

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
April 27, 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, 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 Malone and passed to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone 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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BCL Television (Beau Loosbrock)

CD 74	<u>1,459.60</u>	#2020-061	Approved by T.Radke 3-30-2021 3-Welgraven
Subtotal	<u>1,459.60</u>		

Bolton & Menk

JD 3	<u>1091</u>	JD 3 Improvement - Engineering
Subtotal	<u>1,091.00</u>	

Johnson Ditching, Inc

JD 15	<u>398.89</u>	#2019-112	Approved by T.Radke 4-21-2021 1-Malone
Subtotal	<u>398.89</u>		

Murray County Highway Department (Permit fee for working in Right of Way)

JD 5	<u>50.00</u>	#2021-008	Approved by T.Radke 4-21-2021 1-Malone
Subtotal	<u>50.00</u>		

Redwood County

JD 20A	17.52	Shared Ditch Expenses
CD 22	<u>183.87</u>	Shared Ditch Expenses
Subtotal	<u>201.39</u>	

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Admin	200.00	Monthly Retainer-Legal
CD 22	<u>171.50</u>	CD 22 Appeal - Legal
Subtotal	<u>371.50</u>	

Total Ditch Bills 3,572.38

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN 2021 PERFORMANCE MEASURES PROGRAM
Commissioner Thiner presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2021-04-27-01
A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 PERFORMANCE MEASURES
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the 2010 Legislature created the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation, and

WHEREAS, in February 2011 the council released a standard set of ten performance measures for counties that will aid residents, taxpayers and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties in providing services, and

WHEREAS, counties that elect to participate in the Performance Measures Program for 2021 are eligible for a reimbursement of \$0.14 per capita in local government aid, and are also exempt from levy limits under section 275.70 to 275.74 for taxes payable in the following calendar year, if levy limits are in effect, and

WHEREAS, Murray County was certified for the program in the years 2011-2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Murray County Board of Commissioners that Murray County hereby elects to participate in the 2021 Performance Measures Program.

Murray County Board of Commissioners:

- Public Safety: Part I and II Crime Rates, as Reported by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; Deputy Response Time; total number of accidents that occur on County State Aid Highways, County Roads and Un-Organized Township Roads that involve fatalities and injury.
- Probation/Corrections: Percent of adult offenders with a newly felony conviction within three (3) years of discharge.
- Public Works: Hours to plow complete system during a snow event – and - Average County Pavement Condition Rating, Based on County Engineer’s Evaluation.
- Public Health: Life Expectancy Generally and by Sex and Race.
- Social Services: Workforce Participation Rate Among MFIP and DWP Recipients – and – Percentage of Children Where There is a Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 12 Months Following an Intervention.
- Taxation: Level of Assessment Ratio.
- Elections: Accuracy of Post-Election Audit.
- Veterans’ Service: Percentage of Veterans Surveyed Who Said His/Her Questions Were Answered When Seeking Benefit Information from the County Veterans’ Office.
- Parks: Citizens’ Rating of the Quality of County Parks, Recreational Programs, and/or Facilities.
- Libraries: Number of Annual Visits per 1,000 Residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of the adopted performance measures will be published on the Murray County Website by December 31, 2021.

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

UPDATE ON DRAINAGE BONDS

Auditor/Treasurer, Heidi Winter, gave an update on the upcoming 2021 Murray County Drainage Bonds.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis 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 2021-008 (JD05, Belfast Twp. Sec.23, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2021-009 (CD46, Leeds Twp. Sec.16, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2021-010 (JD14, Leeds Twp. Sec.19, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2021-011 (CD07, Cameron Twp. Sec.10, District 2–Gunnink)

MURRAY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Murray County Soil and Water District (SWCD) Administrator Shelly Lewis, and Program Manager Craig Christensen, updated the Board on the SWCD's activities.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the Murray County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) quarterly allocation request in the amount of \$49,069.75.

4-H BUILDING RENT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Three Church renting the 4-H Building for Sunday church services, at a rate of \$250 a month, with an additional \$50 per use fee for the kitchen. Three Church is responsible for set up and clean up. A draft agreement will be brought back to the board for final approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to approve using Federal MIF Funds for the Minnesota Signature Care Slayton Assisted Living project in the amount of \$250,000. If unable to use MIF Funds, General Economic Development Authority Loan Funds may be used.

COUNTY RESCUE PLAN

Murray County will be receiving an allocation of money from the American Recovery Act. Recommendation of adding another representative from the County Board, and adding representatives from cities and townships to the grant committee was discussed. General discussion of how to get people involved will be brought back to the board at a later date.

SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve hiring 3 Seasonal Parks Maintenance Workers, at grade 1S, step 1, from the seasonal grade scale; Mike Carlson with a start date of May 3, 2021, Carter Kresko with a start date of June 1, 2021, and Nathaniel Kleven with a start date of June 2, 2021. Per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

PATROL SERGEANT

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, and Chief Deputy, Heath Landsman led a discussion regarding creating a patrol sergeant position. Thomas Burke is going to explore if this can be a temporary position and bring it back to the board.

IT DEPARTMENT

County Administrator, Thomas Burke confirmed that the construction of the IT Office is complete. The final cost of the office was roughly \$15,000.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board