

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
January 05, 2021 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present in person: Commissioners Dennis Welgraven, Lori Gunnink, James Kluis, Molly Malone, and David Thiner. Also present in person was County Administrator, Thomas Burke, General Assistant, Samantha McClellan. County Attorney, Travis Smith, via Zoom.

OATH OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheila Pierson, Court Administrator, swore in Commissioner Molly Malone, Commissioner Lori Gunnink, Commissioner David Thiner, and County Assessor, Mary Barritt

2021 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION

Auditor-Treasurer Heidi Winter, acting as temporary Chairman called for nominations for Chairman of the Murray County Board of Commissioners for 2021.

Commissioner Kluis nominated Commissioner Welgraven for Chairman for 2021. Nominations were called three times. A unanimous ballot was cast for Commissioner Welgraven for Chair of the Board for 2021.

Auditor-Treasurer Heidi Winter, acting as temporary Chairman called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Murray County Board of Commissioners for 2021.

Commissioner Gunnink nominated Commissioner Malone for Vice Chairman for 2021. Commissioner Kluis nominated Commission Thiner for Vice Chairman for 2021. Commissioner Malone nominated Commissioner Gunnink. Commissioner Malone withdrew her nomination for Commissioner Gunnink. Nominations were called three times. Three votes were cast for Commissioner Welgraven. Two votes were cast for Commissioner Malone. Commissioner Thiner is Vice Chairman of the Board for 2021.

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the agenda with the additions.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2020 meeting with changes.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated January 5, 2021 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 164235 through 164260:

County Revenue Fund	186,071.73
County Road & Bridge Fund	96,850.00
EDA	161.00
Ditch	1,856.00
Hospital	74,149.00
Sunrise Terrace	4,636.00
Total	363,723.73

HVAC PAY APPLICATION 5

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to approve HVAC Upgrade Pay Request No. 5 to Roadside Developers, Inc (d/b/a/ Bisbee Plumbing & Heating) for \$450,185.94 \$46,215.06.

HVAC CHANGE ORDER NO. 7

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Change Order No. 6 and 7 for the HVAC Upgrade Project.

AUTHORIZATION OF MURRAY COUNTY TREASURE TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01-05-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MURRAY COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS IN 2021

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375.16 allows the County Board to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to pay incidental expenses of the county; and WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375.18 allows delegation by the County Board for paying certain claims to a county administrative official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer is authorized to pay incidental expenses as identified in Minnesota Statute 375.16.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer is authorized to pay certain claims made against the County that are included in the Murray County Accounting Policies and Procedures Handbook, adopted on September 27, 2011 and as amended by Board action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That as part of the control procedure, a list of all claims paid will be distributed to the Board and County Administrator and an audit list be signed by the Board Chair.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Kluis and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

APPROVAL OF 2021 APPROPRIATIONS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the 2021 budgeted appropriations as follows:

<u>Vendor #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
9562	ACE of SW MN	01-505-6872	\$17,232.00	Invoiced Quarterly
9562	ACE of SW MN (for Coordinator on Aging Services)	01-515-517-6872	\$14,480.00	Invoiced Quarterly (Coordinator on Aging Service \$14,000 + cell phone reimbursement \$480)
Varies	American Legions - Several (May)	01-121-6863	\$2,325.00	Paid in May to Legion Posts in County
1659	Area II MN River Basin (Bill may come in May)	01-619-611-6842	\$2,945.30	One-Time Payment in January
9910	Casey Jones Trail/Friends of	18-881-6851	\$1,000.00	One-Time Payment in January
12915	Explore Southwest MN Inc	01-005-6881	\$1,000.00	One-Time Payment in January
12774	Fulda Food Shelf, Inc.	01-002-6803	\$1,200.00	One-Time Payment in January
12255	Fulda Heritage Society	01-002-6803	\$5,000.00	One-Time Payment in January
2356	Minnesota Rural Counties	01-002-6242	\$2,200.00	One-Time Payment in January
	Missouri River Watershed - One Watershed One Plan	01-638-623-6848	\$500.00	One-Time Payment in January Reduced from \$34,000.
1374	Murray County Ag Society	01-620-6865	\$17,000.00	One -Time Payment in January
1252	Murray County Early Childhood Initiative	01-510-508-6877	\$3,000.00	One-Time Payment in January
9324	Murray County Economic Development Authority	18-881-6850	\$14,500.00	Bring back to Board at later time One-Time Payment in January
5337	Murray County Mutual Aid Assoc (Bryce Gens)	01-290-289-6855	\$3,000.00	One-Time Payment in January
5007	Murray Soil & Water	01-602-6852	\$196,279.00	Invoiced Quarterly (\$49,069.75) after presentation by S&W Board and approval by County Board.
7893	Pioneer Public TV	01-510-510-6867	\$1,000.00	One-Time Payment in January
1015	Plum Creek Library System	01-502-6861	\$70,550.00	MOE \$58,667; \$8633 (3rd year phased increase); \$3,250 directly to PCLS for operations
1324	RCRCA (Kerry Netzke)	01-610-6871	\$4,050.00	One-Time Payment in January
3605	Southern Minnesota Tourism Association	01-005-6875	\$436.25	One-Time Payment in January
12914	Southwest Arts & Humanities Council	01-510-507-6876	\$500.00	One-Time Payment in January
7625	Southwest Health and Human Services (Public Health)	01-481-6844	\$124,331.00	Invoiced Quarterly
7209	Southwest Initiative Foundation	01-510-508-6877	\$2,882.00	One-Time Payment in January
10012	SW MN Workforce Center	01-885-871-6879	\$2,445.00	One-Time Payment in January
1252	SWRDC - Treasurer - Rural MN Energy Board	01-638-608-6853	\$2,500.00	One-Time Payment in January
			<u>\$490,355.55</u>	

