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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
MAY 14, 2024

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:07 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 Karwoski asked for comments from the public; none were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval to reappoint Erin Kampa to the Workforce Development Board as a Vocational Rehabilitation Services Representative to first full term beginning July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2027.

2. Approval of **Resolution No. 2024-047** as follows:

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PAUL RICHERT TO THE CARNELIAN MARINE ST CROIX WATERSHED DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 103D.311 requires the county board to appoint a member to fill a vacancy in the office of watershed district manager; and

WHEREAS, a person appointed a watershed district manager must be a voting resident of the watershed district who is not a public officer of the county, state or federal government, expect that a soil and water conservation supervisor may be appointed a watershed district manager; and

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WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 103D.311 also provides the process that must be followed in making appointments of watershed district managers, including the requirement to ensure the appointees to the watershed district are able to fairly represent the various hydrological areas within the watershed district; and

WHEREAS, a term is expiring for the position of watershed district manager and the county has undertaken all the necessary steps to make an appointment; and

WHEREAS, the county has provided the notice required to the townships and municipalities that are within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the county has provided the required published notice; and

WHEREAS, the county has reviewed the applications submitted for the manager position and the list of nominees provided by the townships and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the county has determined that the aggregate list of nominees submitted by the townships and municipalities is valid; and

WHEREAS, the county has reviewed residency of the manager being reappointed as well as the residency of the current managers, considered the experience of the individual being reappointed to determine if he is able to represent the concerns of the entire watershed district, and reviewed any other material available to determine the ability of the managers to fairly represent all hydrological areas of the watershed district; and

WHEREAS, the county has determined that by making the following reappointment it finds that the managers of the watershed district, including the reappointed member, fairly represent the various hydrologic areas within the watershed district to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the individual being reappointed manager was included on the list of nominees as presented by the townships and municipalities under Minnesota Statutes 103D.311, subdivision 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby reappoints Paul Richert to a third term on the Carnelian Marine St Croix Watershed District, to begin on June 22, 2024, and end on June 21, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs that a record of all appointments made be filed with the county auditor of each county affected by the watershed district, the secretary of the board of managers, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

3. Approval of **Resolution No. 2024-048** as follows:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRED ROZUMALSKI TO THE CARNELIAN MARINE ST CROIX WATERSHED DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 103D.311 requires the county board to appoint a member to fill a vacancy in the office of watershed district manager; and

WHEREAS, a person appointed a watershed district manager must be a voting resident of the watershed district who is not a public officer of the county, state or federal government, expect that a soil and water conservation supervisor may be appointed a watershed district manager; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 103D.311 also provides the process that must be followed in making appointments of watershed district managers, including the requirement to ensure the appointees to the watershed district are able to fairly represent the various hydrological areas within the watershed district; and

WHEREAS, a term is expiring for the position of watershed district manager and the county has undertaken all the necessary steps to make an appointment; and

WHEREAS, the county has provided the notice required to the townships and municipalities that are within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the county has provided the required published notice; and

WHEREAS, the county has reviewed the applications submitted for the manager position and the list of nominees provided by the townships and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the county has determined that the aggregate list of nominees submitted by the townships and municipalities is valid; and

WHEREAS, the county has reviewed residency of the manager being appointed as well as the residency of the current managers, considered the experience of the individual being appointed to determine if he is able to represent the concerns of the entire watershed district, and reviewed any other material available to determine the ability of the managers to fairly represent all hydrological areas of the watershed district; and

WHEREAS, the county has determined that by making the following appointment it finds that the managers of the watershed district, including the newly appointed member, fairly represent the various hydrologic areas within the watershed district to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the individual being appointed manager was included on the list of nominees as presented by the townships and municipalities under Minnesota Statutes 103D.311, subdivision 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Fred Rozumalski to a first term on the Carnelian Marine St Croix Watershed District, to begin on June 22, 2024 and end on June 21, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs that a record of all appointments made be filed with the county auditor of each county affected by the watershed district, the secretary of the board of managers, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

4. Approval of **Resolution No. 2024-049** as follows:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS (PAT) GLEASON TO THE CARNELIAN MARINE ST CROIX WATERSHED DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 103D.311 requires the county board to appoint a member to fill a vacancy in the office of watershed district manager; and

WHEREAS, a person appointed a watershed district manager must be a voting resident of the watershed district who is not a public officer of the county, state or federal government, expect that a soil and water conservation supervisor may be appointed a watershed district manager; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 103D.311 also provides the process that must be followed in making appointments of watershed district managers, including the requirement to ensure the appointees to the watershed district are able to fairly represent the various hydrological areas within the watershed district; and

WHEREAS, a term is expiring for the position of watershed district manager and the county has undertaken all the necessary steps to make an appointment; and

WHEREAS, the county has provided the notice required to the townships and municipalities that are within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the county has provided the required published notice; and

WHEREAS, the county has reviewed the applications submitted for the manager position and the list of nominees provided by the townships and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the county has determined that the aggregate list of nominees submitted by the townships and municipalities is valid; and

WHEREAS, the county has reviewed residency of the manager being appointed as well as the residency of the current managers, considered the experience of the individual being appointed to determine if he is able to represent the concerns of the entire watershed district, and reviewed any other material available to determine the ability of the managers to fairly represent all hydrological areas of the watershed district; and

WHEREAS, the county has determined that by making the following appointment it finds that the managers of the watershed district, including the newly appointed member, fairly represent the various hydrologic areas within the watershed district to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the individual being appointed manager was included on the list of nominees as presented by the townships and municipalities under Minnesota Statutes 103D.311, subdivision 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Thomas (Pat) Gleason to a first term on the Carnelian Marine St Croix Watershed District, to begin on June 22, 2024 and end on June 21, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs that a record of all appointments made be filed with the county auditor of each county affected by the watershed district, the secretary of the board of managers, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

5. Approval of **Resolution No. 2024-050** as follows:

MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY GRANT FOR FAMILY HOMELESS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FHPAP)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 462A.204, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency is authorized to develop a program to assist families who are homeless or are at imminent risk of homelessness and that program is the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP); and

WHEREAS, under the Minnesota FHPAP, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency can award grants to counties to focus on their emergency response systems on homeless prevention and to secure housing for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Community Services Department has applied for and received FHPAP grant funding since 2007 and has contracted with community providers to utilize the funds to stabilize families in their existing homes, shorten the amount of time that families spend in emergency shelters, and assist families with securing transitional or permanent affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Community Services Department has demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota FHPAP; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Community Services Department submitted a proposal to Minnesota Housing for a second round of FHPAP funding for the June 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, grant cycle and was awarded $715,016; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 462A.204 requires a sponsoring resolution of the county board to receive FHPAP grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Washington County, through its Community Services Department is hereby authorized as an entity charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program in the County of Washington, in Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Washington County's Board Chair and County Administrator are hereby authorized to electronically sign the contract and any further amendments or changes to the contract with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) for the period of June 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and accept funds in the amount of $715,016.

6. Approve Post-Employment Health Care Savings Plan for the Minnesota Public Employee Association - Correctional Officer Sergeant/ Public Safety Telecommunicator Supervisor Unit (MNPEA-Sup).

7. Approve 2024-25 Collective Bargaining Agreement with MNPEA-Correctional Officer Sergeant/Public Safety Telecommunicator Supervisors Unit.

8. Approve Contract No. 16448 to renew the library service agreement between Washington County and the City of Newport.

9. Approval of an application for renewal of an On-Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Cenco Farms Inc., Afton Apple Orchard, in Denmark Township, 14421 S. 90th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

10. Approve an application for a 1-4 day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License from Bayport American Legion Post 491 for the Yellow Ribbon Randy Kopesky Field of Bands on September 21, 2024, at the Washington County Fairgrounds, 12300 40th Street North, Lake Elmo, Minnesota in Baytown Township.

