

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
AUGUST 9, 2022**

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAILROAD AUTHORITY CONVENES

The Washington County Regional Railroad Authority (WCRRA) met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room. Present were Commissioners Miron, Kriesel, Weik, Karwoski, and Johnson. WCRRA Chair Karwoski presided. Also present were Kevin Corbid, County Administrator; Susan Tice, County Attorney Civil Division Chief; Stephanie Kammerud, Administrative Assistant; and county staff. Official Proceedings of the Regional Railroad Authority are available in the Office of Administration.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:14 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room.

Present: 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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the July 26, 2022, County Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval to reappoint Chris Loth, Forest Lake, to a full first term expiring September 23, 2025, as a Manager on the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District.
3. Approve revisions to Policy #6002, County Board Agenda.

4. Approve revisions to Policy #6004, Audience Discussion at County Board Meetings.
5. Approval of a needs determination application for Empower Me Group to develop a new Day Support Services (formerly known as Day Training and Habilitation) Program.
6. Approval of the plat of Saint Boniface Oaks East Second Addition in West Lakeland Township.
7. Approve comment letter to Valley Branch Watershed District on its proposed rule revisions.
8. Approve a donation in the amount of \$4,278.12 from Coffective to support breastfeeding education and services.
9. Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-083** as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOW WASHINGTON COUNTY TO ENTER
INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR OPERATION
AND MAINTENANCE OF PINE POINT TRAILS AND
FACILITIES WITHIN THE GATEWAY STATE TRAIL
CORRIDOR**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Natural Resources has the authority, duty, and responsibility under Minnesota Statutes Section 85.015, subd 14, to establish, develop, operate and maintain the Gateway State Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the State and the County are authorized under Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59, to enter into agreements to jointly or cooperatively exercise common power; and

WHEREAS, the State owns land described as Section 5 and 6, T30N, R20W, Washington County, that contains the Gateway State Trail as shown in the map which is attached and incorporated into this agreement as Exhibit A, and hereinafter referred to as the "State Trail"; and

WHEREAS, the County owns land described as Section 5 and 6, T30N, R20W, Washington County, that is designated as Pine Point Regional Park, a County Recreational Facility, as shown in the map which is attached and incorporated into this agreement as Exhibit B, and hereinafter referred to as the "Park"; and

WHEREAS, the State and the County have determined that the providing for the cooperative operations and maintenance of the natural surfaced trails and natural surfaced trail connections / intersections with the State Trail and the State Trail located within the State Trail corridor and within the boundaries of the Park, is a high priority; and

WHEREAS, the County shall have sole responsibility for the maintenance and operations of the natural surfaced, pedestrian and equestrian trails located within the State Trail corridor and the boundaries of the Park, hereinafter referred to as the “County Trails” as shown in the map attached and incorporated into this agreement as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the State shall have sole responsibility for the operations, maintenance, administration and improvement of the Gateway State Trail as identified in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the State shall permit the County to be the lead agency for the annual operations and maintenance of the portion of the State Trail and the County Trails located within the boundaries of the Park; and

WHEREAS, the County is also prepared to provide maintenance assistance to the State with the portion of the State Trail located within the boundaries of the Park; and

WHEREAS, the County shall continue to provide, operate and maintain the restroom facilities and direct pedestrian access to the Trail, hereafter referred to as the “Restrooms”; and

WHEREAS, the State shall be permitted to review and approve all improvements to the County Trails within the Gateway State Trail Corridor; expansion, removal, or improvements that would affect ADA accessibility of Restrooms or improvements to the State Trail proposed by the County during the term of this agreement.

WHEREAS, the State and the County shall cooperatively develop separate annual maintenance plans to address specific needs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual benefit to be derived by the public bodies hereto and for the benefit of the public, Washington County agrees to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance and operation of natural turf trails and restrooms in the Gateway State Trail Corridor within the boundaries of Pine Point Regional Park.

10. Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-084** as follows:

STILLWATER MOTORS DONATION

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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve and accept a donation from Stillwater Motors in the amount of \$1,000.

