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The following actions were taken at the Jan. 3, 2017, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

County Board prepares for 2017 electing chair, vice chair

The Washington County Board of Commissioners did a number of housekeeping tasks Jan. 3, to prepare for the coming year, including electing a chair and vice chair, and setting meeting times for the coming year.

The board elected Commissioner Lisa Weik, District 5, board chair, and Commissioner Karla Bigham, District 4, was elected board vice chair. The board also set its regular meeting time at 9 a.m. the first four Tuesdays of each month. The chair may call an evening meeting or a later start time when necessary to conduct business. The board meets in the Board Room in the Government Center at 14949 62nd St. N., in Stillwater.

The board also designated where it will publish a record of the county's business in the coming three years. Qualified newspapers that circulate in the county may bid on the publication of various county reports. A summary of proceedings for meetings, legal notices, delinquent real estate listings, and the first publication of the county's financial statement will be published by Lillie Newspapers. The second publication of the financial statement will be published by the Stillwater Gazette.

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Year's beginning brings reappointments to county boards, commissions

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Equal Employment Opportunity / Affirmative Action

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved appointments of citizen volunteers to advisory committees for 2017 at its meeting Jan. 3, and reaffirmed other appointments.

Several of the committees are required by state law. The appointees and reappointments for 2017 are:

District 1

- Danielle Parnell, Mahtomedi, Mental Health Advisory Board;
- Benjamin Meyer, Hugo, Parks & Open Space.

District 2

- Shauna Holt, Oakdale, Historic Courthouse Advisory.

District 3

- Brian Zellar, Lakeland, Community Development Agency;
- Terry Zoller, Stillwater, Planning Advisory Commission.

District 4

- Jennifer Bovitz, Cottage Grove, Community Corrections;
- David Erickson, Newport, Historic Courthouse Advisory;
- Michael Howard, Cottage Grove, Mental Health Advisory Board.

District 5

- Anthony Tedesco, Woodbury, Community Corrections;
- James Widen, Woodbury, Community Development Agency.

At-Large

- Shane Bauer, Hastings, Board of Adjustment and Appeals;
- Jim Wojcik, Stillwater, Community Corrections;
- Nathan Sosinski, Stillwater, Community Corrections;
- Steven J. Ryan, Oakdale, Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory;
- John Belisle, Hugo, Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory;
- Steven J. Ryan, Oakdale, Community Development Agency;
- Daniel Belka, Woodbury, Groundwater Advisory;
- Dale Setterholm, Marine on St. Croix, Groundwater Advisory;
- Robert Bankers, Woodbury, Groundwater Advisory;
- Eldon Lamprecht, Oakdale, Groundwater Advisory;

- Brian Krafthefer, Stillwater, Groundwater Advisory;
- Brian Bachmeier, Oakdale, Groundwater Advisory;
- Mark Frazer, Woodbury, Groundwater Advisory;
- Sara Meyer, St. Mary's Point, Library Board;
- Lydia Engle, Lakeland, Mental Health Advisory;
- Pamela Johnson, Oakdale, Mental Health Advisory;
- Gail Burns, Oakdale, Mental Health Advisory;
- Kenneth Schwarten, Oakdale, Mental Health Advisory;
- Carol Treague, Oakdale, Mental Health Advisory;
- Stacey Kislenger, Stillwater, Mental Health Advisory;
- David Ratte, Stillwater, Parks & Open Space Commission;
- Vincent Anderson, Stillwater, Personnel Board of Appeals.

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County will continue to work with youth services bureaus for juvenile diversion

Washington County will continue to work with the Lakes Area Youth Services Bureau (LAYSB) and the Youth Services Bureau (YSB) to provide services to divert juveniles from the criminal justice system.

The County Board approved 2017 contracts with the agencies Jan. 3.

Juveniles who would otherwise be brought to juvenile court in Washington County may be recommended for a diversion program. If ordered to the program, they may participate in community work service, an educational program, and/or early intervention services through YSB or LAYSB.

Juveniles are required to make restitution to the victim and complete the diversion conditions to avoid a formal court record.

The contract amounts for 2017 are \$251,169 with YSB and \$55,236 for LAYSB.

The programs served 873 youth in 2016. The cost per youth was \$350. The state rate of juvenile probation clients per 100,000 people is 533, whereas the Washington County rate of juvenile probation clients per 100,000 people is 311. The percent of juveniles without further involvement in

the Washington County justice system after working with the youth services bureau at 12 months is 86 percent.

The programs collected \$2,246 in restitution, and youth performed 4,164 hours in community work service and 2,357 hours of community volunteer service in the diversion programs.

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Agency will provide in-home therapy for juvenile offenders

Rosewood Family Therapy will continue to provide multi-systemic therapy for Washington County juvenile offenders after the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved an \$80,000 contract with the agency for 2017 Jan. 3.

Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) provides community-based, in-home therapy services to high-risk juvenile offenders and their families for three to five months. The services are specifically focused on reducing out-of-home placement costs and preventing new offenses committed by juvenile offenders. Implementation of MST requires an annual license agreement with Multisystemic Treatment Services, Inc., a clinical supervisor to manage MST therapists, and two MST therapists to facilitate service to clients. Rosewood Family Therapy will provide one MST therapist for 2017. The second MST therapist position remains open and is expected to be filled later in 2017.

