



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
APRIL 26, 2022**

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

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: Commissioner Fran Miron, District 1
Commissioner Stan Karwoski, District 2
Commissioner Gary Kriesel, District 3
Commissioner Wayne Johnson, District 4
Commissioner Lisa Weik, District 5

Also Present: Kevin Corbid, County Administrator
Susan Tice, County Attorney Civil Division Chief
Stephanie Kammerud, Administrative Assistant

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Weik moved, seconded by Commissioner Miron, to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. Approval to appoint Diane Andresen, to a partial term expiring July 1, 2024, as a Business Representative on the Workforce Development Board.
2. Approval to rename/renumber Sections 4, 8, and 26 of the Personnel Rules and Regulations.
3. Approval to modify Section 4 (Employee Status) of the Personnel Rules and Regulations.
4. Approval to modify as new Section 8 (Probation) of the Personnel Rules and Regulations.
5. Approval to modify Section 26 (Nepotism) of the Personnel Rules and Regulations.

6. Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-044** as follows:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM THE MANY FRIENDS
AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF MINDI KAI-ANN DUPONT FOR A
DONATION BENCH TO BE PLACED WITHIN
LAKE ELMO PARK RESERVE**

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375.26 authorizes the county board to accept gifts, donations and bequests on behalf of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept a donation in the amount of \$3,400 from the many friends and family members of Mindi Kai-Ann Dupont for installation of a park bench at Lake Elmo Park Reserve with a commemorative plaque.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Washington County will maintain the bench site including repair and replacement of the benches and commemorative plaques for a period of ten years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after ten years, Washington County has the option to dispose, replace, or relocate the benches and commemorative plaques as needed.

7. Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-045** as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS
TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
FUNDING UNDER THE NATIONAL SIGNIFICANT
MULTIMODAL FREIGHT AND HIGHWAY PROJECTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the INFRA Program, statutorily known as the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Project program, aims to fund projects of national or regional significance to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight; and

WHEREAS, the INFRA program was allocated \$7.25 billion in grant funding to help communities around the country carry out projects with significant regional or national impact; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is an eligible recipient for 2022 INFRA funds; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is proposing to submit grant applications as part of the 2022 INFRA Program for the following project:

1. Trunk Highway 36 at County State Aid Highway 17 (Lake Elmo Avenue) Intersection Improvements

WHEREAS, the project will be of mutual benefit to the Washington County, and the Cities of Grant and Lake Elmo as well the public traveling that travel from multiple cities and states throughout the Trunk Highway 36 corridor; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is committed to providing the county share of the costs if the projects are selected as part of the 2022 INFRA program; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is committed to completing the project, if selected, and funding is provided as part of the 2022 INFRA Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County is requesting funding from the federal government through the 2022 INFRA program and the county is committed to completing the projects identified above and providing the county share of funding.

The motion was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, Weik, and Johnson. Nays, none.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution in Support of National Arbor Day and National Arbor Month

Public Works Natural Resources Coordinator Dan MacSwain presented a resolution to proclaim National Arbor Day as Friday, April 29th, and National Arbor Month as May 2022 in Washington County. The resolution highlights the importance of trees in communities and emphasizes the impact that Emerald Ash Borer will have within communities.

Commissioner Karwoski moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-046** as follows:

2022 ARBOR DAY and ARBOR MONTH

WHEREAS, Washington County stewards county land including parks, highways and facility grounds; and

WHEREAS, stewardship of land contributes to the County's goal of increased health, safety and quality of life of citizens today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, trees help purify our air and retain water, conserve soil, provide habitat for wildlife, provide shade, and enrich our lives; and

WHEREAS, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is becoming more established in Minnesota, and will ultimately eliminate many green and white ash trees which are abundant in parks, boulevards, residential yards and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, reforestation efforts are critical to help replace the benefits that these trees provide; and

WHEREAS, Washington County encourages local communities and residents to take proactive steps to plan for increased wood waste, and plant a more diverse array of trees when replacing them; and

WHEREAS, steps recommended include conducting tree inventories of boulevards and parks, setting ash tree removal and replacement goals and planning for increased wood waste as EAB becomes more established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County recognizes the National Arbor Day Foundations efforts to plant trees for the future by promoting Arbor Day and Arbor Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 2022, to be Arbor Day, and the month of May 2022, to be Arbor Month in Washington County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners urge citizens to prepare for the impact EAB will have and planting trees for the future.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion, and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, Weik, and Johnson. Nays, none.