11. Review and approve the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnerships Policy Committee's recommendation to revise the FY23 Watershed Based Implementation Fund Work Plan and adjust the budget.

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

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Resolutions for General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bond Funding

Accounting and Finance Director Cat Piepho presented two parameter resolutions regarding the bond sale that is expected to occur next month.

Ms. Piepho reported that prior to 2022, the county identified the need to build a Central Service & License Center, and make improvements to the Central Park Building. The board approved the two projects in the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the 2023 budget on December 13, 2022. The board adopted a resolution in April 2022 to reimburse itself for expenditures paid prior to the sale of bonds with bond proceeds for these projects. A public hearing was conducted on May 7, 2024, to inform the public of the county's intent to bond for these capital projects.

The two projects are in the City of Woodbury. The first project is to build the Central Service & License Center (CIP #BSD-WCSC-001) and the proposed bond funding is $24.5 million. The second project is the Central Park Building Improvements (CIP #BSD-WSL-2001) and the proposed bond funding would be $4.5 million.

Ms. Piepho reported that Minnesota State Statute 475.53 states that the county's debt cannot exceed 3% of the county's estimated market value.

Ms. Piepho reported that Minnesota State Statute 373.40 gives counties the authority to issue CIP bonds. The requirements include that the project(s) must be included in an approved CIP, and the county must hold a public hearing to inform the public of its intent to bond for projects. A 30-day reverse referendum petition period must follow the public hearing, and aggregate annual CIP debt service levy cannot exceed .12% of the estimated market value.

Ms. Piepho reported that the county's debt policy states that the growth of debt levy is limited to 5% annually, plus voted debt. Annual debt service levy cannot exceed 15% of the county's total gross levy, and it cannot exceed 12.5% of the general expenditures, included the general fund, special revenue funds, and debt service funds. All of these components are factored into the final structuring of the bond payments to ensure compliance with the policies and state statutes.

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Ms. Piepho reported that Washington County's debt levy structure is well below the thresholds established by the county's policy and Minnesota State Statutes. The county has been able to keep its debt down due to a number of factors, such as imposing sales tax, receiving ARPA funds that have been used for capital projects, and practicing overall good fiscal policies.

Ms. Piepho concluded that after approval of today's resolutions, the Pricing Committee will meet in June to consider bids and award the sale of bonds, which would be received in early July.

Commissioner Clasen moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2024-051** as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BONDS, SERIES 2024A, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PARAMETERS; FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT; AND ESTABLISHING A PRICING COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of Commissioners (the "County Board") of Washington County, a county and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

Section 1. Sale of Bonds.

1.01. Background. It is hereby found and determined that:

a. The County is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended, and Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40, as amended (collectively, the "Act"), to finance certain capital improvements under an approved capital improvement plan by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the County payable from ad valorem taxes. Capital improvements include the acquisition or betterment of public lands, buildings, or other improvements within the County for the purpose of a county courthouse, administrative building, health or social service facility, correctional facility, jail, law enforcement center, hospital, morgue, library, park, qualified indoor ice arena, roads and bridges, public works facilities, fairground buildings, and records and data storage facilities, and the acquisition of development rights in the form of conservation easements under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 84C. A capital improvement does not include a recreation or sports facility building (such as, but not limited to, a gymnasium, ice arena, racquet sports facility, swimming pool, exercise room or health spa), unless the building is part of an outdoor park facility and is incidental to the primary purpose of outdoor recreation.

b. Following a duly noticed public hearing held by the County Board on November 15, 2022, the County by resolution of the County Board adopted on December 13, 2022, approved a five-year capital improvement plan for the years 2023 through 2027 (the "Plan"), pursuant to the Act. The Plan provides for the undertaking of certain capital improvements described therein, including but not limited to the Central Park Plaza Building Improvements (Project # BSD-WSL-2001) and improvements to the Central Service Center (Project # BSD-WCSC-001) (collectively, the "Capital Improvements"). The Plan sets forth the estimated schedule, timing, and details of the Capital Improvements by year, together with the estimated cost, the need for the improvement, and sources of revenues to pay for the Capital Improvements.

c. As required by the Act, the County has determined that: (i) the expected useful life of the Capital Improvements to be financed with the general obligation bonds will be at least five years; and (ii) the amount of principal and interest due in any year on all outstanding bonds issued by the County under the Act, including the general obligation bonds to be issued under the Plan, will not exceed 0.12 percent of the estimated market value of property in the County for taxes payable in 2024.

d. On the date hereof, in accordance with the Act, the County Board held a duly noticed public hearing to obtain public comment on the County's intention to issue general obligation bonds to finance the Capital Improvements under the approved Plan (the "CIP Bond Public Hearing"), in the maximum aggregate principal amount of $30,000,000.

e. Pursuant to Section 373.40, subdivision 2 of the Act, the bonds must be approved by vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the County Board following the CIP Bond Public Hearing, and the County may issue the bonds without an election if the County Auditor/Treasurer of the County (the "County Auditor/Treasurer") receives no petition from at least 5% of the votes cast in the last county general election requesting a vote on the issuance of the bonds within thirty (30) days after the CIP Bond Public Hearing.

1.02. Issuance of Bonds.

a. It is necessary and expedient to the sound financial management that the County issues its General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2024A (the "Bonds"), pursuant to the Act, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of $30,000,000, to finance the Capital Improvements; provided, however, that no qualified petition requesting a vote on the issuance of the Bonds under the approved Plan is received by the County Auditor/Treasurer within thirty (30) days after the CIP Bond Public Hearing, in accordance with Section 373.40, subdivision 2 of the Act.

b. The County is authorized by Section 475.60, subdivision 2(9) of the Act to negotiate the sale of the Bonds, it being determined that the County has retained PFM Financial Advisors LLC (the "Municipal Advisor"), an independent municipal advisor, in connection with such sale. The actions of the County staff and the Municipal Advisor in negotiating the sale of the Bonds are ratified and confirmed in all aspects.

1.03. Pricing Committee. The County Board hereby establishes a pricing committee with respect to the Bonds comprised of the Chair of the County Board (the "Chair"), the County Administrator of the County (the "County Administrator"), and the County Auditor/Treasurer, or their designees (collectively, the "Pricing Committee"). The Pricing Committee is authorized and directed, upon satisfaction of the conditions for the issuance of the Bonds and with the advice of the Municipal Advisor, to (i) review proposals for the sale of the Bonds; (ii) award the sale of the Bonds to the prospective purchaser, conforming to the request for proposals for the purchase of the Bonds distributed by the County (including any adjustment in principal amount) and offering the lowest true interest cost, subject to the following parameters: (a) the true interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed 4.40%; (b) the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed $30,000,000; and (c) the final maturity of the Bonds shall be not later than February 1, 2044; (iii) determine whether it is feasible and in the best interest of the County to issue the Bonds to finance the Capital

Improvements; (iv) approve the dates for any mandatory sinking fund redemption; (v) approve the tax levy for the repayment of the Bonds; and (vi) take any other appropriate action with respect to the Bonds. The County hereby approves the sale of the Bonds to the purchaser selected by the Pricing Committee (the "Purchaser") at the price, principal amount, and rates to be determined by the Pricing Committee in accordance with the preceding sentence.

1.04. Pricing Committee Certificate. The Pricing Committee shall meet on a date selected by the Pricing Committee, with the advice of the Municipal Advisor, to award the sale of the Bonds to the Purchaser. Upon awarding the sale of the Bonds, the Pricing Committee shall complete and sign a certificate (the "Pricing Committee Certificate") in substantially the form set forth in EXHIBIT A attached hereto. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to attach the Pricing Committee Certificate, when complete, to this resolution.

