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The following actions were taken at the Oct. 11, 2016, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

Munneke reappointed county assessor

The Washington County Board of Commissioners reappointed Bruce Munneke as the county assessor Oct. 11, to a term beginning Jan. 1, 2017, and ending Dec. 31, 2020.

State law calls for a county assessor to be appointed because of knowledge and training in the field of property valuation. The appointments must be approved by the state Commissioner of Revenue to become effective.

Munneke is a senior accredited Minnesota assessor, and was hired as the county assessor in 2001, overseeing the valuation of county tax parcels in compliance with state law.

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County Board expresses appreciation for work of Community Services director

The Washington County Board of Commissioners expressed its appreciation Oct. 11 for the work of Dan Papin, the county's Community Services Director, who will retire Oct. 13 after working for the county in that position for 22 years.

The board's resolution of appreciation noted Papin's accomplishments, including guiding the department through growth and change, while serving the county's residents, especially those in need of safety net services. Papin also worked to develop efficiencies and service delivery in his department, and championed the department's anti-racism efforts.

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Papin, a resident of Woodbury, has been involved in many community organizations, including the Board of Directors of the United Way of Washington County-East, has been a leader within the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA) professional organization, serving as its president in 1991 and serving as chair of the MACSSA Policy Committee and Executive Committee. He also served as president of the Minnesota Social Service Association in 2003, a network of more than 3,000 health and human service professionals and 140 agencies throughout Minnesota, and has served on the National Association of Counties Human Services Administrators Board of Directors. He was recognized by his peers in 2012 as the recipient of the MACSSA Human Services Award, an award given to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, commitment to serving people in need, and exemplifying professional standards.

The board thanked him for his service, and wished him well in his retirement.

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Photo: Washington County commissioners thanked Dan Papin, Community Services Director, for his 22 years in that role for the county Sept. 27. Commissioners Gary Kriesel, District 3, and Lisa Weik, District 5, with Papin, showing a resolution of appreciation, and commissioners Fran Miron, District 1, and Karla Bigham, District 4.