

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
April 26, 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 David Thiner. Commissioner Dennis Welgraven via zoom, with no voting privileges. Also present in person was General Assistant, Samantha McClellan. Assistant County Attorney, Kayla Johnson, via Zoom.

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 Malone and passed to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2022, meeting, with the changes discussed.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for open forum.

DITCH BILLS

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

Bolton & Menk

21-674-6260	CD 22	2,515.50	CD 22 Improvement - Engineering
21-706-6260	CD 41	4,093.50	CD 41 Improvement - Engineering
21-810-810-6260	JD 6	2,871.00	JD 6 Improvement - Engineering
21-847-847-6260	JD 20A	2,871.00	JD 20A Improvement - Engineering
	Subtotal	<u>12,351.00</u>	

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21-674-6260	CD 22	1,210.50	CD 22 Improvement/Appeal - Legal
21-807-6260	JD3	324.00	JD 3 Improvement - Legal
21-868-6260	Admin	200.00	Monthly Retainer - Legal
	Subtotal	<u>1,734.50</u>	

Total Ditch Bills 14,085.50

COUNTY DITCH 11

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to schedule a landowner meeting for Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., in the Murray County Commissioners room to discuss County Ditch 11/State Highway 30 and next steps with MnDOT.

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN 2022 PERFORMANCE MEASURES PROGRAM
Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2022-04-26-01
A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2022 PERFORMANCE MEASURES
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the 2010 Legislature created the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation, and

WHEREAS, in February 2011 the council released a standard set of ten performance measures for counties that will aid residents, taxpayers and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties in providing services, and

WHEREAS, counties that elect to participate in the Performance Measures Program for 2022 are eligible for a reimbursement of \$0.14 per capita in local government aid, and are also exempt from levy limits under section 275.70 to 275.74 for taxes payable in the following calendar year, if levy limits are in effect, and

WHEREAS, Murray County was certified for the program in 2011-2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Murray County Board of Commissioners that Murray County hereby elects to participate in the 2022 Performance Measures Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following performance benchmarks are adopted by the Murray County Board of Commissioners:

- Public Safety: Part I and II Crime Rates, as Reported by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; Deputy Response Time; total number of accidents that occur on County State Aid Highways, County Roads and Un-Organized Township Roads that involve fatalities and injury.
- Probation/Corrections: Percent of adult offenders with a newly felony conviction within three (3) years of discharge.
- Public Works: Hours to plow complete system during a snow event – and - Average County Pavement Condition Rating, Based on County Engineer’s Evaluation.
- Public Health: Life Expectancy Generally and by Sex and Race.
- Social Services: Workforce Participation Rate Among MFIP and DWP Recipients – and – Percentage of Children Where There is a Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 12 Months Following an Intervention.
- Taxation: Level of Assessment Ratio.
- Elections: Accuracy of Post-Election Audit.
- Veterans’ Service: Percentage of Veterans Surveyed Who Said His/Her Questions Were Answered When Seeking Benefit Information from the County Veterans’ Office.
- Parks: Citizens’ Rating of the Quality of County Parks, Recreational Programs, and/or Facilities.
- Libraries: Number of Annual Visits per 1,000 Residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of the adopted performance measures will be published on the Murray County Website by December 31, 2022.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Gunnink with all members voting in favor.

COURTS BUILDING BATHROOM

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Courts Bathroom Project Pay Request No. 3 to Doom and Cuypers for \$37,055.70.

ARPA FUNDING

Commissioner Gunnink presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2020-04-26-02
A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARAMETERS AND ALLOCATION FOR
CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021 the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law and established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program (SLFRFP), and WHEREAS, Murray County will receive \$1,591,588 of SLFRFP funds, and WHEREAS, SLFRFP funds can be used for eligible expenses incurred between 3/1/2021 and 12/31/2024 and must be expended by 12/31/2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Murray County Board of Commissioners approve the following parameters and allocation for the use of the SLFRFP funds for qualified expenditures of Murray County:

Public Safety	\$ 500,000.00
Broadband	\$ 500,000.00
Infrastructure	\$ 300,000.00
Grant Writer	\$ 150,000.00
Misc	\$ 141,588.00
	<u>\$ 1,591,588.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that parameters and allocations will be reviewed by the County ARPA Committee every 6 months or more often as needed and brought back to the Board for approval.

