

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
May 24, 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, James Kluis, David Thiner, and Dennis Welgraven. Also present in person, General Assistant, Samantha McClellan. County Attorney, Travis Smith, via Zoom. Commissioner Lori Gunnink absent.

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

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2022, meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for open forum.

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven 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	3,278.50	CD 22 Improvement - Engineering
21-810-810-6260	JD 6	1,306.50	JD 6 Improvement - Engineering
21-847-847-6260	JD 20A	1,089.00	JD 20A Improvement - Engineering
	Subtotal	<u>5,674.00</u>	

Total Ditch Bills 5,674.00

ARPA COMMITTEE REPORT

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve expenditures to be paid from the Murray County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as follows:

- Share of Reginal H.E.A.T Tactical Team Command Bus Purchase in the amount of \$7,500.00.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven 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 2022-008 (CD 42, Des Moines River Twp. Sec.33, District 1–Malone)

COUNTY DITCH 87

Landowner Robert Mathiowetz was present to discuss County Ditch 87, Lake Sara Township, Section 36. Mr. Mathiowetz came before the board in December to express concerns regarding where the tile runs on property he recently purchased. He is here today to ask for options as to what can be done to resolve the issue. The board informed Mathiowetz, per Attorney John Kolb, the County is not responsible for moving the tile into the easement. If the landowner would like to move the tile at their expense that is an option that can be explored.

ADVOCATE, CONNECT, EDUCATE (ACE) ANNUAL UPDATE

Michelle Baumhoefner, Executive Director, and Joyce Wiekeraard, Murray County Program Manager, were present to give the A.C.E of SW Minnesota Report. 325 volunteers donated 28,779 hours of service at 58 locations.

PLUM CREEK LIBRARY SYSTEMS DIRECTOR

Elizabeth Hoffmann, Plum Creek Library Systems Director gave an annual update on the Plum Creek Library System. Topics she covered included Digital Resources, Interlibrary Loan & Delivery, Advocacy & Training, Technical Support, Integrated Library Catalog, and Programming.

FOOD SHELF ELECTRICAL OUTLET

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve moving forward with the installation of an outlet on the East wall of the Murray County Food Shelf for refrigeration.

LIME LAKE DAM GRANT

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the general terms and conditions of the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Contract for the Lime Lake outlet Modifications project, pending attorney approval, and authorizing the Board-chair to sign the document.

HOSPICE OF MURRAY COUNTY

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the use of the County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 16, 2022, for the Hospice of Murray County to hold a car show and burger feed contingent on proper licensing and insurance.

WETLAND RESTORATIONS AT GREAT OASIS WMA IN LOWVILLE TOWNSHIP

Bill Schuna, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources was present to discuss the Ducks Unlimited project Great Oasis WMA, S10 T107N R42W Murray County. This was informational only; no board action was needed.

STORM DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS

Commissioner Welgraven offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2022-05-27-01
RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS severe thunderstorms and wind impacted Murray County on May, 12-13; and
WHEREAS, the storms caused significant wind damage to infrastructure and power grid as well as Fulda Public School; and

WHEREAS, the Murray County Department of Emergency Management requests the Murray County Board of Commissioners to declare Murray County in a STATE OF EMERGENCY for the severe thunderstorms wind event of May 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners declares Murray County in a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the severe thunderstorms and wind event of May 2022. The state of emergency will expire 30 days after declaration.

Adopted by the Murray County Board of Commissioners this 24th day of May 2022.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATED

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

- Vacant Deputy Sheriff Position
- Seasonal Positions
- County Administrator, Carolyn McDonald, will be starting May 31, 2022.

9:40 a.m. the meeting recessed.

9:50 a.m. the meeting came back into session.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present in person: Commissioners; Molly Malone, James Kluis, David Thiner, and Dennis Welgraven. Also present in person, General Assistant, Samantha McClellan, Human Resources Director, Ronda Radke. Labor Attorney, John Edison, via Zoom. Commissioner Lori Gunnink absent.

9:51 a.m. it was moved by Malone, seconded by Thiner to move into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd.3(b) for the purpose of engaging in confidential discussion with legal counsel regarding strategy related to potential appeal of administrative agency decision.

10:13 It was move by Malone seconded by Welgraven and passed to move into open session.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone and passed to proceeded as discussed in closed session.

The meeting adjourned 10:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Molly Malone, Chairman of the Board