

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
JUNE 24, 2025**

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENES

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:20 a.m. in the Washington County Government Center, County Board Room.

Present: Commissioner Fran Miron, District 1
Commissioner Stan Karwoski, District 2
Commissioner Bethany Cox, District 3
Commissioner Karla Bigham, District 4
Commissioner Michelle Clasen, District 5

Also Present: Kevin Corbid, County Administrator
John Ristad, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Clasen moved to approve the County Board meeting agenda for June 24, 2025. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion, and it was approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of the following citizen reappointments to the Workforce Development Board beginning July 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2028: Chris Eng, Economic Development Representative, 4th term; Monica Brown, Post Secondary Education, 1st full term; Holly Jackson, Business Representative, 1st full term; Laurie Levine, Business Representative, 2nd term.
2. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement No. 16679 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) grant funding to be extended to June 30, 2026, and add \$295,000 in funds for that time period.

3. Approve Contract No. 17508 between Washington County and Minnesota Care Counseling Services in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for a term starting on the date of signature, through December 31, 2026.
4. Request the use of Fund Balance from the Capital Technology Fund in the amount of \$323,110.
5. Approve Amendment No. 4 to Contract No. 16349 with Raices Latinas increasing the cost of the agreement and extending the term to December 31, 2026.
6. Approve and submit comments on an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for a stormwater diversion project proposed by 3M.
7. Approve Contract No. 17406 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$199,725 to provide final design services for the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 (Olive Street) Improvement Project (RB-2695).
8. Approve Contract No. 17487 with B & B Electric Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for LED Light Conversion at the Washington County Government Center Campus in the City of Stillwater.
9. Approval of **Resolution No. 2025-066** as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS FINALIZING THE SCOPE OF THE
HOLCIM LARSON QUARRY EXPANSION
ENVIRONMENTAL IMACT STATEMENT**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule 4410 establishes the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW); and

WHEREAS, Washington County is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for the preparation of an EAW for mine operations in the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, Holcim-MWR, Inc proposes to expand their existing limestone quarry, the Larson Quarry, to the east of County Road 75 onto a 148-acre property; and

WHEREAS, Aggregate Industries prepared an EAW in 2005 for the proposed Larson Quarry expansion in Grey Cloud Island Township which resulted in five public and agency comments and none noted a potential for significant impact; and

WHEREAS, the County Board passed a resolution on September 20, 2005, for a negative declaration on that EAW; and

WHEREAS, Aggregate Industries never began work in the EAW expansion area and therefore the 2005 EAW is too outdated to remain valid; and

WHEREAS, Holcim-MWR, Inc. (formerly Aggregate Industries) started preparation of a new EAW in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, as the RGU, deemed the EAW complete in November 2024, which began the public comment process for the EAW; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners made a positive declaration on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on February 18, 2025, based on the following findings of fact:

1. An EAW was distributed to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Environmental Review Program EAW Distribution List.
2. A 45-day comment period was held from December 3, 2024, to January 17, 2025.
3. Washington County hosted a Public Comment Meeting at the Grey Cloud Island Township on January 9th, 2025, during which the County answered questions and accepted written comments.
4. Thirty-six public and agency comments were received, and responses were prepared.
5. The EAW and public comments were presented to the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission at their meeting on January 28th, 2025.
6. Public comments received during the EAW comment period raised concerns with the potential for significant impacts related to:
 - a. Cultural resources and archeological impacts due to not meeting review requirements of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council (MIAC),
 - b. Removal of a significant vegetative stand with insufficient mitigation measures identified.
7. While not meeting the definition of significant impact, the response to comments documents identified many items that need to be updated in the EAW. These issues should be updated during an EIS process.
8. Additionally, any new environmental regulations or data should be incorporated into an EIS.
9. The proposed project may have the potential for significant environmental effects due to the items listed above as defined by Minnesota Rule part 4410.1700, subpart 7, and that further study is necessary to adequately address these issues.
10. The preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will provide a detailed analysis of the potential environmental impacts, reasonable alternatives to the proposed project, and potential mitigation measures to reduce adverse effects.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Rule part 4410.2100, the EIS process began within the County received the proposer's payment on May 22, 2025, and;

WHEREAS, scoping is the first step in the EIS process which is used before the preparation of an EIS to reduce the scope an EIS, identify only those potentially significant issues relevant to the proposed project, define the form, level of detail, content, alternatives, timeline for preparation, and to determine the permits for which information will be developed concurrently with the EIS and;

WHEREAS, since an EAW was prepared for this project, it is used as the basis for scoping along with a scoping meeting that was held on May 28, 2025, and;

WHEREAS, a Scoping Decision Document was prepared to establish the scope of the Holcim Larson Quarry EIS and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rule part 4410.2100 requires the board of the RGU to decide regarding the scope of the EIS within 45 days of the scoping meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that that the Washington County Board of Commissioners finalizes the scope of the Holcim Larson Quarry Environmental Impact Statement as established in the Scoping Decision Document pursuant to Minnesota Rule part 4410.2100.