Contract for Historic Courthouse Improvements

Parks Manager Alex McKinney presented a contract for installation of storm windows for the Washington County Historic Courthouse in the amount of \$117,711.

Mr. McKinney reported that improvements to the Historic Courthouse are programmed in the county's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as project HC-1048-027. The Washington County Parks Division has been working in phases to rehabilitate and repair each window at the Historic Courthouse. This next phase includes adding 55 storm windows on the first and second floors of the building. These storm windows will protect the new windows replaced in 2020 and will match the existing aesthetic and historical significance of the building.

Washington County has received \$20,000 from the Huelsmann Foundation, \$54,500 from the Minnesota Historical Society State Capital Grant in Aid grant program, and the remainder is budgeted in the Historic Courthouse Restoration Fund.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Contract No. 14736 in the amount of \$117,711 with Scott Petersen Construction for window rehabilitation and repair at the Historic Courthouse. Commissioner Miron seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

Contract for Construction Inspection Services

Public Works Construction Engineer Gerritt Bangma presented a contract for construction inspection services in the amount of \$749,085 with SRF Consulting Group.

The 2022 construction program will include 16 projects valued at more than \$25 million. Due to the projected construction workload for 2022, additional personnel and resources will be necessary to successfully administer, inspect, and survey several of the construction projects. This contract will provide contract administration and inspection services on seven county projects.

This contract will be funded through Highway State Aid (CIP #RB-2651).

Commissioner Miron moved to approve Contract No. 14732 with SRF Consulting Group Inc. in the amount of \$749,085 for construction inspection services. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

Contract for Construction Surveying and Staking Services

Public Works Construction Engineer Gerritt Bangma presented a contract for construction surveying and staking services in the amount of \$293,680 with WSB & Associates Inc.

The 2022 construction program will include 16 projects valued at more than \$25 million. Due to the projected construction workload for 2022, it was determined that construction surveying and staking for the following projects would be best managed through a consultant contract. Washington County's survey crew will be fully utilized on other projects throughout the season.

- County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12- County Line Road to Stillwater Road (CIP #RB-2664)
- CSAH 13- Phase 2 (CIP #RB-2623)
- CSAH 19- Turn Lane at Indian Blvd (CIP #RB-2201)
- Trunk Highway 36 Frontage Road Realignment at CSAH 24 (CIP #RB-2661)
- CSAH 15- Signal at 30th Street (CIP# RB-2627)
- CSAH 14 & I-694 - Trail & Signal (CIP #RB-2670)

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Contract No. 14735 with WSB & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$293,680 for construction surveying and staking services. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Update

DEI Coordinator Dawan Propps from the Human Resources Department presented an update on the work of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Steering Team (DEIST). The DEIST committee consists of 12 members, one from each county department. DEIST has been responsible for developing a countywide vision and strategic plan to advance the work of DEI at Washington County. Washington County is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment that reflects its customers and the community it serves. Equity Change Teams have been developed within each department for oversight of initiatives and implementation of DEI vision and strategies. Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) have also been created to work collaboratively to ensure alignment with Washington County's mission, vision, and strategic directions. There are currently two ERGs, Black Employee Network and Pride, and it is the hope to add three more groups this year.

Resolution for 2022 1st Quarter Donations

County Administrator Kevin Corbid presented a resolution to accept the donations received for the first quarter of 2022, in the amount of \$1,016.43.

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-047** as follows:

2022 1st 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve donations and gifts of \$1,016.43 for the first quarter of 2022.

Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, Weik, and Johnson. Nays, none.