1.05. Contract with the Purchaser. Any premium or rounding amount or amount in excess of the minimum proposal shall be credited to the Debt Service Fund or the Construction Fund each hereinafter created under Section 4 hereof, as determined by the County Administrator in consultation with the Municipal Advisor. The good faith deposit of the Purchaser shall be retained and deposited until the Bonds have been delivered and shall be deducted from the purchase price paid at settlement. The Chair and the County Administrator are directed to execute a contract with the Purchaser on behalf of the County. All essential terms and conditions of the purchase contract are hereby approved and adopted.

1.06. Terms, Interest Rates, and Principal Amounts of the Bonds. The County will forthwith issue and sell the Bonds pursuant to the Act, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $30,000,000, plus any premium, originally dated the date of delivery, in the denomination of $5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof or as otherwise specified by the Purchaser, numbered No. R-1, upward, bearing interest as determined by the Pricing Committee, and maturing on February 1 in the years and amounts as determined by the Pricing Committee.

1.07. Optional Redemption. The County may elect on February 1, 2034, and on any day thereafter to prepay Bonds due on or after February 1, 2035. Redemption may be in whole or in part and if in part, at the option of the County and in such manner as the County will determine. If less than all Bonds of a maturity are called for redemption, the County will notify The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") of the particular amount of such maturity to be prepaid. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. Prepayments will be at a price of par plus accrued interest. The Pricing Committee may select a different call date for the Bonds based on the advice of the Municipal Advisor.

1.08. Mandatory Redemption; Term Bonds. The Bonds may be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption if so requested by the Purchaser and approved by the Pricing Committee.

Section 2. Registration and Payment.

2.01. Registered Form. The Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form. The interest thereon and, upon surrender of each Bond, the principal amount thereof, is payable by check, draft, or wire issued by the Registrar described herein.

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2.02. Dates; Interest Payment Dates. Each Bond will be dated as of the date of delivery. The interest on the Bonds, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months, is payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2024, to the registered owners of record thereof as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of the immediately preceding month, whether or not that day is a business day.

2.03. Registration. The County will appoint a bond registrar, transfer agent, authenticating agent and paying agent (the "Registrar" or "Paying Agent"). The effect of registration and the rights and duties of the County and the Registrar with respect thereto are as follows:

a. Register. The Registrar must keep at its principal corporate trust office a bond register in which the Registrar provides for the registration of ownership of Bonds and the registration of transfers and exchanges of Bonds entitled to be registered, transferred or exchanged.

b. Transfer of Bonds. Upon surrender for transfer of a Bond duly endorsed by the registered owner thereof or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner thereof or by an attorney duly authorized by the registered owner in writing, the Registrar will authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the transferor. The Registrar may, however, close the books for registration of any transfer after the 15th day of the month preceding each interest payment date and until that interest payment date.

c. Exchange of Bonds. When a Bond is surrendered by the registered owner for exchange the Registrar will authenticate and deliver one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity as requested by the registered owner or the owner's attorney in writing.

d. Cancellation. Bonds surrendered upon transfer or exchange will be promptly cancelled by the Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the County.

e. Improper or Unauthorized Transfer. When a Bond is presented to the Registrar for transfer, the Registrar may refuse to transfer the Bond until the Registrar is satisfied that the endorsement on the Bond or separate instrument of transfer is valid and genuine and that the requested transfer is legally authorized. The Registrar will incur no liability for the refusal, in good faith, to make transfers which it, in its judgment, deems improper or unauthorized.

f. Persons Deemed Owners. The County and the Registrar may treat the person in whose name a Bond is registered in the bond register as the absolute owner of the Bond, whether the Bond is overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal of and interest on the Bond and for all other purposes, and payments so made to a registered owner or upon the owner's order will be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

g. Taxes, Fees and Charges. The Registrar may impose a charge upon the owner thereof for a transfer or exchange of Bonds sufficient to reimburse the Registrar for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer or exchange.

h. Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds. If a Bond becomes mutilated or is destroyed, stolen or lost, the Registrar will deliver a new Bond of like amount, number, maturity date and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of the mutilated Bond or in lieu of and in substitution for any Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, upon the payment of the reasonable expenses and charges of the Registrar in connection therewith; and, in the case of a Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, upon filing with the Registrar of evidence satisfactory to it that the Bond was destroyed, stolen or lost, and of the ownership thereof, and upon furnishing to the Registrar an appropriate bond or indemnity in form, substance and amount satisfactory to it and as provided by law, in which both the County and the Registrar must be named as obligees. Bonds so surrendered to the Registrar will be cancelled by the Registrar and evidence of such cancellation must be given to the County. If the mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost Bond has already matured or been called for redemption in accordance with its terms it is not necessary to issue a new Bond prior to payment.

i. Redemption. In the event any of the Bonds are called for redemption, notice thereof identifying the Bonds to be redeemed will be given by the Registrar by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail (postage prepaid) to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Registrar and by publishing the notice if required by law. Failure to give notice by publication or by mail to any registered owner, or any defect therein, will not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of Bonds. Bonds so called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date, provided that the funds for the redemption are on deposit with the place of payment at that time.

2.04. Appointment of Initial Registrar. The County appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the initial Registrar. The Chair and the County Administrator are authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the County, a contract with the Registrar. Upon merger or consolidation of the Registrar with another corporation, if the resulting corporation is a bank or trust company authorized by law to conduct such business, the resulting corporation is authorized to act as successor Registrar. The County agrees to pay the reasonable and customary charges of the Registrar for the services performed. The County reserves the right to remove the Registrar upon thirty (30) days' notice and upon the appointment of a successor Registrar, in which event the predecessor Registrar must deliver all cash and Bonds in its possession to the successor Registrar and must deliver the bond register to the successor Registrar. On or before each principal or interest due date, without further order of the County Board, the County Administrator must transmit to the Registrar moneys sufficient for the payment of all principal and interest then due.

2.05. Execution, Authentication and Delivery. The Bonds will be prepared under the direction of the County Administrator and executed on behalf of the County by the signatures of the Chair and the County Administrator, provided that those signatures may be printed, engraved or lithographed facsimiles of the originals. If an officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on the Bonds ceases to be such officer before the delivery of the Bonds, that signature or facsimile will nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if the officer had remained in office until delivery. Notwithstanding such execution, a Bond will not be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this resolution unless and until a certificate of authentication on the Bond has been duly executed by the manual signature of an authorized representative of the Registrar. The executed certificate of authentication on a Bond is conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this resolution. When the Bonds have been so prepared, executed and authenticated, the County Administrator will deliver the same to the Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price in accordance with the contract of sale heretofore made and executed, and the Purchaser is not obligated to see to the application of the purchase price.

Section 3. Form of Bonds.

3.01. Form. The Bonds will be printed or typewritten in substantially the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT B.

3.02. Approving Legal Opinion. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to obtain a copy of the proposed approving legal opinion of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and cause the opinion to be printed on or accompany each Bond.

Section 4. Payment; Security; Pledges and Covenants.

4.01. Debt Service Fund. For the convenience and proper administration of the moneys to be borrowed and repaid on the Bonds, and to provide adequate and specific security for the Purchaser and holders from time to time of the Bonds, there is hereby created a special fund to be designated the "General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2024A Debt Service Fund" (the "Debt Service Fund") to be administered and maintained by the County Auditor/Treasurer as a bookkeeping account separate and apart from all other funds maintained in the official financial records of the County. Amounts in the Debt Service Fund are irrevocably pledged to the Bonds. The Debt Service Fund shall be maintained in the manner herein specified until the Bonds have been fully paid. There will always be retained in the Debt Service Fund a sufficient amount to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the County Auditor/Treasurer will report any current or anticipated deficiency in the Debt Service Fund to the County Board. If a payment of principal or interest on the Bonds becomes due when there is not sufficient money in the Debt Service Fund to pay the same, the County Auditor/Treasurer is directed to pay such principal or interest from other funds of the County, and such fund will be reimbursed for those advances out of the proceeds of Taxes (as hereinafter defined) when collected.

