

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

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 Karla Bigham, District 4
Commissioner Michelle Clasen, District 5

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

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the November 28, 2023, County Board meeting minutes.
2. Approve the Summary Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2022, to be published as an insert in the official county newspaper.
3. Approve Amendment No. 5 to Contract No. 14559 between Washington County and Stepping Stone Emergency Housing.
4. Approve Contract No. 16078 between Washington County and Bestview Care Options for \$45,000 for a term of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.
5. Approve Contract No. 16077 between Washington County and Country Services for \$230,000 for a term of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.

6. Approval to submit two grant applications to the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA) for Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME_ARP) grant funds in an amount not to exceed a total of \$750,000 for both applications.
7. Approve Contract No. 16075 for the Statewide Affordable Housing Aid (SAHA) and Contract No. 16074 for the Local Affordable Housing Aid (LAHA) contracts with the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA) for the period of December 26, 2023, through December 31, 2028.
8. Approve Contract No. 16076 between Washington County and Next Chapter Technology for \$1,549,061 for a term of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028.
9. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract 13504 with the Metropolitan Council for \$4,000 per calendar year as revenue for Washington County, to extend the contract for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.
10. Approve Contract No. 16068 to renew the library service agreement between the Stillwater Public Library and the Washington County Library.
11. Approval of the plat of Schuster Acres.
12. Approval of **Resolution No. 2023-145** as follows:

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST EXTENSION FOR
WASHINGTON COUNTY GROUNDWATER PLAN 2014-2024**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes section 103B.255 allows metro counties to devise and develop a groundwater plan; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, with leadership from the Department of Public Health and Environment, developed a Groundwater Plan utilizing a Groundwater Advisory Committee and input from various stakeholders from 2012-2014; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources on August 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted the plan on September 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, response to the COVID-19 pandemic, along with staff transitions and vacancies, delayed the process for launching a Groundwater Plan update; and

WHEREAS, Washington County seeks to conduct a robust planning process including stakeholder and public engagement, along with the required timelines for local and state agency review; and

WHEREAS, Washington County seeks to maintain continuity with groundwater planning and implementation; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the public's health, safety, and welfare to ensure available surface and groundwater resources that are as free from contamination as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs the Department of Public Health and Environment to submit a request to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a one-year extension on the existing Washington County Groundwater Plan, through August 28, 2025.

13. Approve grant agreement with Metropolitan Council for the removal of hazardous ash trees for \$78,152.32.

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

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Presentation of 2022 Annual Financial Audit Highlights

Doug Host, CliftonLarsonAllen, presented highlights of the county's 2022 financial audit. Mr. Host reported that the county's 2022 audit went very smoothly. Mr. Host commended the county on the timeliness and turnaround of CLA's requests, and the cooperative nature of all the county staff involved in the audit process.

Mr. Host reported that there were two audit adjustments made, regarding funding from the opioid settlement, and fair market value of investments. Mr. Host reported there were no significant deficiencies reported. In testing federal grants, there were no material weaknesses. This year, CLA tested IV-E Foster Care, and there was one finding that a report required to be submitted to the state, was not submitted.

Mr. Host reported that auditors performed numerous audit procedures, testing the county's compliance with applicable Minnesota statutes. No items were required to be reported.

Mr. Host reported that overall, the county is financially stable. The General Fund had an overall decrease in Fund Balance of about \$27.1 million. The Regional Rail Fund had an overall increase in Fund Balance of about \$191,000. The Metro Gold Line Fund had an overall decrease in Fund Balance of about \$7.5 million. The Debt Service Fund had an overall decrease in Fund Balance of \$2.3 million. The Capital Projects Fund had an overall increase in Fund Balance of about \$28.2 million.

Mr. Host concluded that for the 37th consecutive year, Washington County was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 2021 financial statements.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Veterans Services Presentation

Ryan Carufel, Veterans Service Officer, provided the County Board with an update on the Veterans Service Office (VSO) activities. Mr. Carufel also acknowledged the three Assistant Veterans Service Officers, Thallassa Gunelius, Michael Buchan, and James Norton. The VSO staff advocate for veterans and their dependents and survivors in applying for federal, state, and local benefits. Mr. Carufel reported that Washington County has the fifth largest veteran population in the state.