Legislative Update

Deputy County Administrator Jan Lucke reported that both the U.S. House and Senate are passing key bills; however, there are many areas in which they are not aligned. Staff is monitoring closely and advocating for Washington County's top legislative priorities, with the help of Margaret Vesel and the Larkin Hoffman team. Staff has requested meetings with House and Senate leadership through the delegation members. There is still no movement on the bonding bill.

As a follow-up to last week, Ms. Lucke reported that staff looked into House File 4274, mentioned by Commissioner Miron last week, which is now being carried in the House Omnibus Bill. The bill language would require the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to create a "drainage registry information portal" that serves as a searchable electronic database. As part of this bill, all drainage authorities would be required to enter inspection information and repair requests. Any maintenance or repair that is recommended by or through an inspection report can only be taken if the report is posted on the "drainage registry" for 30 days.

The watershed district's main concern is its ability to respond promptly to imminent drainage issues. The 30-day requirement could significantly hamper the ability of the watershed districts to undertake their charge as drainage authorities. As such, watershed districts are in opposition to this bill.

The bill is not the making of BWSR nor a Drainage Workgroup they help coordinate, and there is no companion in the Senate. Ms. Lucke thanked Tom Dietrich in the Public Health & Environment Department for assisting in understanding the impacts of the bill. Staff has shared the information and the county and watershed district's shared concern with Margaret Vesel.

REDISTRICTING RESOLUTIONS

Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Wagenius reported that today marks the last step in the redistricting process that occurs every 10 years to rebalance the population in commissioner and soil and water conservation districts.

Ms. Wagenius stated the first action is to adopt county commissioner and soil and water conservation district maps that would be effective for the 2022 election. The second is to adopt a resolution setting the staggered two- and four-year terms for county commissioners.

Copies of maps, draft resolutions, and other handouts were provided to the commissioners. The community maps identified: Median household income; demographics, population identifying as black, indigenous, or person of color (BIPOC); land use; school districts; and watersheds. There were eight redistricting option maps presented at the April 19th public hearing titled A1, A2, B1, B2, B3, C1, D1, and D2. Commissioners agreed to move forward with three maps to review today, A2, B2, and C1; however, all of the maps, not just the three indicated, are viable for the vote.

Ms. Wagenius noted that additional comments received after the public hearing were also shared with commissioners. These are not part of the official documentary evidence since the public hearing was closed last week.

Ms. Wagenius provided an excerpt from The Office of Minnesota Secretary of State 2021 Redistricting Guide, titled Contests to Redistricting Plans. After the board's actions today, any impacted voter who wishes to contest a county redistricting plan must file with the District Court by May 10, 2022.

Board Discussion on Redistricting Options

Commissioner Weik reviewed her process for today's decisions. Commissioner Weik said a high-level theme for her is the first charter of government - to protect its citizens. The mission of county government is to create a safe and civil society. As Commissioner Weik reviewed the various maps, many residents indicated preference of map C1.

The City of Afton's comments reflected public safety aspects and prefers to remain in current District 3 and she supports this. This was her starting point in moving through the progression of the maps.

Commissioner Weik indicated that the City of Woodbury also provided input with its guiding principles and she can support some of its principles. The city requested that Woodbury Precinct 14 remain in District 4, because it is a large and rapidly growing city and it is felt that it better balances out population growth over the next 10 years.

Commissioner Weik referred to the three corners of Woodbury. The southwest corner is represented currently by District 4. The southeast and northeast corners have much development. The Gold Line project is in District 2 and is expected to open in 2025. Although District 2 has not grown in population, it will be growing through the efforts to look at housing density in Woodbury in the northwest corner along the Gold Line. This will include significant development which will include residential development in a mixed-use plan that the City of Woodbury is working on.