The Bonds are payable from the Debt Service Fund. The County Auditor/Treasurer shall timely deposit in, and there are pledged and appropriated to, the Debt Service Fund: (i) ad valorem taxes hereinafter levied (the "Taxes") as determined by the Pricing Committee for the payment of debt service on the Bonds; (ii) capitalized interest financed from the proceeds of the Bonds, if any; (iii) amounts in excess of the minimum proposal paid by the Purchaser or any original issue premium and any rounding amount, to the extent designated for deposit in the Debt Service Fund in accordance with Section 1.05 hereof; (iv) all investment earnings on funds in the Debt Service Fund; and (v) any and all other moneys which are properly available and are appropriated by the County Board to the Debt Service Fund. The amount of any surplus remaining in the Debt Service Fund when the Bonds and interest thereon are paid will be used as provided in Section 475.61, subdivision 4 of the Act.

4.02. Construction Fund. There is hereby created a special fund to be designated the "General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2024A Construction Fund" (the "Construction Fund"). Proceeds of the Bonds, less the appropriations made in Section 4.01 hereof, together with the Taxes and any other funds appropriated for the Capital Improvements collected during the construction of the Capital Improvements, will be deposited in the Construction Fund to be used solely to defray expenses of the Capital Improvements and the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds prior to the completion and payment of all costs of the Capital Improvements. When the Capital Improvements are completed and the cost

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thereof paid, the Construction Fund is to be closed and any funds remaining may be deposited in the Debt Service Fund.

4.03. General Obligation Pledge. For the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, as the same respectively become due, the full faith, credit and taxing powers of the County will be and are hereby irrevocably pledged.

4.04. Tax Levy; Coverage Test.

a. To provide moneys for payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the County a direct annual irrepealable ad valorem tax which shall be spread upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of other general property taxes in the County for the years and in the amounts as determined by the Pricing Committee.

b. The tax levies are such that if collected in full they will produce at least five percent (5%) in excess of the amount needed to meet when due the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. The tax levies shall be irrepealable so long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, provided that the County Administrator may annually, at the time the County makes its tax levies, certify to the County Auditor/Treasurer the amount available in the Debt Service Fund to pay principal and interest due during the ensuing year, and the County Auditor/Treasurer will thereupon reduce the levy collectible during such year by the amount so certified.

4.05. County Auditor/Treasurer's Certificate as to Registration. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution, with a completed and executed Pricing Committee Certificate attached, with the County Auditor/Treasurer (or the official of the County performing the functions of the County Auditor/Treasurer), together with such other information as he or she shall require, and to obtain the certificate that the Bonds have been entered in the County Auditor/Treasurer's bond register, and the tax levy required by law has been made and to obtain the certificate required by Section 475.63 of the Act.

Section 5. Authentication of Transcript.

5.01. County Proceedings and Records. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to the attorneys approving the Bonds certified copies of proceedings and records of the County relating to the Bonds and to the financial condition and affairs of the County, and such other certificates, affidavits and transcripts as may be required to show the facts within their knowledge or as shown by the books and records in their custody and under their control, relating to the validity and marketability of the Bonds and such instruments, including any heretofore furnished, will be deemed representations of the County as to the facts stated therein.

5.02. Certification as to Official Statement. The Chair, the County Administrator, and the County Auditor/Treasurer, or any of them, are authorized and directed to certify that they have examined the Official Statement prepared and circulated in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the Official Statement is a complete and accurate representation of the facts and representations made therein as of the date of the Official Statement.

5.03. Other Certificates. The Chair, the County Administrator, and the County Auditor/Treasurer, or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish at the closing such certificates as are required as a condition of sale. Unless litigation shall have been commenced and be pending questioning the Bonds or the organization of the County or incumbency of its officers, at the closing the Chair, the County Administrator, and the County Auditor/Treasurer, or any of them, shall also execute and deliver to the Purchaser a suitable certificate as to absence of material litigation, and the County Administrator shall also execute and deliver a certificate as to payment for and delivery of the Bonds.

Section 6. Tax Covenants.

6.01. Tax Exempt Bonds. The County covenants and agrees with the holders from time to time of the Bonds that it will not take or permit to be taken by any of its officers, employees or agents any action which would cause the interest on the Bonds to become subject to taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, in effect at the time of such actions, and that it will take or cause its officers, employees or agents to take, all affirmative action within its power that may be necessary to ensure that such interest will not become subject to taxation under the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations, as presently existing or as hereafter amended and made applicable to the Bonds.

6.02. Rebate. The County will comply with requirements necessary under the Code to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds under Section 103 of the Code, including without limitation requirements relating to temporary periods for investments, limitations on amounts invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds and the rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States (unless the County qualifies for any exemption from rebate requirements based on timely expenditure of proceeds of the Bonds, in accordance with the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations).

6.03. Not Private Activity Bonds. The County further covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds or the Bond-financed facilities, or to cause or permit them or any of them to be used, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code.

6.04. Not Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The Bonds are not designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

6.05. Procedural Requirements. The County will use its best efforts to comply with any federal procedural requirements which may apply in order to effectuate the designations made by this section.

Section 7. Book-Entry System; Limited Obligation of County.

7.01. DTC. The Bonds will be initially issued in the form of a separate single typewritten or printed fully registered Bond for each of the maturities of the Bonds as provided in the Pricing Committee Certificate. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of each Bond will be registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, and its successors and assigns ("DTC"). Except as provided in this section, all of the outstanding Bonds will be registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

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7.02. Participants. With respect to Bonds registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent will have no responsibility or obligation to any broker dealers, banks and other financial institutions from time to time for which DTC holds Bonds as securities depository (the "Participants") or to any other person on behalf of which a Participant holds an interest in the Bonds, including but not limited to any responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any Participant or any other person (other than a registered owner of Bonds, as shown by the registration books kept by the Registrar), of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (iii) the payment to any Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of Bonds, of any amount with respect to principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds. The County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar as the holder and absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal, premium and interest with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bonds, and for all other purposes. The Paying Agent will pay all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds only to or on the order of the respective registered owners, as shown in the registration books kept by the Registrar, and all such payments will be valid and effectual to fully satisfy and discharge the County's obligations with respect to payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner of Bonds, as shown in the registration books kept by the Registrar, will receive a certificated Bond evidencing the obligation of this resolution. Upon delivery by DTC to the County Administrator of a written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the words "Cede & Co." will refer to such new nominee of DTC; and upon receipt of such a notice, the County Administrator will promptly deliver a copy of the same to the Registrar and Paying Agent.

7.03. Representation Letter. The County has heretofore executed and delivered to DTC a Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations (the "Representation Letter") which will govern payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds and notices with respect to the Bonds. Any Paying Agent or Registrar subsequently appointed by the County with respect to the Bonds will agree to take all action necessary for all representations of the County in the Representation Letter with respect to the Registrar and Paying Agent, respectively, to be complied with at all times.

7.04. Transfers Outside Book-Entry System. In the event the County, by resolution of the County Board, determines that it is in the best interests of the persons having beneficial interests in the Bonds that they be able to obtain Bond certificates, the County will notify DTC, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants, of the availability through DTC of Bond certificates. In such event, the County will issue, transfer and exchange Bond certificates as requested by DTC and any other registered owners in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the County and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. In such event, if no successor securities depository is appointed, the County will issue and the Registrar will authenticate Bond certificates in accordance with this resolution and the provisions hereof will apply to the transfer, exchange and method of payment thereof.

