



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MAY 10, 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 Kriesel moved, seconded by Commissioner Karwoski, to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. Approval of the April 19, 2022, County Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval appoint Michael Dolphin to the Workforce Development Board as a business representative for a partial first term, expiring June 30, 2023.
3. Approval to reappoint Kristin Tuenge, Scandia, to a fifth term expiring June 21, 2025, as a Manager on the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District.
4. Approval to appoint Ann Warner, Stillwater, to a partial term expiring June 21, 2023, as a Manager on the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District.
5. Approval of 1.0 FTE Communication Specialist position in the Office of Administration.
6. Approve a request to apply for the Mobile Crisis SFY23 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act (CAA) Funding from the Minnesota Department of Human Services in the amount up to \$250,000.00.

7. Approval of an application for renewal of an On-Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Cenco Farms Inc., Afton Apple Orchard, in Denmark Township located at 14421 S. 90th St., Hastings, MN.
8. Approve an application from the Afton Bayport Lakeland Lions Club to conduct off-site gambling at the Washington County Fairgrounds, August 3 - 7, 2022.
9. Approval of an application for a 1-4 day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License from VFW Post 323 for the Washington County Fair at the Washington County Fairgrounds, August 3 - 7, 2022.
10. Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-054** as follows:

**MASTER PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT NO. 1050229
WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) wishes to cooperate closely with local units of government to coordinate the delivery of transportation services and maximize the efficient delivery of such services at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT and local governments are authorized by Minnesota Statutes sections 471.59, 174.02, and 161.20, to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance and operation of state and local roads; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to such opportunities for collaboration, and have determined that having the ability to write "work orders" against a master contract would provide the greatest speed and flexibility in responding to identified needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair and the Administrator are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into the master partnership contract and any amendments with MnDOT prescribing the terms and conditions set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Contract No. 1050229," a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department head of Washington County Public Works Department is authorized to negotiate and execute work order contracts pursuant to the MnDOT master partnership contract, but such delegation of authority is limited to conformance with Washington County Policy 1201, in which work order contracts may provide for payment to or from MnDOT, and that the department head of Washington County Public Works may execute such work order contracts on behalf of Washington County without further approval by this Board.

11. Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-055** as follows:

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LIMITED USE PERMIT WITH THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR A NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAIL IN THE
RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TRUNK HIGHWAY 694 AT COUNTY STATE
AID HIGHWAY (CSAH) 14 (34TH STREET N)
IN THE CITY OF OAKDALE**

WHEREAS, Washington County is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board has approved a plan to construct a non-motorized recreational trail along the south side of CSAH 14 in the right-of way of Trunk Highway 694 in the City of Oakdale to promote the orderly and safe crossing of the highway; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation requires a Limited Use Permit for the construction and utilization of said pedestrian trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby enters into a Limited Use Permit with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation to construct, operate and maintain a non-motorized recreational trail within the right-of-way of Trunk Highway 694 (TH 694 = 393) of the State of Minnesota along CSAH 14.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Director of Public Works to construct, operate, and maintain said trail in accordance with the Limited Use Permit granted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and to execute the Limited Use Permit and any amendments to the Permit.

12. Approve the Limited Use Permit.
13. Approve permanent use of fund balance in an amount not to exceed \$95,400 from the Parks Operating Fund 211.
14. Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-056** as follows:

**TRANSFER PUBLIC SAFETY RADIOS
TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 471.85 states any county, city, town or school district may transfer its personal property for a nominal or without consideration to another public corporation for public use when duly authorized by its governing body; and



WHEREAS, Washington County's mobile public safety radios are being replaced and updated; and

WHEREAS, the older style radios are no longer valuable and being repairable by Motorola; and

WHEREAS, they can serve other government agencies that have not upgraded.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby approves to transfer the older style public safety radios to various government agencies at the discretion of the Public Safety Radio Manager.

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

Contract for County State Aid Highway 10 Pavement Preservation Improvement Project

Public Works Engineer Andrew Giesen presented a construction contract for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 10 Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation Project. This project is identified in the county's Capital Improvement Plan as project RB-2204.

Mr. Giesen reported that this project will include roadway resurfacing, sign and striping replacement, ditch maintenance, and new dedicated turn lanes at the intersection of CSAH 10 and County Road 71 (Neal Avenue) in West Lakeland Township.

Mr. Giesen noted that market trends have shown that prices have increased significantly for items related to material and labor prices. Total construction expense of this project is \$2,004,400 and is funded by County Transportation Sales Tax.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to award the bid and authorize execution of Contract No. 14757 in the amount of \$1,873,333.41 with Minnesota Paving and Materials for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 10 Pavement Preservation Improvement Project. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

Contract for County State Aid Highway 15 Pavement Preservation Improvement Project

Public Works Engineer Eden Rogers presented a construction contract for the CSAH 15 (Manning Trail North) Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation Project. This project is identified in the county's Capital Improvement Plan as project RB-2204.

Ms. Rogers reported that this project will improve pavement, signing, striping, culverts, and CSAH 15 (Olinda Trail) in May Township and the City of Scandia.

Total construction expense of this project is \$7,703,900 and is funded by four categories: County Transportation Sales Tax; Wheelage Tax; Highway State Aid; and Highway State Aid Budgeted Risk.

Commissioner Miron moved to award the bid and authorize execution of Contract No. 14755 in the amount of \$7,199,922.67 with Valley Paving Inc. for the CSAH 15 Pavement Preservation Improvement Project. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

Contract for County State Aid Highway 24 and Trunk Highway 36 Frontage Road Improvement Project

Public Works Engineer Eden Rogers presented a construction contract for the CSAH 24 and Trunk Highway (TH) 36 Frontage Road Improvement Project. This project is identified in the county's Capital Improvement Plan as project RB-2661.

