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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The following actions were taken at the July 11, 2017, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

### **County prepares for winter with snow removal contracts**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Twin City Outdoor Services July 11 to provide snow removal at some county facilities.

The county divides the task of snow removal into three zones for its contracts. The contract for Zone 3 was due for renewal at the end of June. Twin City Outdoor Services will do the snow removal for that zone, which includes the Oakdale Library, Woodbury Service Center, Environmental Center, Cottage Grove Service Center, Park Grove Library, and the Newport Transit Station.

The cost of snow removal in that zone during winter of 2016-2017 was \$78,600.

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### **Hardrives, Inc., will build trails along CR 17/CSAH 19; county, Cottage Grove will work together on project**

Washington County and the City of Cottage Grove will work together on a trails project on County Road 74 and County State Aid Highway 19 that will be built by Hardrives, Inc., after the County Board approved a contract with the company and an agreement with the city July 11.

The \$603,122 contract with Hardrives, Inc., will include construction of two new half mile-trails in Cottage Grove:

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- On County Road (CR) 74 from Cottage Grove Elementary to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 13; and on CSAH 13 from CR 74 to 700 feet south of 70th Street; and
- On CSAH 19 from 80th Street to Indian Boulevard.

The project for each trail includes grading, aggregate base, trail construction, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, and utility improvements. The project will have a new bituminous trail and concrete sidewalks with pedestrian ramps.

The County Board approved a cooperative cost share agreement with the City of Cottage Grove for the project that outlines how the county and city will share costs for construction and the long-term maintenance of the trails.

The trails are funded by a combination of highway state aid, federal aid, and money from the City of Cottage Grove, which will pay for half of the trail and sidewalk construction, and all of the city's utility adjustments.

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### **HDR Engineering will do final design on CSAH 24 improvement project**

HDR Engineering, Inc., will do the final engineering on the County State Aid Highway 24, or Osgood Avenue, pavement management and safety improvement project after the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved a \$272,783 contract with the company July 11.

The project is for the roadway from 50<sup>th</sup> Street North to 65<sup>th</sup> Street North, or Orleans Street, in Stillwater. The project's goals are to enhance safety and operations, improve ride quality, upgrade the stormwater drainage north of Highway 36, and upgrade pedestrian and bicycle facilities and crossings.

The company has already done the preliminary engineering and design on the project. In the next phase, the company will coordinate the project, complete final bidding documents, provide a project newsletter and a community open house, and assure that the project is coordinated with adjacent projects.

It is anticipated that the final design will be complete by the end of this year, and construction will be in summer 2018.

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