

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
November 30, 2021 3:30 p.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present in person: Commissioners; Dennis Welgraven, James Kluis, Lori Gunnink, 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, 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 Gunnink and passed to approve the minutes from the November 23, 2021, meeting, with changes.

#### OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present for open forum.

#### NON-UNION WAGE INCREASE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve a 2.5% COLA and step increase for non-union county employees who have been in their current position for one year and have a satisfactory performance evaluation and a 2.5% COLA for employees who have been in their current position for less than one-year, effective January 1, 2022.

#### SERGEANT

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve hiring Bryan Bose, as a regular Full-time temporary Sergeant, effective December 01, 2021. Labor grade 13, step 10

#### 2022 AIS PLAN

It was moved by Malone, and seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the proposed amendments to the Murray County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Plan, including the 2022 AIS Budget.

#### GOERGEN HEIGHTS 5<sup>TH</sup> ADDITION FINAL PLAT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the Final Plat for 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.

#### NORTHERN WIND AMENDMENTS #1090, 1091, 1092, 1093

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit Amendments #1090, 1091, 1092, 1093 for Northern Wind: Viking Wind Farm, LLC; Vandy South Project, LLC; Buffalo Ridge Wind Farm, LLC; and North Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, respectively. The approval is to amend Special Condition Number three (3) for all four (4) conditional use permits regarding decommissioning of existing wind turbine(s) in the Agriculture District in the NE1/4, Section 21; E1/2 SE1/4, Section 21; and W1/2 SW1/4, Section 16, all in Chanarambie Township with the findings and special condition amendments recommended by the Planning Commission.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNDS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to approve moving \$10,982.49 in unencumbered funds from account #881 to account #886 for the creation of a Childcare Development Forgivable Loan Program with a starting balance of \$20,000.

#### SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2022 FEE SCHEDULE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve scheduling Public Hearing for the 2022 Fee Schedule on December 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

#### AREA II MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN PROJECTS JOINT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve authorizing Lori Gunnink to sign the Joint and Cooperative Agreement for the Continuing Operation of Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects as a Joint Powers Entity Under Minnesota Statutes §471.59.

#### LEC HVAC COST PLAN

County Administrator, Thomas Burke, informed the board that the LEC HVAC Cost Plan is not yet completed. It will be completed by the December 14, 2021, board meeting for further discussion. County Attorney, Travis Smith, is going to investigate the building code laws for the operation of the current Sheriff's Office HVAC System.

#### MEDICAL DEATH INVESTIGATOR CONTRACT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the Medical Examiner Contract Agreement between the County of Murray and River Valley Forensic Services, P.A. for the services of Dr. Kelly Mills. M.D. as Medical Examiner of Murray County.

#### COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated November 30, 2021 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 166816 through 166877:

County Revenue Fund	46,657.61
County Road & Bridge Fund	36,640.84
Ditch	249.00
Self-Insurance	1,964.00
Sunrise Terrace	40.65
Total	85,552.10

**DITCH BILLS**

There were no ditch bills.

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE DEPOSITORIES AND MAKE INVESTMENTS**  
 Commissioner Kluis presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

**RESOLUTION 2021-11-30-01**

A Resolution Delegating Authority to Designate Depositories and Make Investments in 2022

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners delegates authority pursuant to M.S. §118A.02 to Heidi E. Winter, or successors, to designate depositories and make investments of funds under M.S. §118A.01 to 118A.06 or other applicable law during 2022.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Malone and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

**RESOLUTION DELEGATE EFT AUTHORITY**

Commissioner Gunnink presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

**RESOLUTION 2021-11-30-02**

Resolution to Delegate Authority for Electronic Fund Transfers in 2022

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §471.38 allows for the use of electronic fund transfer as means of making various payments; and

WHEREAS, Electronic funds transfer is the process of value exchange via mechanical means without the use of checks, drafts, or similar negotiable instruments; and

WHEREAS, a local government may make an electronic funds transfer for the following:

- For a claim for a payment from an imprest payroll bank account or investment of excess money;
- For a payment of tax or aid anticipation certificates;
- For a payment of contributions to pension or retirement fund;
- For vendor payments; and
- For payment of bond principal, bond interest and a fiscal agent service charge from the debt redemption fund.