7.05. Payments to Cede & Co. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution to the contrary, so long as a Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, payments with respect to principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond and all notices with respect to the Bond will be made and given, respectively in the manner provided in DTC's Operational Arrangements, as set forth in the Representation Letter.

Section 8. Continuing Disclosure.

8.01. Execution of Continuing Disclosure Certificate. "Continuing Disclosure Certificate" means that certain Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed by the Chair and the County Administrator and dated the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, as originally executed and as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

8.02. County Compliance with Provisions of Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, failure of the County to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate is not to be considered an event of default with respect to the Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the County to comply with its obligations under this section.

Section 9. Defeasance. When all Bonds and all interest thereon have been discharged as provided in this section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this resolution to the holders of the Bonds will cease, except that the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will remain in full force and effect. If any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit.

Section 10. Miscellaneous.

10.01. Electronic Signatures. The electronic signature of the Chair, the County Administrator, the County Auditor/Treasurer, and/or the Director of Accounting and Finance to this resolution and to any document or certificate authorized to be executed hereunder shall be as valid as an original signature of such party and shall be effective to bind the County thereto. For purposes hereof, (i) "electronic signature" means (a) a manually signed original signature that is then transmitted by electronic means or (b) a signature obtained through DocuSign or Adobe or a similarly digitally auditable signature gathering process; and (ii) "transmitted by electronic means" means sent in the form of a facsimile or sent via the internet as a portable document format ("pdf") or other replicating image attached to an electronic mail or internet message.

10.02. Headings; Terms. Paragraph headings in this resolution are for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof.

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

Commissioner Clasen moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2024-052** as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2024B, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PARAMETERS; FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF BONDS REFUNDED THEREBY; AND ESTABLISHING A PRICING COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of Commissioners (the "County Board") of Washington County, a county and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (the "County"), as follows:

Section 1. Sale of Bonds.

1.01. Background.

a. On December 18, 2014, the County issued its General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2014A (the "Refunded Bonds"), in the original aggregate principal amount of $39,155,000 pursuant to the Act, including in particular, Section 475.67, subdivisions 3, 12, and 13. The Refunded Bonds are currently outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of $14,395,000, and are subject to call for redemption and prepayment at the option of the County on or after February 1, 2023, at a price of par plus accrued interest.

b. The proceeds of the Refunded Bonds were used to refund (i) the 2016 through 2021 maturities of the County's General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2005A (the "Series 2005A Bonds"), dated as of April 1, 2005 and issued on April 14, 2005 in the original aggregate principal amount of $12,430,000; and (ii) the 2018 through 2026 maturities of the County's General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2007A (the "Series 2007A Bonds"), dated as of June 1, 2007 and issued on June 27, 2007 in the original aggregate principal amount of $79,385,000. The proceeds of the Series 2005A Bonds refunded the 2011 through 2021 maturities of the County's General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Bonds, Series 2000A, dated as of October 1, 2000 and issued on October 25, 2000 in the original aggregate principal amount of $16,410,000, the proceeds of which financed certain capital projects identified in a capital improvement plan for the years 2000 through 2004 adopted by the County pursuant to the Act. The proceeds of the Series 2007A Bonds financed certain capital projects identified in a capital improvement plan for the years 2007 through 2011 adopted by the County pursuant to the Act. The capital projects refinanced with the proceeds of the Refunded Bonds are collectively referred to herein as the "Prior Capital Improvements." The maturities of the Series 2005A Bonds and the Series 2007A Bonds that were not refunded with proceeds of the Refunded Bonds have subsequently been redeemed and prepaid and are no longer outstanding.

c. The County is authorized by Section 475.67, subdivision 3 of the Act to issue and sell its general obligation bonds to refund obligations and the interest thereon before the due date of the obligations, if consistent with covenants made with the holders thereof, when determined by the County Board to be necessary or desirable for the reduction of debt service cost to the County or for the extension or adjustment of maturities in relation to the resources available for their payment.

1.02. Issuance of Bonds.

a. It is necessary and expedient to the sound financial management and for the reduction of debt service costs to the County that the County issues its General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2024B (the "Bonds"), pursuant to the Act, including Section 475.67, subdivision 3, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of $14,515,000, to, if approved by the Pricing Committee (hereinafter defined), refinance the Prior Capital Improvements by redeeming and prepaying the outstanding Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date (hereinafter defined).

b. The County is authorized by Section 475.60, subdivision 2(9) of the Act to negotiate the sale of the Bonds, it being determined that the County has retained PFM Financial Advisors LLC (the "Municipal Advisor"), an independent municipal advisor, in connection with such sale. The actions of the County staff and the Municipal Advisor in negotiating the sale of the Bonds are ratified and confirmed in all aspects.

1.03. Pricing Committee. The County Board hereby establishes a pricing committee with respect to the Bonds comprised of the Chair of the County Board (the "Chair"), the County Administrator of the County (the "County Administrator"), and the County Auditor/Treasurer of the County (the "County Auditor/Treasurer"), or their designees (collectively, the "Pricing Committee"). The Pricing Committee is authorized and directed, upon satisfaction of the conditions for the issuance of the Bonds and with the advice of the Municipal Advisor, to (i) review proposals for the sale of the Bonds; (ii) award the sale of the Bonds to the prospective purchaser, conforming to the request for proposals for the purchase of the Bonds distributed by the County (including any adjustment in principal amount) and offering the lowest true interest cost, subject to the following parameters: (a) the true interest cost of the Bonds shall not exceed 3.90%; (b) the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed $14,515,000; and (c) the final maturity of the Bonds shall be not later than February 1, 2044; (iii) determine whether it is feasible and in the best interest of the County to issue the Bonds to refinance the Prior Capital Improvements through the redemption and prepayment of the outstanding Refunded Bonds; (iv) approve the dates for any mandatory sinking fund redemption; (v) approve the tax levy for the repayment of the Bonds; and (vi) take any other appropriate action with respect to the Bonds. The County hereby approves the sale of the Bonds to the purchaser selected by the Pricing Committee (the "Purchaser") at the price, principal amount, and rates to be determined by the Pricing Committee in accordance with the preceding sentence.

1.04. Pricing Committee Certificate. The Pricing Committee shall meet on a date selected by the Pricing Committee, with the advice of the Municipal Advisor, to award the sale of the Bonds to the Purchaser. Upon awarding the sale of the Bonds, the Pricing Committee shall complete and sign a certificate (the "Pricing Committee Certificate") in substantially the form set forth in EXHIBIT A attached hereto. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to attach the Pricing Committee Certificate, when complete, to this resolution.

1.05. Contract with the Purchaser. Any premium or rounding amount or amount in excess of the minimum proposal shall be credited to the Debt Service Fund or the Redemption

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Fund each hereinafter created under Section 4 hereof, as determined by the County Administrator in consultation with the Municipal Advisor. The good faith deposit of the Purchaser shall be retained and deposited until the Bonds have been delivered and shall be deducted from the purchase price paid at settlement. The Chair and the County Administrator are directed to execute a contract with the Purchaser on behalf of the County. All essential terms and conditions of the purchase contract are hereby approved and adopted.

1.06. Terms, Interest Rates, and Principal Amounts of the Bonds. The County will forthwith issue and sell the Bonds pursuant to the Act, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $14,515,000, plus any premium, originally dated the date of delivery, in the denomination of $5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof or as otherwise specified by the Purchaser, numbered No. R-1, upward, bearing interest as determined by the Pricing Committee, and maturing on February 1 in the years and amounts as determined by the Pricing Committee.

1.07. Optional Redemption. The Pricing Committee will determine whether the Bonds will be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. If the Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity, the following shall apply: Redemption may be in whole or in part and if in part, at the option of the County and in such manner as the County will determine. If less than all Bonds of a maturity are called for redemption, the County will notify The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") of the particular amount of such maturity to be prepaid. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed. Prepayments will be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

1.08. Mandatory Redemption; Term Bonds. The Bonds may be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption if so requested by the Purchaser and approved by the Pricing Committee.

