

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
March 23, 2021 8:30 a.m.

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

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

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone 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 March 16, 2021 meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Welgraven, 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.

Rinke Noonan

CD 22	<u>645.00</u>	CD 22 - Appeal on Improvement
Subtotal	<u>645.00</u>	

Total Ditch Bills 645.00

FOLLOW UP ON BOND QUESTION

County Auditor/Treasurer, Heidi Winter gave an update as to how the 2020 County State Aid Bonds will impact the county's ability to bond for road projects in the future, and how the bonds impact the county's overall debt capacity. She also gave general information about debt capacity.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Malone 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 2021-002 (CD61, Bondin Twp. Sec.12, District 5–Thiner)
- Petition 2021-003 (CD59, Murray Twp. Sec.15, District 1–Malone)

POSTING MEETING RECORDINGS ONLINE

Information Technology Supervisor, Jason Lohrenz, led a discussion regarding posting Commissioner Meetings online.

PT DISPATCHER/JAILER

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve hiring Miranda Harrison as a regular part-time Dispatcher/Jailer effective March 26, 2021. Per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Contingent upon satisfactory results of a criminal background check and a pre-employment drug test.

GIS TECHNICIAN

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the updated job descriptions for the GIS Technician and to start the recruitment process.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

COVID-19 UPDATE

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, and Emergency Management, Carl Nyquist 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.

AMC JUNE MEETING

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, led a discussion regarding hosting an in-person Association of Minnesota Counties meeting in June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Molly Malone: 3/8 Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission, 3/9 Annual Township Meetings, 3/15 Association of Minnesota Counties, 3/16 Regular Board Meeting, 3/17 Association of Minnesota Counties – New Commissioner Training, 3/18 Economic Development Authority, Planning Commission Meeting.

Lori Gunnink: 3/9 Annual Township Meetings, 3/16 Regular Board Meeting, 3/17 Murray County Extension Committee.

James Kluis: 3/16 Regular Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 3/9 Annual Township Meetings, 3/11 HVAC Meeting, Southwest Regional Development Commission, 3/15 Minnesota Rural Counties, 3/16 Regular Board Meeting, 3/17 Southwest Health and Human Services, 3/18 Economic Development Authority.

David Thiner: 3/9 Annual Township Meetings, 3/12 Heron Lake Watershed District, 3/15 Chief Elected Officials Board, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, 3/16 Regular Board Meeting, 3/17 Heron Lake Watershed, Southwest Health and Human Services, 3/18 Des Moines River One Watershed One Plan, Planning Commission.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the committee reports for March 7-20, 2021.

The meeting recessed: 9:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened: 10:00 a.m.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
FOR COUNTY DITCH NO. 22
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
March 23, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Drainage Authority Board for Murray County Ditch No. 22 met in special session with the following members present in person: Commissioners Molly Malone, Lori Gunnink and David Thiner. Commissioners Dennis Welgraven and James Kluis and Drainage Authority Attorney, John Kolb were present via Zoom. Also present in person was Murray County Auditor/Treasurer, Heidi Winter and General Assistant, Samantha McClellan.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss settlement options for the County Ditch No. 22 appeal.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to go into closed session for attorney client privilege for ongoing litigation (M.S. §13D.05, Subd. 3).

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to come out of closed session.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to reject a settlement proposal from the appellants, further moving to instruct Attorney Kolb to respond to the appellants on behalf of the Drainage Authority.

The meeting adjourned: 10:19 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board