WHEREAS, the County Board shall annually delegate the authority to make electronic funds transfers to the County's chief financial officer and their designee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board delegates the authority to make electronic funds transfers in 2022 to Heidi E. Winter, Murray County Auditor-Treasurer and her designees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Auditor-Treasurer will:

- Provide a copy of this resolution to the disbursing bank;
- Provide a list of all transactions made by electronic fund transfer to the county board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Malone and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

#### RESOLUTION SETTING 2022 POCKET GOPHER BOUNTY

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

##### RESOLUTION 2021-11-30-03

##### A Resolution Setting the 2022 Pocket Gopher Bounty

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners set the 2022 Pocket Gopher Bounty at \$2.00.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Gunnink and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

#### RESOLUTION SETTING 2022 BEAVER CONTROL FEE

Commissioner Gunnink presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

##### RESOLUTION 2021-11-30-04

##### A Resolution Setting the Murray County Beaver Control Fee for 2022

WHEREAS, certain types of public property including county roads, ditches, and parks can be adversely affected by nuisance beaver, and

WHEREAS, Murray County occasionally needs to purchase services to have nuisance beaver removed and to provide the necessary financial incentives that service providers require, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Beaver Control Fee for 2022 is set at \$75 per nuisance beaver that are adversely affecting any county road, ditch or park, and with prior approval with from the County.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Thiner and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

#### SET 2022 SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT

Commissioner Gunnink presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

##### RESOLUTION 2021-11-30-05

##### A Resolution Setting the Solid Waste Assessment for 2022

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2019-12-17-07 reestablished the Solid Waste Assessment for a maximum of \$50 per improved parcel (parcel with a structure), and

WHEREAS, said Resolution states that the assessment amount may be adjusted to collect a percentage of the maximum amount based on circumstances existing in the levy year. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Solid Waste Assessment for 2022 be set at \$24 for all improved parcels (parcels with a structure), 48% of the \$50 maximum established in Resolution No. 2019-12-17.

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

#### SET 2022 911-SIGN ASSESSMENT

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11-30-06  
A Resolution Setting the E911 Assessment for 2022

WHEREAS, M.S. §429.021, subd. 1(18) authorizes counties to levy special assessments to purchase, install and maintain signs, posts and other markers for addressing related to the operation of enhanced 911 telephone service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the E911 Rural Sign Assessment be set at \$3.00 and extended for assessments payable in 2022 for all non-exempt parcels in Murray County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unspent funds from these assessments be committed as fund balance.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Gunnink and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

#### PUBLIC HEARING TO SET 2022 DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE LEVIES

Pursuant to notice, the Chair opened a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. to take input on the 2022 Drainage Levies.

The floor was opened to public comment.

- Two landowners on County Ditch (76A)18 expressed concerned with the disproportionate amount they pay on maintenance levies compared to others upstream. The Board indicated that a redetermination of benefits on that system is pending and will follow up with the viewing team for a status update.
- One landowner encouraged others to report repairs that are needed right away before they become larger problems that are more expensive to fix.

The public hearing was closed at 5:50 p.m. No action was taken.

#### 2022 TRUTH IN TAXATION BUDGET HEARING ON 2022 BUDGET

Pursuant to notice given, the County Board met to receive input and take public comment on the proposed 2022 budget and levy. The following members were present: County Commissioners Molly Malone, Lori Gunnink, Dennis Welgraven, Jim Kluis and Dave Thiner. Also present were Murray County Auditor-Treasurer Heidi E. Winter and County Administrator Thomas Burke.

Two (2) county taxpayers attended the hearing. Their concerns were with market value and classification on their parcels. Their names and contact information will be given to the County Assessor's Office for follow up.

Heidi Winter gave a presentation on the proposed 2022 budget and levies and the 2021 Performance Measure Program.

The public hearing was closed, and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Thomas Burke, County Administrator

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Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board