Section 2. Registration and Payment.

2.01. Registered Form. The Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form. The interest thereon and, upon surrender of each Bond, the principal amount thereof, is payable by check, draft, or wire issued by the Registrar described herein.

2.02. Dates; Interest Payment Dates. Each Bond will be dated as of the date of delivery. The interest on the Bonds, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months, is payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2024, or another date selected by the Pricing Committee, upon the advice of the Municipal Advisor, to the registered owners of record thereof as of the close of business on the fifteenth day of the immediately preceding month, whether or not that day is a business day.

2.03. Registration. The County will appoint a bond registrar, transfer agent, authenticating agent and paying agent (the "Registrar" or "Paying Agent"). The effect of registration and the rights and duties of the County and the Registrar with respect thereto are as follows:

a. Register. The Registrar must keep at its principal corporate trust office a bond register in which the Registrar provides for the registration of ownership of Bonds and the

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registration of transfers and exchanges of Bonds entitled to be registered, transferred or exchanged.

b. Transfer of Bonds. Upon surrender for transfer of a Bond duly endorsed by the registered owner thereof or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Registrar, duly executed by the registered owner thereof or by an attorney duly authorized by the registered owner in writing, the Registrar will authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity, as requested by the transferor. The Registrar may, however, close the books for registration of any transfer after the 15th day of the month preceding each interest payment date and until that interest payment date.

c. Exchange of Bonds. When a Bond is surrendered by the registered owner for exchange the Registrar will authenticate and deliver one or more new Bonds of a like aggregate principal amount and maturity as requested by the registered owner or the owner's attorney in writing.

d. Cancellation. Bonds surrendered upon transfer or exchange will be promptly cancelled by the Registrar and thereafter disposed of as directed by the County.

e. Improper or Unauthorized Transfer. When a Bond is presented to the Registrar for transfer, the Registrar may refuse to transfer the Bond until the Registrar is satisfied that the endorsement on the Bond or separate instrument of transfer is valid and genuine and that the requested transfer is legally authorized. The Registrar will incur no liability for the refusal, in good faith, to make transfers which it, in its judgment, deems improper or unauthorized.

f. Persons Deemed Owners. The County and the Registrar may treat the person in whose name a Bond is registered in the bond register as the absolute owner of the Bond, whether the Bond is overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal of and interest on the Bond and for all other purposes, and payments so made to a registered owner or upon the owner's order will be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon the Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

g. Taxes, Fees and Charges. The Registrar may impose a charge upon the owner thereof for a transfer or exchange of Bonds sufficient to reimburse the Registrar for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer or exchange.

h. Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds. If a Bond becomes mutilated or is destroyed, stolen or lost, the Registrar will deliver a new Bond of like amount, number, maturity date and tenor in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation of the mutilated Bond or in lieu of and in substitution for any Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, upon the payment of the reasonable expenses and charges of the Registrar in connection therewith; and, in the case of a Bond destroyed, stolen or lost, upon filing with the Registrar of evidence satisfactory to it that the Bond was destroyed, stolen or lost, and of the ownership thereof, and upon furnishing to the Registrar an appropriate bond or indemnity in form, substance and amount satisfactory to it and as provided by law, in which both the County and the Registrar must be named as obligees. Bonds so surrendered to the Registrar will be cancelled by the Registrar and evidence of such cancellation must be given to the County. If the mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost Bond has already matured or been called for redemption in accordance with its terms it is not necessary to issue a new Bond prior to payment.

i. Redemption. In the event any of the Bonds are called for redemption, notice thereof identifying the Bonds to be redeemed will be given by the Registrar by mailing a copy of the redemption notice by first class mail (postage prepaid) to the registered owner of each Bond to be redeemed at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Registrar and by publishing the notice if required by law. Failure to give notice by publication or by mail to any registered owner, or any defect therein, will not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of Bonds. Bonds so called for redemption will cease to bear interest after the specified redemption date, provided that the funds for the redemption are on deposit with the place of payment at that time.

2.04. Appointment of Initial Registrar. The County appoints U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the initial Registrar. The Chair and the County Administrator are authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the County, a contract with the Registrar. Upon merger or consolidation of the Registrar with another corporation, if the resulting corporation is a bank or trust company authorized by law to conduct such business, the resulting corporation is authorized to act as successor Registrar. The County agrees to pay the reasonable and customary charges of the Registrar for the services performed. The County reserves the right to remove the Registrar upon thirty (30) days' notice and upon the appointment of a successor Registrar, in which event the predecessor Registrar must deliver all cash and Bonds in its possession to the successor Registrar and must deliver the bond register to the successor Registrar. On or before each principal or interest due date, without further order of the County Board, the County Administrator must transmit to the Registrar moneys sufficient for the payment of all principal and interest then due.

2.05. Execution, Authentication and Delivery. The Bonds will be prepared under the direction of the County Administrator and executed on behalf of the County by the signatures of the Chair and the County Administrator, provided that those signatures may be printed, engraved or lithographed facsimiles of the originals. If an officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on the Bonds ceases to be such officer before the delivery of the Bonds, that signature or facsimile will nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if the officer had remained in office until delivery. Notwithstanding such execution, a Bond will not be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any security or benefit under this resolution unless and until a certificate of authentication on the Bond has been duly executed by the manual signature of an authorized representative of the Registrar. The executed certificate of authentication on a Bond is conclusive evidence that it has been authenticated and delivered under this resolution. When the Bonds have been so prepared, executed and authenticated, the County Administrator will deliver the same to the Purchaser upon payment of the purchase price in accordance with the contract of sale heretofore made and executed, and the Purchaser is not obligated to see to the application of the purchase price.

Section 3. Form of Bonds.

3.01. Form. The Bonds will be printed or typewritten in substantially the form attached hereto as EXHIBIT B.

3.02. Approving Legal Opinion. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to obtain a copy of the proposed approving legal opinion of Kennedy & Graven, Chartered, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and cause the opinion to be printed on or accompany each Bond.

Section 4. Payment; Security; Pledges and Covenants.

4.01. Debt Service Fund. For the convenience and proper administration of the moneys to be borrowed and repaid on the Bonds, and to provide adequate and specific security for the Purchaser and holders from time to time of the Bonds, there is hereby created a special fund to be designated the "General Obligation Capital Improvement Plan Refunding Bonds, Series 2024B Debt Service Fund" (the "Debt Service Fund") to be administered and maintained by the County Auditor/Treasurer as a bookkeeping account separate and apart from all other funds maintained in the official financial records of the County. Amounts in the Debt Service Fund are irrevocably pledged to the Bonds. The Debt Service Fund shall be maintained in the manner herein specified until the Bonds have been fully paid. There will always be retained in the Debt Service Fund a sufficient amount to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the County Auditor/Treasurer will report any current or anticipated deficiency in the Debt Service Fund to the County Board. If a payment of principal or interest on the Bonds becomes due when there is not sufficient money in the Debt Service Fund to pay the same, the County Auditor/Treasurer is directed to pay such principal or interest from other funds of the County, and such fund will be reimbursed for those advances out of the proceeds of Taxes (as hereinafter defined) when collected.

The Bonds are payable from the Debt Service Fund. The County Auditor/Treasurer shall timely deposit in, and there are pledged and appropriated to, the Debt Service Fund: (i) ad valorem taxes hereinafter levied (the "Taxes") as determined by the Pricing Committee for the payment of debt service on the Bonds; (ii) amounts in excess of the minimum proposal paid by the Purchaser or any original issue premium and any rounding amount, to the extent designated for deposit in the Debt Service Fund in accordance with Section 1.05 hereof; (iii) all investment earnings on funds in the Debt Service Fund; and (iv) any and all other moneys which are properly available and are appropriated by the County Board to the Debt Service Fund.