Mr. Carufel reported that there were 5,140 phone calls to the VSO in 2022, and as of November 2023, there have been 4,073 phone calls received this year. The VSO started tracking emails this year, and as of last month, there were 1,631 emails received. There were 778 office visits in 2022. As of November 2023, there have been 846 office visits this year.

Mr. Carufel reported that federal Veterans Affairs (VA) claims continue to increase. There were 654 claims in 2022, and so far in 2023, there have been 669 claims. The PACT Act was a new law that expanded VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. There are now 19 presumptive illnesses associated with Agent Orange exposure from the Vietnam War, and 23 presumptive illnesses associated with Gulf War veterans.

Mr. Carufel reported that in 2021, the VA expended \$60,027,000 in service-connected compensation and pension benefits, and in 2022, that amount is \$72,451,000. VA pension claims have increased significantly as the population ages. New VA presumptive conditions for Agent Orange and Particulate Matter exposure for Vietnam and Gulf War veterans has led to an increased number of claims submissions and higher workloads. The VA continues to have difficulty processing claims in a timely manner. The VA currently has 1,081,910 claims pending, as compared to approximately 600,000 claims pending a year ago.

Mr. Carufel reported that the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs offers a Post 9/11 Veterans Service Bonus to eligible veterans who served from 9/11/2001 to 8/30/2021. The bonus ranges from \$600 to \$2,000, depending on eligibility. As of November 2023, the state has received 1,404 applications and has distributed \$1,285,800 to eligible veterans.

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution for 2024 Metropolitan Council Regional Parks System Competitive Equity Grant Program

JJ Williams, Interim Parks Manager, presented a resolution authorizing the Parks Division to apply for the Metropolitan Council's 2024 Regional Parks System Competitive Equity Grant program.

Mr. Williams reported that in 2021, Washington County submitted four projects: Parks Coordinator with Equity Program Coordination; Parks-on-the-Go Vehicle; Paddle Port Rental Equipment & Learn to Paddle Program; and Accessibility Improvements. The county was awarded funding for all four submitted applications for a total of \$360,000.

Mr. Williams reported on Capital and Non-Capital projects that are being requested for 2024 funding. Capital projects include: St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park Hilltop Area Improvements (\$100,000); Lake Elmo Park Reserve Mountain Bike Intro/Skills Area (\$75,000); and Action Trackchair (\$25,000). Non-Capital programming projects include: Native American Historical Cultural Study (\$115,000); Cultural Arts Festival (\$35,000); After school programming collaboration with Washington County Library (\$20,000); Water Safety Program (\$20,000); and Social Media Awareness Marketing (\$10,000).

Commissioner Clasen moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-146** as follows:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION TO THE 2024 REGIONAL PARKS SYSTEM COMPETITIVE EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has designated a portion of its regional parks bonds and park interest earnings to provide financial support to regional park implementing agencies for projects that will strengthen equitable uses of regional parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is one of ten implementing agencies responsible for regional parks and trails; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has a focus on creating equitable use of the county's parks and trails for all our region's residents regardless of age, race, ethnicity, income, national origin, or ability; and

WHEREAS, the Competitive Equity Grant Program will enhance institutional capacity around equity work across the Regional Parks System, with the Metropolitan Council, and with individual implementing agencies; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is proposing to submit a grant funding request in the amount of \$400,000 for capital projects and non-capital expenses to the Metropolitan Council to fund the new equity initiatives within Washington County's Regional Parks and Trails.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners authorizes submittal of the application listed above for funding under the 2024 Metropolitan Council Regional Parks System Competitive Equity Grant Program.

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

Change Order for the Historic Courthouse Exterior Improvement Project

Eden Rogers, Engineer II, presented Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. 15567 with Acme Tuckpointing & Restoration Company for the Historic Courthouse Exterior Improvement Project.