Commissioner Weik stated that District 5 has grown 11.36%, which exceeds the 10% threshold. The efforts being undertaken are a matter of a continuing process and layering. Commissioner Weik said her process is working to get to a map that would layer in a balanced approach, with as much of the input from the public, partners in municipal government, and communities of interest as possible. The maps, and all other efforts to create a safe and civil society, are the basis for everything else the County Board will do. Commissioner Weik feels that the board needs to incorporate as much of the public input as it has received. Commissioner Weik said it has been an interesting process and was not sure if there would be a clear answer, but does not feel that there is necessarily a wrong choice.

Commissioner Weik said regarding the City of Woodbury's principle of balanced diversity, the community maps for income and demographics helped inform and guide her process. Commissioner Weik said that transportation for communities of interest intersects greatly with services that the county provides. Along with the City of Woodbury's desire to maintain three commissioner districts, this brought her further away from map C1, and she began to focus on map B3. Commissioner Weik noted she received additional comments that the county should place a priority on minority representation and communities of interest in its deliberations.

Commissioner Weik received comments from the Washington Conservation District (WCD) after the public hearing. Commissioner Weik said the WCD's priorities for evaluating the proposed redistricting plans include evenly distributed population between districts, consideration of district spatial characteristics, similarity of land use and geological characteristics, common land use resource concerns, following watershed boundaries to the extent practicable, and retaining historical connections. Commissioner Weik indicated she has had many conversations over the years with residents revolving around the importance of water. It is very relevant and she stated that she would be able to support constituents if she put her support behind a plan that would organize commissioner districts along watershed boundaries. The WCD Board of Supervisors prefers map B3 because it best reflects population distribution, historical distance, demographic, watershed, and natural resource considerations. This map addresses the needs of farm, rural, and urban landowners and their associated natural resource management issues. Commissioner Weik referred to the land use map for these considerations, and Washington County has rural and urban land use characteristics that remain greater than 50% agricultural use.

Commissioner Weik stated the board is committed to a fair and open process and she feels it has been a respectful process with her colleagues and the public. Redistricting is not an easy task, nor should it be. Commissioner Weik said map B3 appears to best meet the needs of all public input and other government partners and would best serve Washington County for the next 10 years.

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt the resolution related to map B3.

There was no second, and the motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Karwoski thanked Commissioner Weik for her comments and analysis. Commissioner Karwoski stated that he is basing his recommendation on the feedback received from residents. He did not feel the feedback was conclusive one way or another and feels that there was support for all redistricting maps. Commissioner Karwoski reviewed the principles and all information that guided the commissioners' redistricting decisions. Commissioner Karwoski said there were indications over the past week that map A1 should be considered. Map A1 has the least changes. This is a 10-year decision, and the board is deciding what would best serve the people. Map A1 moves District 2 eastward and takes on Precinct 8.

Commissioner Karwoski said he feels very strongly that map A1 is the best option, as it minimizes boundary changes and is the second tightest map in variance range overall in the county. It aligns best with District 2 representing all of School District 622 in Woodbury. Of all the community maps, Commissioner Karwoski feels the school district map was the most compelling, because it affects people in their everyday lives. Commissioner Karwoski referred to the City of Woodbury's comment letter, indicating it listed the same reasons as to why he had been preferring map A1. Commissioner Karwoski indicated Precinct 8 would lend itself to expanding similar commercial areas that are contiguous to District 2, precincts 7 and 2. The Precinct 8 expansion has similar residents and housing, similar to Precinct 7 in District 2. Commissioner Karwoski referenced the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State 2021 Redistricting Guide, that the degree to which counties apply their discretion may increase the probability of a challenge.

Commissioner Karwoski concluded that after all feedback received, he feels that map A1 reflects the least boundary changes and has the least variance of population. Commissioner Karwoski noted that although District 2 has lagged in growth, as Commissioner Weik has pointed out, it is anticipated there are areas of Oakdale and along the Gold Line that will continue to grow.