4.02. Redemption Fund. If the Pricing Committee determines to proceed with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds to refund the Refunded Bonds, all proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, less the costs of issuance of the Refunding Bonds, together with other available funds applied to such purpose, in an amount sufficient to redeem the Refunded Bonds on the date selected by the Pricing Committee for redemption (the "Redemption Date") will be deposited in a separate fund (the "Redemption Fund") to be used solely to redeem and prepay the Refunded Bonds. Any balance remaining in the Redemption Fund after the redemption of the Refunded Bonds shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund herein created.

4.03. Prior Debt Service Fund. If the Pricing Committee determines to proceed with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds to refund the Refunded Bonds, the debt service fund heretofore established for the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the Refunded Bonds (the "Refunded Bonds Resolution") shall be closed following the redemption of the Refunded Bonds on the Redemption Date, and all monies therein shall be transferred to the Debt Service Fund.

4.04. General Obligation Pledge. For the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, as the same respectively become due, the full faith, credit and taxing powers of the County will be and are hereby irrevocably pledged.

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4.05. Tax Levy; Coverage Test; Cancellation of Prior Tax Levies.

a. To provide moneys for payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property in the County a direct annual irrepealable ad valorem tax which shall be spread upon the tax rolls and collected with and as part of other general property taxes in the County for the years and in the amounts as determined by the Pricing Committee.

b. The tax levies are such that if collected in full they will produce at least five percent (5%) in excess of the amount needed to meet when due the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. The tax levies shall be irrepealable so long as any of the Bonds are outstanding and unpaid, provided that the County Administrator may annually, at the time the County makes its tax levies, certify to the County Auditor/Treasurer the amount available in the Debt Service Fund to pay principal and interest due during the ensuing year, and the County Auditor/Treasurer will thereupon reduce the levy collectible during such year by the amount so certified.

c. Upon payment of the Refunded Bonds, the County Administrator is hereby directed to certify such fact to the County Auditor/Treasurer and request that the County Auditor/Treasurer cancel, any and all remaining tax levies made by the Refunded Bonds Resolution.

4.06. County Auditor/Treasurer's Certificate as to Registration. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution, with a completed and executed Pricing Committee Certificate attached, with the County Auditor/Treasurer (or the official of the County performing the functions of the County Auditor/Treasurer), together with such other information as he or she shall require, and to obtain the certificate that the Bonds have been entered in the County Auditor/Treasurer's bond register, and the tax levy required by law has been made and to obtain the certificate required by Section 475.63 of the Act.

Section 5. Refunding; Findings; Redemption of Refunded Bonds. If the Pricing Committee determines to proceed with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds to refund the Refunded Bonds, the provisions set forth in this Section 5 shall be applicable. If the Pricing Committee determines that it is not in the best interest of the County to proceed with the refunding, this Section 5 shall have no effect.

5.01. Purpose of Refunding. The Refunded Bonds will be called for redemption on the Redemption Date, in the aggregate principal amount of $14,395,000. It is hereby found and determined that based upon information presently available from the Municipal Advisor, the issuance of the Bonds, a portion of which will be used to redeem and prepay the Refunded Bonds, is consistent with covenants made with the holders of the Refunded Bonds and is necessary and desirable for the reduction of debt service costs to the County.

5.02. Application of Proceeds of Bonds. It is hereby found and determined that the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds deposited in the Redemption Fund, along with any other funds on hand in the debt service fund established pursuant to the Refunded Bonds Resolution and other available funds of the County, will be sufficient to prepay all of the principal of, interest on and redemption premium (if any) on the Refunded Bonds.

5.03. Notice of Redemption. The outstanding Refunded Bonds will be redeemed and prepaid on the Redemption Date. The outstanding Refunded Bonds will be redeemed and prepaid in accordance with their terms and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the form of Notice of Call for Redemption attached hereto as EXHIBIT C. which terms and conditions are hereby approved and incorporated herein by reference. The registrar for the Refunded Bonds is authorized and directed to send a copy of the Notice of Redemption to each registered holder of the Refunded Bonds at least thirty (30) days prior to the Redemption Date.

Section 6. Authentication of Transcript.

6.01. County Proceedings and Records. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to prepare and furnish to the Purchaser and to the attorneys approving the Bonds certified copies of proceedings and records of the County relating to the Bonds and to the financial condition and affairs of the County, and such other certificates, affidavits and transcripts as may be required to show the facts within their knowledge or as shown by the books and records in their custody and under their control, relating to the validity and marketability of the Bonds and such instruments, including any heretofore furnished, will be deemed representations of the County as to the facts stated therein.

6.02. Certification as to Official Statement. The Chair, the County Administrator, and the County Auditor/Treasurer, or any of them, are authorized and directed to certify that they have examined the Official Statement prepared and circulated in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds and that to the best of their knowledge and belief the Official Statement is a complete and accurate representation of the facts and representations made therein as of the date of the Official Statement.

6.03. Other Certificates. The Chair, the County Administrator, and the County Auditor/Treasurer, or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish at the closing such certificates as are required as a condition of sale. Unless litigation shall have been commenced and be pending questioning the Bonds or the organization of the County or incumbency of its officers, at the closing the Chair, the County Administrator, and the County Auditor/Treasurer, or any of them, shall also execute and deliver to the Purchaser a suitable certificate as to absence of material litigation, and the County Administrator shall also execute and deliver a certificate as to payment for and delivery of the Bonds.

Section 7. Tax Covenants.

7.01. Tax Exempt Bonds. The County covenants and agrees with the holders from time to time of the Bonds that it will not take or permit to be taken by any of its officers, employees or agents any action which would cause the interest on the Bonds to become subject to taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, in effect at the time of such actions, and that it will take or cause its officers, employees or agents to take, all affirmative action within its power that may be necessary to ensure that such interest will not become subject to taxation under the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations, as presently existing or as hereafter amended and made applicable to the Bonds.

7.02. Rebate. The County will comply with requirements necessary under the Code to establish and maintain the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds under Section 103 of the Code, including without limitation requirements relating to temporary periods for investments, limitations on amounts invested at a yield greater than the yield on the Bonds and the rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States (unless the County qualifies for any exemption from rebate requirements based on timely expenditure of proceeds of the Bonds, in accordance with the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations).

7.03. Not Private Activity Bonds. The County further covenants not to use the proceeds of the Bonds or the Bond-financed facilities, or to cause or permit them or any of them to be used, in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Sections 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code.

7.04. Not Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations. The Bonds are not designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

7.05. Procedural Requirements. The County will use its best efforts to comply with any federal procedural requirements which may apply in order to effectuate the designations made by this section.

Section 8. Book-Entry System; Limited Obligation of County.

8.01. DTC. The Bonds will be initially issued in the form of a separate single typewritten or printed fully registered Bond for each of the maturities of the Bonds as provided in the Pricing Committee Certificate. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of each Bond will be registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, and its successors and assigns ("DTC"). Except as provided in this section, all of the outstanding Bonds will be registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

8.02. Participants. With respect to Bonds registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, the County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent will have no responsibility or obligation to any broker dealers, banks and other financial institutions from time to time for which DTC holds Bonds as securities depository (the "Participants") or to any other person on behalf of which a Participant holds an interest in the Bonds, including but not limited to any responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede & Co. or any Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any Participant or any other person (other than a registered owner of Bonds, as shown by the registration books kept by the Registrar), of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (iii) the payment to any Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of Bonds, of any amount with respect to principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds. The County, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the registration books kept by the Registrar as the holder and absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal, premium and interest with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bonds, and for all other purposes. The Paying Agent will pay all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds only to or on the order of the respective registered owners, as shown in the registration books kept by the Registrar, and all such payments will be valid and effectual to fully satisfy and discharge the County's obligations with respect to payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner of Bonds, as shown in the registration books kept by the Registrar, will receive a certificated Bond evidencing the obligation of this resolution. Upon delivery by DTC to the County Administrator of a written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede & Co., the words "Cede & Co." will refer to such new nominee of DTC; and upon receipt of such a notice, the County Administrator will promptly deliver a copy of the same to the Registrar and Paying Agent.