11. Approve Joint Powers Agreement No. 14695 with the City of Stillwater for sharing law enforcement data.
12. Approve Joint Powers Agreement No. 15025 with the City of Forest Lake for sharing law enforcement data.
13. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 12424 and authorize permanent use of fund balance in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the Public Safety System Fund 242.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Resolution to Recognize August 2022 as Minnesota Breastfeeding Month

Senior Community Health Specialist Lia Burg presented a resolution to recognize August 2022 as Minnesota Breastfeeding Month. Ms. Burg reported that breastfeeding support and education continues to be a top priority for Public Health & Environment (PHE) staff for numerous benefits it brings mothers and babies. The pandemic has caused breastfeeding challenges for many families and the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program. Ms. Burg reported that there has been a slight drop in breastfeeding rates. PHE staff are working to turn this trend around by continuing to support breastfeeding classes and provide virtual, individual consultations to families. The Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant has supported breastfeeding projects and training opportunities. One of the projects includes a collaborative with the Washington County Library to increase breastfeeding resource books for families, and encouraging the normalization of breastfeeding within the community.

Commissioner Weik moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-085** as follows:

**MINNESOTA BREASTFEEDING MONTH AND
WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK**

WHEREAS, the theme for the breastfeeding observance during August 2022 is Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support; and

WHEREAS, breastfeeding or providing breastmilk is recommended for optimal nutrition and healthy growth and development in the early months and years of life, and is fundamental to the well-being and prosperity for millions of young children to survive and thrive; and

WHEREAS, chest/breastfeeding has an impact on lifelong health for mothers and infants and is key to early brain development and health promotion; and

WHEREAS, chest/breastfeeding is one of the most cost-effective prevention strategies for many infections, chronic and acute diseases; and

WHEREAS, infant feeding is one of the most important decisions that a new family makes; and

WHEREAS, families need support for their chest/breastfeeding efforts from family, friends, health care providers, support groups, the community, employers, and child care settings; and

WHEREAS, Washington County seeks to continually improve the overall Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program breastfeeding rates from 86% at birth and 32% at six months; and

WHEREAS, through the collaboration of WIC, the Washington County Breastfeeding Coalition, Statewide Health Improvement Partnership, and Baby Friendly certified organizations during the month of August will provide clinic educational displays and additional professional support and encouragement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledges the role of chest/breastfeeding in achieving optimal health for infants and mothers by recognizing August 2022 as Minnesota Breastfeeding Month.

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2021 Performance Measures and Indicators Report Presentation

Amanda Hollis, Senior Planner in the Office of Administration, presented the 2021 Performance Measures and Indicators (PM&I) report.

Ms. Hollis highlighted the county's overall work with performance measurement and continuous quality improvement. In 1999, the Performance Measures and Indicators Team (PerMIT) was created and the primary focus was a performance measures report, which showed input and output measures and data. In 2008, this report was updated to the format used today, highlighting outcomes and providing context of the measures. In 2017, the county created its first five-year Quality Improvement Plan, with objectives and activities that further solidify the use of data and process improvements to ensure county services are more efficient and effective. In 2022, the Quality Improvement Plan is ending, and the PerMIT team will be creating an updated version of the plan, with new goals and objectives to focus on as an organization.

Ms. Hollis acknowledged members of PerMIT that assisted in achieving the success of this year's report. Ms. Hollis introduced two county staff members that highlighted examples of the PM&I report. Denise Garner, Management Analyst from Community Corrections, presented jail bed days through the Sentence to Service Program, taken from the fourth chapter on Maintaining Public Trust. Rob Murray, Senior Environmental Specialist from Public Health & Environment, presented meal and food shelf delivery, illustrating this work through a Storyboard.

Ms. Hollis concluded that the 2021 Performance Measures and Indicators Report can be found in county libraries and on Washington County's website:

<http://www.co.washington.mn.us/performanceasures>.

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 10:33 a.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session to review the recommended 2023 budget for the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority and the Gold Line. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Miron, Karwoski, and Johnson. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jennifer Wagenius, and county staff.

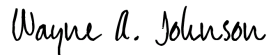
BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The Board met in workshop session to review the recommended 2023 budget for the Public Works Department. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Miron, Karwoski, and Johnson. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jennifer Wagenius, and county staff.

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