ALSO BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that assistance to cities and townships will be provided with in-kind support through a grant writer.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, that the County ARPA Committee will screen projects and bring them to the Board for final approval.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Malone with all members voting in favor.

SET HEARING-NEW LIQUOR LICENSE

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to set a public hearing for May 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of taking public input on the off-sale portion of a new “County Combination on Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License” for Lake Shetek Lodge/Pelican Cove and Key Largo (Mason Township).

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner 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 2022-005 (CD45, Skandia Twp. Sec.25, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2022-006 (CD55, DMR Twp. Sec.14, District 1–Malone)

MURRAY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ALLOCATION REQUEST

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Murray Soil and Water Conservation District quarterly allocation request in the amount of \$49,069.75.

DES MOINES RIVER WATERSHED ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION

Murray County Environmental Technician, Sarah Soderholm, was present to discuss interest in taking on the administrative and/or fiscal responsibilities for the implementation of the Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Shelly Lewis was available via Zoom for input on SWCD interest. Shelly felt that depending on duties assigned they may be interested. She will discuss with the SWCD board. The Policy Committee has not decided exactly how they would like the administrative/fiscal responsibilities divided. At this time they are looking for counties that may be interested in taking on this role. With 71.9% of the County being within the Des Moines River Watershed's boundary, Commissioner Thiner felt that it was important for Murray County to continue the conversation as to if they have the staff for these tasks. Jean Christoffels and Sarah Soderholm will look at staffing within their office to see if this is something they can take on. They will also meet with Shelly Lewis and Craig Christensen to discuss amongst the two entities and will bring the conversation back to the board when they have more information.

PURCHASE REQUEST – WARNING SIREN AT LAKE SARAH EAST

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve using ARPA Funds to purchase and install a warning siren for Lake Sarah East at \$13,079 plus installation cost not to exceed \$20,000.

SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve hiring Carter Kresko as a Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker, effective May 23, 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.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Human Resources Director, Ronda Radke, gave a personnel committee update. She reported on the following:

- Sunrise Terrace Director, Carol Veldhuisen, will be retiring this Friday, April 29th. Her retirement party will be on Friday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at Sunrise Terrace. Jessica Bjerke started Monday, April 25th, as Carol's replacement.
- Two Seasonal Parks Maintenance hires have started. The other two hires will be starting in May.

- Two Seasonal Museum Assistant will be returning this year. We have one new hire, and an opening we are still advertising for.
- The Seasonal Surveying Technician will be starting May 31, 2022.
- The Assessor Technician will be returning from last year, starting May 9, 2022.
- First reviews of applications for the General Assistant is today. They will be pointed in the morning to set up interviews. Samantha McClellan has been working part-time as the Extension County Support Staff and part-time as the General Assistant.
- Deputy Sheriff interviews are set up for May 4th. This is for an opening that had been offered to a candidate that accepted the job but later declined due to another opportunity.
- The Personnel Committee has picked two final applicants for the County Administrator position. An intelligence test will be sent out this week to the finalists. The board gave consensus to schedule interviews for Wednesday, May 11, 2022, starting at 9:00 a.m.

SHERIFFS HVAC

Commissioner Thiner reported that Blake Heronimus, Slayton Plumbing and Heating Inc., will be installing the humidifiers this week. GNR will also need to come and program the system. Commissioner Thiner will continue to follow up with Blake to keep the project moving forward.

The meeting adjourned 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Molly Malone, Chairman of the Board