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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The following actions were taken at the Jan. 2, 2018, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota

#### **County Board prepares for 2018 by electing chair, vice chair**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners did a number of housekeeping tasks Jan. 2, to prepare for the coming year, including electing a chair and vice chair, and setting meeting times for the coming year.



**Karla Bigham**

**Gary Kriesel**

The board elected Commissioner Karla Bigham, District 4, board chair, and Commissioner Gary Kriesel, District 3, 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

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when necessary to conduct business. The board meets in the Board Room in the Government Center at 14949 62<sup>nd</sup> St. N., in Stillwater.

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### **Year's beginning brings reappointments to county boards, commissions**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved appointments of citizen volunteers to advisory committees for 2018 at its meeting Jan. 2, and reaffirmed other appointments.

Several of the committees are required by state law. The appointees and reappointments for 2018 are:

- Francis Rheinberger, Stillwater, Audit Committee;
- Harry Melander, Mahtomedi, Board of Adjustment and Appeals;
- Mark Doneux, Stillwater, Board of Adjustment and Appeals;
- Anthony Carr, Stillwater, Community Corrections Advisory Board;
- Chief Bill Sullivan, City of Oakdale, Community Corrections Advisory Board;
- Christine VonDelinde, County Attorney's Office, Community Corrections Advisory Board;
- John Miller, Forest Lake, Community Corrections Advisory Board;
- Donald Place, Woodbury, Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee;
- Tom Triplett, Stillwater, Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee;
- John Belisle, Hugo, Community Development Agency;
- William Hargis, Woodbury, Community Development Agency;
- Bob Fossum, Lake Elmo, Groundwater Advisory;
- Brian Johnson, Woodbury, Groundwater Advisory;
- Brian Zeller, Lakeland, Groundwater Advisory;
- Dave Schulenberg, Cottage Grove, Groundwater Advisory;
- James M. Westerman, Cottage Grove, Groundwater Advisory;
- Darlene Anderson, Dellwood, Historic Courthouse;
- Mary Ann Newman, Newport, Historic Courthouse;
- Michael Reeves, Lake Elmo, Library Board;
- David L. Lande, Oakdale, Library Board;

- Daniel Parnell, Mahtomedi, Mental Health Advisory;
- Stacey Kislenger, Stillwater, Mental Health Advisory;
- Andy Joyce, Woodbury, Parks and Open Space;
- Meghan Bernard, Newport, Parks and Open Space;
- Daniel Malmgren, Marine on St. Croix, Personnel Board of Appeals;
- Andrew Tjernlund, Hugo, Planning Advisory;
- Charles Newman, Stillwater, Planning Advisory;
- Francis Rheinberger, Stillwater, Planning Advisory;
- Mark Doneux, Stillwater Township, Planning Advisory;
- Robert Viking, Woodbury, Planning Advisory;
- Dan Dolan, Woodbury, University of Minnesota Extension Committee; and
- Mary Ann Thelen, Oakdale, University of Minnesota Extension Committee.

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### **County Board sets minimum salaries for attorney, sheriff elected in 2018**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners set a minimum salary of \$119,510 Jan. 2 for the people who will be elected County Attorney and Sheriff in 2018.

Both offices are up for election in 2018. State law requires that the board set a minimum salary for whomever takes over the offices in January 2019 before anyone files for election to the offices.

In setting the actual salary, the County Board will take into account the experience, qualifications, and performance of the elected Sheriff and County Attorney.

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### **Fields will serve on county's Community Corrections Advisory Board**

Andrew Fields, principal of Oak-Land Middle School, will serve on the Washington County Community Corrections Advisory Board after the County Board made the appointment Jan. 2.

Fields will serve as an education representative in a first term expiring Dec. 31, 2019.

The purpose of the advisory committee is to bring the community perspective and to provide advice or make recommendations to the County Board on issues presented to the committee. The committee participates in the formulation of the comprehensive plan for the development, implementation, and operation of community-based correctional programs including preventative or diversionary correctional programs, probation, community corrections centers, and facilities for the detention or confinement, care, and treatment of persons convicted of crimes or adjudicated delinquent. The advisory board makes a formal recommendation to the County Board at least annually concerning the comprehensive plan and its implementation during the ensuing year.