Commissioner Karwoski moved to adopt the resolution related to map A1. Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kriesel acknowledged Commissioner Weik's due diligence and appreciates her sharing of knowledge. Commissioner Kriesel supports the A1 map for the same reasons as Commissioner Karwoski. Commissioner Kriesel said map A1 keeps the cities of Afton and St. Mary's Point within District 3 and does not fracture the five-city alliance. Both cities have indicated the importance of the five-city alliance as well. The A1 map would have the second lowest deviation from ideal population and retains Valley Branch Watershed. Commissioner Kriesel was impressed with the comments from the City of Woodbury and noted the city's desire to minimize boundary changes. Commissioner Kriesel received input from the mayors and councilmembers of Afton and St. Mary's Point, and their expressed desire to remain in District 3.

Commissioner Weik noted that she supports that Precinct 14 remains in District 4. Commissioner Weik stated that she respects the timely correspondence received from the City of Woodbury and acknowledges its desire to minimize boundary changes.

Commissioner Weik cautioned the County Board before moving down a path to select a redistricting plan that relies heavily on the principle of minimizing boundary changes. In December 2021, the County Board adopted its guiding principles for this process that did not include a principle that conveys that meaning. The public was steadfast in their request that the county honor and not deviate from its principles. Commissioner Weik respectfully does not support the minimizing boundary changes aspect from the City of Woodbury for that reason.

Commissioner Weik said she understands Woodbury's principle to organize commissioner districts along school districts. Commissioner Weik deferred back to preserving and protecting natural resources and water quality conservation practices with the Washington Conservation District. Commissioner Weik said that map B3 reflects balance for all of the different requests the county has received, including communities of interest. Commissioner Weik concluded that she feels strongly that using an equity lens really needs to be prominent.

Commissioner Johnson stated that this is one of the toughest decisions to be made since he has been on the board. Commissioner Johnson expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Weik for her thorough examination and explanation as the commissioner of District 5. Commissioner Johnson said he went into the redistricting process with no fear and no desire to be safe and had considered increasing the board to seven commissioners. Commissioner Johnson does not feel that staying safe is the goal of the county and feels that people are adaptable to change. Commissioner Johnson recognized the City of Woodbury for its feedback, and said that he had originally desired Woodbury to be represented by two commissioners as shown in map C1. Commissioner Johnson also takes into account the analysis by Commissioner Weik. The board needs to view this in today's context along with looking to the future.

Commissioner Miron stated that he appreciated Commissioner Weik's position on precincts 14 and 15 in Woodbury. Commissioner Miron said he appreciates all the analyzing of the public input, and the rationale that was shared along with a review of the guiding principles, as the public submitted comments. Commissioner Miron said Commissioner Karwoski's analysis matched very well with his. The decision to continue as a five-member county board, versus a seven-member, was included in the county's principles, and he feels that was a good decision. Commissioner Miron anticipates this topic will be addressed again in 10 years.

Commissioner Miron appreciates commissioners resurrecting map A1, as it tends to maintain the compactness of the district and makes sense. The least deviation between population is in maps A1 and A2. Commissioner Miron said regarding the water issues and contamination issues that exist, it is difficult to anticipate the plumes. However, it is important and critical to Washington County that it be managed.

Commissioner Miron stated the arguments for map A1 have been well made and he supports the motion that is before the board.

Resolution to Establish County Commissioner and Soil and Water Conservation Districts Effective for the 2022 Election and Candidate Filing

Commissioner Karwoski moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-048** as follows:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute section 204B.135, Subd.2 requires that County Commissioner Districts be redistricted or reconfirmed no later than April 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute section 103C.311 requires that the county board, in counties that elect soil and water conservation supervisors by district, be redistricted or reconfirmed no later April 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes, the 2020 Federal Census population figures shall be used to redistrict the Washington County Commissioner and Soil and Water Districts, and that the districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, city district or precinct lines; and

WHEREAS, the notice of intent to redistrict county commissioner and soil and water conservation districts was published as required by M.S. 375.025; and

WHEREAS, the county board passed a resolution on December 14, 2021, adopting principles to guide the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, Washington County conducted a public hearing on April 19, 2022, to receive public input, held numerous workshops that were opportunities for public input and allowed members of the public to submit options or redistricting for consideration by the board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopts the following Commissioner and Soil and Water Conservation District Plan for Washington County in accordance with M.S. 375.025:

