

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
November 02, 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. 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 Thiner, 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 October 26, 2021, meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present for open forum.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Kluis and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated November 2, 2021 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 166575 through 166621:

County Revenue Fund	41,726.92
County Road & Bridge Fund	3,878.51
EDA	1,010.99
Ditch	269.99
Self-Insurance	3,769.01
Sunrise Terrace	770.10
SAWS	
Total	51,425.52

TRANSIT MEETING

Commissioner Thiner led a discussion regarding the Transit Committee Meeting he recently attended. Murray County is scheduled to get another bus in 2023. Commissioner Thiner asked at the Transit Meeting if the County should be budgeting money for this expense. The cost was estimated around \$10,000.00 in 2023.

DITCH LEVIES MEETING

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to set a public hearing for November 30th at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of taking public input on the 2022 Ditch Levies.

DECEMBER 14, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone, and passed to approved adding a special board meeting on December 14th, commencing at 8:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to take care of business that would have been discussed at the December 7, 2021, meeting.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Thiner, 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 2021-030 (JD14, Chanarambie Twp. Sec.3, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2021-031 (JD22, Holly Twp. Sec.24, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2021-032 (CD76A, Mason Twp. Sec.20, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2021-033 (JD16, Cameron Twp. Sec.36, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2021-034 (JD20, Bondin Twp. Sec.27, District 5–Thiner)
- Petition 2021-035 (JD10, Lime Lake Twp. Sec.18, District 3 – Welgraven)

County Ditch Inspector, Travis Radke, led a discussion regarding CD 34 Repair Petition 2020-029 Ellsborough 24.

HOSPITAL UPDATE

Luke Schryvers, Murray County Medical Center Chief Executive Officer, gave an update on staffing, hospital board member term ending, COVID-19, and hospital finances.

AMBULANCE PURCHASE

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the remount of the Crestline 2015 ambulance, in the amount of \$140,761.00.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS - ANDERSON

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1393 for Midcontinent Communications to erect and operate a telecommunications tower in the Agriculture District in the W1/2 NW1/4, Section 7, Skandia Township with the findings and two (2) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS – DAHLHOFF

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1394 for Midcontinent Communications to erect and operate a telecommunications tower in the

Agriculture District for Lot 3, Fertile Acres, in Section 2, Lowville Township with the findings and two (2) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

PRELIMINARY PLAT – NATHAN & KATIE GOERGEN

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the Goergen Heights 5th Addition Preliminary Plat Application #338 for one residential lot in the Residential and Shoreland Overlay Districts on a General Development Lake for Part of Government Lot 2, in Section 15, Lake Sarah Township as recommended by the Planning Commission.

END O LINE PARK BUILDING MOVING PROJECT

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve relocating the General Store, and Grist Mill buildings at End O Line Park to another location of the park that is less susceptible to flooding, for the total lowest bid amount of \$25,573.50.

SAP 051-607-012, CSAH 7 BOX CULVERT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone, and passed to adopt the Resolution 2021-11-04-01 and bridge bonding agreement for project SAP 051-607-012.

Resolution 2021-11-04-01

For Agreement to State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Terms and Conditions SAP 051-607-012

WHEREAS, Murray County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 51J59 ; and WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$ 90,034.63 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Murray County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

SAP 051-625-013, CSAH 25 BOX CULVERT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone, and passed to adopt the Resolution 2021-11-04-02 and bridge bonding agreement for project SAP 051-625-013.

Resolution 2021-11-04-02

For Agreement to State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Terms and Conditions SAP 051-625-013

WHEREAS, Murray County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 51J58; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$ 105,494.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Murray County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

SAP 051-598-012, CR 86 BRIDGE

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone, and passed to adopt the resolution 2021-11-04-03 and bridge bonding agreement for project SAP 051-598-12.

Resolution 2021-11-04-03

For Agreement to State Transportation Fund Local Bridge Replacement Program Grant Terms and Conditions SAP 051-598-012

WHEREAS, Murray County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 51539 ; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$ 524,269.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Murray County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORKER

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve hiring Brian Miller as a regular full-time Highway Maintenance Worker effective November 15, 2021. Per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Contingent upon satisfactory results of a criminal background check, pre-employment drug test, and pre-employment physical.

FIRST STOP HEALTH

Human Resources Director, Ronda Radke led a discussion on First Stop Health. A telemedicine service that is a convenient treatment of many non-emergency conditions. First Stop Health will be available to all employees who have insurance with the County.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISCUSSION

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve moving forward creating an interim Sergeant position in the Sheriff's Office, with the position expiring at the end of the current Sheriff's term, January 2023. With the position being filled from within the Sheriff's Department, and no additional staff hired. That motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Molly Malone: Yes

Jim Kluis: Yes

Lori Gunnink: Abstained

David Thiner: No

Dennis Welgraven: Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Molly Malone: 10/19 Regular Board, 10/20 House of Representatives Bonding Committee, 10/21 Economic Development Authority, 10/25 Murray County Medical Center Finance and Personnel, 10/26 Regular Board, 10/27 Hospital Board Meeting, Senate Capital Investment Tour, 10/28 Association of Minnesota Counties District 8.

Lori Gunnink: 10/16 Regular Board Meeting, 10/20 Plum Creek Library Board Meeting, 10/21 Friends of the Casey Jones Trail, 10/26 Regular Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 10/17 Murray County Historical Society Annual Meeting, 10/18 Personnel Committee, 10/19 Regular Board, American Rescue Plan Act, 10/20 Southwest Health and Human Services, Lyon/Murray County Collaborative, 10/21 Economic Development Authority, 10/25 Western Mental Health Center, 10/26 Regular Board Meeting, 10/27 Senate Capital Investment Tour, 10/28 Association of Minnesota Counties District 8, Southwest Regional Development Commission - Strategic Planning, 10/29 Southwest Regional Development Commission - Strategic Planning.

David Thiner: 10/18 Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, 10/19 Regular Board, 10/20 Southwest Health and Human Services, Transit Committee, 10/21 Des Moines River Watershed, Planning Commission, 10/22 Insurance Committee, 10/26 Regular Board, 10/27 Senate Capital Investment Tour, 10/28 Association of Minnesota Counties District 8.

James Kluis: 10/19 Regular Board Meeting, 10/26 Regular Board Meeting, 10/27 Hospital Board Meeting, 10/28 Association of Minnesota Counties District 8.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to approve Committee Reports for the period of October 17-30, 2021.

The meeting adjourned 10:32 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board