

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
October 26, 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, James Kluis, Molly Malone, and David Thiner. Commissioner Lori Gunnink, via Zoom, with no voting privileges. 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 Malone, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2021, meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present for open forum.

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Kluis, 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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21-868-6260	Admin	<u>200.00</u>	Monthly Retainer - Legal
	Subtotal	<u>200.00</u>	
	Total Ditch Bills	<u>200.00</u>	

APPROVAL OF SHETEK SPORTSMAN ASSOCIATION FORM LG220

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Local Unit of Government Acknowledgment for an LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for the Shetek Area Sportsmen Association for a raffle at Pelican Cove (21 Valhalla Drive) on June 11, 2022, further moving to waive the Township approval requirement.

FY 2022 & 2023 STATE OF MINNESOTA BOARD & WATER SOIL RESOURCES BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the FY 2022 & 2023 State of Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources Block Grant Agreement, authorizing the County Administrator to sign the agreement.

FALL AMC DISTRICT 8 QUESTIONS/2022 AMC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES BALLOT
County Administrator, Thomas Burke, informed the board that the Association of Minnesota Counties is asking the board to answer a few questions to prepare for the Thursday, October 28, 2021, District 8 Meeting. Discussion was held regarding the following questions:

1. What is your county's preliminary levy and what are the top 2-3 drivers of that decision?
2. What are the top 2-3 highlights of your county's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) plan thus far and is there anything AMC can do to assist you as you continue developing your plan?
3. What are the top issues facing your county? Given our focus on the upcoming session, I'd encourage you to particularly highlight the issues for the 2022 legislature, but we are also interested in hearing about key issues that may not have a legislative resolution.

Discussion was also held regarding the Association of Minnesota Counties 2022 Legislative Priorities Ballot.

AWARD COURTS BATHROOM REMODEL BID

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to accept the bid and award the Courts Bathroom remodel project to Doom & Cuypers Construction, Inc. for their bid of \$98,186.00.

SENATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE TOUR

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, led a discussion regarding Murray County being on the Minnesota State Senate Capital Investment Committee Tour, that is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, 2021. They will be at the Highway Department Building around 9:20 a.m., and then travel to the dikes.

AWARD BIDS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to accept the bid and award projects SAP 051-607-012 & SAP 051-625-013 to Ashwill Companies for their bid of \$463,305.85.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to accept the bid and award project SAP 051-598-012 to Prahm Construction Inc. for their bid of \$675,144.00.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to accept the bid and award project CP 86-20 to R & G Construction Co. for their bid of \$375,451.50.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Kluis and passed to accept the bid and award project SAP 051-629-034 to Towne and Country Excavating, LLC for their bid of \$2,006,443.20.

APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT FOR MAINTENANCE STRIPING

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the final payment to AAA Striping Service, in the amount of \$5,198.01, per the recommendation of the Murray County

Engineer, authorizing Randy Groves, and Thomas Burke, to sign the certificate of final acceptance.

REPRESENTATIVE JOE SCHOMACKER

Representative Joe Schomacker was present to discuss projects and concerns of the Murray County Commissioners, and Murray County Department Heads. Key topics of conversation included Minnesota Department of Transportation/ Highway Projects, Ditch 11, Workforce Housing, and Casey Jones Trail.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISCUSSION

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, led a discussion regarding the need for additional supervision of employees within the Sheriff's Office. The Chief Deputy has expressed concerns to the County Administrator that the Sheriff's Department does not have several layers of supervision as the Sheriff is not consistently available. This is a liability to the county and is also causing major work-related stress for the Chief Deputy. There is concern that the Chief Deputy will step down due to burnout from not having assistance with supervision on a 24/7 basis. The board expressed concerns about overstepping the Sheriff's authority. The board asked that the County Administrator discuss the supervisory needs with Sheriff, Steve Telkamp, and bring his recommendations to the board next week.

Commissioner Molly Malone left the meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Human Resources Director, Ronda Radke, gave a personnel committee update.

The meeting adjourned 10:32 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board