COUNTY DITCH 11

Discussion regarding how to move forward with County Ditch 11.

EDA UPDATE

Discussion on Economic Development position.

BID OPENING – MURRAY COUNTY EDITORIAL GROUP

The Chairman called for bids to be opened for publication of proceedings, delinquent tax lists and all other notices and proceedings, except the Financial Statement, required by law to be published in the official newspaper during the year 2021 as follows: “The Murray County Editorial Group agrees to publish all matters that are required by the law to be so published for \$12.50 per column inch.”

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to accept the Murray County Editorial Group bid of \$12.50 per column inch for publication of proceedings, delinquent tax lists and all other notices and proceedings as required by law in 2021 and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement.

2021 AMC POLICY COMMITTEE & VOTING DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the following 2021 AMC Policy Committee Appointments:

Policy Committee

Environmental & Natural Resources Policy Committee
General Government Policy Committee
Health & Human Services Policy Committee
Public Safety Policy Committee
Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee

Delegate

Jim Kluis
David Thiner
Dennis Welgraven
Molly Malone
Lori Gunnink

and to approve appointing Commissioner Lori Gunnink, Commissioner Molly Malone, Commissioner James Kluis, Commissioner David Thiner, Commissioner Dennis Welgraven, Thomas Burke, and Jean Christoffels as the 2021 AMC Delegate Appointments.

2021 COMMISSIONER AND CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone, and passed to appoint Darwin Kruse to the Economic Development Authority.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to appoint Kathy Bill to the Murray County Local Water Management Plan Task Force.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to appoint Tom Kappes to Murray County parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to appoint Marc Hollahan and Vern Carlson to the Murray County Planning Commission.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to appoint Harley Wahl to the Murray County Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission.

A vote was cast to determine who to appoint to the Extension Committee. The vote was as follows:

Dennis Welgraven: Linnea Surprenant, Ryan Vos

Jim Kluis: Linnea Surprenant, Ryan Vos
Molly Malone: Linnea Surprenant, David Herrig
Lori Gunnink: David Herrig, Mary Mesner
David Thiner: Kelly Nelson, Linnea Suprenant

Tiebreaking Vote:

Dennis Welgraven: Ryan Vos
Jim Kluis: Ryan Vos
Molly Malone: David Herrig
Lori Gunnink: David Herrig
David Thiner: David Herrig

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to appoint David Herrig and Linnea Surprenant to the Murray County Extension Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING: FEE SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. The Chairman called the public hearing for the 2021 fee schedule to order.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2021 fee schedule.

9:31 a.m. The public hearing was opened for comment. No members of the public commented.

9:32 a.m. The public hearing was closed.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the 2021 fee schedule.

BALING WIRE FOR RECYCLING FACILITY

Jon Bloemendaal gave an update on the gauge wire purchased in the amount of \$2747.50 for the recycling facility.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – DAVID MCCLELLAN

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1379 for David McClellan to construct and operate a new feedlot in the Agriculture District in the NW1/4, Section 33, Dovray Township, with the findings and five (5) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

RADAR QUOTES

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the purchase of 3 new radar units from MPH Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$5,997.00.

OUTFITTING 2021 SQUADS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the quote from Emergency Automotive Technology for outfitting 2021 squad cars for \$8,676.06/squad car. Total cost is \$26,028.18.

