

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
April 06, 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 David Thiner. Via Zoom: Commissioner Molly Malone. Also present in person was County Administrator, Thomas Burke, and 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 additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2021 meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated March 30, 2021 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 164897 through 164947:

County Revenue Fund	56,950.20
County Road & Bridge Fund	59,472.60
Self-Insurance	
Sunrise Terrace	203.03
SAWS	12.38
Total	116,638.21

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis 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.*

Corey Johnson (Beaver Trapper)

CD 20	<u>75.00</u>	2019-110	Approved by T.Radke 3-30-2021	2-Gunnink
Subtotal	<u>75.00</u>			

Onken Backhoe Service, Inc.

CD 19	500.00	2020-067	Approved by T.Radke 3-25-2021	1-Malone
CD 34	11,930.00	2020-029	Approved by T.Radke 3-25-2021	2-Gunnink
CD 58	<u>780.00</u>	2020-049	Approved by T.Radke 3-25-2021	2-Gunnink
Subtotal	<u>13,210.00</u>			

Total Ditch Bills 13,285.00

APPROVAL OF 2021 LIQUOR LICENSE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the following county Liquor Licenses for 2021, contingent upon receipt of all paperwork received in the Office of the Auditor-Treasurer:

- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 2 (Renewal) to Key Largo on Shetek LLC
- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 4 (Renewal) to Breezy Point Tavern, LLC d/b/a Breezy Point Tavern
- “On Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 5 (Renewal) to Painted Prairie Vineyard, LLC
- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 7 (Renewal) to Lake Shetek Lodge, LLC d/b/a Lake Shetek Lodge

REBATES ON LIQUOR LICENSE

Consensus was given to Auditor/Treasurer, Heidi Winter to verify the percent and dollar amount that may potentially be reimbursed for time that a liquor license was not utilized due to closure from executive orders.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEW OFF SALE LIQUOR LICENSE

8:45 a.m. The Chairman called to order the public hearing for a New Off Sale Liquor License pursuant M.S. §340A.405 subd 2(d).

8:46 a.m. The public hearing was opened for comment.

8:46 a.m. The public hearing closed.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve a partial year liquor license for Trails Edge General Store, license period: April 6, 2021 to September 30, 2021:

- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 8 to Trails Edge General Store

SOUTHWEST HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Southwest Health and Human Services Commissioner Training will be held on April 21, 2021, noon-2:00 p.m. Dennis Welgraven, and David Thiner, will be attending the training.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

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

RESOLUTION 2021-04-06-01

Recognition Day for National Service Proclamation

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's elected leaders are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism to engage their residents and help tackle their greatest needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities; they help our nation recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, educate students for 21st Century jobs, fight the opioid epidemic, respond to natural disasters, and support veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors participants serve in more than 40,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Murray County was served by 329 AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers in 2020. The AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers perform their volunteer service work under the guidance of A.C.E. of SW Minnesota - Murray County office. These volunteers provide vital support to county residents and improve the quality of life in Murray County; and

WHEREAS, as a County Commission, we work hard every day to make life better for our constituents and strengthening the spirit and commitment of the volunteers who serve our county is just one of our many goals. We are grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these citizens who are helping make our great county stronger, safer, and healthier, and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on April 6, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Murray County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2021, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

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

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Discussion on sending letter of support to legislation regarding aiding local libraries. County Administrator, Thomas Burke will compose a draft letter and bring it back to the board for approval.

PRIMEWEST HEALTH

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, led a discussion regarding surrounding counties using PrimeWest Health, and discussed if Murray County has interest in buying into PrimeWest. It will be discussed in further at a later date.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1383 for Anthony Zins to construct and operate a new feedlot over 300 animal units in the Agriculture District on 9.98 acres in the W1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4, Section 22, Bondin Township, with the findings, three (3) special conditions, and a one-year extension as recommended by the Planning Commission.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT EXTENSION

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve a 6-month extension of the Conditional Use Permit#1372 for Cannon River, LLC to construct and operate a 1-Megawatt (MW) Community Solar Garden in the Agriculture District in the SE1/4, Section 15, Leeds Township.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SPECIALIST

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve hiring Connie Wieneke as a regular full-time Environmental Services Specialist effective as soon as possible, grade 6, step 3. Contingent upon satisfactory results of a criminal background check and a pre-employment drug test.

MUSEUM COORDINATOR

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Janet Timmerman to reduce her normal work hours to 10 hours a week, she will continue to work on a Museum grant 20 hours per week until grant is completed. Reduction of hours effective May 3, 2021 and retire as of November 5, 2021.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve allowing County Administrator, Thomas Burke, to authorize museum staff Jakob Etrheim, and Rose Schmit, to work up to 40 hours a week.

SEASONAL MUSEUM ASSISTANT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve hiring Bryanne Bose as a Seasonal Museum Assistant with a start date of May 18, 2021 at grade 1S, step 5 from the seasonal

grade scale. Per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Contingent upon satisfactory results of a criminal background check, and pre-employment drug test.

SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve hiring Howard Konkol as a Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker with a start date as soon as results are received, grade 1S, step 3 from the seasonal grade scale. Per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Contingent upon satisfactory results of a criminal background check and pre-employment drug test.

INSTALL DECKING AT END-O-LINE PARK

It was moved by Thiner, and seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve proceeding with installing new ramps and steps to the depot at End-O-Line Park.

BID OPENING

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to set bid opening for projects SAP 051-599-109, SAP 051-599-110 and SAP 051-601-016 at 9:00 a.m. on May 18, 2021.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Molly Malone: 3/26 Murray County Medical Center Finance, Rural Minnesota Energy Board, 3/23 Regular Board Meeting, 3/24 Murray County Medical Center Hospital Board, 3/25 Casey Jones Trail.

Lori Gunnink: 3/23 Regular Board Meeting, 3/25 Casey Jones Trail, 3/26 Southern Prairie Community Care – Joint Powers Board Meeting, 3/31 United Community Action Annual Report Meeting, 4/1 Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area.

James Kluis: 3/23 Regular Board Meeting, 3/24 Murray County Medical Center Hospital Board, 3/25 Advocating, Connecting, Educating - Joint Powers.

Dennis Welgraven: 3/22 Solid Waste, Rural Energy Board, Western Mental Health, 3/23 Regular Board Meeting, Personnel Meeting, 3/30 Personnel Committee, 4/2 Southwest Regional Development Commission.

David Thiner: 3/23 Regular Board Meeting, 3/24 Southwest Regional Radio Board.

9:53 a.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the committee reports for March 21, 2021 – April 3, 2021.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approved moving into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat 13D.05. subd. 3(b) to receive confidential legal advice concerning pending union grievance.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approved moving back into open session.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned: 10:13 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board