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### **County will continue to work with Youth Services Bureau for youth diversion**

Washington County will continue to work with the Youth Services Bureau, which will provide diversion services for youth who would otherwise be involved in the juvenile justice system, after the County Board approved a 2018 contract with the agency for \$256,192 Jan. 2.

Juveniles who would otherwise be brought to juvenile court in Washington County may be recommended for a diversion program. Diversion services may be accessed by referral from a variety of sources within the county, law enforcement agencies, and schools.

While on diversion, a juvenile may participate in community work service, an educational program, and/or early intervention services through the Youth Service Bureau. Juveniles are required to make restitution to the victim and complete the diversion conditions to avoid a formal court record.

The 2018 contract with the agency reflects a 2 percent increase over the 2017 contract.

The 2017 outcomes from the contract with Youth Service Bureau include 692 youth served at a cost of \$363 per youth. The state rate of juvenile probation clients per 100,000 people is 527, while the Washington County rate of juvenile probation clients per 100,000 people is 296.

Of the youth served, 84 percent have no further involvement in the Washington County justice system at 12 months. Also, \$3,073 in restitution was collected, and youth completed 3,596 hours of community work service.

**Contact: Ren Clinton, Community Corrections Division Manager, 651-430-6973**

### **FamilyWise Services will provide services to parents in Washington County**

FamilyWise Services will provide parenting assessments, supervised visitation and safe exchange services, in-home parenting education, independent living skills training, and one-to-one youth services training in Washington County after the County Board approved a contract with the agency Jan. 2.

The contract is not to exceed \$40,000 for 2018 and \$40,000 for 2019.

The purpose of the services is to assist the county to help families that are involved in the child protection system reunify with their children.

**Contact: Sarah Amundson, Community Services Division Manager, 651-430-6597**

### **Community Involvement Programs will provide nursing services in county**

Community Involvement Programs will provide community mental health skilled nursing services for Washington County residents, after the County Board approved an amendment of a contract with the agency Jan. 2.

The agency has worked with the county since March 1, 2014. The term of the current contract will end Dec. 31, 2018. Because of increased use of the service, the county amended the contract to add additional funding, increasing the not-to-exceed amount of the contract from \$135,000 to \$303,000. These services are funded through the Minnesota Department of Human Services Adult Mental Health Initiative Grant.

**Contact: Therese Gilbertson, Social Services Supervisor, 651-430-4129**

### **County Board makes assignments to county, regional committees**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners made assignments for its members Jan. 2 to regional committees and advisory boards.

The assignments are:

Fran Miron – District 1

- In Washington County
  - Groundwater Advisory Committee

- Community Development Agency
- Planning Advisory Commission (Alternate)
- Plat Commission (Alternate)
- Personnel Committee
- Regional Railroad Authority
- University of Minnesota Extension Advisory Committee
- Association of Minnesota Counties
  - Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee
  - 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)
- Ramsey / Washington Recycling & Energy Board, Chair
- Ramsey / Washington Recycling & Energy Board Partnership for Waste and Energy Board
- Rush Line Corridor Task Force

Stan Karwoski – District 2

- In Washington County
  - Community Corrections Advisory Board
  - Community Development Agency (Alternate)
  - Finance Committee
  - Regional Railroad Authority
  - Workforce Development Board
- Association of Minnesota Counties
  - Board of Directors as District X Representative

- Transportation Policy Committee
- East Metro Strong
- Gateway Corridor Commission
- Greater Metropolitan Workforce Council
- 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, Alternate
- 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 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
- Ramsey / Washington Recycling & Energy Board Regional Hauler Licensing Board

Karla Bigham – District 4

- In Washington County
  - Finance Committee
  - Library Advisory Board
  - University of Minnesota Extension Advisory Committee
  - Regional Rail Authority
- Association of Minnesota Counties
  - Public Safety Policy Committee, Chair
- 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

Lisa Weik – District 5

- In Washington County
  - Library Park Association Planning Group
  - Mental Health Advisory Council
  - Parks and Open Space Commission
  - Regional Rail Authority
  - Workforce Development Board (Alternate)
- Association of Minnesota Counties
  - Futures Committee

- General Government Policy Committee
- Gateway Corridor Commission (Alternate)
- Greater MSP
- Metropolitan Alliance for Healthy Families
- 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
- Ramsey / Washington Recycling & Energy Board Regional Hauler Licensing Board (Alternate)