

DATE	<u>October 11, 2005</u>	DEPARTMENT	<u>Public Health and Environment</u>
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER	<u>Stafford</u>	SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER	<u>Peterson</u>

Adoption of Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines

WHEREAS, sustainable building design is a mainstream approach that reduces energy expenditures, enhances the health, well-being and productivity of a building's occupants, and improves the quality of the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has developed the Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines to be used in all new state building projects funded by state bonds, and issued version 1.1 of the Guidelines on July 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2004, the regional Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board strongly recommended that member counties adopt the Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2004 the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted the Washington County Solid Waste Management Master Plan and the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board's Regional Solid Waste Management Master Plan respectively; and

WHEREAS, these plans call for Washington County to:

- (a) incorporate sustainable building guidelines into its building procedures for future building and remodeling projects and will encourage other public entities to do the same, and
- (b) incorporate sustainable building principles into planning, designing, and construction contracts for government sponsored buildings, including assessing the potential for reduction, reuse and recycling and/or processing of materials in county deconstruction and remodeling projects and will encourage other public entities to do the same; and

WHEREAS, many aspects of the Guidelines can be implemented at no extra cost through integration in the County's planning process for buildings, and all cost related decisions can be evaluated on a project by project basis with no predetermined obligation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines for voluntary use in all current and future County building and renovation projects, where practical and fiscally feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs the Department of Transportation and Physical Development to utilize the Minnesota Sustainable Design Guidelines in the design and development of the North and South Service Centers within established budgets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washington County Board of Commissioners directs the Departments of Transportation and Physical Development and Public Health and Environment to evaluate options for innovative energy generation at the North and South Service Centers, and to develop strategies for utilizing the Centers to communicate with and educate the public and other local government units about sustainable building design.

ATTEST:

James R. Schuy
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Myra Peterson
CHAIRMAN, COUNTY BOARD

	YES	NO
HEGBERG	<u>X</u>	___
KRIESEL	<u>X</u>	___
PETERSON	<u>X</u>	___
PULKRABEK	<u>X</u>	___
STAFFORD	<u>X</u>	___