four-lane divided roadway with channelized turn lanes, raised medians, roundabouts at the intersections with CSAH 18 and Lake Road and enhanced pedestrian facilities including multi-purpose trails on both sides of the roadway. The amendment calls for additional services which are required for stormwater management/stormwater reuse plans; retaining walls; an additional roundabout; corridor landscaping; and additional public involvement meetings. Mr. Slagle answered additional questions the Commissioners had on the reuse plans and public involvement on this project.

Commissioner Weik moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to a contract with HR Green Company for additional professional engineering services for the County State Aid Highway 19 project 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 and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's Office. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, announced that prior to today's Board meeting, the County Board hosted an Employee Recognition Breakfast for employees with 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. She noted that following today's County Board meeting, the Regional Railroad Authority will convene and move into Executive Session. Following that meeting, the Board will hold two workshops: 1) Public Health and Environment will discuss a grant to expand evidence based, voluntary home visiting to high risk families; and 2) the Office of Administration will review the addition of two proposed items to the 2013 Legislative Agenda.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Gateway Corridor Commission meeting which approved the Policy Analysis Commission's recommendation to the updated rankings of Alternatives and they advanced the Optimized Alternative III which is bus rapid transit adjacent to Hudson Road and the Optimized Alternative V which is light rail adjacent to Hudson Road as a comparison to Optimized

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Alternative III; she participated in a Green River Greening event at Colby Lake in Woodbury which removed Buckthorn; she attended a National Transportation Conference last week in Los Angeles which had close to 1,200 attendees; several speakers talked about putting funding for fixed transit in front of voters as ballot amendments, currently ten states have a ballot initiative where voters would increase sales tax to fund fixed transit systems; she attended two mobile workshops one was on Wilshire Boulevard which is similar to the Gateway Corridor where they have bus rapid transit in a fixed lane; and she stated she will provide more information on this conference at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended the Personnel Committee; she met with the Woodbury Mayor, City Administrator, and County Administrator to discuss issues important to the city and the county; she attended the Cottage Grove City Council meeting and spoke to them about the Board's withdrawal from the High Speed Rail Commission and the Board's participation in the Counties Transit Improvement Board; they tabled their resolution to encourage the county to get back into the High Speed Rail Commission to talk to other communities; Councilmember Lehrke suggested that an outcome based resolution on the support for transit be considered; she attended the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting; she attended the Cottage Grove Public Safety-City Hall open house; she announced that because Cottage Grove is moving into their new building this week, the Red Rock Corridor meeting will be held in the St. Paul Park City Hall; and this morning she attended the Employee Recognition event.

Commissioner Pulkrabek reported he attended the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting where there was considerable discussion of the budget which was passed.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting; he attended the Stillwater Area Chamber of Commerce visioning session for downtown Stillwater; he attended a meeting with St. Croix Academy, Baytown Township and Washington County to discuss access management going into the school; he attended an Audit Committee meeting; he attended the St. Croix Lower Valley Alliance meeting; he attended the Lake Elmo Library grand opening; and he attended a St. Croix Coalition Executive meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging meeting which had a report on aging in Hennepin County and asked that staff get a copy of that study; he attended a meeting at the City of Forest Lake for a Yellow Ribbon recognition; he attended the Transportation Advisory Board meeting and heard reports on the 2040 plan; he attended the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting; and he attended the Community Action Partnership meeting.

Commissioner Kriesel indicated that at the Resource Recovery Project Board meeting he asked staff that over the next year or two they review the business model, review the Joint Powers Agreement,

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determine if there would be a third county interested in joining, meet with RRT and the haulers, and explore all options.

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 Lehrke and it was adopted unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (RRA) met in regular session at 11:15 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. RRA Chair Weik presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney-Division Chief; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Sue Fennern, Sr. Human Resources Specialist; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Amanda Strommer, Program Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Ted Schoenecker, Transpiration Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Mike Polehna, Public Works Assistant Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

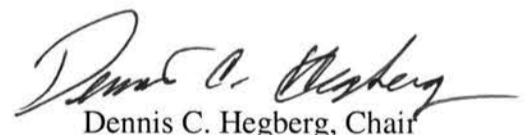
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review additions to the 2013 Legislative Agenda. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Ted Schoenecker, Lowell Johnson, Judy Hunter, Yvonne Klinnert, and John Kaul.

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BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session with the Department of Public Health and Environment to discuss a grant to expand evidence based, voluntary home visiting to high risk families. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Lowell Johnson, Sue Hedlund, Judy Hunter, Ellie Hodgkinson, Jill Timm, Yvonne Klinnert, and John Kaul.



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

Attest:



Molly F. O'Rourke

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney-Division Chief; Pete Orput, County Attorney; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Mary Farmer-Kubler, Community Services Supervisor; Karin Reinert, Community Services Senior Planner; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Milan Tomaska, Information Technology Supervisor; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Deb McDonald, Management Analyst II; Commander Doug Anschutz; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Matt Behning, 3443 Maureen Lane, Stillwater, made comments and asked the Board to deny the following items on today's agenda: Community Development Block Grant amendment to add an additional \$277,000 to loan money interest free to make housing safe and livable; amendment to the Trissential LLC contract for an additional \$52,000 on top of their \$1.4 million to change the accounting system; a contract with FamilyWise Services to provide case management and basic needs services to families participating in the Parent Support Outreach Program; and he commented against pushing for laws related to trash just to back RRT who is subsidized through the county.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the October 9, 16 (as amended), and 23, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to appoint Steve Moeller, Lake Elmo, to the Workforce Investment Board to a first term expiring June 30, 2014.

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3. Approval to decline participation in the proposed property tax abatement to facilitate expansion of the Bielenberg Sports Center.
4. Approval to adopt the amended Washington County 2013 Legislative Agenda.
5. Approval of the 2012-2016 contract with FamilyWise Services to provide case management and basic needs services to families participating in the Parent Support Outreach Program.
6. Approval to execute Amendment 2 to the existing 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Agreement to add the additional 2012 CDBG grant funds in accordance with the 2012 Annual Action Plan.
7. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-140** as follows:

Resolution Approving Repurchase of
Tax Forfeited Land by Darryl Westerlund

WHEREAS, Minnesota statutes 282.241 allows for the repurchase of tax forfeited land by the previous owner, heirs, or other parties with the appropriate legal interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, taxation parcel 18.028.21.34.0102 forfeited for the non-payment of property taxes on July 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the law allows for the repurchase of non-homestead property if application and funds are received within one year of the forfeiture date unless the property is sold or conveyed by the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Westerlund has submitted a request for repurchase under 282.241, having an interest in the property as previous owner that allows him to request the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, the department has received a check from Wells Fargo, a lender having interest in the property at the time of forfeiture, in the amount to pay all prior taxes and costs associated with the repurchase of the property, on behalf of Mr. Westerlund; and

WHEREAS, the repurchase by Mr. Westerlund is in the best interest of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the repurchase request of the tax forfeited parcel 18.028.21.34.0102 by Darryl Westerlund.

8. Approval of contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson for preliminary design, geotechnical service, and environmental service on 56th Street/Pickett Avenue.
9. Bids were received for the lease of agricultural land as follows:

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	Lake Elmo Park Reserve (206.4 acres)	St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park (110.9 acres)
<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Per Acre Bid</u>	<u>Per Acre Bid</u>
Donald Anderson	\$225.00	\$200.00
David See Farms	\$238.75*	\$288.50
Herman Farms	\$201.86	\$270.51
Marc Meyer	\$232.87	\$286.80
Joe O'Malley	\$228.50	\$293.50
John See	\$201.70	
Gordon Tank and Myron Tank	\$212.00	\$294.00*
Matthew Wohlman	\$211.60	\$276.60

Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-141** as follows:

Award of Parks Agricultural Land Leases for 2013

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

WHEREAS, bids were opened on October 16, 2012 with highest bidder being David See Farms for Lake Elmo Park Reserve, and Gordon Tank and Myron Tank for St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bids of David See Farms and Gordon and Myron Tank be accepted and the County enter into lease agreements with these bidders for the respective parcels of land noted previously in this resolution under the terms and conditions set forth in the bid specification documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the leases between Washington County and David See Farms and Gordon Tank and Myron Tank be executed through the signatures of the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and County Administrator without further action of the County Board and conditioned upon compliance with all bid specification requirements and approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

- 10. Approval of transferring interests overlooked in transferring a portion of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 15 to the Minnesota Department of Transportation to become Trunk Highway 95 between I-94 to CSAH 18.
- 11. Approval to submit grant application to the Minnesota Historical Society State Capital Grant Program for funding to repair and restore the Historic Courthouse flashing, fascia and soffits.
- 12. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-142** as follows:

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WHEREAS, Washington County surveyor's office has a Surveyor's Record Book dating back to the 1800's that requires scanning to digital format; and

WHEREAS, Washington County does not have the required technology to scan bound books; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition provides grants to organizations to have professionals scan the original objects such as bound books according to well-established and very high standards in exchange for sharing the unique resource online for non-profit educational purposes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Public Works Director to sign the Minnesota Digital Library Grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the participation in the described project without further action by the County Board.

13. Approval of an agreement with the City of Stillwater to lease space in the county's equipment building at the Olive Street tower to the City of Stillwater.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pete Orput, County Attorney, announced that his office has negotiated with the Minnesota Department of Corrections for reimbursement for some on the county's time when prosecuting inmates of the two state correctional institutions located in Washington County. The state has agreed to reimburse the county up to \$25,000 for 2013. The Board members asked questions of the County Attorney and he responded.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to approve a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Corrections, Office of Policy and Legal Services for reimbursement for prosecuting inmates of state correctional institutions located in Washington County. Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director, reviewed the request to increase the amount of the Trissential, LLC agreement by \$52,000 to a new total of \$1,396,300. Two expenditure areas anticipated

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to increase are licensing and custom reporting. He also reviewed the request for the use of contingency funds up to \$140,000 to supplement the JD Edwards Enterprise One Project budget.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to authorize the use of available balance in the approved budget to increase the contract with Trissential, LLC by \$52,000 to a new total of \$1,396,300; and authorization to use up to \$140,000 of contingency funds in the county’s General Operations approval budget to supplement the JD Edwards Enterprise One Project budget. Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director, reviewed efforts to provide fiber connections to county buildings and presented the bids for installation of fiber cabling from Keats Avenue to the Hastings bridge as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Access Communication	\$144,569.29
Egan Co.	\$184,991.00
MP Next Level	\$290,202.12
AEI Construction	\$486,102.00