MOBILE RADIO QUOTE

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the purchase of 3 new Kenwood Viking VM600 radios from Raycom, for the quoted price of \$11,282.16.

SQUAD CAMERAS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the purchase of 8 Watchguard 4RE camera systems for a total purchase price of \$49,155.00.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve to pay Emergency Automotive Technologies to install the new cameras for the quoted price of \$3,245.40.

SKID LOADER TREE CLEARING EQUIPMENT ATTACHMENTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the purchase of a stump grinder from Stan Houston Equipment Co. and a hydraulic limb saw from Trueman Welters.

FINAL PAYMENT FOR MOULTON TOWNSHIP BOX CULVERT PROJECTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve making the final payment to A & C Excavating LLC for projects SAP's 051-599-101, 051-599-106 & 051-599-108.

COVID19 UPDATE

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, and Emergency Management/Safety Director, Carl Nyquist led a discussion on Murray County's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

CARES ACT

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, and Emergency Management/Safety Director, Carl Nyquist led a discussion on CARES Act Funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 12/14 Western Mental Health, 12/15 Regular Board Meeting, 12/16 Health and Human Services, 12/17 HVAC Meeting, LELS Union Negotiations, 12/21 Hospital Finance Meeting, 12/22 Regular Board Meeting, 12/30 Hospital Board Meeting.

Lori Gunnink: 12/14 Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission, 12/15 Regular Board Meeting, 12/17 LELS Union Negotiations, 12/22 Regular Board Meeting.

James Kluis: 12/15 Regular Board Meeting, 12/17 Advocating, Connecting, Educating, LELS Union Negotiations, 12/22 Regular Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 12/14 Southwest Regional Development Commission, 12/15 Regular Board Meeting, 12/16 Southwest Health and Human Services, 12/17 LELS Union Negotiations, 12/22 Regular Board Meeting, 12/24 Personnel Committee.

David Thiner: 12/15 Regular Board Meeting, 12/16 Heroin Lake Watershed District Advisory Committee, 12/17 Planning Commission, LELS Union Negotiations, 12/21 Chief Elected Official Board, 12/22 Regular Board Meeting, 12/24 Personnel Committee.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the committee reports for December 13 – 26, 2020.

The meeting recessed: 11:14 a.m.

1:00 p.m. The Chair called the meeting back to order.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present in person: Commissioners Dennis Welgraven, Lori Gunnink, James Kluis, Molly Malone, and David Thiner. Also present in person was County Administrator, Thomas Burke, County Auditor/Treasurer, Heidi Winter, General Assistant, Samantha McClellan. Ditch Viewers Jim Weideman, Steven Johnson, and Duane Bendixen; Nobles County guests, Cliff Altman and Zachary Reker. County Attorney, Travis Smith, County Ditch Inspector, Travis Radk, and Nobles County guest, Justin Ahlers via Zoom.

Purpose: Drainage Authority to Receive Viewer's Report and consider approval of a Redetermination of Benefits to Judicial Ditch 17.

Travis Smith gave an overview of the purpose of the meeting.

Heidi E. Winter reported that all notice requirements were met.

Jim Weideman gave the viewers report for the Redetermination of Benefits for Judicial Ditch No. 7.

The Chair opened the floor to public comment and questions. No public comment was made, and the floor was closed.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the following findings:

**BEFORE THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
FOR JUDICIAL DITCH 17**

**Findings of Fact and Order Concerning
Redetermination of Benefits, Pursuant to
Minnesota Statutes 103E.351**

WHEREAS, the original benefits for Judicial Ditch 17, as determined in the original drainage proceedings, do not reflect reasonable present-day values and the benefitted or damaged areas may have been changed.

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020 the Drainage Authority appointed viewers, Jim Weideman, Steve Johnson and Duane Bendixen to redetermine benefits for Judicial Ditch 17.

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021 the Drainage Authority held a hearing to receive the Viewer's Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Murray County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for Murray County Judicial Ditch 17, hereby approves the redetermination of benefits for Judicial Ditch 17 based on the following:

- The Viewer's Report has been made and other proceedings are completed under M.S. § 103E.351.
- The report is complete and correct.
- The damages and benefits have been properly determined with 657 benefited acres and net benefits of \$337,333.33

Dated this 5th day of January, 2021

MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE
AUTHORITY FOR MURRAY COUNTY
JUDICIAL DITCH 17

By _____
Its Chairperson

The meeting adjourned: 1:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board