

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
July 6, 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. 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 Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2021 meeting with changes.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane “Swede” Campbell was present during open forum to discuss Ditch 22.

Brad Pagel with the Slayton American Legion was present during open forum to ask the board to approve the American Legion Centennial Proclamation Erwin March Day.

AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07-06-01

A Resolution Proclaiming August 21, 2021, Slayton American Legion Erwin March Post 64 Day

WHEREAS, The American Legion has been a staunch advocate for veterans and their families since 1919; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded on the four pillars of care for veterans, a strong National defense, Americanism, and children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has played a leading role in initiatives and breakthroughs that have affected the lives of Americans in every community, from U.S. Flag code to the GI Bill; and

WHEREAS, Post 64 has fulfilled the Legion’s mission since 1919 through programs such as Oratorical and Boys State. The Post namesake Erwin March is known to be the first Slayton, Murray County and Minnesota resident killed in action in World War 1; and

WHEREAS, The Slayton American Legion Erwin March Post 64 is celebrating its centennial August 18 – 21, 2021, postponed from 2020 due to covid.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Murray County, Slayton, Minnesota do hereby proclaim August 21 as “Slayton American Legion Erwin March Post 64 day” in Murray County.

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.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Thiner and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated July 6, 2021 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 165614 through 165677:

County Revenue Fund	36,435.30
County Road & Bridge Fund	116,759.23
EDA	221.25
Sunrise Terrace	119.68
Total	153,535.46

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner 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.

Cooreman Contracting, Inc

21-847-6290	JD20A	300.00	#2021-018	Approved by T. Radke 6-30-2021-Malone
	Subtotal	300.00		

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21-674-6260	CD 22	1,011.50	CD 22 Appeal - Legal
21-807-6260	JD3		JD 3 Improvement - Legal
21-810-810-6260	JD 6		JD 6 Improvement - Legal
21-847-847-6260	JD 20A		JD 20A Improvement - Legal
21-868-6260	Admin	200.00	Monthly Retainer - Legal
	Subtotal	1,211.50	

Total Ditch Bills 1,511.50

HVAC PAY AP.8

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve HVAC Upgrade Pay Request No. 8 to Roadside Developers, Inc (d/b/a/ Bisbee Plumbing & Heating) for \$17,040.80.

BID OPENING

At 9 a.m., the Board Chair called for the bid opening Gravel Crushing CP 02-2.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Central Specialties, Inc.	6325 CTY RD 87 SW, Alexandria MN 56308	\$187,552.00
Ferguson Aggregate & Crushing	Alexandria, MN	\$180,700.00
Rogge Excavating INC.	3065 170 th Ave, Ghent, MN 56239	\$142,800.00
Sweetman Sand and Gravel	P.O. Box 127 105 Mill Street, Currie, MN 56123	\$175,500.00
WM.D. Scepaniak Inc.	572 4 th St., Holdingford, MN, 56340	\$127,008.00

AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SLAYTON FOR WATER & SEWER SERVICE

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the Water Service Extension Murray County Highway Department New Building Contract. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Lori Gunnink: No

Jim Kluis: Yes

Dennis Welgraven: Yes

David Thiner: Yes

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT AND UPDATES

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner 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 2021-024 (CD40, Belfast Twp. Sec.30, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2021-025 (CD67, Mason Twp. Sec.27, District 1–Malone)

HOSPITAL UPDATE

Luke Schryvers, Murray County Medical Center Chief Executive Officer, gave an update on COVID-19, and the hospital finances.

WOODS 5TH ADDITION FINAL PLAT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Final Plat for Woods 5th Addition Preliminary Plat Application #326 for two residential lots in the Residential and Shoreland Overlay Districts on a Natural Environment Lake for All of Woods Lots 10 & 20, parts of Wood Lots 11 & 14, and the South 135.35 feet of Wood Lots 6 & 7, all lying east of Deer Path Road, Section 29, Shetek Township, Murray County as recommended by the Planning Commission.

