

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
January 26, 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, and Molly Malone. Commissioner David Thiner, via Zoom. Also present in person was County Administrator, Thomas Burke, General Assistant, Samantha McClellan. County Attorney, Travis Smith, via Zoom.

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

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Malone seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink 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 NEXT PAGE.*

Bendixen, Duane (Ditch Viewer)

JD 17 1,520.30 JD 17 Redetermination of Benefits - Viewing Services
Subtotal 1,520.30

Gislason & Hunter, LLP

CD 41 32.50 CD 41 Improvement - Legal (Petitioner Attorney)
Subtotal 32.50

Rodney Johnson (Beaver Trapper)

CD 26 300.00 #2020-064 Approved by T. Radke 1-19-2021 2-Gunnink
Subtotal 300.00

Johnson, Steve (Ditch Viewer)

JD 17 247.96 JD 17 Redetermination of Benefits - Viewing Services
Subtotal 247.96

Rinke Noonan

CD 22 7,173.50 CD 22 Appeal - Legal
Subtotal 7,173.50

Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc (SEH)

JD 17 1,049.00 Outlet Review Approved by T. Radke 1-19-2021 4-Kluis
Subtotal 1,049.00

Total Ditch Bills 10,323.26

SUBORDINATION REQUEST

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve a subordination agreement for Murray County Tax Parcel ID# 14-008-002-4 for a Murray County Septic Lien (Document #258991), further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

PORTABLE WORKSTATION – DITCHES

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Kluis and passed to purchase a new portable workstation for Ditch Inspector, Travis Radke. Budgeted item, 21-867-000-0000-6480 Small Equipment & Furniture.

COMMISSIONER DEVICES

Information Technology Supervisor, Jason Lohrenz, led a discussion regarding updating the Commissioners devices. The surfaces they currently have are 6 years old.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to reappoint Dan Bierma (District 3) and Marc Hollahan (District 5) to the Murray Count Board of Adjustments.

COVID19 UPDATE

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, led a discussion on Murray County’s response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

MURRAY COUNTY RELIEF GRANTS

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, led a discussion on Murray County Relief Grant funds.

BUFFALO RIDGE DRUG TASK FORCE

Murray County Drug/General Investigator, Chris Lewis; Murray County Chief Deputy, Heath Landsman; and Nobles County Chief Deputy, Chris Dybevick, provided a summary of 2020 funding, highlights of 2020, and led a discussion regarding the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force.

MUSEUM REPORT

Murray County Museums Coordinator, Janet Timmerman, and Site Coordinators, Jakob Etrheim, and Rose Moudry, presented the Murray County Museums' 2020 Annual Report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Human Resources Director, Ronda Radke, gave an update on the Personnel Committee.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The incorrect list of employees was provided for employee recognition. The corrected list will be presented February 2, 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Molly Malone: 1/11 Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission, 1/3 Economic Development Authority, District 8 Land Use Committee, 1/19 Regular Board meeting, 1/20 Association of Minnesota Counties - New Commissioner Training, Heron Lake Watershed District Advisory Committee, 1/21 Association of Minnesota Counties - New Commissioner training, Planning Commission.

Lori Gunnink: 1/11 Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission, 1/19 Regular Commissioner Meeting, 1/20 Plum Creek Library, Lake Sarah Dam Informational Meeting, 1/21 Zoning Board Hearing.

James Kluis: 1/19 Regular Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 1/13 Economic Development Authority, District 8 Land Use Committee, 1/14 Building Committee, Southwest Regional Development Commission, 1/19 Regular Board Meeting, 1/20 Southwest Health and Human Services, Lime Lake Dam Informational Meeting, 1/21 Planning and Zoning.

David Thiner: 1/18 Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, 1/19 Regular Board Meeting, 1/20 Southwest Health and Human Services, Heron Lake Dam, 4H Building Meeting, Heron Lake Watershed District Advisory Committee, 1/21 Planning and Zoning.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the committee reports for January 10 – 23, 2021.

WORK SESSION

The Murray County Board of Commissioners held a general discussion work session. The purpose of this work session is to share information, ask questions, and have discussions regarding committee meetings and other topics that need additional dialog to keep commissioners informed.

It was move by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to approve adjourning the meeting.

The meeting adjourned: 10:42 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board