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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The following actions were taken at the July 19, 2016, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

#### **Nienabar will serve on Workforce Development Board**

Mary Nienabar, White Bear Lake, will serve on the Workforce Development Board, after the Washington County Board of Commissioners made the appointment July 19.

Nienabar will fill a vacancy for Business, Health Science, Extended Learning in a first term expiring June 30, 2019.

The Workforce Development Board, established by state law, determines the most effective designation of administrative entities, grant recipients, and program operators for the Workforce Service Area; jointly plans for collaboration, provides for on-site review and oversight of program performance; and selects local priorities for service and target populations for programming.

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#### **Week is proclaimed national Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners declared July 17-23 as national Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week.

The American Probation and Parole Association designates this week each year to recognize the work of probation and parole officers around the country. These officers provide supervision to people who have been charged or convicted of a crime. They enter clients' homes, collect drug tests, perform searches, enforce conditions of release, and address criminal thinking and behavior.

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To do their work, they need skills from the law enforcement, counseling and teaching disciplines.

Their sound judgment helps keep them safe while on the job.

The County Board passed a resolution July 19 recognizing the week.

**Contact: Tom Adkins, Community Corrections Director, 651-430-6902**

### **County will work with firm to select human resources information system**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with BerryDunn July 19 to assist in contract negotiations and project oversight for the purchase of a human resources information system.

The contract is for \$174,059.

Washington County has been using its current Human Resources Information System (HRIS) since 1988. While this legacy system is working, a new HRIS will integrate with new technology and applications, have ease of use and navigation, and have more efficient reporting capabilities.

The county began the HRIS procurement project in November 2015 and contracted with BerryDunn to provide consulting service in HRIS needs assessment, development, evaluation of a request for proposals, and assisting in the software selection process.

Now, the firm will provide:

- consulting services to assist in contract negotiations with a preferred HRIS vendor; and
- consulting services for project oversight of the implementation of a new HRIS system.

**Contact: Jan Webster, Human Resources Director, 651-430-6075**

### **Firm will work with businesses during roadway reconstruction**

WSB & Associates, Inc., will work with local businesses during roadway reconstruction in downtown Afton, after the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with the company July 19.

The contract is for \$167,544. The overall project is a \$12.5 million roadway and utility project.

The County State Aid Highway 21 and 18 capital improvement project in downtown Afton will accommodate the needs of both the community and the county highway system. WSB & Associates,

Inc., is under contract to complete the preliminary and final design for the project, which includes city utility infrastructure, levee construction, landscape amenities, and county roadway.

As part of the work, WSB completed public and agency involvement, allowing the staff to become familiar with not only the project, but also the business owners in the area. The business liaison work during construction, which was not included in the preliminary and final design contract, will cover individual business meetings, construction updates, telephone calls, news releases, coordination with elected officials, open house meetings, development of website materials, and exhibits for project staging and scheduling.

The contract with WSB for business liaison services will be funded by bonds.

Construction is expected to begin in August, with roadway completion in November 2017, and project completion in November 2018.

**Contact: Wayne Sandberg, County Engineer, Deputy Public Works Director, 651-430-4339**

### **Kimley-Horn will design improvements to CSAH 19, Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park**

Kimley-Horn and Associates will design improvements to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 19 and Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, after the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with the company July 19.

The contracts for the respective projects are \$219,270 and \$177,265. The overall project will cost \$5 million.

The focus of the CSAH 19 capital improvement project will be a new roundabout at the intersection of East Point Douglas Road and CSAH 19, and the construction of a new intersection to relocate the park entrance of Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park from the frontage road to CSAH 19.

Construction will include a new trail along East Point Douglas Road.

The Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park renovation project will include a new park circulation road, four parking lots, and associated pedestrian improvements and trails into the park along East Point Douglas Road. The new park circulation road will also incorporate an updated lake outlet to accommodate water flow from the local area and water flow from the Central Draw Storage Facility Overflow Project, as proposed by the South Washington Watershed District.

The project is coordinated with a master plan update of the Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, adopted by the County Board at the end of June.

The roadwork will be paid for with state aid money. The work on the park will be paid for with bond proceeds. Construction is expected to be done next summer.

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