Ms. Rogers reported that the project is underway for exterior improvements to the Historic Courthouse in Stillwater. The exterior improvements include repairing the dome and cupola, roof replacement, waterproofing, brick and mortar tuckpointing, and window replacement.

Ms. Rogers reported that through the construction process, it was determined that the existing jail and sheriff's residence section needs tuckpointing similar to what is being completed around the main building. This scope of work includes completing the brick and mortar work on the jail and sheriff's residence entrance. Being able to complete this work with the current contract will allow consistency in material and craftsmanship around the entire building and will help prevent water intrusion that is happening along this section. It will also utilize the existing scaffolding that is in place and eliminate a re-mobilization fee.

Change Order No. 1 is for the masonry work scope. It will be funded with a combination of project contingency and a Minnesota Historical Society grant specific to the Historic Courthouse exterior work.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for Contract No. 15567 for \$81,300 with Acme Tuckpointing & Restoration Company for the Historic Courthouse Exterior Improvement Project. Commissioner Miron seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2023 MCIT County of the Year

County Administrator Kevin Corbid reported that Washington County was selected by the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) as the 2023 County of the Year. The award was presented last week at the Minnesota Association of Counties Conference. MCIT is a risk sharing pool that provides coverage for workers compensation and property casualty and risk management services.

The County of the Year Award recognizes a county that has set the standard of excellence in risk management and loss control for the year. The specific criteria considered includes: performance

in risk management and loss control efforts; responsiveness to MCIT program initiatives; improvement in property/casualty claims experience and administration for the past four coverage years; improvement in workers' compensation claims experience and administration for the past four coverage years.

Mr. Corbid reported that the work done by the Human Resources Risk Management team is vitally important to the organization. They ensure the safety and well-being of employees and reduce financial liability to the county. It is another example of how a small group of employees, working with many others within each of the county's 12 departments, can have a big impact on the organization.

Julie Sorrem, Risk and Benefits Manager, introduced Risk Management team members. Parker Prose, Safety and Risk Program Coordinator, oversees the countywide safety programs, and Nathanael Baillargeon, Human Resources Specialist, oversees claims for vehicles, property, liability, and workers compensation, as well as assisting with safety programs.

Approval of the 2024 Washington County Budget

County Administrator Kevin Corbid introduced five resolutions to adopt the 2024 budget and levy, the final steps for adoption of the county's 2024 budget. Mr. Corbid summarized that the budget process began in March with the review and adoption of principles for staff to use in creating a recommended budget. Department staff worked within each division or unit to develop a budget proposal, gathering input from their teams, reviewing both expenditure and revenue history and projections, and determining the service delivery needs at a functional level.

By June, departments developed their proposals and met with the Office of Administration. The results of these efforts is the County Administrator's recommended budget that was presented to the board in July. Following that action, the departments each present their portion of the recommended budget to the board in workshops during July and August. All of these workshops were open to the public and recordings were available online and through cable access television.

In September, the County Board adopted a proposed budget and levy. In November, proposed property tax notices were mailed to property owners in the county. On December 7, 2023, the County Board held the required public budget meeting.

Mr. Corbid continued that the proposed county property tax levy in 2024 is a 3.95% increase from 2023. The levy increase proposed for the Community Development Agency is a 4.4% increase, and the proposed levy for the Regional Rail Authority is a 0% levy increase. If adopted today, a 3.95% county property tax levy would lead to a decreased tax rate of 7.3% when compared to 2023. A median valued home in the county, that is experiencing a median increase in valuation, would see a \$9 increase in the county tax under this budget.

Mr. Corbid reported that this budget continues to fund core services, functions, and mandated services, prioritizing the delivery of high-quality services to a growing community, and protecting the county's financial health. This budget invests in county employees, strengthens public safety services, and funds inflationary cost increases in services, such as fuel, salt, construction, and maintenance vehicles.