Since January 2014, 43 families have participated in MST. All youth referred to the program were facing an out-of-home placement for two months or longer. Eighty-eight percent of the youth involved in MST continued to live at home, 88 percent attended school or were employed, and 86 percent were not arrested for a new offense.

MST was also extended to families with adolescents struggling with truancy who are also served by the county. Research has shown that MST can effectively address truancy. Eighty-three percent of cases referred for truancy were attending school at program completion. The program will continue to be offered to families with children dealing with truancy in 2017.

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Canvas Health will provide assessments for offenders

Canvas Health will provide evaluations for indigent adults and juveniles, after the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a \$76,000 contract with the agency Jan. 3.

Canvas Health will provide psychosexual and psychological evaluations to indigent adults and juveniles, as well as chemical health programming for juveniles.

During 2016, it was expected that 75 clients would be served under the contract. The 2017 contract is \$15,000 less than the 2016 contract due to a change in how non-indigent clients are paying for their services. State funds are available to pay for a portion of the contract.

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Peaceful Lodge, Inc., will provide customized living for those with disabilities

Peaceful Lodge, Inc., will provide customized living to Washington County residents with disabilities, after the County Board approved a contract with the agency Jan. 3.

The program, known as Group Residential Housing (GRH), is a state-funded income supplement program that pays for room and board costs for low-income adults with a disabling condition who have been placed in a licensed or registered setting that holds a formal agreement with the county.

The current rate for GRH is \$891 per person per month. GRH providers may offer an array of services, but at a minimum they must include housing, utilities, household furnishings, toiletries, 24-hour plan of care, medication management, and food.

The service of 24-Hour Customized Living is designed for persons in need of regular supervision and assistance with daily activities such as medication administration, personal care, and housekeeping.

These individuals are assessed by county staff and are determined not to need the level of care provided in a skilled nursing home, but they are unable to remain safely in their own homes. Clients receive individualized services based on their level of need.

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Owakihi will provide in-home services for those with disabilities

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Owakihi Jan. 3, to provide in-home services with persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Contracts are developed with several agencies to ensure that persons with disabilities will have the opportunity to live, work, and participate in recreation activities in the communities of their choice. Services are provided both in the family home and in the community.

Owakihi is an agency that provides Semi-Independent Living Service (SILS) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in the community.

When an individual is determined to be eligible to receive SILS services, the case manager will assist the person in finding a provider that best meets his or her needs. The services are evaluated on an ongoing basis between the individual, the family, and the case manager.

The program is paid for with state and county funds.

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County approves contract with Sheriff's Office captains, commanders, jail administrator

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a labor contract Jan. 3 with the county's Captain, Commander and Jail Administrator labor unit, represented by Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc., Local No. 372.

The contract is for 2017 and 2018. The contract terms include:

- 2.5 percent general adjustment effective the first full pay period in January 2017, and a 2.5 percent general adjustment effective the first full pay period in January 2018;
- for 2017 and for 2018, on their classification anniversary dates, employees below the maximum of the compensation range shall be eligible for a 4 percent range movement not to exceed that year's salary range maximum;
- for 2017 and 2018, employees whose salary is at or would otherwise exceed the maximum of the salary range when the range movement is applied to their base salary are eligible for merit pay of 0 percent to 5 percent of the employee's salary. The merit is applied to first bring the salary up to the maximum of the salary range, and the remainder of the merit pay is paid in a lump sum.
- a uniform allowance that now correctly refers to the amount applied to the sergeants unit, now that the sergeants are no longer a part of the deputies unit; and
- union participation in an upcoming committee to review and recommend options to create a

hybrid range movement system that is based on years of service as well as performance;

- grievance arbitration language is strengthened with deadlines and authorizations for grievances and arbitrations;
- the 2017 Christmas Eve holiday (which falls on a Sunday) is replaced with a floating holiday made available in January. The standard holidays resume for 2018;
- in a memorandum of agreement, the parties agree to provisions regarding assignments to the position of Commander.

The contract also has provisions for insurance contributions.

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Hugo, Lake Elmo will receive added Sheriff's Office personnel in 2017

The Washington County Sheriff's Office will add employees to serve Hugo and Lake Elmo, cities that contract with the Sheriff's Office for their law enforcement personnel.

The County Board approved the positions Jan. 3.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office contracts with the City of Hugo to provide law enforcement services. Currently, six full-time deputy officers and one full-time Sergeant are assigned to the city.

The city has requested the addition of a full-time investigator, to be responsible for conducting investigations into all varieties of criminal activity, ranging from property crimes to violent crimes occurring in Hugo. The duties of the investigator would include interviewing suspects, witnesses, collecting evidence and photographs, preparing written reports on criminal investigations, and submitting complaints and warrants to the county attorney and city attorney for charges. All costs for this position are funded by the City of Hugo through its contract with the Sheriff's Office.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office also contracts with the City of Lake Elmo to provide law enforcement services. The city currently has four full-time deputy officers. The city has requested to add a full-time sergeant.

