

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
April 5, 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, and James Kluis. Also present in person was General Assistant, Samantha McClellan. Assistant County Attorney, Kayla Johnson, via Zoom. Commissioners; David Thiner, and Dennis Welgraven absent.

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

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2022.

**OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present for open forum.

**COMMISSIONER WARRANTS**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated March 29, 2022 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 167723 through 167785:

County Revenue Fund	25,223.71
County Road & Bridge Fund	52,953.11
EDA	161.08
Ditch	159.34
Self-Insurance	123.66
Sunrise Terrace	587.03
Total	79,207.93

**DITCH BILLS**

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:

**Redwood County Auditor-Treasurer**

21-863-6312	JD 28	<u>127.98</u>	Shared County Ditch Expenses (Murray 81%)
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>127.98</u></b>	
	<b>Total Ditch Bills</b>	<b><u><u>127.98</u></u></b>	

### 3.2 MALT LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the following county 3.2 Beer and Liquor License Renewals for 2022, contingent upon receipt of all paperwork received in the Office of the Auditor-Treasurer:

- Liquor “On Sale” and Sunday “On Sale” License No. 3 to Rolling Hills Golf Club, Inc
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “On and Off Sale” License No. 6 to Rolling Hills Golf Club, Inc
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “Off Sale” License No. 9 to Chandler Cooperative d/b/a Cenex Convenience Store
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “On and Off Sale” License No. 1 to Carlson Corner
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “On and Off Sale” License No. 4 to Michael Ruppert d/b/a/ Ruppert Oil Company
- 3.2 Malt Liquor “On and Off Sale” License No. 5 to Peter Bloemendaal d/b/a Pete’s Corner

### APPROVAL OF 2022 LIQUOR LICENSES

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the following county Liquor Licenses for 2022, contingent upon receipt of all paperwork received in the Office of the Auditor-Treasurer:

- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 4 (Renewal) to Breezy Point Tavern, LLC d/b/a Breezy Point Tavern
- “On Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 5 (Renewal) to Painted Prairie Vineyard, LLC
- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 7 (Renewal) to Lake Shetek Lodge, LLC d/b/a Lake Shetek Lodge
- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 8 (Renewal) to Trails Edge General Store (Andrea Kelly and Peter Jaros)

### DRAINAGE HEARING

Auditor/Treasurer, Heidi Winter, led a discussion regarding the availability of the Commissioners for a joint drainage hearing on Monday, April 25, 2022. This is a final acceptance hearing for drainage improvement projects for Judicial Ditch 6, and 20A. The board members present indicated they are available that day. Winter will follow up once she hears from the Lyon and Redwood County members.

### HIGHWAY 30

Commissioner Gunnink questioned if the Drainage Authority could assess the State of Minnesota for the damage caused on Highway 30. The Commissioners expressed concerns at the pace legal council is moving regarding this issue. The Commissioners discussed drafting their own letter to MNDot. It was discussed that if no action was taken by April 15, 2022, the commissioner will send their own letter. Commissioner Malone and Heidi Winter will be calling the attorney following the Commissioners Meeting to get an update.

### DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Gunnink, 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 2022-004 (CD27, Mason Twp. Sec.25/31, District 1–Malone)

#### HOSPITAL UPDATE

Luke Schryvers, Murray County Medical Center Chief Executive Officer, gave an update on EPIC, community health needs assessment, employment, HVAC project, COVID, and hospital finances.

#### COURTS BATHROOM UPDATE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the following Courts Bathroom Remodel additional costs, totaling \$2,846.00:

- Replacement of roof exhaust fan that serves the restrooms \$1,535.00
- Tape restroom walls that are parallel to corridor to meet fire code \$1,021.00
- Use of Gypsum board on the lower 8' and 5/8" type X drywall from 8' to the bottom of the roof deck, instead of ½ cement board and ½" drywall \$290.00

#### SHERIFF'S OFFICE HVAC UPGRADE UPDATE

Murray County Building Maintenance Worker, Paul Counter, gave an update on the Sheriff's Office HVAC project. The Building Committee met with Mike Dolejs, engineer from edi-dolejs to discuss moving forward with the project. It is Paul's understanding that materials have been ordered, and they hope to complete the project before the high humidity season.

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – SWENSON COUNTY PARK

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1399 for Murray County – Swenson County Park to expand on existing campground on a Natural Environment Lake in the Commercial and Shoreland Overlay Districts for 13.53 acres in the NW1/4, Section 18, Skandia Township with the findings and two (2) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

#### PRELIMINARY PLAT – CARLSON ADDITION

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the Carlson Addition Preliminary Plat Application #344 for seven (7) non-riparian lots and the road right of way in the Residential and Shoreland Overlay Districts on Lake Shetek, a General Development Lake for Part of Government Lot 4, in Section 12, Mason Township as recommended by the Planning Commission.

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT EXTENSION – PAUL & LUCAS ERICKSON

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve an additional six-month extension of Conditional Use Permit #1369 for Paul & Lucas Erickson, to expand and operate an existing feedlot by 492.5 animal units (AU) from 87.5 to 580 AU in the Agriculture and Shoreland Overlay Districts in the NW1/4 NE1/4, Section 10, Ellsborough Township.

PERMIT FOR AID I-LIDS AT MN DNR BOAT LANDING

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve that Murray County Board of Commissioners Chair Malone sign the Mn DNR Special Use Permit for the installation of the I-LID unit at Ragan’s Landing (DNR Landing).