SCOTT & SENA DOVER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1388 for Scott & Sena Dover to use an alternative elevation method to elevate a structure in the Flood Fringe District of Lake Shetek for Lot 3, Block 1 Shorewood Estates, in Section 36, Lake Sarah Township with the findings and two (2) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

NOVEL ENERGY SOLUTIONS/LARRY BYERS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1387 for Novel Energy Solutions to construct and operate a 1 MW Solar Facility in the Agriculture District in the NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 23, and NW1/4 NW1/4, Section 24, Slayton Township with the findings and eight (8) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

PURCHASE AGLAND SPLIT PROGRAM

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve purchasing Agland Split Program thru Schneider Geospatial for the purchase price \$10,100.

SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON (SEH) CONTRACT FOR DEMOLITION LANDFILL

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve authorizing the Solid Waste Officer to sign the agreement for Professional Services with Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.

TIRE DISPOSAL

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve exceeding the budgeted amount of \$5,000 for recycling tires at Liberty Tire.

4-H BUILDING RENTAL FEE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve updating the fee schedule to charge a hourly rate of \$20.00 or a full day rate of \$120.00 to rent the 4-H Building.

FAIRGROUNDS TILE PROJECT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve going out for bids on the Fairgrounds Tile Project with a bid opening date of August 3rd, at 9a.m.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PURCHASES

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to accept a \$6,000 donation from the Murray County Health Alliance restricted for the use of purchasing new AEDs.

PURCHASE 6 AEDS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve purchasing 6 AED from the Minnesota Safety Council at the quoted price of \$6,019.73.

PURCHASE GENERATOR

Emergency Manager/Safety Director, Carl Nyquist led a discussion on purchasing a generator for Emergency Management. It was decided to bring the purchase back to the board after receiving all quotes.

MURRAY COUNTY SAFETY PLAN REVIEW

Emergency Manager/Safety Director, Carl Nyquist led a discussion on the Murray County Employee Safety Manual. After discussion, it was decided to do a Work Session on July 27th, 2021 to discuss in further.

CHANGE IN PREFERRED ONE CONTRACT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve an administrative change/amendment to the Preferred One contract to allow the age limit for a preventative colonoscopy to change from age 50 to age 45 as of May 18, 2021.

2021 CENTRAL SQUARE TECH. MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to authorize payment for the 2021 Central Square Technologies (Zuercher) Maintenance Agreement for the amount of \$41,650.39.

GRAVEL CRUSHING CP 02-2 AWARD BID

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the bids for Grave Crushing CP 02-2 and award the bid to Wm. D. Scepaniak, Inc. in the amount of \$127,008.00.

EXTENSION CONTRACT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the agreement between the University of Minnesota and Murray County for Providing Extension programs locally and employing Extension Staff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lori Gunnink: 6/14 Shetek Area Water and Sewer, Caseys Jones Trail, 6/15 Regular Board Meeting, 6/16 Murray County Extension, Plum Creek Library Governing Board, 6/17 Zoning Board, 6/19 Shetek Area Lake Association Annual Meeting, 6/22 Regular Board Meeting, Invenergy Meeting with Zoning Administrator & Solar Company.

Jim Kluis: 6/15 Regular Board Meeting, 6/22 Regular Board Meeting, 6/23 Hospital Board Meeting, 6/24 Ace Joint Powers.

David Thiner: 6/15 Regular Board Meeting, Judicial Ditch 13, Judicial Ditch 18, Personnel Committee, Board of Equalization. 6/16 Southwest Health and Human Services, 6/19 Planning and Zoning, 6/21 Chief Elected Official Board (CEOB) & Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, 6/22 Regular Board Meeting, 6/25 Sunrise Terrace, Building Committee.

Dennis Welgraven: 6/14 Casey Jones Trail, 6/15 Regular Board Meeting, Judicial Ditch 3, Extension Committee, 6/16 Southwest Health and Human Services, Southwest Health and Human Services Financial, 6/17 Economic Development Authority, Fraud Audit, Zoning, 6/22 Regular Board Meeting.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Committee Reports for June 13 – 26, 2021.

Due to the July 20, 2021 regular meeting being canceled, the Board by consensus changed the sale and award dates set in Resolution 2021-05-25-01 for the \$4,775,000 G.O. Ditch Bonds, Series 2021A as follows:

- Bond Sale - from July 19, 2021 to July 26, 2021
- Bond Award - from July 20, 2021 to July 27, 2021

The meeting adjourned 11:18 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board