

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
June 15, 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, one was added.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the agenda as presented.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2021 meeting.

**OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present for Open Forum.

**COMMISSIONER WARRANTS**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated June 15, 2021 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 165472 through 165538:

County Revenue Fund	58,529.03
County Road & Bridge Fund	18,687.54
EDA	146.00
Ditch	954.95
Self-Insurance	512.40
Sunrise Terrace	1,752.73
SAWS	159.00
Total	80,741.65

**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.

**Kendal Cooreman (Beaver Trapping)**

21-810-6293	JD 6	<u>300.00</u>	#2021-006	Approved by T. Radke 4-26-2021	11-Malone
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>300.00</u></b>			

**Johnson Ditching, Inc.**

21-667-6290	CD 20	564.25	#2020-057	Approved by T. Radke 6-3-2021	2-Gunnink
21-719-6290	CD 46	<u>468.48</u>	#2021-009	Approved by T. Radke 6-3-2021	2-Gunnink
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>1,032.73</u></b>			

**Ryan West Excavating, Inc.**

21-789-6290	CD 87	<u>5,640.00</u>	#2019-037	Approved by T. Radke 5-26-2021	12-Gunnink
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>5,640.00</u></b>			

**Total Ditch Bills 6,972.73**

**JUDICIAL DITCH 6/20A IMPROVEMENT – PAY APPLICATION 7**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve Pay Application 7 to Cooreman Contracting for the Judicial Ditch No. 6/20A Improvement Project for \$15,720.97.

**SOLAR PANELS**

Discussion on production tax and decommissioning costs on solar panels in Murray County.

**DITCH INSPECTION REPORT**

A motion was made by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink 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 2021-020 (CD53, Skandia Twp. Sec.26, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2021-021 (JD13, Bondin Twp. Sec.10, District 5–Thiner)

**DEPUTY SHERIFF**

It was move by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve moving Dalton Slinger from intermittent to regular full-time status, effective June 28, 2021.

**DEPUTY SHERIFF PERA RESOLUTION**

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

RESOLUTION 2021-06-15-01  
 RESOLUTION FOR PEACE OFFICER REQUESTING COVERAGE IN THE PUBLIC  
 EMPLOYEES POLICE AND FIRE FUND

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivision to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan for eligible employees of police or Sheriff departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated there in and listed below. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, of Murray County hereby declares that the position title Deputy Sheriff currently held by Dalton Slinger, meets all of the following Police and Fire membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. Said position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the named employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

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

#### PREFERREDONE UPDATED DOCUMENTS

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the Restated Health Services Network Access and Administration Agreement between PreferredOne and Murray County and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the PreferredOne Amendment #1 to the Summary Plan Description Low Medical Option and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the document.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the PreferredOne Amendment #1 to the Summary Plan Description Mid Medical Option and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the document.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the PreferredOne Amendment #1 to the Summary Plan Description High Medical Option and to authorize the County Administrator to sign the document.

#### LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM BOARD RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION 2021-06-15-02

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH WEBNER, ROD SPRONK, AND JERRY LONNEMAN TO THE LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Joseph Weber's 4 year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System ("LPRW") Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Rod Spronk's 4 year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Lonneman's 4 year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2021 the LPRW Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a Motion which recommends that Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk, and Jerry Lonneman each be reappointed to another 4-year term on the LPRW Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners believes that Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk, and Jerry Lonneman are qualified to act as Commissioners on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners are all worthy of appointment.

NOW BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk, and Jerry Lonneman be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes 116A et seq., for a 4-year term which shall commence on January 1, 2022 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2025.

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

ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES DISCUSSION

County Administrator, Thomas Burke led a discussion on the National Association of Counties conference.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE

Chief Deputy, Heath Landsman; County Attorney, Travis Smith; and County Administrator, Thomas Burke led a discussion regarding the golf cart ordinance and what can be done to further enforce the laws and ordinance. There is a safety concern with the amount of golf carts in the lakes area being operated by kids, on the highways, and after dark. The board asked that a revised ordinance be brought back at a later date.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH AAA STRIPING SERVICE

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve signing the AAA Striping Service Contract for Job No. CP 01-21 2021 Striping, authorizing the Board Chair to sign.

**BID OPENING FOR PHASE 1 – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDING**

At 10 a.m., the Board Chair called for the bid opening for Phase 1 of the highway department building.

**Base Bid #1 (Main Building Precast) & Alt Bid #1 (Unheated Building Precast):**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid #1</u>	<u>Alt Bid #1</u>
Janas Corporation	\$2,750,000.00	\$950,000.00
Wells Concrete	\$2,084,000.00	\$770,000.00
Gage Brothers Concrete	\$2,129,137.00	\$700,348.00
Huffcutt Concrete	\$2,190,800.00	\$626,300.00

**Base Bid #2 (Main Building Structural Steel) & Alt Bid #2 (Unheated Building Structural Steel)**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid #2</u>	<u>Alt Bid #2</u>
Red Cedar Steel Erectors	\$230,000.00	\$85,000.00

**Base Bid #3 (Evacuation/Earthwork, Etc.) & Alt Bid #3 (Omitting Asphalt, More Gravel)**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base Bid #3</u>	<u>Alt Bid #3</u>
R&G Construction	\$3,335,000.00	\$-310,000.00

County Engineer Randy Groves, and CBS<sup>2</sup> Senior Project Manager, Bob Sworski led a discussion regarding the bids. A motion will be expected at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting awarding the bid. Phase 2 Bid Opening has been rescheduled from July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Molly Malone: 6/1 Regular Board Meeting, 6/7 Lakes Area Safety Discussion - Golf Carts, 6/8 Currie City Council 6/10 Association of Minnesota Counties - District 8, 6/11 Ditch 17 Hearing, Early Childhood Initiative.

Lori Gunnink: 6/1 Regular Board Meeting, 6/7 Minnesota River Basin (Area II) & Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, Lakes Area Safety Discussion – Gold Carts, 6/10 Association of Minnesota Counties - District 8 Meeting, 6/11 Zoning – Shady Rest Road and Lake Sarah Township.

Jim Kluis: 6/1 Regular Board Meeting, 6/7 Law Library Committee, 6/10 Association of Minnesota Counties - District 8 Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 6/1 Regular Board Meeting, 6/2 Missouri Watershed District, 6/9 Personnel, 6/10 Association of Minnesota Counties - District 8, Southwest Regional Development Commission Budget & Personnel, Southwest Regional Development Directors.

David Thiner: 6/1 Regular Board Meeting, 6/9 Insurance Committee, 6/10 Association of Minnesota Counties – District 8.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Committee Reports for May 30 – June 12, 2021.

The meeting adjourned 11:05 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

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Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board