

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
February 23, 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.

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

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

2020 AUDIT REVIEW

Treasure/Auditor, Heidi Winter, provided an overview of the 2019 audit that was issued in December 2020.

HERON LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

Commissioner Thiner reported that Jan Voit is retiring from the Heron Lake Watershed District. The Heron Lake Watershed Board is looking at the possibility of transferring its drainage authority responsibilities back to Jackson County for the systems they currently administer within its boundaries. This is something that could happen with other counties in the watershed as well. It would make drainage administration more consistent if the county is the drainage authority for all systems.

BUFFALO RIDGE DRUG TASK FORCE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve paying the 2021 Per Capita Funding to the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task force in the corrected amount of ~~\$35,772.50~~ 37,517.30.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SPECIALIST

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone, and passed to approve the recruitment process for a regular full-time Environmental Services Specialist.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT LABOR SERVICES (LELS) UNION CONTRACT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone, and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair and Vice-Chair sign the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) labor agreement for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, led a discussion on the draft capital improvement plan.

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.

BUILDING UPDATES

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, led a discussion regarding the HVAC system in the Courts Building, and Courts Bathroom remodel.

HVAC STUDY SHERIFFS OFFICE

It was move by Thiner, seconded by Malone, and passed to approve Dunham Associates, Inc. to provide a mechanical review of the existing HVAC system for the Law Enforcement building to determine the cause of the humidity control issues.

CLEAN CARS

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, provided information concerning the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency adopting California's Low-Emission Vehicle and Zero-Emission Vehicle mandates. The topic will be brought back to the board at a later date for further discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Molly Malone: 2/8 Minnesota Rural Counties, Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission, 2/9 Scott Anderson Training, 2/16 Regular Board Meeting, 2/17 Association of Minnesota Counties -New Commissioner Training, Slayton City Council, 2/18 Economic Development Authority, Association of Minnesota Counties - Public Safety.

Lori Gunnink: 2/9 Scott Anderson Training, 2/16 Regular Board Meeting, 2/17 Plum Creek Library, 2/18 Fairgrounds Advisory Board, Association of Minnesota Counties -Transportation Committee.

James Kluis: 2/9 Scott Anderson Training, 2/16 Regular Board Meeting, 2/18 Association of Minnesota Counties.

Dennis Welgraven: 2/8 Minnesota Rural Counties, 2/9 Scott Anderson Training, Building/Facilities Committee, 2/10, Southwest Regional Development Commission, Audit Committee, 2/11 HVAC Meeting, Southwest Regional Development Commission, 2/16 Regular Board Meeting, 2/17 Southwest Health and Human Services, Slayton City Council, 2/18 Economic Development Authority, Audit Planning, Association of Minnesota Counties, 2/19 Murray County Relief Fund.

David Thiner: 2/9 Planning and Zoning, Building Meeting, 2/15 Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, 2/16 Regular Board Meeting, 2/17 Southwest Health and Human Services, 2/18 Association of Minnesota Counties.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve the committee reports for February 7-20, 2021.

10:15 a.m. The meeting recessed.

10:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 4H Building.

FLOOD MAPPING KICK-OFF MEETING

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Dennis Welgraven, Jim Kluis, Lori Gunnink, Molly Malone, and David Thiner. Also present, Jean Christoffels, Zoning/Environmental Admin.

It was move by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis, and passed to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned: 11:43 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board