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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The following actions were taken at the March 12, 2024, Washington County Board of Commissioners meeting at the Government Center in Stillwater, Minnesota.

## County Board makes appointments to Mental Health Advisory Council

The Washington County Board of Commissioners made three appointments to the Mental Health Advisory Council at its March 12 meeting.

The board approved the appointment of David Siebert, Woodbury, to the Mental Health Advisory Council as an Adult Mental Health Professional Outside Representative for a partial term expiring December 31, 2026.

The board approved the appointment of Kaonou Vue, Cottage Grove, to the Mental Health Advisory Council as a Chemical Health Professional Representative for a partial term expiring December 31, 2024.

The board approved the appointment of Christopher Thewis, Oakdale, to a partial term on the Mental Health Advisory Council expiring December 31, 2024, as a Residential Treatment Facility Representative.

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## Opioid Settlement Community Council established, members appointed

A new 15-member Opioid Settlement Community Council was established March 12 when the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved the resolution to form the council and approved the appointments of the members.

The council comprises professional experts and community members with relevant expertise in opioids, lived experience with opioids, or both. Members will serve two-year terms on the council.

In 2022, Washington County began receiving opioid settlement funds that will be distributed over 18 years. In 2021, the Minnesota Attorney General joined the national opioid settlement agreements with various pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturers and reached an agreement with Minnesota cities and counties on the allocation of the national opioid settlements through the Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement.

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## **County Law Enforcement Center improvements moving forward**

Improvements to the Washington County Law Enforcement Center are moving forward after the Washington County Board of Commissioners approved funds to add General Conditions to the contract with Kraus-Anderson Construction Company.

The contract amendment totaling \$164,500 was approved at the board's March 12 meeting.

The Law Enforcement Center was built in 1993 and an expansion was completed in 2009. In 2022, a long-range plan was completed, and it was determined there was a need to upgrade and replace finishes and system furniture, replace the life safety systems, update the design of the building to maximize the space's flexibility, and update critical systems including the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing.

Washington County entered into a contract with Kraus-Anderson Construction for construction management services in August 2023 to oversee the Law Enforcement Center Improvement project. The contract included costs for firm personnel working on the project, a fee for construction management services, and a provision to add General Conditions at the start of construction.

General Conditions are amended to construction management contracts at the time construction starts when the size and scope of the project are fully known to avoid additional amendments moving forward. For this project, the General Conditions amendment includes:

- Temporary construction and supplies including mechanical, electrical, carpentry, and site.
- Work to allow the building to stay operational through the construction process.

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- Dumpsters for recycling and removal of construction debris.
- Cleaning services to keep pathways shared between Sheriff operations and construction activities safe and accessible.
- Building Permit.
- Liability insurance.
- Technology and temporary office equipment expenses for on-site construction supervision staff.

Unused General Conditions budget amounts are refunded to the owner after the project.

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## **County Board approved liquor license applications**

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved several liquor license applications March 12.

The board approved an application for a 1-4 day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License from the Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Food Truck Extravaganza on June 15, 2024, at the Washington County Fairgrounds, 12300 N. 40th Street, in Baytown Township.

The board approved an application for renewal of an On-Sale, Off-Sale, and Sunday Liquor License for the Stoneridge Golf Club Inc. located in West Lakeland Township.

The board approved an application for renewal of an On-Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Outing Lodge in Stillwater Township.

The county processes all liquor licenses for the townships in the county. The county reviews the liability insurance, and the Sheriff's Office, the County Attorney's Office, and the Public Health & Environment Department complete compliance/verification checks.

Those requirements have all been completed for the applications. The applicants' license fees pay for the administrative cost of the county's administration, compliance, and verification checks.

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## Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. to design intersection improvement in Woodbury

Washington County entered into a contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. to provide preliminary and final design services for the County State Aid Highway 18 (Bailey Road) and Settlers Ridge Parkway intersection improvement project.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved the contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. at its March 12 meeting.

Under the contract, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. will provide:

- Public engagement services.
- Geotechnical evaluation.
- Wetland delineation.
- Environmental documentation.
- Drainage analysis and design.
- Intersection analysis and design.
- Permit applications.
- Cost estimating.
- Creation of a preferred alternative project layout and final construction plans.

Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. was selected from six qualified firms that submitted proposals to perform design services for this improvement project located in Woodbury. In collaboration with the City of Woodbury, these proposals were evaluated using the county's qualification-based selection process.

The contract was negotiated for \$497,903 and includes all necessary services. County State Aid Highway Funds of \$423,218 and \$74,685 in local contributions from the City of Woodbury will be used to fund this contract.

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## **HR Green, Inc. to consult on Valley Creek Road Corridor Study**

HR Green, Inc. was selected by Washington County to provide design services for the County State Aid Highway 16 (Valley Creek Road) Corridor Study.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners approved the consultant contract at its March 12 meeting.

The study will analyze current and future needs along the Valley Creek Road corridor from Interlachen Parkway to Trunk Highway 95 (Manning Avenue) to provide a vision that helps guide future improvement opportunities. The study will look at needs regarding highway capacity, intersections, access, right-of-way, drainage, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and utilities. The study will also closely evaluate the realignment of Valley Creek Road at the intersection with Manning Avenue.

HR Green, Inc. was selected from three qualified firms that submitted proposals to perform design services for this study. In collaboration with the City of Woodbury, these proposals were evaluated using the county's qualification-based selection process.

The review team determined HR Green, Inc. to be the most qualified consultant. The scope of work includes:

- A topographic survey.
- Public engagement services.
- Drainage analysis.
- Traffic analysis.
- Multi-modal analysis.
- Concept development.
- Alternative evaluation.
- Cost estimating.
- The creation of a preferred alternative layout.

The contract was negotiated for \$399,595.70 to include all necessary services. County State Aid Highway Funds will be used to fund this contract.

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