Commissioner Weik moved to approve the bid award and execution of a contract with Access Communication for the installation of fiber optic cabling to connect Washington County to Dakota County using the Hastings bridge. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O’Rourke, County Administrator, reminded everyone that today is Election Day and the license centers will be open until 8:00 p.m. to assist those individuals who may need proper identification to vote. All of the polling locations in the county have opened without any problems and there appears to be a steady turnout.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she taped a segment for the South Washington County Telecommunications Commission that will be broadcast after the polls close this evening on the duties of a county commissioner; she announced that the Gateway Corridor Commission meeting for this week

has been cancelled; she attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission which reviewed new control strategies that may save money; she attended a transportation forum for legislative candidates at the South Service Center; she attended a chamber, county and state candidate forum that was held at Oak Marsh Golf Course; and she reported on the following workshops she attended at the Rail~Volution Transit Conference: Mobile Workshop, Connect to the Coast: Road, Subway & Heavy Rail; New Starts Symposium; welcome reception at the Union Station where she heard about successful regional partnerships; workshop on bus rapid transit and economic development; how to build affective partnerships between private and public sectors; workshop on retail transit oriented development; and she stated that the Rail~Volution will be held in Seattle next year.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board; she attended the Minnesota Transportation Alliance Candidate forum at the South Service Center in Cottage Grove; she attended the Red Rock Corridor meeting and going forward all of the meetings will be held at the new City Hall; she participated in the Monster Bash Parade; she did the Election Night video with the South Washington County Telecommunications Commission; she attended an Association of Minnesota Counties District X meeting; she met with School District 833 Superintendent Dr. Jacobus to explore opportunities for recycling efforts in organic recovery in the schools; she attended a Metropolitan Library Service Agency Personnel Committee meeting; she attended the Grey Cloud Island 51st Annual Township Halloween Party; she met with Mayor Franke from St. Paul Park for his vision of St. Paul Park and discuss possible collaboration projects; and she attended the Grant Evaluation Ranking System for the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Planning Advisory Commission; he attended the Metropolitan Mosquito Control meeting; he attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board meeting; he attended the Complete Streets Committee meeting; he met with the City of Stillwater to discuss general community issues; he met with Dan Dolan from 4-H about the Youth-Helping-Youth program that 4-H is proposing; and he read from a letter from Mayor Tom McCarthy, City of Lake St. Croix Beach, thanking Community Corrections and the Sentence-to-Service program for the service it brings to their city.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Annual meeting of the Greater MSP Board at the Guthrie; and he attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. with the Office of Administration to discuss the possible purchase of a conservation easement over the McDonald property. Present for the Executive

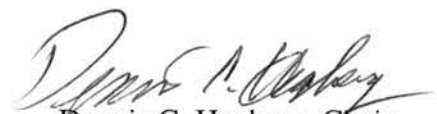
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Session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, and Lehrke. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Jane Harper, Sharon Price, Richard Hodsdon, and Patricia Raddatz.


The Board returned to regular session at 10:36 a.m. after meeting in Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase of a conservation easement over the McDonald property.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Lehrke moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pulkrabek and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Weik absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 13, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney-Division Chief; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Robby Robinson, Veterans Service Officer; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Sue Hedlund, Public Health and Environment Deputy Director; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-143** as follows:

Authorizing the Receipt of \$2,298 in Grant Funding
from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

BE IT RESOLVED by Washington County that the county enters into the attached grant contract for \$2,298 with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following project: Community Veterans Service Office Enhancement Grant of "Outreach Marketing" for the term November 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. This grant must be used to enhance the operations of the county Veterans Service Office under Minnesota Statute 197.608, Subdivision 4(a), and should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Washington County that the county Veterans Service Officer Lyman (Robby) Robinson be authorized to execute the attached grant contract for the above mentioned project on behalf of the county.

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2. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-144** as follows:

Authorizing the Receipt of \$5,600 in Grant Funding
from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

BE IT RESOLVED by Washington County that the county enters into the attached grant contract for \$5,600 with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following project: Community Veterans Service Office Operational Improvement Grant for the term October 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. This grant must be used to enhance the operations of the county Veterans Service Office under Minnesota Statute 197.608, Subdivision 4(a), and should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Washington County that the county Veterans Service Officer Lyman (Robby) Robinson be authorized to execute the attached grant contract for the above mentioned project on behalf of the county.

3. Approval to renew contract to purchase software licensing, maintenance, and support from Infor Global Technologies for Infinium Application Manager, Human Resources/Payroll, Query and Infinium Self Service software through December 31, 2013.
4. Approval of Twin Cities Public Health and Environment Health Entities in Minnesota Mutual Aid Agreement to extend the termination date of the agreement to December 31, 2017.
5. Approval of supplemental agreement 1 with Harddrives, Inc. for additional work on the County State Aid Highway 10 construction project.
6. Approval to enter into contracts with Reliable Property Services for Zone 1 snow removal services and Twin City Outdoor Services for Zones 2 and 3 snow removal services.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-145** as follows:

Resolution Recommending Approval of List of Tax Forfeited
Land to be Sold at Action, Setting the Terms of Sale
and Time and Place of Public Auction

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

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WHEREAS, each year property forfeits for the non-payment of property taxes and the Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department, on behalf of the county board, works with the local municipalities and others to develop a plan to move the property into public ownership if there is a public use or purpose for the property, or to sell the property and return it to the tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, the parcels listed on the Tax Forfeited Land Auction List #2012-02 have been identified to be offered to sale to the general public through a public auction, and the attached terms of sale have been developed, and

WHEREAS, the department will publish a notice once a week for two consecutive weeks of the public auction as required by law and will notify all adjoining owners of the lands to be auctioned.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on Tax Forfeited Land Auction List #2012-02 be classified as non-conservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel appearing on the list filed with the County Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department be approved; and authorization for public sale be granted, pursuant to M.S. 282.01; that the sale be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 12, 2012 in Conference Room LL14, Washington County Government Center, Stillwater Minnesota; and the sale be for not less than the basic sale price.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale be as set forth in the Terms for the Sale of Tax Forfeited Land document attached.

Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2012 Third Quarter Donations and Gifts

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-146** as follows:

2012 3rd Quarter Donations, Gifts, and Bequests

WHEREAS, Washington County gratefully accepts donations, gifts, and bequests from public and private sources to enhance the programs and services it provides; and

WHEREAS, Any gift, donation, or bequest becomes the property of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, The Washington County Board is authorized to approve donations, gifts, and bequests on a quarterly basis; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve donations and gifts for 2012 third quarter.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Association of Minnesota Counties Membership and Official Delegate List for 2012 Conference

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, advised the Board that the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT), requires members to either be a member of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) or they would have to pay to MCIT the additional sponsorship fee equal to what their membership to AMC would be. She indicated there is the potential for the MCIT Board to not require that fee although there has not been a county that has had that happen.

Ms. O'Rourke stated that the Board will need to appoint the official voting delegate list for the 2012 AMC Annual Conference. Staff is recommending that all of the Commissioners be appointed together with the County Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and the Community Services Director.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to appoint the official voting delegate list for the 2012 Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference as follows: Commissioners Hegberg, Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Weik; and Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; and Dan Papin, Community Services Director. Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated that he had originally planned on voting to get out of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC); however with this new information about Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) requiring its members to either be a member of the AMC or they would have to pay to MCIT the additional sponsorship fee equal to what their membership to AMC would be, he feels the county should continue its membership in AMC. Also, with two new Board members starting in January, if the county got out now, the new Board may wish to continue the membership to AMC in January, so getting out now would not be a smart move. He will be supporting the membership to AMC.

Commissioner Lehrke thanked the Board for looking into the duplicative memberships. She agrees with Commissioner Pulkrabek that with this new information it doesn't make sense. The county will have to pay the membership fee because of MCIT so it might as well be in the organization.

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Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust Voting Delegates

Commissioner Lehrke moved to appoint Commissioner Dennis Hegberg and County Administrator Molly O'Rourke as voting delegates to the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust Annual Meeting. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

County Office Hours

Ms. O'Rourke announced that as of today the county has switched its office hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The libraries, WIC Clinics, and license centers will maintain their current hours.

Truth-in-Taxation Notices

Ms. O'Rourke noted that the Truth-in-Taxation notices are being mailed out today and should start reaching mailboxes as early as tomorrow.

Meeting Dates for December

Ms. O'Rourke noted that the Public Budget meeting is required by law to be held on Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. In the past the Board has changed its Tuesday morning meeting to be immediately prior to the Thursday evening budget meeting. This would mean that there will not be a Board meeting on December 4, but the Board would meet on Thursday, December 6, around 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Weik noted that part of the reason that has been done in the past is because the Tuesday morning County Board meeting conflicts with the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference.

Commissioner Weik moved to change the Tuesday, December 4 County Board meeting to Thursday, December 6 in the afternoon. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Hegberg noted that the Tuesday, December 25 meeting is on a Holiday. Ms. O'Rourke also noted that the Tuesday, January 1, 2013 Board meeting is a holiday.

Commissioner Lehrke moved to cancel the December 25, 2012 and January 1, 2013 County Board meetings. Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Kriesel reported he transported a Veteran to Rochester last Thursday for medical tests; he attended Trinity Lutheran Church Veteran's Day celebration where John Kriesel was the guest speaker; and he met with Dan Dolan, 4-H along with George Dierberger from the School District to discuss the Youth-Helping-Youth Program.

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the City of Woodbury Yellow Ribbon meeting which has adopted a group, the 210, that has been serving in Afghanistan and they have been receiving updates from them; and she attended the Veteran's Day program at Woodbury City Hall and received an exciting update that members of the 210 are returning from Afghanistan and they left on Veteran's Day and she wished them a safe journey home.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she met with Public Works staff to discuss transportation issues; she attended the Park High School Veteran's program that was put on by the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) which had a flag folding demonstration; she attended a Cottage Grove Veteran's Memorial dedication at the Cottage Grove Public Safety City Hall which had a flag raising and they also put up a flag from each branch of the service.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Ramsey/Washington Community Action Partnership (CAP) Finance meeting; he mentioned that Washington County's Head Start Program is associated with Anoka County and not Ramsey County and wondered how that came about and thought that would be something to look into next year and see if there might be a relationship with the Ramsey County CAP instead.

Commissioner Hegberg stated he believes the county should consider how watersheds are governed and consolidate them. \$100,000 per watershed district for executive administrative services amounts to \$700,000. He feels that a lot of the watersheds do not have a lot of projects and haven't accomplished a lot of projects.

Commissioner Weik asked if the County Canvass Board meet this afternoon. Ms. O'Rourke indicated that is correct. The Canvass Board will meet at 1:00 p.m. this afternoon and she and Commissioner Lehrke are the County Board representatives.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. with the Department of Public Works to discuss an appeal option from the award of Commissioners to the compensation and damages for the McCullough easement parcel as it pertains to the I-35 overpass for County Road 83. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Cory Slagle, Sharon Price, George Kuprian, and Patricia Raddatz.

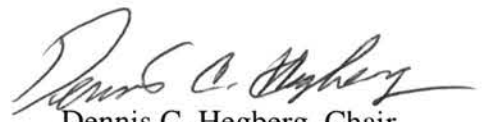
The County Board reconvened at 9:56 a.m. from Execution Session which discussed the appeal option from the award of Commissioners to the compensation and damages for the McCullough easement parcel as it pertains to the I-35 overpass for County Road 83.

ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Lehrke moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kriesel and it was adopted unanimously; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Board met in workshop session with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to discuss its 2013 levy request. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Weik. Also Present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Dan Papin, Yvonne Klinnert, Barbara Dacy, HRA Executive Director; Ann Hoechst, HRA Housing Assistance and Administrative Services Director; Melissa Taphorn, HRA Deputy Director; Kuchen Meyer, HRA Board member; Dick Hammero, HRA Board member; Bill Hargis, HRA Board member; Tom Triplett, HRA Board member; Jerry Fox, HRA Director of Finance; Kevin Giles, Star Tribune; Stacie Kvilvang, HRA, and Ted Bearth, Commissioner-elect, District 2.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 20, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Ken Stone, Washington County Library Partners; Margaret Stone, Washington County Library Partners; Herb Japs, Library Board; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Sr. Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst II; Commissioner-Elect Ted Bearth; Commissioner-Elect Fran Miron; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Matt Behning, 3443 Maureen Lane, Stillwater, spoke against the Joint Powers Agreement for a 2013 residential survey.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the November 6, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to amend the delivery contract to library branches and Stillwater and Bayport libraries beginning January 7, 2013 to return to five day per week schedule.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-147** as follows:

Metropolitan Council Recreation Open Space
 Acquisition Grant SG-2012-087

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated funds to the Metropolitan Council for subgrants for the acquisition of lands with the

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approved park unit boundaries of the metropolitan regional park system ("Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriation"); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has expressed its commitment to issue bonds for acquisition and betterment of regional recreation open space lands ("Council Park Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council is authorized by Minn. Stat. 473.301 to make grants to eligible governmental units for the purpose of acquisition of regional recreation open space in accordance with the Metropolitan Council's Recreation Open Space Policy Plan; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is a governmental unit eligible for a Recreation Open Space Acquisition Grant; and

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 the Croone property within the planned boundary of Big Marine Park Reserve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners accepts the aforementioned grant from the Metropolitan Council and authorizes its County Board Chair and County Administrator to execute on behalf of the county Metropolitan Council Grant SG2012-087 conditioned upon approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the restrictive covenants to be imposed upon the Croone property by the Metropolitan Council as a condition of the grant and authorizes the Washington County to enter into the restrictive covenant agreement through the signatures of the County Board Chair and County Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the recording of the said restrictive covenant agreement with the Washington County Recorder's Office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

LIBRARY

Ken Stone, Washington County Library Partners, presented the County Board with a check for \$14,700 to purchase 2,012 books including children's book, and perhaps 100 large print books.

Commissioner Weik moved to amend **Resolution No. 2012-148** to increase the amount donated from \$14,000 to \$14,700 as follows:

Washington County Library - Acceptance of Donations
From the Washington County Library Partners

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WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Laws of Minnesota 2005, gives the Washington County Board of Commissioners the authority to direct, operate and manage the Washington County Library System;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the donation of \$14,700 from the Washington County Library Partners as a result of their "2012 in 2012" fundraising campaign is hereby accepted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners for the Washington County Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds shall be deposited into the Library Fund, Business Unit 230002 to be spent on purchase of library materials for the collection.

Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2013 Residential Survey

Amanda Hollis reviewed the history and use of the survey and the collaboration with other counties for benchmarking and cost reduction.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that this residential survey captures a performance measurement on the county staff and how they are perceived by the public. He believes surveys are a good way to gauge or secure communicating from the public.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated when the county first started these surveys he felt as Mr. Behning did earlier. Having looked at the past surveys, they are not simply a wish list or some rationalization for more county spending. They are used to gauge the county's programming and services and the county uses the feedback to make changes.

Commissioner Lehrke asked if the survey would be an appropriate place to ask the citizens would they support transit with a sales tax increase. Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst II stated that is something they could propose or look at with the partner counties to see if they would be interested in asking something similar. It could also be something the county looks at for the questions that will be county specific.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that these types of questions could be discussed at the workshop in December.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-149** as follows:

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Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota, Olmsted, and St. Louis Counties for a 2013 Residential Survey

WHEREAS, Washington County has participated with Dakota, Olmsted, and St. Louis Counties to execute a 2013 Residential Survey in order to assess residential opinions and the performance of county government; and

WHEREAS, the counties have agreed to collaborate on a joint Residential Survey in 2013, selecting the National Research Center, Inc.; and

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Public Health and Environment Director Award

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, reported that Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment, was honored for his distinguished service to the Local Public Health Association of Minnesota. He was presented that award for his service to the Local Public Health Association as the membership chair, and the past chair of the association.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting; she attended the Mental Health Advisory Committee meeting; she attended the premier of the "Girl from Birch Creek" a documentary on the life and legacy of retired justice Rosalie Wahl; she attended the Victorian Christmas event at the Historic Courthouse; she noted that the public comment period was extended on the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis by one month; and she reported that it was the 10th Anniversary of the Central Park in Woodbury this past weekend.

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Commissioner Lehrke reported she served on the Canvassing Board; she met with Representative-Elect Schoen to discuss the 2013 legislative priorities; she attended the Washington County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meeting and she reported there is an opening for the Executive Director position; she spoke at the Cottage Grove Prayer Breakfast; she reported that the Newport City Council approved the Newport Transit Station design and the conditional use permit; she attended the Metropolitan Library Service Agency meeting; she participated in a National Association of Counties Membership meeting; she bagged groceries at Cub for the Holiday Train and the Friends in Need Food shelf; and she attended the Extension meeting last evening.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Stillwater City Council meeting to hear information on County Road 12 access to the new proposed fire station; and he attended the Yellow Ribbon Network meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting; he attended the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging meeting; he attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting; he attended the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) meetings on Thursday and Friday; he learned that Metropolitan Council will pay for the buses from Forest Lake to St. Paul starting next year; he reported that the county received a dividend check from MCIT in the amount of \$1,013,000; he encouraged the Washington County Sheriff's office to participate in the PATROL (Police Accredited Training On-Line) Program which is an educational program for officers and it is a cost effective way to provide training; and he attended the Community Action Partnership retreat on Saturday.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

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

REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY WORKSHOPS

Update on the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis

The Regional Railroad Authority Board met in workshop session with Public Works to review the Gateway Corridor Alternatives Analysis. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to

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attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Andy Gitzlaff, Lyssa Leitner, Harley Will, Wayne Sandberg, Yvonne Klinnert, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Commissioner Elect Fran Miron, Commissioner Elect Ted Bearth, Jan Avise, Bulletin, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette, and Kevin Giles, Star-Tribune.

City of Forest Lake Proposal for a Crossing over the Hardwood Creek Trail

The Regional Railroad Authority Board met in workshop session with Public Works to receive information about the proposal from the City of Forest Lake for a crossing over the Hardwood Creek Trail for a future city hall and fire station. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Andy Gitzlaff, Lyssa Leitner, Harley Will, Wayne Sandberg, John Elholm, Yvonne Klinnert, Ann Pung-Terwedo, Commissioner Elect Fran Miron, Commissioner Elect Ted Bearth, Doug Borglund, Forest Lake Community Development Director, Chris Johnson, Forest Lake City Council, Gary Sigfrinius, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette, and Kevin Giles, Star-Tribune.

BOARD MET WITH CONGRESSWOMAN BETTY MCCOLLUM

The Board met with Congresswoman Betty McCollum to discuss issues of mutual interest. Present were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, and Kevin Corbid, Commissioner Elect Fran Miron, Commissioner Elect Ted Bearth and numerous Department Heads.


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 proposed 2013 taxes. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Harley Will, Jennifer Wagenius, Joanne Helm, Commissioner Elect Fran Miron, Commissioner Elect Bearth, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette, and Kevin Giles, Star-Tribune.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair

County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Commissioner Pulkrabek absent. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney Division Chief; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Michelle Kemper, Deputy Community Services Director; Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Public Health and Environment; Judy Hunter, Senior Program Manager; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director; David Casserly, Casserly and Associates; Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst II; Commissioner Elect Ted Bearth; Commissioner Elect Fran Miron; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bob Tatreau, P.O. Box 25072, Woodbury, spoke against the Gateway Corridor project and the cost. He asked that the Board have an independent cost benefit study performed on this project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the November 13, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of contract with Kenexa Technology, Inc. to gather information to be utilized in the county strategic planning effort.
3. Approval to set a public hearing to consider revisions of the fee schedule, Policy No. 1032, for services provided by the county for December 18, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

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- 4. Approval of county comments on the City of Stillwater’s proposal to modify the tax increment financing plan for tax increment financing district #4 to increase the project area to encompass the entire city and direction to county staff to submit the comments to the city in a letter over the county administrator’s signature.
- 5. Approval of county comments on the City of Oakdale’s proposal to modify tax increment financing district #1-6 to increase the budget for affordable housing projects and direction to county staff to submit the comments to the city in a letter over the county administrator’s signature.
- 6. Approval of Amendment #1 to a contract with Canvas Health for additional funds for Adult Mental Health Services and After Hours Services, and reallocates funds for Children’s Mental Health.
- 7. Approval of an Order of Detachment and Annexation involving parcels contained in Independent School District 833 and 834. The Order was drafted by the County Attorney’s Office at the behest of the County Board Chair. The Board passed Resolution No. 2012-138 granting the detachment and annexation. This order is statutorily required and grants the Petition.
- 8. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-150** as follows:

Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery 2013 Budget

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Agreement for the Resource Recovery Project adopted in December 2006 provides that authority for approval of Resource Recovery Project budgets remains with the respective County Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Ramsey/Washington County Resource Recovery Project Board has prepared and recommended a Project budget for 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2013 Resource Recovery Project Budget as recommended by the Resource Recovery Project Board on October 18, 2012 as follows:

Expenses	2013
Project Management	362,926
Organic Waste Management	964,000
General Outreach	362,500
Policy Evaluation	589,000
Resource Recovery	<u>8,400,000</u>
	10,678,426

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Revenues	2013
Washington County Participation	2,720,095
Ramsey County Participation	7,354,331
Interest Income	15,000
Resource Recovery Fund Balance	<u>589,000</u>
	\$10,678,426

9. Approval of an agreement with the cities of Mahtomedi, Dellwood, and Willernie for law enforcement services by the Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

PUBLIC HEARING – HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Consider Modification of the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 2 Newport Red Rock Gateway Area

The Board Chair presented an overview of today’s public hearing to consider modification of the plan for the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority’s Redevelopment Project Number 2. The Board Secretary indicated that notice of this public hearing was given.