Districts shall be designated as follows:

- **District 1:** Dellwood, Forest Lake, Grant, Hugo, Mahtomedi Precinct 1, Marine on St. Croix, May Township, Scandia
- **District 2:** Birchwood Village, Landfall, Mahtomedi Precinct 2, Oakdale, Pine Springs, White Bear Lake, Willernie, Woodbury Precinct 1, Woodbury Precinct 2, Woodbury Precinct 7, Woodbury Precinct 8
- **District 3:** Afton, Bayport, Baytown Township, Lake Elmo, Lake St. Croix Beach, Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, Oak Park Heights, St. Mary's Point, Stillwater Township, Stillwater, West Lakeland Township
- **District 4:** Cottage Grove, Denmark Township, Grey Cloud Island Township, Hastings, Newport, St. Paul Park, Woodbury Precinct 14
- **District 5:** Woodbury Precinct 3, Woodbury Precinct 4, Woodbury Precinct 5, Woodbury Precinct 6, Woodbury Precinct 9, Woodbury Precinct 10, Woodbury Precinct 11, Woodbury Precinct 12, Woodbury Precinct 13, Woodbury Precinct 15, Woodbury Precinct 16

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners finds that this plan conforms to the redistricting principles adopted December 14, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board directs the County Administrator to file the redistricting plan with the County Auditor by April 26, 2022, to be effective on May 27, 2022, for the 2022 primary and general elections and publish in the Stillwater Gazette and Country Messenger; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the districts are, for illustrative purposes, identified in a map of the county attached hereto and marked Exhibit A which by reference is hereby made a part hereof.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion, and it was adopted 3-2 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, and Kriesel. Nays, Commissioners Weik and Johnson.

Resolution Setting Staggered Two- and Four-Year Terms for County Commissioner Districts

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-049** as follows:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMISSIONER DISTRICT TERMS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375.025, the county must designate which Commissioner Districts shall be elected for two- and four-year terms to provide for staggered terms on the County Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 375.025, elections are required to be held in 2022 for Commissioner District 5 because of the change in population created by the redistricting plan, as adopted by the County Board, exceeds the threshold established in law; and

WHEREAS, the four-year terms for County Commissioner Districts 1 and 3 expire in 2024 and the change in their districts does not exceed the threshold established by law therefore they are NOT required to be on the ballot in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the four-year terms for County Commissioner Districts 2 and 4 expire in 2022 and therefore are required to be on the ballot in 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Commissioners currently serving in Districts 1 and 3 will complete their four-year terms and elections for those commissioner districts will occur next in 2024 for four-year terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that County Commissioner Districts 2 and 4 and 5 be up for election in 2022 and that all commissioners will hold four-year terms.

Commissioner Kriesel seconded the motion, and it was adopted 5-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, Weik, and Johnson. Nays, none.

Ms. Wagenius concluded by thanking the commissioners for the time, energy, and thoughtfulness that has been put into the redistricting process. Ms. Wagenius recognized Doug Matzek in Information Technology who created all the maps. She also thanked Kevin Magnuson, Amanda Hollis, Jacob Probst, Christine Piskura, and Stephanie Kammerud for their support in this process. This group will meet this afternoon to wrap up tasks including providing notification of the board's actions to the Secretary of State, publishing the congressional and legislative county commissioner and soil and water conservation districts in the county's official newspaper and on the county website, and notifying the municipalities of decisions made today. In mid-July, postcards will be mailed to households with at least one registered voter, letting them know of their polling location and electoral districts. Candidate filings for the 2022 election open on May 17th and close on May 31st.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners reported on meetings and other events they attended. Please see archived web streaming of the board meeting for full commissioner reports at www.co.washington.mn.us, under "County Board."

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

No board correspondence was received.

ADJOURNMENT

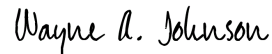
There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Miron moved to adjourn. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

The County Board meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Corbid".

Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne A. Johnson".

Wayne A. Johnson
County Board Chair