

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
March 17, 2020 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Lori Gunnink, James Jens, David Thiner, and Dennis Welgraven. Also present were County Administrator Thomas Burke, County Attorney Travis Smith, and Economic Development Director Amy Rucker.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Several were added

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the agenda.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner, and passed to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2020 meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens, and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated March 17, 2020 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 161730 through 161803 and ET 63807 (MCIT):

County Revenue Fund	48,751.18
County Road & Bridge Fund	59,333.13
Ditch	170.37
Sunrise Terrace	1,119.19
SAWS	<u>154.00</u>
Total	<u>109,527.87</u>

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner, and passed to approve accepting the report of the petitions for payment, having been inspected for determining what repairs, if any, are necessary, the extent and nature of such repairs and a list of bills presented for payment that will enable said ditches to answer their purposes and to pay all bills contained within the report.

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DITCH BILLS CONTINUE ON THE NEXT PAGE.*

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Ditch #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
<u>Bolton & Menk</u>			
	JD 3	434.50	JD 3 Improvement
	JD 6	1,331.00	JD 6 Improvement
	JD20A	1,331.00	JD20A Improvement
	Subtotal	<u>3,096.50</u>	
<u>Redwood Gazette/Livewire</u>			
	JD20A	214.50	Published Notice - Bids Improvement
	Subtotal	<u>214.50</u>	
<u>Rinke Noonan</u>			
	Admin	200.00	Monthly Retainer - Legal
	CD 11	1,312.50	Emergency Repairs - Legal
	CD 22	2,662.50	Improvement/Appeal - Legal
	Subtotal	<u>4,175.00</u>	
Total Ditch Bills		<u>7,486.00</u>	

3.2 MALT LIQUOR LICENSES

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the following county 3.2 Beer and Liquor License Renewals for 2020, contingent upon receipt of all paperwork received in the Office of the Auditor-Treasurer:

- Liquor “On Sale” and Sunday “On Sale” License No. 3 to Rolling Hills Golf Club, Inc
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “On and Off Sale” License No. 6 to Rolling Hills Golf Club, Inc
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “Off Sale” License No. 9 to Chandler Cooperative d/b/a Cenex Convenience Store
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “On and Off Sale” License No. 1 to Carlson Corner
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “On and Off Sale” License No. 4 to Michael Ruppert d/b/a/ Ruppert Oil Company
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “On and Off Sale” License No. 5 to Peter Bloemendaal d/b/a Pete’s Corner
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “On and Off Sale” License No. 13 to Roger Hamann d/b/a Trails Edge General Store

SET SPECIAL MEETING FOR COUNTY DITCH 22

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens, and passed to set a special meeting of the Murray County Drainage Authority for County Ditch No. 22 on August 4, 2020 at 12:00p.m. Portions of this meeting will be closed for attorney-client privilege (M.S. §13D.05, Subd 3b).

CD 22 – COUNTY FOR SERVICES – APPRAISAL/EXPERT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink, and passed that the Drainage Authority for County Ditch 22 contract with Ron Ringquist for appraisal/expert witness services in the appeal of the March 19, 2019 dismissal of the County Ditch 22 Improvement.

SEASONAL WAGE SCALE

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the 2020 Seasonal Employee Wage Scale as presented and kept in the Human Resources Office.

JOB DESCRIPTION AND RECRUITMENT FOR ASSESSOR INTERN

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the Assessor Intern job description.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner, and passed to begin the recruitment process for a seasonal Assessor Intern to work up to 500 hours.

RETIREMENT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to accept the retirement of James Reinert, Network Administrator/Veterans Service Officer, effective June 30, 2020 and to express appreciation for Reinert's service to the County.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and carried that the Commissioners in conjunction with the appointed ditch inspector in and for the County of Murray, have examined and inspected that portion of the foregoing described County and Judicial Ditches, lying within the County of Murray, for the purpose of determining what repairs are necessary and ordered said repairs to be made, by this report given thereon at a Murray County Board of Commissioner's meeting, held in the Commissioners Room of the Murray County Government Center, Slayton, Minnesota

- Petition 2020-001 (JD15, Lowville Twp. Sec.36, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2020-002 (JD28, Holly Twp. Sec.5, District 1 –Jens)
- Petition 2020-003 (CD11, Leeds Twp. Sec. 11, District 2–Gunnink)

PAY EQUITY REPORT: MURRAY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve and authorize submission of Murray County Medical Center's 2020 Pay Equity Report.

AMBULANCE CONTRACT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens, and passed to send 2020 Ambulance Service Agreements to Townships and Cities in the Murray County Ambulance Primary Service Area, further moving to approve 2020 Ambulance Agreement rates as follows:

- Townships: \$35.00 per section included in the Murray County Ambulance Primary Service Area.
- Cities: \$10.00 per capita based on most current Household Estimates from the Minnesota State Demographer.

CASEY JONES STATE TRAIL

Commissioner Thiner presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Resolution 2020-03-17-01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF THE INVESTMENT IN THE CASEY JONES STATE TRAIL IN THE 2020 OMNIBUS BILL

WHEREAS, the Casey Jones State Trail was the first ever authorized State Trail in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, our trail system is used for health and wellness at a time when Minnesotans are ever more health conscious: and

WHEREAS, our trail system is used by outdoor enthusiasts of all stripes from hunters, to bird watchers, to horseback riders, hikers and snowmobilers: and

WHEREAS, the Casey Jones State Trail is an economic engine for our region and our state, drawing in tourist, shoppers and other economic drivers critical for rural job creation; and

WHEREAS, the Casey Jones State Trail has been towards the top of the list for years now to receive a state investment in completing this important project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Murray County strongly supports the inclusion of the investment in the Casey Jones State Trail in the Omnibus Bill, thanks to our legislators for the strong support, and encourages legislators from around the state to support this important statewide asset.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Jens, and thereupon being put to a vote, all members of the Board voted for its adoption.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 2/24 Hospital Finance and Western Mental Health, 2/25 County Board Meeting, 2/26 Hospital Board Meeting

Lori Gunnink: 2/25 County Board Meeting, 3/3 County Board Meeting, 3/5 RCRC Area II and "Meet Your Public Servant"

Dennis Welgraven: 2/24 Chandler Fire Department and surrounding townships, 2/25 County Board Meeting and AMC Conference, 2/26 and 2/27 AMC Conference, 3/3 County Board Meeting, 3/4 RTTC meeting, 3/5 Canvassing Board and "Meet Your Public Servant"

David Thiner: 2/25 County Board Meeting and AMC Conference, 2/26 and 2/27 AMC Conference, 3/3 County Board Meeting, 3/5 Canvassing Board

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve the committee reports for February 23 through March 7, 2020

2ND AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

Requests to pass a resolution supporting the 2nd amendment were discussed.

COVID-19 DECLARATION

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to declare a State of Emergency in Murray County due to the COVID-19 pandemic and grant the County Administrator the authority to act as necessary, further moving to adopt the “Utilization of Paid Leave during a Public Health Emergency” policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

ATTEST:

Amy Rucker, Economic Development Director

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board