Barbara Dacy, Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Executive Director, presented a brief overview of their request for a modification of the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 2 referred to as the Red Rock Gateway Area. The modification would include approximately 133 parcels in the City of Newport for potential redevelopment and matches the city’s MX-3 Transit Oriented Design and River Redevelopment District. The purpose of modifying the Redevelopment Project Area is to set the legal basis for reimbursement of any future expenditures and activities necessary for redevelopment including acquisition, demolition, relocation, and infrastructure expenditures, some of which may occur prior to the establishment of tax increment financing (TIF) districts. Ms. Dacy stated that the HRA is not requesting the establishment of a TIF district for this area at this time. The inclusion of parcels in the Redevelopment Project area allows for any future tax increment funds to be used in the project area.

Ms. Dacy indicated that actions to date include: October 23, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission found that modification is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; October 18, the City of Newport Economic Development Authority adopted a resolution determining the need for redevelopment and recommend the HRA undertake redevelopment; November 1, the City of Newport held a public hearing and adopted a resolution authorizing the HRA to undertake redevelopment; and on

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November 20 the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board adopted a resolution authorizing modification.

Ms. Dacy recommended that the County Board adopt the resolution as presented.

The Board Chair asked for further comments; none were heard. The Board chair closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Weik asked when the TIF district will come before the County Board. Ms. Dacy stated a TIF would be proposed when there is a specific project anticipated that has demonstrated its ability to be feasible.

Commissioner Weik asked would they be considering this today if the Board had not passed the HRA's preliminary levy a few weeks ago. Ms. Dacy stated it would. The purpose of the project area is to establish a legal point in time at which the HRA could get reimbursed. It's a long-term redevelopment effort and it's appropriate to establish the project area at this point in time.

Commissioner Weik asked if the project area in Oakdale is located near transit. Ms. Dacy stated there is not a specific bus station or a park-and-ride close to Red Oak Preserve.

Commissioner Weik asked if it was correct that the initial plans for the transit station in Newport are only for a park-and-ride, it won't develop into a full transit station until sometime in the future. Ms. Dacy stated that is her understanding. It is a bus station for express service at this point.

Commissioner Weik asked what would happen if the Board delayed developing this project area today. Ms. Dacy stated there are property owners within the area that are or may become a willing seller. It would delay that ability to react to those requests to be purchased. If the city and the HRA are working with developers it is imperative to be nimble and responsive. If the private sector wants to move ahead with the project, then the authority and the city have to move quickly to make sure that it can assemble a developable parcel and acquire the properties and relocate the businesses or the residents and establish purchase agreements. There is a lot of due diligence required, appraisals, phase one environmental tests, etc. By adopting this now a legal point in time is created in which to start and they can be more nimble.

Commissioner Lehrke stated that the Newport Transit Station has been designed this year and will begin construction next year. They plan on opening service next fall. It is a building, there are restrooms, and there is an awning for people to sit outside. It is actually a transit station that's being built.

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Commissioner Kriesel stated he would like to receive the minutes or any action that the City of Newport has taken regarding this issue and make it a part of today's record.

Commissioner Lehrke moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-151** as follows:

A Resolution Modifying the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 2

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

Section 1. Recitals.

1.01. It has been proposed and approved by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the County of Washington (the "Authority") that the Board approve the modification to the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 2 (the "Project Area") to reflect increased geographic area pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.001 to 469.047 and Laws of Minnesota 1974 Chapter 475, Laws of Minnesota 2012, Chapter 199 and Minnesota Statutes Sections 469.174 to 469.179 as amended and supplemented from time to time.

1.02. The Authority has caused to be prepared, and this Board has investigated the facts with respect thereto, a modified Redevelopment Plan for the Project Area defining more precisely the property to be included.

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

1.04. The Commissioners hereby determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the County and the Authority at this time to approve and adopt the modified Redevelopment Plan for the Project Area.

Section 2. General Findings.

2.01. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the assistance to be provided through the adoption and implementation of the modified Redevelopment Plan (the "Plan") is necessary to assure the development and redevelopment of the Project Area.

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

2.03. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the Newport Economic Development Authority has determined that there is a need for the Authority to proceed with the redevelopment of the Newport Red Rock Gateway Area and has forwarded its recommendation to the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Newport (the "City").

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2.04. The Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the Council of the City has conducted a public hearing on the need for the redevelopment of the Newport Red Rock Gateway Area and the Council has authorized the Authority to proceed with said project.

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

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

Section 3. Approvals and Adoptions.

3.01. The modification to the Redevelopment Plan reflecting increased geographic area, within the Project Area is hereby approved by the Board of the County.

Section 4. Filing of Plans.

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

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

Determining that Certain Parcels are Occupied by Structurally Substandard Buildings and are to be Included in a Tax Increment Financing District

Commissioner Lehrke moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-152** as follows:

A Resolution Determining that Certain Parcels are
Occupied by Structurally Substandard Buildings and are to
be Included in a Tax Increment Financing District

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

Section 1. Recitals.

1.01 The County has considered the acquisition and redevelopment by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the County of Washington (the "Authority") of the parcel(s) identified as follows (the "Parcel(s)"):

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Address: 2222 Maxwell Ave, Newport, MN 55055
 PIN: 2602822410001
 PIN: 2602822410003

1.02 Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Tax Increment Act"), provides for the establishment of a redevelopment tax increment financing district. The Tax Increment Act allows for the inclusion of parcel(s) within a redevelopment district after substandard buildings have been removed by complying with Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.174, Subd. 10(d).

Section 2. Findings.

2.01 The Board hereby finds that the acquisition and redevelopment of the Parcel(s) further the goals and objectives of the Redevelopment Plan.

2.02 The Board hereby finds that the Parcel(s) are occupied by a structure or structures that are structurally substandard, as defined in the Tax Increment Act and described in the blight report prepared by LHB, Inc. dated October 31, 2012 on file with the County, and that the structure or structures must be demolished and removed from the Parcel(s).

2.03 The Board hereby finds that the Authority intends to demolish or cause to be demolished the substandard building or buildings and to prepare the Parcel(s) for redevelopment.

Section 3. Declaration of Intent.

3.01 The Board hereby declares its intent to include the Parcel(s) within a redevelopment tax increment financing district and to file the request for certification of the Parcel(s) as part of a district with the Washington County Auditor within three years of when the Parcel(s) were occupied by a substandard building or buildings.

Section 4. Notice to County Auditor.

4.01 If the County establishes a tax increment financing district and includes the Parcel(s), then upon filing the request for the certification of the tax capacity of the Parcel(s) as part of such district, the County shall notify the Washington County Auditor that the original tax capacity of the Parcel(s) must be adjusted as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 469.177, Subd. 1(f).

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY THIS 27th DAY OF November 2012.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none; Commissioner Pulkrabek absent.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, announced that immediately following today's Board meeting there will be a workshop to review the new Web Site and its functionality. Also, she reminded the Board and viewing audience that there will not be a meeting on Tuesday, December 4. By law the county is required to have a public budget meeting on the evening of December 6, so the regular County Board meeting will be held prior to that meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she toured the renovated Union Depot in St. Paul and the grand re-opening will take place on December 8; and she presented a report to the Transportation Committee of the Metropolitan Council on the Gateway Corridor Alternative Analysis Study.

Commissioner Lehrke stated she reviewed the National Association of Counties prescription discount card numbers for Washington County and reported that for the month of October the users rose from 45 in September to 68 users in October and the average savings was 15.73 percent on their prescriptions.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting.

Commissioner Hegberg discussed the history of Judicial Ditch 1 and the creation of a new watershed district. Washington County did a water study and recommended that the 11 Water Management Organizations "WMO" or watersheds be consolidated. The county partially succeeded in consolidating those WMOs and watersheds. The administrative costs for WMOs and watersheds have been reduced from 23 percent of their budget to a little more than 10 percent. There are still eight WMOs/watersheds in Washington County. During the water study there was discussion of going to one watershed district, he disagreed and suggested three or four. He stated he has changed his mind and would agree with one watershed district and let the county handle it. The total annual budget for the WMOs and watersheds is approximately \$20 million and the administrative budget is approximately \$1.8 million with \$631,990 going for administrator salary or engineer services. He feels that is excessive. The legal fees are about \$132,000 and that does not include the legal fees for projects within the area. He would like the county to continue its due diligence and look at this issue and ask the legislature to give the counties the ability to consolidate.

Commissioner Kriesel supported Commissioner Hegberg's comments. He asked if this is something that could be incorporated into the strategic planning. He also supports Commissioner Hegberg's idea about seeking legislative change possibly in the 2014 legislative agenda.

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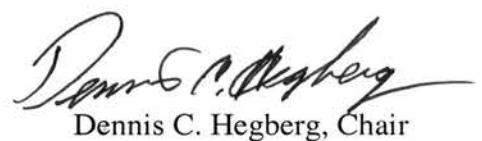
Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Hegberg adjourned the County Board meeting at 9:41 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration for an overview of the new county website. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Lowell Johnson, Mjyke Nelson, Don Theisen, Tom Adkins, Larry Timmerman, Yvonne Klinnert, Krista Sanchez, Jennifer Wagenius, Dan Papin, Michelle Kemper, Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Commissioner Elect Ted Bearth, and Commissioner Elect Fran Miron.



Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:



Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 6, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 3:30 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney Division Chief; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Richard Backman, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Steve Gransee, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Commissioner-Elect Ted Bearth; Amanda Hollis, Management Analyst II, and Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the November 20, 2012 Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of contract with National Research Center, Inc. for administering the 2013 Residential Survey.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager introduced Linda Stanton, Chair, Local Mental Health Advisory Council, and summarized the role of the Mental Health Advisory Council.

Ms. Stanton presented the County Board with a report of unmet mental health needs of children and adults residing in the county. Areas studied and needs explored this past year included: Community non-profits; Youth mental health; and Corrections/law enforcement.

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PROPERTY RECORDS AND TAXPAYER SERVICES

Steve Gransee, Division Manager, gave an overview of an application for the repurchase of tax forfeited land by the former owner Laurent Builders, Inc. located in the City of Woodbury. He stated that the Washington County Finance Committee met prior to today's Board meeting and recommended the approval.

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-153** as follows:

Resolution for Repurchase of Tax Forfeited
Land by Laurent Builders, Inc.

WHEREAS, Minnesota statutes 282.241 allows for the repurchase of tax forfeited land by the previous owner, heirs, or other parties with the appropriate legal interest in the property; and

WHEREAS, taxation parcels 12.028.21.32.0019 & 12.028.21.32.0032 forfeited for the non-payment of property taxes on July 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the law allows for the repurchase of non-homestead property if application and funds are received within one year of the forfeiture date unless the property is sold or conveyed by the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary Laurent, President of Laurent Builders, Inc. has submitted a request for repurchase under 282.241, having an interest in the property as previous owner that allows him to request the repurchase; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Laurent has submitted a check totaling \$31,505.77 representing all taxes, penalties, interest, costs, and fees associated with the two parcels; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that undue hardship resulting from the tax forfeiture will be corrected by the repurchase in that it allows Mr. Laurent to continue with his plans to develop the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request for repurchase of the tax forfeited parcels 12.028.21.32.0019 & 12.028.21.32.0032 by Laurent Builders, Inc.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator, announced that Washington County was one of six counties awarded with special recognition at the Association of Minnesota Counties for the development and use of a structured decision making tool in adult protection services.