The new sergeant would be responsible for the day-to-day supervision of the four deputies assigned to Lake Elmo. All costs for this position are funded by the City of Lake Elmo through its contract with the Sheriff's Office.

Contact: Sheriff Bill Hutton, 651-430-7601

County will receive grant to provide employment opportunities for women

The Washington County WorkForce Center will receive a \$48,400 grant to provide non-traditional work opportunities for women.

The County Board accepted the grant from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Jan. 3.

The goal of the grant is to improve and expand economic opportunities for women, close the gender pay gap, and eliminate workforce/educational barriers for women.

The WorkForce Center is one of eight recipients of the grant statewide, and runs through 2017.

The Non-Traditional Opportunities for Women (NOW) grant will serve 10 women meeting one of the following specific criteria: women who are 50 years old or older, women of color, or women who are low-income, specifically targeting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients.

The program will offer participants short-term training in advanced manufacturing, construction, and transportation industries. The program will work in partnership with the already existing Minnesota Advanced Manufacturing Partnership grant, which recruits and enrolls students in advanced manufacturing courses for those working towards completing industry-recognized credentials.

The grant funding for NOW will provide training costs and support services for participants, and funds for staffing and administrative costs. NOW will use current staff and no new staff are requested as a part of this grant program.

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County Board makes assignments to county, regional committees

The Washington County Board of Commissioners made assignments for its members Jan. 3 to regional committees and advisory boards.

The assignments are:

Fran Miron – District 1

- In Washington County
 - Groundwater Advisory Committee
 - Community Development Agency

- Legislative Committee
- Planning Advisory Commission (Alternate)
- Plat Commission (Alternate)
- Personnel Committee
- Regional Railroad Authority
- University of Minnesota Extension Advisory Committee
- Workforce Development Board (Alternate)
- Association of Minnesota Counties
 - Environment and Natural Resources
 - Local Government Water Roundtable Advisory Committee
 - Rural and Development Advisory Committee
 - Extension Committee
- East Central Regional Juvenile Center (Alternate)
- Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
- Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Executive Committee
- Metropolitan Mosquito Control District
- Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA)
- North East Metro Water Summit
- Ramsey / Washington Recycling & Energy Board
- Regional Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board
- Rush Line Corridor Task Force

Stan Karwoski – District 2

- In Washington County
 - Community Corrections Advisory Board
 - Community Development Agency (Alternate)
 - Finance Committee
 - Parks and Open Space Commissioner
 - Regional Railroad Authority

- Workforce Development Board
- Association of Minnesota Counties
 - Board of Directors as District X Representative (Alternate)
 - Transportation Policy Committee
- County Transit Improvement Board (Alternate)
- Gateway Corridor Commission (Alternate)
- Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging
- Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (Alternate)
- Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board (Alternate)
- Minnesota Inter-County Association
- National Association of Counties
 - Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee
- Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board
- Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County

Gary Kriesel – District 3

- In Washington County
 - Audit Advisory Committee
 - Historic Courthouse Advisory Committee
 - Law Library Board
 - Personnel Committee
 - Planning Advisory Commission
 - Plat Commission
 - Regional Railroad Authority
- Andersen Community Advisory Committee
- Big Marine Veterans Camp Rest Camp
- Metropolitan Energy Coalition (Alternate)
- Metropolitan Library Services Agency (MELSA)
 - Executive Committee

- Metropolitan Mosquito Control
 - Executive Committee
- Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA) (Alternate)
- National Association of Counties (NACo)
 - Veterans and Military Service
- Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board
- Regional Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board

Karla Bigham – District 4

- In Washington County
 - Finance Committee
 - Legislative Committee
 - Library Advisory Board
 - University of Minnesota Extension Advisory Committee
 - Regional Rail Authority, Chair
- Association of Minnesota Counties
 - Board of Directors
 - District 10 Representative
 - Public Safety, Vice Chair
- Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB)
 - Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS)
- Metropolitan Alliance for Healthy Families
- Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
- Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board
- National Association of Counties (NACo)
 - Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee
 - Next Generation
 - Women of NACo Leadership Network
- Ramsey / Washington Recycling & Energy Board

- Red Rock Corridor Commission
- University of Minnesota Extension Advisory Committee

Lisa Weik – District 5

- In Washington County
 - Finance Committee
 - Library Park Association Planning Group
 - Mental Health Advisory Council
 - Regional Rail Authority
- Association of Minnesota Counties
 - Futures Committee
 - General Government Policy Committee
- County Transit Improvement Board, (CTIB)
 - Executive Committee and Change Board
 - Southwest LRT Change Control Committee
- East Metro Strong
 - Executive Committee
- Gateway Corridor Commission
- Metropolitan Energy Policy Coalition
- Metropolitan Mosquito Control (Alternate)
- National Association of Counties (NACo)
 - Transportation Policy Steering Committee
 - International Economic Development Task Force
 - Women of NACo Leadership Network
 - Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee
- Ramsey / Washington Recycling & Energy Board