

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
February 01, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present in person: Commissioners; Molly Malone, Lori Gunnink, James Kluis, David Thiner, and Dennis Welgraven. Also present in person was Human Resources Director, Ronda Radke. County Attorney, Travis Smith, and County Administrator, Thomas Burke, via Zoom.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda, several were added.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven 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 January 25, 2022, meeting.

**OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present for open forum.

**DITCH BILL**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the report of bills for payment of the Murray County Drainage Authority as follows:

**B&W Control Specialists**

21-651-6297	CD 2	1,235.75	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-819-6297	JD 10	3,458.00	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-709-6297	CD 43 M	1,226.50	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-689-6297	CD 30	180.38	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-823-6297	JD 12	660.00	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
22-825-6297	JD 13	1,637.75	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-703-6297	CD 40	1,467.00	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-775-6297	CD 76-A-18	1,038.00	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-681-6297	CD 27	355.25	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-715-6297	CD 44	327.25	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-707-6297	CD 42	448.25	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
21-771-6297	CD 75	473.00	Open Ditch Spraying (approved by Board 6-1-2021)
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>12,507.13</u></b>	

**Total Ditch Bills 12,507.13**

MURRAY COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL UPDATE

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

COUNTY DITCH 22 IMPROVEMENT- BID AWARD

The Drainage Authority reviewed a bid tabulation for the County Ditch 22 Improvement Project. Bids were opened on January 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. as follows:

Noomen Excavating, LLC	\$377,521.52
Cooreman Contracting	\$451,615.00
A & C Excavating	\$454,406.00

Swede Campbell, representing 16 of the 17 properties in the County Ditch 22 watershed presented the Board with information laying out concerns about moving forward with the project.

John Kolb, attorney for the Drainage Authority reviewed the timeline for the project and indicated that all legal requirement have been met for awarding the bid to the apparent low bidder.

Commissioner Thiner raised concerns with the monetary difference between the low bid and the other bids.

Shaun Luker, engineer for the Drainage Authority reported that he has checked and reviewed the bids and talked to the apparent low bidder and found everything in order with the low bid.

Thiner also asked how the project would be paid for.

Attorney Kolb indicated that the Board could choose to use advances from other funds or choose to issue bonds then levy special assessments to pay for the project.

The Drainage Authority reviewed how costs would be charged to landowners between the separable maintenance and improvement. The separable maintenance is capped at \$202,000, which is the cost spread over all landowners based on the viewers redetermination of benefits. The balance of the costs are improvement costs and paid by landowners in the improved area, which is the Meyer property.

Chair Malone confirmed with the Meyers that they understand the costs of the improvement. Meyers confirmed they understand that all improvement costs are their responsibility.

It was moved by Commissioner Gunnink and seconded by Commissioner Thiner to award the bid for the 2022 Construction for Improvement of Murray County Ditch No. 22 to the low bidder, Noomen excavating, LLC for the bid price \$377,521.52, further moving to reserve the option to reimburse monetary advances with future bond proceeds if determined necessary in the future. The motion failed in a roll call vote as follows:

Thiner: No  
 Welgraven: No  
 Kluis: No  
 Gunnink: Yes  
 Malone: Yes

**BID OPENING – USED TRACTOR**

The Board Chair called for the bid opening for used articulated tractor with tracks, 2017 or newer.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
RME Deal Zone USA	2019 CASE 470	1100	\$341,700.00
Miller Sellner	2019 CASE 580	780	\$395,000.00
C&B Operations	2020 John Deer 9520	1401	\$492,000.00
C&B Operations	2019 John Deer 9570	824	\$475,000.00
C&B Operations	2019 John Deer 9520	1483	\$480,000.00
Kibble Equipment	2020 John Deer 9620	558	\$575,000.00
Titan Machinery	2018 CASE 500	1350	\$405,410.00
Titan Machinery	2014 CASEE	9760	\$318,950.00

County Engineer Randy Groves returned to his office to tabulate the bids for accuracy.

**COMMISSIONER WARRANTS**

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated February 1, 2022 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 167315 through 167368:

County Revenue Fund	66,450.51
County Road & Bridge Fund	34,528.89
EDA	454.66
Sunrise Terrace	131.76
SAWS	19.00
Total	101,584.82

**DITCH REPORTS**

Ditch Inspector, Travis Radke gave an update on CD 87 Lake Sarah 36, and CD 34 Repair Petition 2020-029 Ells. 24.

**SNOWMOBILE GRANT**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant, total contract amount of \$3,374.00.

**SUNRISE TERRACE MEAL SERVERS**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the job description for the Part-time Sunrise Terrace Meal Servers. Send the job description to David Drown and Associates to point the position and start the recruitment process for two positions.

#### CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to approve moving Chief Deputy Sheriff position to grade 15, step 9 (\$41.93) effective 02/01/2022, temporary until 01/17/2023. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Molly Malone: Yes

Lori Gunnink: No

James Kluis: Yes

David Thiner: Yes

Dennis Welgraven: Yes

#### DUNHAM AND ASSOCIATES PAYMENT

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve to pay the invoice to Dunham and Associates in the amount of \$5,379.38.

#### Edi-dolejs Consulting Engineer Proposal

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve moving forward with the Edi-dolejs consulting engineers' proposal.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis and passed to rescinded the motion made on November 16, 2021, moving forward with Dunham Associates option 1, new RTU with dehumidification control, new ductwork, and new VAV boxes with hot water or electric reheat coils, in the estimated amount of \$924,000.00.

#### REWARD BID

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the purchase of the used 2019 Case 470 with 1100 hours from RME Deal Zone USA with a purchase price of \$341,700.00 contingent on the Highway Supervisor and Lead Mechanic going to RME Deal Zone USA to inspect the tractor. With approval of traveling out of state for inspection.

#### GROUSER BLADE

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the purchase of a grouser blade from Titan Machinery at \$56,450.00 subject to the purchase of the 2019 Case 470.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned 12:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Ronda Radke, Human Resources Director

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Molly Malone, Chairman of the Board