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Ms. O'Rourke noted that the Governor of Minnesota had put together a committee called the Minnesota Transportation Finance Advisory Committee, which has come out with a series of recommendations related to transit and transportation. Staff at the Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) has started to review that information. Some of the recommendations may be a help to Washington County and there may also be recommendations that are not in the county's best interest and that more money may be generated from the metro area and then be used for greater Minnesota's benefit. As information is received back from MICA it will be shared with the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS - QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported that in statute tonight's public budget hearing could be earlier than tonight's meeting and she has informally talked to the County Administrator about moving next year's hearing up to the last Tuesday in November; last week she attended the Executive Committee meeting of the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Board and their hearing for the proposed 2013 budget will be held next week on December 19 at 6:00 p.m.; she attended the Woodbury Chamber State of the City address and new housing starts are up from last year and in the Phase 2A, Fields of Woodbury they anticipate 6,000 new homes in the next decade; she attended part of the annual Association of Minnesota Counties Conference in St. Cloud and attended workshops; she announced that the Southwest Light Rail Management Committee meeting has been cancelled; she plans on attending the Union Depot Grand Opening on Saturday; and she will attend the Library Parks Association meeting on Monday.

Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board where they approved their 2013 legislative priorities; she met Richard Adams, Grey Cloud Island Town Chair, to talk about issues of importance to the township; she attended the Red Rock Corridor Commission meeting; she met with Robby Robinson at the South Service Center to look at signage at the Veteran's Office; she participated in a Minnesota Inter-City Passenger Rail Forum teleconference; and she attended the Association of Minnesota Counties Board of Director's meeting and annual conference.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Monday session of the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference; he met with Representative Lohmer, City of Lake Elmo, and the City of Grant on Highway 36 issues; he attended the Stillwater City Council meeting and they approved the fire station on County Road 12; he met today with the City of Lake Elmo and attended the cutting ribbon ceremony at the Holiday Inn; and he attended the water consortium.

Commissioner Kriesel thanked all those who extended their condolences on the death of his brother Nile's wife Martha who passed away suddenly. She will be missed.

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Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference and the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust annual board meeting; he attended the Minnesota Association of Governments Investing for Counties meeting; he attended the Hilton Trail meeting; and he will present a Commissioners' award to Fran Miron for his 20 years of service on the City of Hugo Council and as Mayor.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

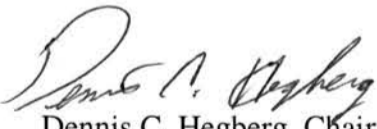
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ADJOURNMENT

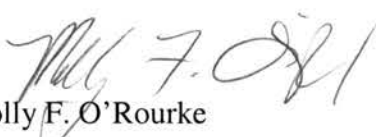
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Hegberg adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to discuss potential projects to pursue through the Land and Water Legacy Program. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Pulkrabek, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Harley Will, Wayne Sandberg, John Elholm, Jane Harper, Sharon Price; Kirsta Sanchez, Kevin Giles, Star Tribune, Erik Sandin, Gazette, Mary Hauser, Parks and Open Space Commission, and Commissioner-Elect Ted Bearth.


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
2013 BUDGET MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners convened at 6:00 p.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room to receive comments from the public on the proposed 2013 budget. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Joanne Helm, Property Records and Taxpayer Services Division Manager; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Commander Cheri Dexter; Commissioner-Elect Ted Bearth; Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst; Stephanie Kammerud, Administrative Assistant; and Krista Sanchez, Public Information Specialist.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board Chair opened the hearing with a welcome to those in attendance.

Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator, presented an overview of the proposed 2013 county budget.

David Haselbauer, 21360 Manning Trail North, Scandia – Mr. Haselbauer stated he has been a resident of Washington County for 35 years and this is the first time he has been compelled to come to this meeting and discuss his property taxes. His property taxes went up 34.3 percent; his property value went up about 25 percent with no improvements. He wondered where to go and what to do to address those issues.

The Board Chair suggested he talk with the Assessors who are in the back of the room. They can address his individual situation.

Norm Dupre, 3495 Norman, Baytown Township – Mr. Dupre stated his taxes went up 34.1 percent. The taxable value of his land goes up and down. He never sees the Assessor there to review this with him. For the last 10 years he has been trying to sell off his farm, but in this economy it is pretty difficult to do. He was fortunate to sell one lot at a pretty good price last year. The Assessor latched on to that and assessed every lot, no matter how crummy the land was, right up to the top value. He asked that the Assessor spend 20 minutes with him and they could look at the land and discuss what he is doing. In the past 10 years he has paid \$152,000 in real estate taxes to Washington County. The county has to do something that is fair and equitable to the public.

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Commissioner Kriesel asked how many lots he developed are still vacant. Mr. Dupre stated he has 21 lots vacant.

Commissioner Kriesel noted that the county administers the tax policy and laws, it doesn't make them.

Steve Gray, 1117 Summit, Mahtomedi – Mr. Gray asked about the payment to the RRT. He is concerned that it is taxpayer money and their books weren't made available to review. The taxpayers do not know what their money is being spent on.

Commissioner Kriesel stated there has been confusion on this issue. The contract that the county signed with RRT has no subsidy going to RRT, the subsidy goes to the haulers who deliver waste to the RRT facility. That is the price the county pays to keep garbage out of landfills and that is supported by law from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The county is mandated by law to move toward processing waste. This is a three year contract and the Board directed staff to explore all options to determine what should be done with the waste stream and what is the most economical and feasible way to handle it. He does not believe a landfill could be sited in Washington County.

Kent Grandlienard, 4477 Northbrook, Baytown Township – Mr. Grandlienard stated that for the past 12 years he has been the Chairman of the Baytown Town Board and would like to bring a couple of issues to the County Board's attention. The Baytown residents appreciate the services they receive from Washington County, especially the Sheriff's Office, Public Works, Community Corrections and the County Attorney's Office. He asked for the county's support on the following issues: 1) Possible consolidation or more efficiency with the watershed districts; and, 2) paying into the Met Council transit taxing district and getting little bus service while other communities do not pay but get service.

Mark DuVal, 3775 Pioneer Drive, Woodbury – Mr. DuVal stated his property taxes went up 14.4 percent on a \$30,000 upward valuation. He doesn't understand how his taxes are set. He should be at two different places tonight to talk about his taxes and two different places on December 12 to talk about his taxes both at the same time. He would like the meetings held on different nights.

Diane (no last name given) stated she has two pieces of property in Washington County. One piece of property went up 14 percent and the other went up 7 percent and the property values dwindled by a couple hundred thousand. She asked the Board to stop spending their money. She stated there is too much government, too many rules and too many regulations. There are too many pay increases.

The Board Chair suggested she talk with the Assessors who are in the back of the room. They can address her individual situation.

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Michael Lynch, 3468 Williamsburg Parkway, Woodbury – Mr. Lynch stated he did not have the increases as others have had and he did spend time in the other room getting an explanation about the process. His market value on his house went up 6.5 percent, but his county taxes went up 13.9 percent, the city 17.4 percent, and the school district 16 percent. This process seems arbitrary; he does not understand how the value of his house is arrived at. It makes him nervous about what will happen if there is a housing recovery in the next couple of years if this trend continues. Also, the South Washington School District is meeting at the same time, and it would have been useful if the taxing organizations would figure out how to have their meetings at different times.

Mr. Corbid stated that historically this Thursday night in December was held for County Boards to hold their Truth-in-Taxation meeting and no city or school districts could hold their meeting on this day. The law also gave certain dates for the cities to hold theirs and certain dates for the schools. The county auditor played a role in making sure there were no conflicts between those meetings. Two years ago the state changed these meetings from Truth-in-Taxation meetings to public budget meetings and got rid of those requirements about having different nights and requiring the county auditor to play a role in making sure there is no conflict. Washington County kept the Thursday night that was traditionally reserved for counties and they are finding that some cities and schools are scheduling their meetings for the same night.

Mr. Lynch asked how to get visibility into the process by which the valuation of his house takes place. Ms. O'Rourke, County Administrator, stated that the property tax system in Minnesota is complex. The county is trying to add greater clarity to the process. The Property Records and Taxpayer Services Department is hosting an educational session that was geared towards newly elected officials and will be held on Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in this room and would welcome the public. The program will start when a house is valued and how that house is valued and then how that value information is utilized into the tax system. It is the county's effort to create greater transparency starting with the elected officials that levy property taxes.


Commissioner Kriesel asked if that would be video recorded and could it be viewed on the county web site. Ms. O'Rourke stated it is being video recorded and copies will be sent to the cable stations. South Washington Cable has been good about putting their information on the web approximately a week after the meeting, so the public could view it there. She asked that Mr. Lynch leave his e-mail address and when the video is available the link will be e-mailed to him.

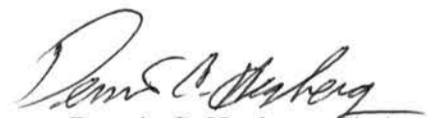
The Board Chair asked for further comments from the audience; nothing was heard.

The Board Chair thanked the public for attending. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Attest:


Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator


Dennis C. Hegberg, Chair
County Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
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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 Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Regional Railroad Authority Chair Weik presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney Division Chief; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandy Hahn, Community Corrections Deputy Director; Terry Thomas, Community Corrections Division Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Linda Bixby, Community Services Division Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Adam Frederick, Environmental Coordinator; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Lyssa Leitner, Special Project Planner; Andy Gitzlaff, Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst; Commissioner-Elect Ted Bearth; Stephanie Kammerud, Administrative Assistant; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; Kevin Giles, Star Tribune; Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette; and Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press. 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 9:12 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; George Kuprian, County Attorney Division Chief; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandy Hahn, Community Corrections Deputy Director; Terry Thomas, Community Corrections Division Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Linda Bixby, Community Services Division Manager; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Jennifer Wagenius, Director of Property Records and Taxpayer Services; Lowell Johnson, Director of Public Health and Environment; Adam Frederick, Environmental Coordinator; Don Theisen, Public Works Director; Lyssa Leitner, Special Project Planner; Andy Gitzlaff, Planner; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst; Commissioner-Elect Ted Bearth; Stephanie Kammerud, Administrative Assistant; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information

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Specialist; Kevin Giles, Star Tribune; Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette; and Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press.

