

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
May 3, 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 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 Gunnink and passed to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2022, meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Shack was present in response to the golf cart ordinance.

Lori Panconan was present in response to the golf cart ordinance.

Donna Core was present in response to the golf cart ordinance.

Joshua Davidson was present via Zoom in response to the golf cart ordinance.

Jack Miller was present via Zoom in response to the golf cart ordinance.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated May 3, 2022 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 167966 through 168006:

County Revenue Fund	11,898.40
County Road & Bridge Fund	17,017.12
Sunrise Terrace	842.01
Total	29,757.53

ACCEPT DONATION-RED ROCK SPORTSMAN CLUB

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to accept with gratitude a \$200 donation from the Red Rock Sportsman's Club, Inc to be used to offset costs for electricity for Lake Louisa Aeration (receipt code: 01-521-546-5760).

SET DATES FOR 2023 BUDGET MEETINGS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed to set Special Meetings on July 11-12, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing 2023 budget requests with department heads.

SWENSON PARK-ELECTRICAL PAY REQUEST #1

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve Pay Application No.1 for the Swenson Park Campground Upgrade – Electrical to Engelkes Electric, LLC for \$38,000, contingent on installation.

HOSPITAL UPDATE

Luke Schryvers, Murray County Medical Center Chief Executive Officer, gave an update on staffing, facility assessments, payroll process, quality survey, Hospital Week (May 8-14), COVID, Operating Room HVAC System, and finances.

WARNING SIREN AT LAKE SARAH EAST UPDATE

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve an additional \$5,000 of ARPA dollars for the purchase and installation of a warning siren for Lake Sarah East. Amending the motion made on April 26, 2022, to not to exceed \$25,000.

APPROVAL OF EDA LOAN

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve \$60,000 gap financing from the county revolving loan fund, with a 10-year term at 4 percent interest, to Antonio Moreno/GPPS LLC for the purchase of Carlson's Corner.

SPRONK BROS. III REAL ESTATE LLLP CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1398 for Spronk Bros III Real Estate LLLP to expand an existing feedlot to 1,440 animal units in the Agriculture District for 12.67 acres in the S1/2 NE1/4, Section 32, Moulton Township with the findings and six (6) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS – MOGER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1395 for Midcontinent Communications – Moger to erect and operate a telecommunications tower in the Agriculture District in the SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 23, Des Moines River Township with the findings and two (2) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

USS SLAYTON SOLAR LLC CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1397 for USS Slayton Solar LLC to construct and operate a 1 MW Community Solar Garden in the Agriculture District for 18.03 acres in the E1/2 SW1/4, Section 16 Slayton Township with the findings and seven (7) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

AIS BILLBOARD ARTWORK CONTRACT

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the Lamar contract for \$350.00 for artwork revisions to the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) advertising on both the north and south billboards adjacent to US Highway 59, viewable by southbound traffic and

northbound traffic, respectively, and to authorize the County Board Chair Malone to sign the contract on behalf of the County.

COTTONWOOD RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN

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

RESOLUTION 2022-05-03-01
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A COTTONWOOD RIVER WATERSHED
ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.401, Watershed Management Plan, authorized Minnesota Watershed Districts to develop and implement a watershed management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorized Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the counties soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Cottonwood/Middle MN Watershed #23, as delineated in the attached One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map, have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for this area,

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, the Murray County recognized and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Murray County welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Cottonwood/Middle MN Watershed #23 for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Murray County supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and anticipated entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the other counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Cottonwood/Middle MN Watershed #23, to collaborate on the is effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant.

Attest:

Molly Malone, Chair
Murray County Board of Commissioners

Samantha McClellan
Murray County General Assistant

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.

SEASONAL MUSEUM ASSISTANT WORKER

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve hiring Jesse Ray as a Seasonal Museum Assistant Worker, effective May 11, 2022, grade 1S, step 1 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.

PURCHASE REQUEST FOR 2022 CLIMLINE M2 RUBBER MELTER

County Engineer, Randy Groves, and Maintenance Supervisor, Lon Jackles, were present to discuss the purchase of a 2022 Cimline M2 Rubber Melter from Midstates Equipment and Supply for \$78,500. The board asked about maintenance cost. Randy and Lon will compile more information and bring the purchase request back to the board at a later date.

SET BID OPENING DATE FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE STRIPING

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to set June 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM as a bid opening date and time for project CP 01-22.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 17-30, 2022

Commissioner Welgraven reported the Minnesota Rural Energy Board met regarding windmill curtailment. Curtailment is taking place due to lack of transmission lines. Commissioner Malone suggested sending a letter to the board of Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to encourage approving the proposed transmission expansion plan. The board gave consensus to move forward with a letter.

Commissioner Thiner commented on the letter that was sent out regarding the annual Soil and Water Meeting.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve any and all Commissioners attend the Annual Soil and Water meeting on May 12, 2022.

Commissioner Thiner reported on the following:

- Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council
- The Emergency exit push bars for the Courts Building doors have not been delivered yet but should be soon.

Commissioner Gunnink reported on the following:

- She will be the interim director until a replacement is hired at Southwestern Minnesota Opportunity Council.
- Nobles County Library has a State Park Pass that they loan out a week at a time.
- The annual meeting for the Casey Jones Trail will be June 16, 2022, in Walnut Grove.

Commissioner Kluis reported on the Annual Joint Powers meeting he attended at the Pizza Ranch.

The meeting adjourned 10:09 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Molly Malone, Chairman of the Board