Resolution Certifying the Adopted Property Tax Levy for Washington County Payable 2024

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-147** as follows:

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ADOPTED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY PAYABLE 2024**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the
Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following adopted tax levy for
payable 2024:

Washington County \$132,715,000

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

Resolution Certifying the Adopted Property Tax Levy for Washington County Regional Rail Authority Payable 2024

Commissioner Bigham moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-148** as follows:

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ADOPTED TAX LEVY FOR THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
PAYABLE 2024**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the
Washington County Auditor-Treasurer the following adopted tax levy for
payable 2024:

Regional Rail Authority \$660,000

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

Resolution Adopting the Washington County 2024 Budget

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-149** as follows:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET FOR PAYABLE 2024						
OPERATING FUNDS	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY	FUND BALANCE Contrib/(Use)	GROSS LEVY	STATE AID (CPA)	CERTIFIED LEVY
General	\$195,266,900	\$114,808,700	\$123,400	\$80,581,600	\$14,646,000	\$65,935,600
Community Services	\$58,435,500	\$35,000,900	\$0	\$23,434,600	\$0	\$23,434,600
Library	\$9,974,700	\$647,500	\$0	\$9,327,200	\$0	\$9,327,200
Parks	\$4,568,000	\$2,476,100	\$0	\$2,091,900	\$0	\$2,091,900
Public Works	\$27,809,700	\$18,157,900	\$0	\$9,651,800	\$0	\$9,651,800
Subtotal:	<u>\$296,054,800</u>	<u>\$171,091,100</u>	<u>\$123,400</u>	<u>\$125,087,100</u>	<u>\$14,646,000</u>	<u>\$110,441,100</u>
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS						
Capital Parks Projects	\$4,135,900	\$4,135,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Projects - Other	\$4,830,500	\$4,175,400	\$0	\$655,100	\$0	\$655,100
Capital Repairs	\$6,016,900	\$1,250,000	\$0	\$4,766,900	\$0	\$4,766,900
Capital Road & Bridge	\$44,172,800	\$44,022,800	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
Subtotal:	<u>\$59,156,100</u>	<u>\$53,584,100</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,572,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$5,422,000</u>
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS						
Debt Service - General	\$14,153,100	\$0	\$1,487,700	\$15,640,800	\$0	\$15,640,800
Debt Service - Referendum	\$1,193,200	\$0	\$17,900	\$1,211,100	\$0	\$1,211,100
Subtotal:	<u>\$15,346,300</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,505,600</u>	<u>\$16,851,900</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$16,851,900</u>
Total Adopted 2024 Budget:	<u>\$370,557,200</u>	<u>\$224,675,200</u>	<u>\$1,629,000</u>	<u>\$147,511,000</u>	<u>\$14,796,000</u>	<u>\$132,715,000</u>
Total Washington County Adopted 2024 Levy:				<u>\$147,511,000</u>	<u>\$14,796,000</u>	<u>\$132,715,000</u>

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

Resolution Adopting the Washington County Regional Rail Authority 2024 Budget

Commissioner Clasen moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-150** as follows:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PAYABLE 2024						
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	EXPENDITURES	OPERATING TRANSFERS AND REVENUE OTHER THAN LEVY	FUND BALANCE Contrib/(Use)	GROSS LEVY	STATE AID (CPA)	CERTIFIED LEVY
Regional Rail Authority	\$720,700	\$60,700		\$660,000	\$0	\$660,000
Total Proposed 2023 Budget:	<u>\$720,700</u>	<u>\$60,700</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$660,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$660,000</u>
Total Washington County Regional Rail Proposed 2024 Levy:				<u>\$660,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$660,000</u>

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

Resolution Consenting to the Adopted Property Tax Levy for the Washington County Community Development Agency Payable 2024

Commissioner Miron moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-151** as follows:

RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ADOPTED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PAYABLE 2024

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 469.033 subdivision 6, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby consent to the special tax levy of the Washington County Community Development Agency in an amount not to exceed:

Washington County Community Development Agency \$6,159,334

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

Resolution to Approve the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

Public Works Director Wayne Sandberg presented a resolution to adopt the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Sandberg reported that the CIP covers a five-year period and contains projects for the years 2024 through 2028. The projects in the CIP for 2024 are part of the 2024 proposed budget and will eventually become part of the adopted budget, unless adjustments are needed.