COMMENTS FORM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the November 27, 2012 Board Meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint John Waller, Hugo, to the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers to a three-year term expiring January 18, 2016.
3. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-154** as follows:

Approval to Open Debt Service Fund 370 General Obligation
Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds under
Fiscal Policy #2802 Opening and Closing Funds
and to update Fiscal Policy #2803 Fund Definitions

WHEREAS, the 2003A Series General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Bonds were refinanced by the 2012A Series CIP Refunding Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the initial bonding and subsequent refinance transactions were duly authorized by the County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the money deposited in these funds has been and will be distributed to meet the obligations arising from duly authorized debt service activity approved by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the money deposited in the fund has and will earn interest on any balance that is being held for future disbursements; and

WHEREAS, the Accounting and Finance Department is responsible for the implementation and management of new funds under these policies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners approves the opening of the Debt Service - Fund 370 2012A CIP Refunding consistent with the previous approvals authorizing the refunding of the 2003A CIP general obligation bonds.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners approves the update of Fiscal Policy #2803 Fund Definitions to reflect the addition of the new fund.

4. Approval to renew contracts with Rosewood-Knabe, Renewal Counseling Services, Inc., Penticoff Community Counseling, Inc., and MST, Inc. for Multi-Systemic Therapy, a researched-based, intensive, in-home family therapy program and alternative to juvenile residential placement.
5. Approval to enter into a purchase of service agreement with Tubman for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 to provide services to victims and families of domestic violence.
6. Approval to enter into a purchase of service agreement with RS Eden for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 for drug testing, Electronic Home Monitoring, GPS, and all transdermal alcohol testing devices including the Transdermal Alcohol Device.
7. Approval of the 2013 cooperative agreement with Community Services, the Sheriff, and the County Attorney to administer the Child Support Enforcement Program.
8. Approval of price changes and contract extension to December 31, 2013 with Dynamic Recycling to recycle electronic waste received at the Washington County Environmental Center.
9. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-155** as follows:

Auditing Services for 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 County Environmental Charge the county has conducted, and plans to continue to conduct, audits to assure compliance with the Solid Waste Management Ordinance; and

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WHEREAS, In 2003, Washington and Ramsey counties jointly, through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, selected Olsen, Thielen & Company, 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

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

WHEREAS, Olsen, Thielen & Company, Ltd., has performed more than 290 audits of more than 100 waste haulers and transfer stations to date, under past and current agreements with the county, further strengthening their 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 & Company, Ltd., in a form to be approved by the County Attorney, for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and the maximum expenditure for 2013 not to exceed \$50,000.

10. Approval of the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement for the Operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Program.
11. Approval of work order 1 with Peterson Companies, Inc. for additional work on the County State Aid Highway 2 landscaping project.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

PUBLIC HEARING – OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Receive Comments on the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan

The Board Chair presented a brief overview of today's public hearing to consider the adoption of the proposed 2013-2017 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Board Secretary indicated that notice was published and is on file.

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Melinda Kirk, Budget/Financial Analyst, noted that the CIP is a multi-year planning and budgeting process that assists the county in prioritizing current and future needs. It has been developed as a tentative plan to identify and adequately plan for future expansion, renovation, construction, capital equipment, and major technology projects using available financial resources, identified alternative revenue sources, and estimating the need for future bond issues and debt service planning. The CIP includes only those projects that have potential funding during the next five years. The projects listed for 2013 are fully funded in the county's proposed 2013 capital budget and the projects proposed for 2014 through 2017 are reviewed annually during the budget cycle prior to adoption. The Board reviewed the draft CIP at a workshop on October 16 and later released it to the community for their comments. Comments were received from Cottage Grove, Lake Elmo, Mahtomedi, Marine on St. Croix, Oak Park Heights and Woodbury. Those letters were addressed by Wayne Sandberg, Deputy Director of Public Works, and copies of the cities comments and the county's response are included in the Board packet. No monetary changes have been made to the CIP since it was presented to the Board in October. The County Board will have the opportunity to review projects in the out years as part of the annual budgeting process, and again throughout the year as the county's needs and priorities change.

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

Commissioner Weik moved to close the public hearing on the Washington County 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he was concerned about the library in Park Grove. Looking into the future the Board needs to revisit the library facilities plan. With the impact of technology and the speed it is moving, there is a concern about collections and are they being grown quick enough or are they adequate. The question is what libraries will look like in five to ten years from now; and what is the impact of e-books, audio books, and those types of things before the county invests in brick and mortar.

Commissioner Weik noted that a majority of the funding will be addressed toward roads and bridges over the next five years.

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-156** as follows:

Adoption of the 2013-2017
Washington County Capital Improvement Plan

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has formulated the 2013-2017 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan which covers a five-year period from the date of its adoption and sets forth the estimated schedule, timing, and details of the specific capital improvements by year, the estimated cost; the need for the particular

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improvement; and the sources of revenue to pay for the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners released the draft version of the proposed 2013-2017 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan to the communities of Washington County on October 16th, 2012 for the purpose of receiving written comments; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, after public notice, conducted a public hearing on December 11, 2012 for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed 2013-2017 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, in passing upon the aforesaid Plan, the County Board of Commissioners has considered the following for each project to be funded with Capital Improvement Bonds:

- 1) the condition of the County's existing infrastructure, including the projected need for repair or replacement;
- 2) the likely demand for the improvement;
- 3) the estimated cost of the improvement;
- 4) the available public resources;
- 5) the level of overlapping debt in the County;
- 6) the relative benefits and costs of alternative uses of the funds;
- 7) operating costs of the proposed improvements; and
- 8) alternatives for providing services more efficiently through shared facilities with other counties or local government units; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopts the proposed 2013-2017 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan which is attached hereto.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Certifying Property Tax levies for Washington County Payable 2013

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution Nol. 2012-157** as follows:

Resolution Certifying Property Tax Levies for Washington County Payable 2013

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following tax levy for payable 2013:

Washington County

\$ 86,523,700

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Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Certifying Property Tax Levy for the Washington County Regional Rail Authority Payable 2013

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-158** as follows:

Resolution Certifying Property Tax Levy for the Washington County
Regional Rail Authority Payable 2013

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following tax levy for payable 2013:

Regional Rail Authority	\$ 574,800
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Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Certifying Property Tax Levy for the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Payable 2013

Commissioner Lehrke stated that this year with county backed bond refinancing, the Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) was able to save \$825,000. She understands that \$250,000 of that \$825,000 is going to a fund balance that has a balance of \$9.5 or \$9.6 million. She had suggested returning a portion of that to the taxpayers or using some of that levy to create vouchers for families who are looking for homes. At this time there is a waiting list of over 200 families and there are foreclosed properties that are vacant. She felt that her views were not taken into consideration. She appreciates the HRA and looks forward to the Newport Redevelopment, but she will not be supporting the HRA budget today.

Commissioner Kriesel stated he was also concerned about the fund balance but feels that is something the County Board needs to work with the HRA in the coming year. He is concerned about mission creep when the HRA starts getting involved in economic development. He stated it's not as though this money will be wasted. The County Board has the flexibility to sit down with the HRA and request more information and revisit HRA's core function. He does not discount what Commissioner Lehrke is saying.

Commissioner Weik stated the County Board is certifying the HRA's tax levy which is their revenue for next year. The County has backed the HRA's bonds, so the County would have to look at what the

HRA’s reserves are, and what the county’s reserves are. If the Board does not certify their tax levy, it puts the county at financial risk.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that the county guarantees most of the HRA debt. The county has required the HRA to have reserves and set asides for their bond issues. The bond issue refinancing does increase their cash flow, and some of those savings will be used to shorten the bond issues and the debt will be paid off faster. Also, the HRA will need funds for the Red Rock Development in Newport to buy buildings and do things down there to accumulate properties so they can put senior housing and workforce housing in that area. He stated it takes cash up front, and then it is paid back with the bond issues. He agrees vouchers are the way to go on the workforce housing part. The Federal government has not increased vouchers for as long as he has been Commissioner.

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-159** as follows:

Resolution Certifying Property Tax Levy for the Washington County
Housing and Redevelopment Authority Payable 2013

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following tax levy for payable 2013:

Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority	\$3,332,236
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Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 3-2 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Kriesel, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, Commissioners Pulkrabek and Lehrke.

Adopting the Washington County Regional Rail Authority Budget for Payable 2013

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-160** as follows:

Resolution Adopting the Washington County Regional Rail Authority
Budget for Payable 2013

OPERATING FUNDS	EXPENDITURES	OPERATING TRANSFERS AND REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY	FUND BALANCE Contrib/(Use)	GROSS LEVY	STATE AID	CERTIFIED LEVY
Regional Rail Authority	\$528,800	(\$31,000)	\$15,000	\$574,800	\$0	\$574,800
Total Proposed 2013 Budget:	<u>\$528,800</u>	<u>(\$31,000)</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$574,800</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$574,800</u>
Total Washington County Regional Rail Proposed 2013 Levy :				\$574,800	\$0	\$574,800

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

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Adopting the Washington County Budget for Payable 2013

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-161** as follows:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGET FOR PAYABLE 2013						
OPERATING, SPECIAL REVENUE, and DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	EXPENDITURES	OPERATING TRANSFERS AND REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY	FUND BALANCE Contrib/(Use)	GROSS LEVY	STATE AID	CERTIFIED LEVY
General Government	\$92,334,700	\$42,052,800	\$1,051,300	\$51,333,200	\$5,818,700	\$45,514,500
Code Red System	\$18,300	\$18,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Services	\$34,399,200	\$17,684,900	(\$166,700)	\$16,547,600	\$0	\$16,547,600
Debt Service - Countywide	\$10,843,600	\$0	(\$327,100)	\$10,516,500	\$0	\$10,516,500
Debt Service - Library District	\$816,200	\$0	(\$24,600)	\$791,600	\$0	\$791,600
Library	\$6,413,600	\$447,400	\$0	\$5,966,200	\$0	\$5,966,200
Parks	\$4,058,100	\$3,373,500	\$0	\$684,600	\$0	\$684,600
Public Safety Radio	\$583,000	\$606,100	\$23,100	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Works	\$9,140,100	\$4,380,100	\$0	\$4,760,000	\$0	\$4,760,000
Subtotal:	<u>\$158,606,800</u>	<u>\$68,563,100</u>	<u>\$556,000</u>	<u>\$90,599,700</u>	<u>\$5,818,700</u>	<u>\$84,781,000</u>
<u>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</u>						
Capital Historic Courthouse	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Repair	\$580,000	\$882,700	\$302,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Road & Bridge	\$13,010,800	\$10,706,500	\$0	\$2,304,300	\$1,000,000	\$1,304,300
Subtotal:	<u>\$13,610,800</u>	<u>\$11,614,200</u>	<u>\$307,700</u>	<u>\$2,304,300</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,304,300</u>
<u>REFERENDUM ITEM</u>						
Land & Water Legacy Program	\$438,100	\$0	\$300	\$438,400	\$0	\$438,400
Total 2013 Budget:	<u>\$172,655,700</u>	<u>\$80,177,300</u>	<u>\$864,000</u>	<u>\$93,342,400</u>	<u>\$6,818,700</u>	<u>\$86,523,700</u>
Total Washington County 2013 Levy:				<u>\$93,342,400</u>	<u>\$6,818,700</u>	<u>\$86,523,700</u>

Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she attended the Grand Re-Opening of the Union Depot in St. Paul and was surprised at the number of people in attendance; she attended the Library Park Association meeting yesterday in Woodbury; and the Woodbury Lions will be manning the Red Kettle at the Woodbury Rainbow on Saturday.