Ms. Rogers reported that this project will improve grading, pavement realignment and resurfacing, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, and signing and striping. This project will realign 60th Street into CSAH 24 (Osgood Avenue North) farther to the south to move this intersection away from the signal intersection at TH 36 and create a safer traffic route for all.

In 2018 and 2019, Washington County was awarded Local Partnership Program (LPP) funding from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to help complete this project. The county has worked jointly with MnDOT, the City of Oak Park Heights, the business community and area landowners to complete the design of this project.

Total construction expense of this project is \$875,100 and is funded by LPP (MnDOT) funding and Highway State Aid.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to award the bid and authorize execution of Contract No. 14754 in the amount of \$817,863.25 with T.A. Schifsky and Sons Inc. for the CSAH 24 and TH 36 Frontage Road Improvement Project. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Resolution Recognizing National Law Enforcement Week and Law Enforcement Memorial Day in Washington County

Washington County Sheriff Dan Starry presented a resolution in recognition of National Law Enforcement Week and Law Enforcement Memorial Day in Washington County.

Sheriff Starry reported that in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th, and the week in which it falls, as a week to honor all law enforcement.



Therefore, Washington County is proclaiming May 15, 2022, as Law Enforcement Memorial Day, and will observe National Law Enforcement Week from May 11, 2022, through May 17, 2022.

Sheriff Starry said this week is about honor, gratitude, remembrance, and support for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Last year, 617 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the United States, and six officers were from the State of Minnesota.

In honor of Law Enforcement Memorial Day, the Washington County Sheriff's Office invited the public to the Historic Courthouse on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 12:00 noon to its annual ceremony memorializing those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Commissioner Karwoski moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-057** as follows:

**PROCLAMATION
WASHINGTON COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE
NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL DAY**

WHEREAS, established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962 to pay special recognition to law enforcement officers and the vital contribution they make in public safety; and

WHEREAS, these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, this week is dedicated to honoring Washington County's law enforcement officers for their service and sacrifices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim May 11, 2022, through May 17, 2022, as Law Enforcement Week, and May 15, 2022, as Law Enforcement Memorial Day.

Commissioner Miron 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.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Resolution for Apraxia Awareness Day

Commissioner Johnson spoke to this resolution personally, and emphasized the importance of early diagnosis and understanding of this speech disorder. Commissioner Johnson appreciates the recognition of apraxia and the community services available to help parents in navigating assistance for children who have this speech disorder.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-058** as follows:

RESOLUTION FOR APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, May 14th marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day, during which awareness will be raised throughout Minnesota about childhood apraxia of speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children; and

WHEREAS, childhood apraxia of speech causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and

WHEREAS, the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years to learn to speak; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and

WHEREAS, that such primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved; and

WHEREAS, public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech in Washington County and Minnesota is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice; and

WHEREAS, our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that May 14th is “Apraxia Awareness Day” and residents Washington County and of Minnesota are encouraged to work within their communities to increase awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech.

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.

State and Federal Legislative Updates

Deputy County Administrator Jan Lucke reported that last week, the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives passed their remaining omnibus supplemental appropriation bills. These proposals will head to conference committee, where five members from the House and five members from the Senate will work to reconcile the differences. The conference committee schedule for the remainder of session is posted online.

Ms. Lucke reported that among the omnibus bills passed last week was the House of Representative's Omnibus Tax Bill. Now that the House has passed its tax bill, the Senate can proceed with passing the entirety of the Senate proposal, a portion of which was tabled back in April. The bill was tabled because the Minnesota State Constitution requires that all tax bills must originate in and first be passed by the House of Representatives.

With only two weeks remaining, it is notable that neither the House nor the Senate have released a bonding bill. With neither bonding bill released publicly, there is some uncertainty whether legislators can reach a bipartisan compromise and pass a bill prior to the May 23, 2022, deadline to adjourn.

Regarding Washington County priorities, the Chisago County Solid Waste Administrator and the Anoka County Public Health Director sent letters of support for the Northern Environmental Center. The letters highlighted long-standing reciprocal use agreements between the counties and the great benefit this facility will bring to southern Chisago County residents and eastern Anoka County residents. Also, Senator Karin Housley has been sharing the handheld video of the Highway 36 and Lake Elmo Ave Interchange Project.

Ms. Lucke concluded that Margaret Vesel from Larkin Hoffman will be providing a legislative post-session update to the County Board at its next meeting on May 24th.

Commissioner Miron noted that he spoke with U.S. Rep. Bob Dettmer this morning and he indicated that a veterans bill had passed that included funding for the Veterans Rest Camp for improvements to the septic system.

Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) Award

Public Works Director Wayne Sandberg announced that Public Works Parks Manager Alex McKinney received the Jack Niles Award from MRPA. Mr. McKinney received this award for being an active member of MRPA for more than 10 years, and for his outstanding service to MRPA and the parks and recreation field.

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

Board correspondence was received and placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The County Board meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

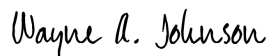
BOARD WORKSHOP WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board met in workshop session for an update on the emergency housing project. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Johnson, Kriesel, Weik, Miron, and Karwoski. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, county staff, and outside agencies.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Corbid".

Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne A. Johnson".

Wayne A. Johnson
County Board Chair