WATER PLAN 5-YEAR AMENDMENT WAIVER PETITION & RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION 2022-04-05-01  
WAIVE AMENDMENT REQUIREMENT FOR  
COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes §103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, MURRAY County currently has a state approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan that covers the period of April 2017 through March 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, MURRAY County is required by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Board Order to complete an amendment of the Goals, Objectives, and Action Items of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan by May 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, MURRAY County has fully adopted the Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, which is currently in the implementation stage; and

**WHEREAS**, MURRAY County is currently a partner in the development of the Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, which is expected to be approved by the end of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, MURRAY County is expecting to be a contributing partner to the Redwood River Watershed and Cottonwood River Watershed as they transition into developing One Watershed, One Plans, neither of which have been formed yet; and

**WHEREAS**, MURRAY County has participated in and intends to utilize the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s ten year approach to monitoring, assessing, and developing Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS), which are scheduled to go out on public notice in April 2022 for the Cottonwood River Watershed (13.8% of the County) and Redwood River Watershed (2.1% of the County).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources a waiver to the required amendment of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; in order to transition to Comprehensive Watershed Planning in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.801.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Gunnink and there upon being put to a vote all members of the Board voted for its adoption.

FY2020 CAPACITY GRANT PROJECT APPROVALS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approved funding the Lonnie Roach and Mike Reese water quality projects from the FY2020 Capacity Grant match dollars from Murray County, as per the Local Water Management Task Force recommendations.

## SEAL COAT PROJECT BID OPENING SAP 051-030-003

The Board Chair called for the bid opening for Seal Coat Project SAP 051-030-003.

Company	Address	Bid Amount
Allied Blacktop Company	10503 89 <sup>th</sup> Ave N, Maple Grove MN	\$644, 849.56
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation	PO Box 1025, Saint Cloud, MN	\$494,782.62
Morris Sealcoat & Trucking, Inc.	46253 208 <sup>th</sup> Street, Morris Mn	\$650,510.20

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

## APPROVAL OF EDA LOAN

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve a loan in the amount of \$250,000 from the EDA Revolving Loan Fund to Pallansch Executive Properties LLC.

## GRANT APPROVAL

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve applying for a Compeer Financial grant to go toward the Cattleman's Association/BINGO/Beer Garden building on the Murray County Fairgrounds.

## 2022-2024 FIDLAR CONTRACT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Fidler 3 year extension agreement.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant and authorize the Murray County Board Chair to sign the document.

## SENIOR OFFICIALS TRAINING

Emergency Management/Safety Director, Carl Nyquist, led a discussion regarding the Senior Official Training that will be held on May 18, 2022, 6-8:30 p.m., at the Murray County 4-H Building. The presentation helps local officials better understand their roles during emergencies and disasters. County, City, and Township officials are strongly encouraged to attend. The public is also welcome.

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the Statewide Public Safety Radio Communication System Equipment Grant appropriation letter of support, supporting Minnesota Senate Bill SF 2670, and authorize Murray County Board Chair Malone to sign the letter of support

## SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve hiring Mike Carlson as a Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker, effective April 18, 2022, grade 1S, step 2 from the seasonal grade scale. Per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Contingent upon satisfactory results of a criminal background check and pre-employment drug test.

#### EXTENSION COUNTY SUPPORT STAFF

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve hiring Samantha McClellan, as a regular full-time (32 to 40 hours weekly) Extension County Support Staff, effective April 7, 2022. Labor grade 6, Step 5.

#### COUNTY GOVERNMENT APPRECIATION DAY RESOLUTION

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

##### RESOLUTION 2022-04-05-02

##### COMMENDING THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE OF COUNTY STAFF AND OFFICIALS BY PROCLAIMING APRIL 26 COUNTY GOVERNMENT APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, Minnesota's 87 counties employ over 36,000 people to provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, the work of county employees is fundamental, whether it's a newborn well-check by a public health nurse, a passport renewal at a recorder's office, or voter registration and ballot processing; and

WHEREAS, through their commitment to public service, county employees dedicate their time, skills, and expertise for the benefit of their neighbors, and at times, risk their personal safety coordinating emergency management and managing justice and public safety systems; and

WHEREAS, the vital work of counties promotes healthy communities, fosters conditions for economic growth, strengthens infrastructure, and improves residents' quality of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Murray County Board of Commissioners recognizes the commitment and dedication to public service excellence of county staff and officials and proclaim April 26 County Government Appreciation Day.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Malone and there upon being put to a vote all members of the Board voted for its adoption.

#### SWENSON PARK BIDS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to approve going out for bids for gravel, electrical, and dirt removal for the Swenson Park campground expansion project, scheduling the bid opening for 9:00 a.m., on April 19, 2022, in the Murray County Commissioners Meeting Room.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lori Gunnink – 3/25 Regular Board Meeting, Fairground Advisory Meeting, 3/31 Ruthton Water Management/DNR, 4/1 Interviews for Sunrise Terrace Director.

Molly Malone – 3/25 Regular Board Meeting, 3/28 Rural Minnesota Energy Board, 4/1 Hospital Board Meeting.

James Kluis – 3/22 Regular Board Meeting, 4/1 Hospital Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned 10:12 a.m.

10:13 a.m. The meeting was called back to order.

County Engineer, Randy Groves, was present to discuss bids for project SAP 051-030-003. Due to sealcoat oil prices the cost of the project has almost double from what the engineer estimated the project to be. Randy felt it may be more cost effective to do a larger sealcoating project next year.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve rejecting bids for SAP 051-030-003, and revisit the project next year.

The meeting adjourned 10:23 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

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Molly Malone, Chairman of the Board