10. Approve Amendment No. 7 to Contract No. 11627 extending the lease for the State of Minnesota, Department of Employment and Economic Development from June 30, 2025, to August 31, 2025.
11. Approve Contract No. 17489 Letter of Agreement with the City of Cottage Grove for the establishment and operation of a fixed-site radiological emergency reception center.

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

MINNESOTA INTER-COUNTY ASSOCIATION

2025 Minnesota Legislative End-of-Session Report

Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) staff provided an end-of-session report on the outcomes of the 2025 Minnesota Legislative Session and its impact on Washington County. MICA Executive Director Nathan Jesson summarized end-of-session results, and MICA legislative liaisons Amber Backhaus, Rachel Sosnowchik, Nancy Silesky, and Emilio Lamba provided summaries on bills and funding results for transportation and transit, environment, health and human services, and corrections and public safety.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Legislative Update

Margaret Vesel, Larkin Hoffman, presented the 2025 Legislative Review for Washington County.

Deputy County Administrator Jan Lucke presented two letters to the Federal delegation for the board's consideration.

Ms. Lucke reported that the first letter is to express appreciation for including Washington County projects in the Congressionally Directed Spending request to the House Appropriations Committee. These projects include the Body Worn and Squad Fleet Camera Integration, Trunk Highway 120 (Century Avenue) from I-694 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 12, and County Highway 18 and Settlers Ridge Parkway Reconstruction.

Commissioners agreed to send the first letter as presented.

Ms. Lucke reported that the second letter is expressing concerns about the proposed changes to SNAP and Medicaid in the Reconciliation Bill.

Commissioner Clasen moved to adjust language in the letter regarding SNAP. There was no second, and Commissioner Clasen withdrew her motion. Commissioner Clasen moved to approve the letter as presented. Commissioner Miron seconded the motion, with an adjustment to wording regarding 30% of program costs. The letter was approved.

Ms. Lucke provided a letter from MICA, which also addresses concerns about the proposed SNAP and Medicaid changes in the Reconciliation Bill.

Resolution for State Standard Measures Program

Kelli Matzek, Senior Planner in the Office of Administration, presented a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to file a declaration with the Office of the State Auditor to participate in the 2025 Performance Measurement Program. The annual Performance Measurement Review is available on the county's website.

Commissioner Cox moved to adopt **Resolution No. 2025-067** as follows:

PARTICIPATION IN THE 2025 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation in 2010, setting it in state law; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Local Results and Innovation released a standard set of performance measures for counties that will aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials to determine the effectiveness

of counties in providing services and measure residents' opinions of those services; and

WHEREAS, the County Board began the county's participation in the voluntary standard measures program in 2011; and

WHEREAS, a county that chooses to participate in the standard measures program for 2025 may be eligible for a reimbursement of 14 cents per capita in county government aid, not to exceed \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, counties must file a report with the Office of the State Auditor by July 1, 2025, with a declaration adopting and implementing performance measures developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the county has a longstanding commitment to performance measurement and continuous improvement that focuses on outcome goals and performance results; and

WHEREAS, the county has implemented a local performance measurement system, including the use of measurement and reporting to help plan, budget, manage, and evaluate programs and processes; and

WHEREAS, the county is implementing an internal continuous improvement plan with a framework for countywide continuous improvement work, which includes setting targets, measuring progress, reporting on progress, and making improvements; and

WHEREAS, the county will report the results of the 10 adopted measures from this program to residents by posting the results on the county's website; and

WHEREAS, the county will continue to communicate the results of its continuous improvement program with the community through the use of public meetings, news releases, website postings, and an annual report to the County Board and Washington County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopts 10 Model Performance Measures for Counties and authorizes the County Administrator to file the declaration to participate in the 2025 Performance Measurement Program and to file the Performance Measurement Review with the Office of the State Auditor by July 1, 2025.

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



COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners reported on meetings and other events they attended. Please see archived livestreaming of the board meeting for full commissioner reports on the county's website washingtoncountymn.gov under "County Board of Commissioners."

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

No board correspondence was received.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The County Board meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Attest:

Kevin Corbid

Kevin Corbid
County Administrator

Stan Karwoski

Stan Karwoski
County Board Chair