The CIP is a multi-year planning and budgeting tool that assists the county in prioritizing current and future needs. Per state statute, any project that will be funded by bond proceeds is required to be included in a Capital Improvement Plan. Also included are projects primarily budgeted in the county's Capital Funds, Regional Rail fund, and Gold Line fund. The CIP includes the categories of facilities, buildings, roads and bridges, land, and transit projects. The full five-year cost of the CIP is slightly more than \$400 million.

In 2027, the CIP document outlines a bond issue of general obligation bonds. In addition, in 2024, there is a placeholder for the potential sale of bonds for funding of the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit project.

Mr. Sandberg reported on CIP expenditures by categories. Parks & Land is 5% of total CIP expenditures, or \$19 million. This category includes capital investment or major maintenance activity in county parks and trails. Public Facilities is 15% of total CIP expenditures, or \$62 million. This category includes the construction, expansion, or major remodels of county buildings. Road and Bridge is the largest share of projects at 80% of total costs, or \$320 million. This category includes road and bridge construction projects, the pavement preservation program, and traffic signal program, as well as transit projects such as the Gold Line project.

Mr. Sandberg reported on funding sources for CIP projects. The largest portion of funding comes from Intergovernmental sources at 48%, which includes state funding sources, federal grants, and local contributions. The County Transportation Sales Tax also represents a major funding source over the next five years. Also included are smaller funding sources, such as the county Wheelage Tax and the sale of bonds.

Mr. Sandberg reported that on October 3, 2023, a detailed overview of the draft 2024-2028 CIP was released to the county's cities, townships, watershed districts, and school boards. This plan contains more than 83 projects or programs representing more than \$401 million in planned investment in county infrastructure, using a wide range of funding sources both county and non-county funds. The CIP proposes to make investments in the county's parks and public lands, public facilities, roads, highways, bridges, and transit.

Mr. Sandberg reported that the process to develop the five-year capital plan is open and transparent. The county began soliciting input and comments from local agencies in April and May. In addition to those initial comments, there was also consideration of county performance measures related to roadway pavement conditions and crash histories, as well as building condition and operational costs.

Throughout this process, staff works with cities and the Washington County Community Development Agency to understand and identify development trends and proposals across the county. Staff review other planning documents, such as the county's comprehensive plan, bike and pedestrian plan, energy plan, parks master plans, and facilities management plans, as well as city comprehensive plans.

Mr. Sandberg reported that the county provided multiple ways for people to comment. Staff directly solicited comments from cities, townships, watershed districts, and school districts, and a web portal was provided where the plan could be downloaded and reviewed, with an option to submit comments online.

Mr. Sandberg reported that comments were due on November 3, 2023. Through this process, the county received comment letters from the cities of Afton, Cottage Grove, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Oakdale, Oak Park Heights, Scandia, Stillwater, Woodbury, the Rice Creek Watershed District and the White Bear Lake School District. A public hearing was held November 14, and comment response letters were drafted. A budget workshop was held November 28 and potential changes to the 2024 budget related to the CIP were presented.

Commissioner Karwoski moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2023-152** as follows:

ADOPTION OF THE 2024-2028 WASHINGTON COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has formulated the 2024-2028 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 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 2024-2028 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan to the communities of Washington County on October 3, 2023, for the purpose of receiving written comments; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners, after public notice, conducted a public hearing on November 14, 2023, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed 2024-2028 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopts the 2024-2028 Washington County Capital Improvement Plan, which is attached hereto.

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

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners reported on meetings and other events they attended. Please see archived livestreaming 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 Karwoski seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

The County Board meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH THE LIBRARY

The board met in workshop session to discuss management of the Elizabeth Jordan Bequest Fund. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Karwoski, Kriesel, Bigham, and Clasen. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, county staff, outside agencies, and residents.

Attest:

Kevin Corbid

Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

Gary Kriesel

Gary Kriesel
County Board Chair