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Commissioner Lehrke reported she attended a Christmas tree lighting at the Cottage Grove Public Safety City Hall and they planted a tree just for the lighting each year; and she attended the Grand Re-Opening of the Union Depot in St. Paul.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust which did the audit introduction; and he attended the Community Action Partnership meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review proposed revisions to Policy No. 1032, Washington County Fee Schedule, County Department Fee. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Hegberg, Kriesel, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid; Lowell Johnson, Harley Will, Mjyke Nelson, Jennifer Wagenius, Sheriff Bill Hutton, John Elholm, Don Theisen, Mike Polehna, Mike Welling, Marc Senjum, Erik Sandin, Stillwater Gazette, Elizabeth Mohr, Pioneer Press, and Commissioner-Elect Ted Bearth.



Lisa Weik, Vice Chair
County Board

Attest:



Molly F. O'Rourke

County Administrator

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 18, 2012**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Absent none. Board Chair Hegberg presided. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, County Administrator; Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator; Brent Wartner, First Assistant County Attorney; Richard Hodsdon, Assistant County Attorney; Harley Will, Accounting and Finance Director; Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director; Sandy Hahn, Deputy Community Corrections Director; Terry Thomas Community Corrections Division Manager; Dan Papin, Community Services Director; Linda Bixby, Community Services Division Manager; Cindy Rupp, Community Services Division Manager; Pam French, Human Resources Director; Sue Fennern, Senior Human Resources Representative; Mjyke Nelson, Information Technology Director; Patricia Conley, Library Director; Jennifer Wagenius, 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; John Elholm, Parks Division Manager; Ann Pung-Terwedo, Senior Planner; Greg Wood, Building Services Manager; Cory Slagle, Transportation Manager; Sharon Price, Property Manager; Sheriff Bill Hutton; Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Starry; Commander Cheri Dexter; Commander Brian Mueller; Commissioner-Elect Ted Bearth; Commissioner-Elect Fran Miron; Kirsta Sanchez, Public Information Specialist; Steve Campos, Washington County Yellow Ribbon Network; Commander Jay Alberio, Woodbury Police Department; Kevin Giles, Star Tribune; Erik Sands, Gazette; Jon Avise, Bulletin Newspapers; and Yvonne Klinnert, Public Information Manager.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board held a moment of silence for the twenty children and six adults who were killed in Newtown, Connecticut on Friday, December 14th.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

RECOGNITION FOR WOODBURY DEPUTY JAY ALBERIO

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-162** as follows:

Resolution of Appreciation for
Jay Alberio
Upon his retirement as Commander of the Woodbury Police Department

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WHEREAS, Jay Alberio will retire from the Woodbury Police Department on December 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Jay Alberio has provided police protection to the residents of the city of Woodbury for 27 years. Jay was hired in 1986; promoted to sergeant in 1988, and then promoted to commander in 2003; and became an Officer/Firefighter in 2006, and;

WHEREAS, Jay Alberio made a positive impact on the residents in the city of Woodbury and has received numerous letters of recognition over the years for his exemplary work and dedication and;

WHEREAS, Jay Alberio received a medal of commendation for a case he was assigned to in 1989, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners acknowledges with grateful appreciation Jay Alberio's dedication during his many years of public service to the citizens of the city of Woodbury and extends its best wishes to Jay and his family for a happy and healthy retirement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily commends Jay Alberio upon his retirement as a Commander in the Woodbury Police Department and hereby proclaims December 28, 2012, as "Jay Alberio Day in Washington County."

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows:
Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the December 6, 2012 Board Meeting minutes, and the December 6, 2012 Public Budget Meeting minutes.
2. Approval to renew Purchase of Service Agreements with Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau and Youth Service Bureau, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.
3. Approval of the Program and Budget update to the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan for 2012-2013.
4. Approval of contract with Scandia Eldercare to provide Customized Living Services (a.k.a. Assisted Living Services).

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5. Approval of 2013 to 2015 contract between East Suburban Resources and the Community Services Department's Workforce Center to provide employment training services to dislocated workers and at-risk youth.
6. Approval of a four year contract with Next Chapter Technology to provide software updates for the CaseWorks program used to support the Child Support Unit.
7. Approval of annual preventive and voluntary Delta Dental insurance contracts for 2013.
8. Approval of annual Blue Cross Blue Shield medical insurance contracts for 2013.
9. Approval of annual Medicare supplemental medical insurance with Group Health Plan, Inc. for 2013.
10. Approval of annual group short term and long term disability insurance with National Insurance Services for 2013.
11. Approval to renew service agreement with Madden, Galanter, Hansen, LLP for labor relations consultant services through December 31, 2013.
12. Approval to purchase Citrix equipment and software licensing from Syntax, Inc. to support remote access and virtual desktop infrastructure.
13. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-163** as follows:

Washington County Library – Acceptance of Donation
from the J.F. Rooney Family Charitable Foundation

WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Laws of Minnesota 2005, gives the Washington County Board of Commissioners the authority to direct, operate and manage the Washington County Library System; and

WHEREAS the Washington County Board of Commissioners has delegated to the Washington County Library Board in Resolution 2005-120, dated July 26, 2005, the authority to accept donations on behalf of the County Board, and,

WHEREAS the Washington County Library Board accepted the following donation at the Library Board meeting held on November 26, 2012,

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Washington County Board of Commissioners accepts a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the J. F. Rooney Family Charitable Foundation, 433 Croixview Drive, Afton, MN for the Washington County Library; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds shall be deposited into the Library Fund, Business Unit 230002.

14. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-164** as follows:

St. Croix River Crossing Project
Cooperative Construction and Maintenance Agreement
with the Minnesota Department of Transportation

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) will construct a new river crossing, roadway, traffic signals, storm water treatments ponds, multi-use trails, retaining wall, and Bridge No. 82043 and other associated construction, upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 36; and

WHEREAS, Mn/DOT requests that Washington County participate in the cost of signal systems, interconnect system, and maintenance of certain roadway, multi-use trails, traffic signals, bridge, and ponds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County enter into Mn/DOT Agreement No. 01434 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the County to the State of the County's share of the costs of the signal and interconnect construction and other associated construction to be performed upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 36 from just west of Northwestern Avenue to the state line and on Trunk Highway No. 95 from just south of 56th Street North to just north of Lookout Trail under State Project No. 8214-114 (T.H. 36=045).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract 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 approval as to form by the Washington County Attorney's office.

15. Adoption of **Resolution No. 2012-165** as follows:

St. Croix River Crossing Project
Local Road Improvement Program Application
Project Sap 082-594-001

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) will construct a new river crossing, roadway, traffic signals, storm water treatments ponds, multi-use trails, retaining wall, Bridge No. 82043, and other associated construction, upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 36; and

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WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners agrees this project will enhance the safety and improve traffic congestion in the surrounding area; and,

WHEREAS, this project will include local utility relocations and other elements constructed for the City of Oak Park Heights; and,

WHEREAS, the project meets the criteria for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funding; and,

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Oak Park Heights is less than 5,000, thus necessitating LRIP funds to flow through the county to the city; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington County project number for this work is SAP 082-594-001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners supports the application for LRIP funding for this project and will act as the conduit for LRIP funds going to the city.

16. Approval of a cooperative agreement with the City of Forest Lake for the cost share and maintenance of the roundabout at US Highway 61 and County State Aid Highway 2.
17. Approval of a letter to the South Washington Watershed District administrator commenting on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Central Draw Storage Facility Overflow Project and to authorize the Board Chair to sign said letter.

The foregoing Consent Calendar was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

YELLOW RIBBON NETWORK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Steve Campos, President, Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County, presented an update of recent and future activities. He thanked the County Board for its leadership in this area.

Commissioner Lehrke presented Mr. Campos with a Commissioners' Certificate of Recognition for his many contributions to the Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County.

PUBLIC HEARING – OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Consider Revisions to Policy No. 1032, Washington County Fee Schedule

The Board Chair reviewed today's public hearing to amend parts of the county's Fee Policy #1032 and to adopt the fee schedule for 2013.

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Kevin Corbid, Deputy Administrator, reviewed the changes including: Information Technology labor fees, lists and electronic data files; camping and shelter fees in county parks; Surveyor's Plat fees and map fees; remote access to property record information; and Assessment contract fees. He also indicated there were minor changes including: Comprehensive Plan documents; Community Corrections supervision fees; food/beverage/lodging fees; historic courthouse adjustments; and adjustments to Community Services fee schedule (eligibility and fees).

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

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve the revisions to Policy No. 1032 and to adopt the Washington County Fee Schedule. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

LIBRARY

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-166** as follows:

Washington County Library – Acceptance of Donation from the RAFT Foundation

WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Laws of Minnesota 2005, gives the Washington County Board of Commissioners the authority to direct, operate and manage the Washington County Library System;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the donation of \$30,000 from the RAFT Foundation c/o Dorsey & Whitney Trust Company is hereby accepted by the Washington County Board of Commissioners for the Washington County Library, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds shall be deposited into the Library Fund, Business Unit 230002 to be spent on purchase of library materials for the collection.

Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries for the County Attorney and His Assistants for 2013

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The County Board reviewed and discussed the responsibilities, duties, experience, qualifications, and performance of the County Attorney. Commissioner Kriesel suggested a 3 percent salary increase for the County Attorney, 90 percent of that amount for the First Assistant Attorney, and 2 percent for the Executive Assistant.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-167** as follows:

2013 Salary for the County Attorney

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §388.18 requires the County Board of Commissioners to set by resolution the salary of the County Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2013 salary for the Washington County Attorney shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2013:

Attorney	\$135,795
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2013 salaries for the First Assistant Attorney and Executive Assistant shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2013

First Assistant Attorney	\$122,216
Executive Assistant	\$52,498

Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Salaries for the County Sheriff and Chief Deputy for 2013

The County Board reviewed and discussed the responsibilities, duties, experience, qualifications, and performance of the County Sheriff. Commissioner Kriesel suggested a 2.41 percent increase for the County Sheriff.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-168** as follows:

2013 Salary for the County Sheriff

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §387.20 requires the County Board of Commissioners to set by resolution the salary of the County Sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2013 salary for the Washington County Sheriff shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2013:

Sheriff	\$135,795
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2013 salary for the Chief Deputy shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2013:

Chief Deputy	\$122,216
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Commissioner Pulkrabek seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Salary for the County Administrator for 2013

The County Board reviewed and discussed the responsibilities, duties, experience, qualifications, and performance of the County Administrator. Commissioner Kriesel suggested a 1.50 percent increase for the County Administrator.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-169** as follows:

2013 Salary for the County Administrator

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §375A.06, Subdivision 1 authorizes the County Board of Commissioners to appoint and employ an Administrator upon such terms and conditions as it deems advisable and directs the County Board to set the Administrator's salary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2013 salary for Molly F. O'Rourke, the Washington County Administrator, shall be as follows, effective January 1, 2013.