8.03. Representation Letter. The County has heretofore executed and delivered to DTC a Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations (the "Representation Letter") which will govern payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds and notices with respect to the Bonds. Any Paying Agent or Registrar subsequently appointed by the County with respect to the Bonds will agree to take all action necessary for all representations of the County in the Representation Letter with respect to the Registrar and Paying Agent, respectively, to be complied with at all times.

8.04. Transfers Outside Book-Entry System. In the event the County, by resolution of the County Board, determines that it is in the best interests of the persons having beneficial interests in the Bonds that they be able to obtain Bond certificates, the County will notify DTC, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants, of the availability through DTC of Bond certificates. In such event, the County will issue, transfer and exchange Bond certificates as requested by DTC and any other registered owners in accordance with the provisions of this resolution. DTC may determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the County and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. In such event, if no successor securities depository is appointed, the County will issue and the Registrar will authenticate Bond certificates in accordance with this resolution and the provisions hereof will apply to the transfer, exchange and method of payment thereof.

8.05. Payments to Cede & Co. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution to the contrary, so long as a Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, payments with respect to principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bond and all notices with respect to the Bond will be made and given, respectively in the manner provided in DTC's Operational Arrangements, as set forth in the Representation Letter.

Section 9. Continuing Disclosure.

9.01. Execution of Continuing Disclosure Certificate. "Continuing Disclosure Certificate" means that certain Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed by the Chair and the County Administrator and dated the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, as originally executed and as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

9.02. County Compliance with Provisions of Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, failure of the County to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate is not to be considered an event of default with respect to the Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the County to comply with its obligations under this section.

Section 10. Defeasance. When all Bonds and all interest thereon have been discharged as provided in this section, all pledges, covenants and other rights granted by this resolution to the holders of the Bonds will cease, except that the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt and full payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will remain in full force and effect. If any Bond should not be paid when due, it may nevertheless be discharged by depositing with the Registrar a sum sufficient for the payment thereof in full with interest accrued to the date of such deposit.

Section 11. Miscellaneous.

11.01. Electronic Signatures. The electronic signature of the Chair, the County Administrator, the County Auditor/Treasurer, and/or the Director of Accounting and Finance to this resolution and to any document or certificate authorized to be executed hereunder shall be as valid as an original signature of such party and shall be effective to bind the County thereto. For purposes hereof, (i) "electronic signature" means (a) a manually signed original signature that is then transmitted by electronic means or (b) a signature obtained through DocuSign or Adobe or a similarly digitally auditable signature gathering process; and (ii) "transmitted by electronic means" means sent in the form of a facsimile or sent via the internet as a portable document format ("pdf") or other replicating image attached to an electronic mail or internet message.

11.02. Headings; Terms. Paragraph headings in this resolution are for convenience of reference only and are not a part hereof, and shall not limit or define the meaning of any provision hereof.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Contract for the County State Aid Highway 5 Pavement Preservation Project

Engineer Mike Klein presented a contract for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 Pavement Preservation project in the City of Stillwater. Mr. Klein reported that this project is identified in the Capital Improvement Plan as #RB-2204. This project will repave CSAH 5 from Trunk Highway 36 to Autumn Way, and also includes the installation of ADA pedestrian ramps, trail resurfacing, and storm sewer improvements.

Mr. Klein provided information on the project schedule, including plans for closures. This project will be funded by Wheelage Tax, planned and additional use of fund balance, and Transportation Advancement Account (TAA). There were seven bids received, and OMG Midwest was the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Kriesel moved to approve Contract No. 16428 for $2,137,733.34 with OMG Midwest Inc. dba Minnesota Paving & Materials, for the CSAH 5 (Stillwater Blvd) Pavement Preservation Project. Commissioner Miron seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

Contract for the 2024 Crack Seal Program

Engineer Erin Clarkowski presented a contract for the county's 2024 Crack Seal program. Ms. Clarkowski reported that this project is identified in the Capital Improvement Plan as #RB-2204. This project will seal roadway cracks on various county roads, county highways, and county facilities. Crack sealing is performed annually within the county system.

Ms. Clarkowski provided information on the project schedule. There were three bids received, and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers were the lowest bid. Funding will be from Wheelage Tax and the Capital Repair fund.

Commissioner Miron moved to approve Contract No. 16436 for $228,075 with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC, for the 2024 Crack Seal program. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Resolution for National Law Enforcement Week and National Law Enforcement Memorial Day

Commander Sara Halverson presented a resolution to recognize National Law Enforcement Week and National Law Enforcement Memorial Day in Washington County. Commander Halverson spoke about honor, gratitude, remembrance, and support. The Sheriff's Office's annual ceremony, memorializing those who made the ultimate sacrifice, will be on May 15, 2024, at noon at the Historic Courthouse.

Commissioner Clasen moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2024-053** as follows:

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK AND
NATIONAL 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, by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations; 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; and

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WHEREAS, the Washington County Sheriff's Office would like to invite the public to the Historic Courthouse on May 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM for their annual ceremony memorializing those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 12, 2024, through May 18, 2024, as Law Enforcement Week, and May 15, 2024, as Law Enforcement Memorial Day.

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

National Association of County Engineers - David P. Brand Safety Award

Public Works Director Wayne Sandberg announced that Traffic Engineer Joe Gustafson has received the David P. Brand Safety Award from the National Association of County Engineers (NACE). Mr. Gustafson received this award for being an innovative, influential advocate for improving road safety, and for developing partnerships across organizations and jurisdictions.

Mr. Gustafson has worked in county government since 2002, and has been with Washington County since 2008. He leads the traffic engineering and operations staff to work collaboratively with consultants, municipal and MnDOT staff, residents, businesses, and elected officials to promote traffic safety in the county through project design, permitting, and maintenance of approximately 15,000 signs and nearly 100 traffic signals. Mr. Gustafson is an active participant on Minnesota's Local Road Research Board, and co-chair of the Safety & Mobility Council of the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Research. He has previously served as the president of the North Central Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (NCITE), and has served as chair of the Minnesota County Engineer's Association's Safety Committee.

Legislative Updates

Deputy County Administrator Jan Lucke reported that the deadline to adjourn the Minnesota legislative session is May 19th at 11:59 p.m. Enactment of the 2024 Capital Investment package remains uncertain; however, if there is a bonding bill, the county is well-positioned to be a part of it. Margaret Vesel from Larkin Hoffman continues to be in close contact with staff. Ms. Lucke provided the current legislative bill tracker summary to the commissioners.

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."

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

No board correspondence was received.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The County Board meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH ADMINISTRATION

The board met in workshop session to review a comprehensive website evaluation. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Kriesel, Bigham, Clasen, and Karwoski. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, outside agencies, and county staff.

BOARD WORKSHOP WITH PUBLIC WORKS

The board met in workshop session to review a bequest for donation of land for a public park in the City of Scandia. Present for the workshop were Commissioners Miron, Kriesel, Bigham, Clasen, and Karwoski. Also present were Kevin Corbid, Jan Lucke, Jennifer Wagenius, and county staff.

Attest:

Kevin Corbid

Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

Stan Karwoski

Stan Karwoski
County Board Chair