

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 1, 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 Stan Karwoski, District 2
Commissioner Gary Kriesel, District 3
Commissioner Wayne Johnson, District 4
Commissioner Lisa Weik, District 5

Absent: Commissioner Fran Miron, District 1

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 Kriesel, to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

1. Approval of the October 18, 2022, County Board meeting minutes.
2. Approval of Contract No. 15181 to renew the library service agreement between the Bayport Public Library and the Washington County Library through December 31, 2025.
3. Approval of abatement for property located at 8089 Globe Drive in Woodbury.
4. Approval of an amendment to the software maintenance and support agreement between Washington County and West Central Indexing, LLC for the maintenance and support of the property records management system.
5. Approve Subordinate Funding Agreement #2 (SFA) with the Metropolitan Council to authorize \$198,018 for the replacement of a noise wall along the METRO Gold Line project that is ineligible for federal match.

6. Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-128** as follows:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION
TO EXPEDITED CONSERVATION PARTNERS LEGACY GRANT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Expedited Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant Program funds conservation projects that restore, enhance, or protect forests, wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Washington County Parks stewards over 4,773 acres of land, 3,470 acres which are natural areas that support wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Lake Elmo Park Reserve contains a matrix of habitats including oak savanna, prairie and wetlands that require stewardship in order to continue to support an abundance and diversity of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is proposing to submit a grant application to fund an oak savanna restoration in Lake Elmo Park Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the application request is for \$50,000 for 18 acres of land to be restored and enhanced, and requires a 10% in-kind match which will be provided with existing staff time towards the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes submittal of the application listed above for funding under the 2023 Expedited Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program.

The motion was adopted 4-0 with a Roll Call vote as follows: Ayes, Commissioners Karwoski, Kriesel, Weik, and Johnson. Nays, none.

LIBRARY

Resolution to Transfer Funding from the Jordan Bequest to the City of Marine

Interim Library Director Tina Kaple presented a resolution for a request from the City of Marine on St. Croix for \$6,000 from the Jordan bequest to be used for materials and services at the Marine Community Library, and a request for permanent use of fund balance.

Jim Maher, President of the Marine Library Association, was also present. Mr. Maher reported on current activities and thanked the board for its continued support of the Marine Community Library.

Commissioner Miron arrived at the board meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2022-129** as follows:

**TRANSFER OF \$6,000 FROM THE JORDAN BEQUEST TO THE
CITY OF MARINE**

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, Washington County has entered into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Marine that includes a process for transferring funds from the Elizabeth Jordan bequest to the City of Marine; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marine has requested by letter dated September 13, 2022, that a transfer be made to the City of Marine of 2% of the value of the “Jordan bequest” or \$6,000 whichever is greater for the purchase of library resources which is a lawful purpose under the Joint Powers Agreement; and

WHEREAS, 2% of the Jordan bequest is \$4,842.41; and

WHEREAS, the value of the Jordan bequest on October 18, 2022, was \$242,120.72.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the transfer of \$6,000 to the City of Marine for the purchase of library resources.

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.

Commissioner Miron moved to approve permanent use of fund balance not to exceed \$6,000 from Library Fund 230 for the Jordan bequest, to be used for materials and services at the Marine Community Library. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

Cooperative Funding Agreement for the Central Park Building Improvement Project

Building Services Capital Projects Manager Erik Jalowitz presented a cooperative funding agreement with the City of Woodbury for the Central Park Building Improvement project.

Mr. Jalowitz reported that Washington County and the City of Woodbury cooperatively own portions of the Central Park Building, a facility that contains the R.H. Stafford Library, leased

space for Independent School District 833, and is connected to the YMCA and the Stonecrest Senior Living complex.

Washington County and the City of Woodbury have partnered on developing improvements, upgrades, and updates to the 20-year-old building. Design has been completed through the first phase and includes improved parking, enhanced safety and accessibility, significant maintenance needs, and specific upgrades to the city and school district spaces. The city has chosen to move forward with a larger expansion, therefore, a new cooperative funding agreement is necessary to allow the project to move into the next phase of design and through construction. This agreement reflects the county cost share of \$4.5 million to the city. All other remaining costs will be the responsibility of the city.

This project is budgeted in the proposed 2023 County Bond. The city will act as the fiscal agent for this project and will execute the contracts with the chosen architect, construction management firm, and construction contractor.

Commissioner Weik moved to approve Cooperative Funding Agreement No. 14481 between the City of Woodbury and Washington County for the Central Park Building Improvement project. Commissioner Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Communications Manager Tina Elam announced that Washington County Senior Communications Specialist Yvonne Klinnert received the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators (MAGC) Scott Pengelly Lifetime Achievement Award. MAGC is a peer organization of professionals who are dedicated to improving public sector communications. Ms. Klinnert has worked for Washington County since 2009, and concentrates on external communications, working with the county's news releases, newsletter, website, and social media posts. Previous to working for Washington County, Ms. Klinnert served as a reporter and editor at a number of community newspapers. Ms. Klinnert has been a member of MAGC since 2009, and served on the MAGC board from 2014 through 2021. Ms. Elam stated that Ms. Klinnert takes pride in ethics in journalism, has dedicated her career to transparent communication with the public, and is a true example of a public servant.

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.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION – PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Miron moved to move into Executive (closed) Session. Commissioner Weik seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

The Board met in Executive (closed) Session, the time being 10:26 a.m., pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 subd. 3(c), to develop or consider the offer for purchase of real property at PID 20.032.21.44.0005 for a North Public Health Household Hazardous Waste Environmental Center and Yard Waste Campus. Present for the Executive Session were Commissioners Johnson, Weik, Kriesel, Karwoski, and Miron, Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, Jessica Oertel, Sharon Price, Wayne Sandberg, Frank Ticknor, Dave Brummel, Greg Wood, Joe Welter, and Stephanie Kammerud.

The Executive Session closed at 10:41 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The County Board meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

The Board met in workshop session for an overview of proposed 2023 budgets for the Washington Conservation District and Washington County watershed organizations. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Miron, Karwoski, and Johnson. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, outside agencies, residents, and county staff.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH ADMINISTRATION

The Board met in workshop session to discuss a potential Land and Water Legacy conservation easement project in Lake Elmo. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Weik, Kriesel, Miron, Karwoski, and Johnson. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, and county staff.

Attest:

Kevin Corbid

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County Administrator

Wayne A. Johnson

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County Board Chair