

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
February 22, 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, and Dennis Welgraven. Commissioner David Thiner, via zoom, with no voting privileges. Also present in person was 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 Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven 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 February 15, 2022, meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for open forum.

DITCH BILLS

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

Rinke Noonan

21-674-6260	CD 22	797.00	CD 22 Improvement/Appeal - Legal
21-868-6260	Admin	200.00	Monthly Retainer - Legal
	Subtotal	<u>997.00</u>	

Total Ditch Bills 997.00

2021 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH MN OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the 2021 Audit Engagement Letter with the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor, further moving to authorize the Board Chair, Vice Chair and Auditor-Treasurer to sign the letter on behalf of the County.

COURTS BATHROOM PAY APPLICATION

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the Courts Bathroom Project Pay Request No. 1 to Doom and Cuypers for \$39,913.30.

TRIMINN CONTRACT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to ratify the professional services agreement between TriMinn Systems, Inc. and the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MnCCC) and authorize the Board Chair to sign the ratification on behalf of Murray County.

PARKS MAINTENANCE SHOP

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve going out for bids to build a new Parks Department Maintenance Shop on the fairgrounds with a bid opening date of March 22, 2022@ 9:00 AM.

RACING ASSOCIATION LEASE AGREEMENT

It was moved by Gunnink, second by Welgraven and passed to approve the 2022/2023 Murray County Racing Association Lease Agreement.

GENERATOR FOR FULDA COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the purchase of a generator for the communications tower in Fulda from ECHO for the quoted price of \$5,405.

BEACON AND GEOFORMS SOFTWARE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve moving forward with utilizing ARPA funds to implement Geo Forms and Beacon software, with the recommend of the ARPA Committee.

APEX CLEAN ENERGY

Drew Christensen, Public Engagement Manager for Apex Clean Energy, came before the board to introduce himself and give an overview on the proposed wind energy project that may potentially take place in the upper Northwest corner of Murray County.

ATV GRANT

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the FY2022/FY2023 ATV Grant in the amount of \$3,300/fiscal year.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE WAGE SCALE

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve increasing the Seasonal Wage Scale by .25 cents and kept on file in the Human Resources Office.

EXTENSION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OR EXTENSION COUNTY SUPPORT

The board gave consensus that they would like the Extension position to be brought back at the March 1st meeting when the Human Resources Director will be available for further discussion.

CLOSED SESSION

10:00 a.m. It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis and passed to move into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 2(b) for preliminary consideration of allegations against an employee.

11:08 a.m. It was passed to approve moving out of closed session.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the termination of the County Administrator, effective immediately, for the reasons discussed in closed session, and authorize the board chair to work with legal counsel to provide written notice to the employee.

The motion passed in roll call vote as follows:

Dennis Welgraven: Yes

Jim Kluis: Yes

Lori Gunnink: Yes

Molly Malone: Abstained

The meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Molly Malone, Chairman of the Board