Administrator	\$147,609
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Commissioner Lehrke seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Establish the County Commissioners' Salaries, Expenses, and Benefits for 2013

Commissioner Lehrke suggested a 0 percent increase to the County Commissioner Salaries for 2013.

Commissioner Lehrke moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-170** as follows:

Resolution Establishing County Commissioners Salaries and Expenses for 2013

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375.055, Subdivision 1, requires the County Board of Commissioners to set salaries, per diem payments, and expense reimbursement for its members prior to January 1 of the effective year.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the salary rate for Washington County Commissioners be a year \$52,713, effective January 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expense reimbursement for County Commissioners be for actual expenses plus mileage in accordance with County policy with no County per diem payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the County Commissioners receive the same County paid medical insurance premium and flexible medical expense account as received by the elected department heads.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Resolution of Appreciation of Commissioner Bill Pulkrabek

Commissioner Lehrke moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-171** as follows:

Commending Bill Pulkrabek for His Public Service as
Washington County Commissioner, District 2

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bill Pulkrabek will conclude his public service as a Washington County Commissioner at the end of his term in office on January 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Pulkrabek was elected to serve the citizens of District 2 on the Washington County Board of Commissioners in a general election in November 1998 and was re-elected in 2002, 2006, and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Pulkrabek's years of public service began in 1995 when he was elected to serve the citizens of the City of Oakdale as mayor from 1995 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Pulkrabek has made a positive impact on Washington County, the citizens of District 2, and the twin cities area through his involvement on the Ramsey/Washington Resource Recovery Joint Powers Board, the University of Minnesota Extension Advisory Committee, the county's Parks and Open Space Commission, the Workforce Investment Board, the County Finance Committee and Personnel Committee.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Pulkrabek strongly advocated for keeping property taxes low, encouraged a friendly business climate to attract and retain businesses within the county, supported orderly growth and the protection and preservation of the county's natural environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby commends Commissioner Pulkrabek for his distinguished service to the citizens of Washington County during his 18 years of public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners extends its best wishes to Commissioner Pulkrabek for a happy and healthy future.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that Commissioner Pulkrabek has been a friend to the taxpayer over his career. At the same time he looked at the county's core and essential services to meet the citizen's needs and assures that there was an adequate safety net.

Commissioner Lehrke stated that Commissioner Pulkrabek has been a strong advocate for the taxpayers and holding a line on taxes and government accountability. She wished him the best of luck in the future.

Commissioner Hegberg echoed the comments made by Commissioners Kriesel and Lehrke. He acknowledged Commissioner Pulkrabek's consistent endeavor that Washington County have the lowest tax rate in the state which was achieved one time. He has always recognized the services that have to delivered, but in a cost effective manner.

Resolution of Appreciation of Commissioner Dennis Hegberg

Commissioner Pulkrabek moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2012-172** as follows:

Commending Dennis Hegberg for His Public Service as
Washington County Commissioner, District 1

WHEREAS, Commissioner Dennis Hegberg will retire as a Washington County Commissioner at the end of his term in office on January 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hegberg was elected to serve the citizens of District 1 on the Washington County Board of Commissioners in a special election in November 1989 and was re-elected in 1992, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2004, and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hegberg has made a positive impact on the citizens of District 1, Washington County, and the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hegberg brought his knowledge, skills, and experience to the board and to the many metropolitan-wide groups on which he served, including the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust board of directors, and Community Action Program for Ramsey/Washington Counties.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Hegberg strongly advocated for fiscal responsibility, strong financial policies, promoted road and bridge transportation improvements, was instrumental in the building of the

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Headwaters Service Center in Forest Lake, and focused on the protection of water quality and services for the elderly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby commends Commissioner Dennis Hegberg for his distinguished service to the citizens of Washington County during his 23 years of public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners extends its best wishes to Commissioner Hegberg for a happy and healthy future.

Commissioner Weik seconded the motion and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Lehrke, Weik, and Hegberg; Nays, none.

Commissioner Weik thanked Commissioner Hegberg for his service. She stated he has been a wise and steady voice for the county for over two decades. He always puts citizens first and has been a great mentor to her. When she attends metro-wide committees or her involvement in the past with the Association of Minnesota Counties or the Minnesota Inter-County Association, whenever they talk about Dennis Hegberg in the Twin Cities or the State of Minnesota county officials have a very high regard for Commissioner Hegberg. He is well known and has always stepped up and taken leadership roles on many joint powers boards including the Public Employees Retirement Association and the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust.

Commissioner Lehrke stated it has been a pleasure serving with Commissioner Hegberg. Although they may not agree on every issue, the thing she appreciates about him is that he presents himself in a classy and professional way. He has been a mentor to her as well, and she wished him the best of luck in the future.

Commissioner Pulkrabek stated that they have served together a long time and especially early on he was a mentor and role model for him. The Board could always count on Commissioner Hegberg to be the steady hand and has earned his respect many times over. He has been a great Commissioner over the years.

Commissioner Kriesel echoed Commissioner Pulkrabek's comments. He noted that when he got overly aggressive in workshops, Commissioner Hegberg would remind him that he is only one vote and he appreciated that. He commented on Commissioner Hegberg's wealth of knowledge and leadership that he has provided to this Board. No matter what the issue he never counted votes in the audience and he voted what he thought was in the best interest for the county and never measured whether it was popular with the taxpayers or not. That is a quality that every elected official should aspire to and appreciate.

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He stated that Commissioner Hegberg is a class act and hopes he calls now and again to remind him that he is only one vote.

Commissioner Hegberg stated that this has been an honor given to him by the people in District 1. It's the most interesting job he has ever had. This Board has always taken consideration of the taxpayer's dollars and how to spend them wisely. He is proud of Washington County and all of its employees for the job they do. He loves this job because it is an education all the time.

Certificate of Appreciation from the Rush Line Task Force

Commissioner Weik read into the record a Certificate of Appreciation from Commissioner Victoria Rheinhardt, Chair, of the Rush Line Task Force, extending its appreciation to Commissioner Hegberg for the work he has contributed to the Rush Line Task Force.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS – COMMENTS – QUESTIONS

Commissioner Weik reported she will be attending the Counties Transit Improvement Board meeting tomorrow; on Wednesday evening the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District will hold a Public Hearing on the draft 2013 budget and tax levy and she plans on attending; there will be no Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee this month; she attended the Woodbury Yellow Ribbon group meeting and it has decided to expand its mission to help family members with a deployed soldier and they have been working on veteran's issues as well; she attended the Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting; the Gateway Corridor Commission met to adopt the final work plan and budget for 2013 and discussed that a small contingent from the Gateway Commission is planning a trip to Washington D.C. in February to meet with members from the federal delegation; and she stated that she is working with a foster family that lives in Woodbury and is looking at adopting a child—she commended all families that welcome adoptive children into their homes.

Commissioner Lehrke reported that the Groundwater Advisory Committee meets tomorrow; last week she attended the Holiday Train event in Cottage Grove and the proceeds go to the Friends in Need Food Shelf; she attended the Property Tax and Value Workshop for State and Local Officials; she met with Mayor Franke and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to discuss senior housing and family housing opportunities in their city; she attended a Cottage Grove holiday event at the Hope Glen Farm; she met with Mayor Bailey to discuss Cottage Grove issues; she was a judge of the Cottage Grove Christmas lights display with Mayor Bailey; and she noted that the November National Association of Counties prescription drug average savings for Washington County residents was 17.95 percent.

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Commissioner Pulkrabek quoted Ted Geisel, Dr. Seuss, “Don’t cry because it’s over—smile because it happened.” He stated he has a lot to smile about as his service on the Washington County Board concludes. He stated if there is one thing he should have done more often while on the Board it would have been to say thanks. He thanked the nine past and present Commissioners that he has had the honor to serve with. He thanked Jim Schug, Molly O’Rourke, and Kevin Corbid for their stellar leadership of this great county. He thanked all the department heads, the County Attorney, and County Sheriff for their collective outstanding leadership. He thanked all the employees for making Washington County the best county in the State of Minnesota. He thanked the following specifically who over many years has made his position as a Commissioner easier and more fun: Dan Papin, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Lowell Johnson, Judy Hunter, Jane Harper, Pat Conley, Nancy Brase, Linda Engh, and Pat Raddatz. The major over-arching success of the county can be summed up with this: Washington County enhances the high quality of life by providing excellent core and essential services at low levels of taxation. He feels this is why Washington County is a model for not only other counties but all layers of government. He stated he was glad to have played a small part in its success. He thanked his constituents and all the residents of Washington County for bestowing on him the honor and privilege of being a Commissioner and trusting him to make decisions on their behalf.

Commissioner Kriesel reported he attended the Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting; he attended the Audit Committee meeting; he met with the City of Stillwater on Land and Water Legacy issues; he met with the school district on shared services; he attended a chamber event at the Lake Elmo Conference Center; and he attended a meeting at the Lake Elmo City Hall to discuss the Highway 5 traffic study.

Commissioner Hegberg reported he attended the Resource Recovery Board Executive Committee meeting; he attended the Minnesota Inter-County Association meeting for updates on the state budget; he attended the Community Action Partnership meeting and will be attending their meetings on January 3 and 6.

Commissioner Hegberg thanked the Board members and staff for the past 22 great years. He’s enjoyed working as a County Commissioner. He thanked the voters of District 1 for allowing him those years of service. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

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EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

The Board met in Executive Closed Session with the Department of Public Works to discuss an appeal option from the Award of Commissioners to the compensation and damages for the Nightingale Partners (White Castle) and Forest Lake Enterprises (Culvers) parcels as they pertain to the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 2. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Pulkrabek, Kriesel, Hegberg, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Don Theisen, Wayne Sandberg, Cory Slagle, Sharon Price, Rick Hodsdon, and Patricia Raddatz. The time being 10:29 a.m.

The Board reconvened from Executive Closed Session with the Department of Public Works to discuss an appeal option from the Award of Commissioners to the compensation and damages for the Nightingale Partners (White Castle) and Forest Lake Enterprises (Culvers) parcels as they pertain to the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway 2.

ADJOURNMENT

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

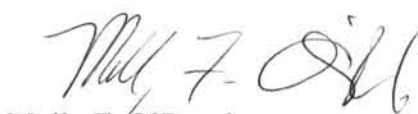
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session with the Office of Administration to review the 2013 residential survey. No business was transacted and the public was welcome to attend. Present for the workshop session were Commissioners Kriesel, Lehrke, and Weik. Also present were Molly O'Rourke, Kevin Corbid, Amanda Hollis, and Yvonne Klinnert.



Lisa Weik, Vice Chair
County Board

Attest:



Molly F. O'Rourke
County Administrator