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The following actions were taken at the May 16, 2017, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

County will receive grant to assure accuracy of addresses in database

Washington County will receive a \$50,000 grant from the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board to create a database with all the addresses in the county to assist with the 9-1-1 system.

The County Board accepted the grant May 16.

Address Points are points used to designate the location of each building, structure, landmark and other addressable sites within a county, and are necessary for Next Generation 9-1-1 capability.

Address points must be identified countywide with a high level accuracy for the Sheriff's Office Communication Center to dispatch services for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services to the correct location.

Buildings or structures that have multiple addresses, such as office buildings or apartment complexes, will be given at least one address point for its primary address. Additionally, address points will be placed on each building or units within the complexes to assist in identifying the location or routing the call.

The county will use the money to supplement its staff through the use of temporary employees or interns to create the address dataset for Washington County.

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County Board recognizes May as Mental Health Month

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The Washington County Board of Commissioners recognized May as Mental Health Month May 16, while encouraging the public to learn more about mental health.

That includes supporting the Make It Okay initiative, which challenges communities to end the stigma around mental health disorders and supporting evidence-based training to promote mental health, including Mental Health First Aid, and the Question, Persuade and Refer program.

The county's support in this effort is shown by the county's Mental Health Services Advisory Committee. In 2014, the county completed a Community Health Assessment and a Community Health Improvement Plan, both of which indicate mental health is a priority for the community. In addition, Lowell Johnson, the county's Public Health and Environment director, is chair of the Metro Region's Center for Community Health group, which has encouraged its members to create greater awareness and support action for Mental Health Month.

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County will assist agricultural society to design, construct indoor horse arena

The Washington County Board of Commissioners agreed May 16 to provide \$50,000 to the Washington County Agricultural Society to be used to design and construct an indoor horse arena on the Washington County Fairgrounds in Baytown Township.

Dan Dolan, president of the Agricultural Society, requested \$50,000 in county funding to support the construction of a new facility at the county fairgrounds to provide for an indoor arena to conduct a variety of horse-related activities, both during the annual county fair and at other times throughout the year.

The activities will provide positive youth development and services to persons with special needs and disabilities, and will be a source of economic development when county residents and visitors to the community spend dollars attending and participating in them.

The Agricultural Society is seeking support and commitments from a variety of funders, including foundations, businesses and corporations, individuals, and governmental units. The Agricultural Society is also financing a large portion of the project costs. If financing is secured, completion of the arena is planned by the end of 2018.

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Arnt Construction Company will do improvements on CSAH 13

Arnt Construction Company, Inc., will do the pavement management and safety improvements on County State Aid Highway (CSAH 13), after the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a \$2.9 million contract with the company May 16.

The board also approved cost-share agreements for the project with the cities of Lake Elmo and Oakdale, as the roadway is on the border of those cities.

The project is on CSAH 13 (Ideal Avenue North/Olson Lake Trail North) between CSAH 35 and 34th Street North (formerly Highway 5) and borders the cities of Lake Elmo and Oakdale. Construction includes grading, bituminous removal, paving, and mill and overlay; and construction of guardrail, storm and sanitary sewer, a bituminous trail, pedestrian ramps, concrete curb and gutters, and signing and striping. The roadway has poor pavement condition, inadequate stormwater drainage and erosion due to storm runoff, and limited pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The area also has steep slopes, so the project will require building a retaining wall and regrading driveways.

The project will include the cities installing sanitary sewer lines, and they will pay for a portion of the installation.

The majority of the project will be paid for with county state aid funds, with 10 percent of the project funds coming from the City of Lake Elmo and 7 percent coming from the City of Oakdale.

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Max Steininger, Inc., will build roundabout, redo entrance, stabilize ravine at regional park

Max Steininger, Inc., will construct a roundabout at the intersection of East Point Douglas Road and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 19 in Cottage Grove and create a new entrance to the Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park, after the Washington County Board approved a \$6.1 million contract with the company May 16.

The contract includes work to stabilize the ravine running the length of the regional park.

The first segment of the project is the construction of a new six-leg 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 a frontage road to CSAH 19. Work includes grading, bituminous and concrete surfacing, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, utility improvements, landscaping, and street lighting.

The second segment is the construction of a new Cottage Grove Ravine 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 incorporate an updated lake outlet to accommodate area water flow. Work includes grading, bituminous surfacing, drainage, and trail improvements. A relocated entrance to the park should increase park visibility and align roadways to serve future housing developments in the area.

The third segment will stabilize the ravine running the length of Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park. The goal is to protect the ravine against erosion from local flash flooding and overflow water while maintaining park use.

The project will be done in cooperation with the South Washington Watershed District, the City of Cottage Grove, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Council.

Project revenue is:

- \$973,750 from county bond proceeds;
- \$1,216,000 from Metropolitan Council grants;
- \$927,811 from state aid;
- \$1,538,228 from the South Washington Watershed District; and
- \$1,920,881 from the City of Cottage Grove.

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SEH will design upgrades to increase capacity on Woodbury Drive

Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), Inc., will begin evaluating and implementing safety and operational improvements along Woodbury Drive (County State Aid Highway 19) in Woodbury from Interstate 94 to Tamarack Road after the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a \$487,800 contract with the company May 16.

The overall objective of the project is to increase the capacity and safety of Woodbury Drive, including evaluating and implementing safety and operational improvements at key intersections on the project corridor. Woodbury Drive has traffic volumes that are among the busiest in the county, and traffic continues to increase. The roadway has aging pavement, and unsafe and poorly functioning intersections. It also has gaps in its sidewalks and trails, and there is an opportunity to improve stormwater drainage in the area.

SEH will evaluate how to improve traffic operations in the corridor, and how to improve the quality and life of the pavement, improve pedestrian accessibility and safety, and gain community and agency acceptance of the project. The consultants will also do project coordination, public engagement, traffic analysis, intersection analysis, preliminary design, and drainage analysis, and explore pedestrian access in the area.

Any project construction would be done in spring 2020.

The contract will be paid for with highway state aid funds.

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