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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The following actions were taken at the Nov. 21, 2017, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

#### **Washington County will continue child, teen checkup program**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved an agreement Nov. 21 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to continue the Child and Teen Checkup program for 2018 through 2020.

Washington County is required to provide outreach to families who are eligible for public health insurance programs through the Child and Teen Checkup Program. The outreach is done to ensure children receive regular and timely preventive health care, to find and treat problems early, and to reduce long-term medical expenses. The program is a partial state and federal mandate for the county. Under the Child and Teen Checkup program, the county provides outreach to the population of the county eligible for medical assistance, ages birth to 21 years. Outreach focuses on ensuring that those eligible receive comprehensive and routine well-child care through primary medical providers. Outreach is also provided to the medical providers to ensure that they understand and provide comprehensive well-child care, and that they seek reimbursement from the state Department of Human Services.

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#### **County extends lease for license center in Stillwater's Valley Ridge Plaza**

*A great place to live, work and play...today and tomorrow*

The Washington County Board of Commissioners extended the county's lease Nov. 21 for the county's License Center in Valley Ridge Plaza in Stillwater.

Washington County leases 6,469 square feet of office space from SouthMetro Centers V, LLC, to house the Stillwater License Center.

The proposed amendment to the lease extends it to Dec. 31, 2018, with no increase in rent. With written notice, the lease may be extended from Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 31, 2019, at which time a 3 percent increase in the monthly base rent will apply.

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### **Sheriff's Office will be part of Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners agreed Nov. 21 to allow the Sheriff's Office to take part in the Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office will participate with the state on the task force.

The task force will combat financial crimes with prevention, education, and enforcement, and investigate major financial crimes by organized groups or individuals.

Sheriff Starry said he is pleased with the continued partnership with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, in all aspects of law enforcement. "This agreement specifically addresses the need for collaboration in the resource-intensive investigations surrounding financial exploitation. These crimes target our most vulnerable populations, including the elderly," Starry said. "The Washington County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to investigating these crimes and protecting our citizens."

Washington County will be reimbursed for overtime salary, equipment, and training incurred during task force assignments. The agreement is for five years.

**Contact: Sheriff Dan Starry, 651-430-7601**

### **Sheriff's Office will receive funds from the Urban Area Security Initiative**

The Washington County Sheriff's Office will receive \$207,200 from a 2017 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, after the County Board approved the grant Nov. 21.

The funds are for Jan. 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

The UASI grant program assists high-threat, high-density urban areas in efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. The grant will fund equipment, training, and exercises.

**Contact: Sheriff Dan Starry, 651-430-7601**

### **County Board approves county's waste management plan for 2018-2036**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved the Washington County Waste Management Master Plan for 2018-2036 Nov. 21, and agreed to submit the plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for review and approval.

Metropolitan counties are required by state law to revise their waste management master plans every six years following the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's revision of the Metropolitan Solid Waste Policy Plan, which was adopted in April.

The Washington County Waste Management Master Plan guides county waste management. The plan replaces the 2012-2030 Washington County Waste Management Master Plan, and is consistent with the Metropolitan Solid Waste Policy Plan.

Community input was an important component of revising the plan. Information was gathered from residents, businesses, schools, waste haulers, and local governments through surveys and interviews. An Ad Hoc Waste Management Planning Committee provided direction on incorporating findings from the stakeholder engagement into the plan. In addition, the draft plan was available on the county's website for public review and comment.

The plan includes strategies to increase recycling and organics recovery to achieve waste objectives, and includes opportunities for waste reduction, reuse, and toxicity reduction. Efforts to achieve those objectives include:

- exploring opportunities for residential organics diversion options and yard waste management;
- identifying food waste prevention and donation opportunities;
- sustaining work and assistance to businesses to increase recycling and organics recovery;

- continuing support to cities and townships on residential recycling, organics diversion, waste reduction, and reuse;
- providing assistance to schools for reuse, recycling, and organics diversion programs;
- increasing assistance for residential multi-unit housing recycling;
- evaluating service levels for the household hazardous waste program; and
- increasing county leadership in waste management for internal operations.

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