

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
August 17, 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, and James Kluis. Commissioner Molly Malone, via zoom with no voting privileges. Also present in person was General Assistant, Samantha McClellan. County Administrator, Thomas Burke and 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 Kluis 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 August 3, 2021, meeting.

**OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marshal Isder was present for open forum. He voiced his concern for the need of drug and alcohol counselors in our area. He is a recovered addict, and a drug, alcohol, and gambling addiction counselor. If he can be of any assistance to the County he would like to volunteer.

**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 August 17, 2021, with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 165973 through 166039:

County Revenue Fund	53,536.95
County Road & Bridge Fund	14,297.91
Ditch	251.61
Self-Insurance	515.11
Sunrise Terrace	738.26
SAWS	159.00
Total	69,498.84

**DITCH BILLS**

It was moved by Kluis, 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.

*DITCH BILLS CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE*

**BCL Televising**

12-761-6290	CD 67	<u>1,772.40</u>	#2020-059	ok'd T. Radke 7-13-2021	3-Welgraven
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b><u>1,772.40</u></b>			

**Lyon County**

21-847-6312	JD20A	3,098.21	Murray County Share of ditch expenses in Lyon (2019)	50.05%
21-861-6312	JD 6	195.27	Murray County Share of ditch expenses in Lyon (2019)	77.50%
21-847-6312	JD20A	4,402.08	Murray County Share of ditch expenses in Lyon (2020)	50.05%
21-861-6312	JD 6	<u>196.38</u>	Murray County Share of ditch expenses in Lyon (2020)	77.50%
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b><u>7,891.94</u></b>		

**Prairie View Farms**

21-703-6290	CD 40	1,209.14	#2021-024	ok'd T. Radke 8-9-2021	1-Malone
*21-739-6290	CD 56	1,187.04	#2021-007	ok'd T. Radke 7-29-2021	5-Thiner
21-809-6290	JD 5	2,152.12	#2021-008	ok'd T. Radke 7-29-2021	1-Malone
21-825-6290	JD 13	<u>1,456.09</u>	#2021-021	ok'd T. Radke 8-9-2021	5-Thiner
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b><u>6,004.39</u></b>			

**Rinke Noonan**

21-674-6260	CD 22	97.50	CD 22 Appeal - Legal
21-807-6260	JD3	2,960.00	JD 3 Improvement - Legal
21-868-6260	Admin	<u>200.00</u>	Monthly Retainer - Legal
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b><u>3,257.50</u></b>	

**Total Ditch Bills 18,926.23**

\*Majority of repair for petition #2021-007, County Ditch 56 (Prairie View Farms) was caused utility company. Nobles Cooperative Electric will reimburse ditch system for \$910.42 of repair.

**DITCH 22 UPDATE**

Auditor/Treasure, Heidi Winter gave an update on County Ditch 22. The appeal period has expired without any appeals being filed. The judge has ordered that the improvement move ahead.

**#311 TELEWORK AND PROCEDURES POLICY**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve #311 Telework and Procedures Policy effective immediately.

**DISPATCH CONSOLE REPLACEMENT**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the purchase of new dispatch consoles from Xybix for a total purchase price of \$33,148.00 using 911 funds.

**COVID-19 UPDATE DISCUSSION**

County Administrator; Thomas Burke, and Emergency Management; Carl Nyquist led a discussion on the response to COVID-19.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION**

County Administrator; Thomas Burke led a discussion regarding the budget discussion set for August 31, 2021. He asked that the board bring forward any items that they would like to see/discuss during that meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 25, 2021 – AUGUST 7, 2021**

Molly Malone: 7/27 Regular Board Meeting, 7/28 Early Childhood Initiative, 8/3 Regular Board Meeting.

Lori Gunnink: 7/27 Regular Board Meeting, 8/3 Regular Board Meeting, 8/5 Minnesota River Basin (Area II) & Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area.

Jim Kluis: 7/26 Hospital Finance Board, 7/27 Regular Board Meeting, 7/28 Hospital Board, 8/3 Regular Board Meeting, 8/6 Hospital Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 7/26 Southwest Solid Waste Commission, Minnesota Rural Energy, Western Mental Health Center, 7/27 Regular Board Meeting, 8/2 Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership, Building/Facilities Committee, 8/3 Regular Board Meeting.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve committee reports for the period of July 25, 2021 – August 7, 2021.

The meeting adjourned 9:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

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Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board