

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
June 21, 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, County Administrator, Carolyn McDonald, Extension Support Staff, Samantha McClellan, General Assistant, Emily Ackerman. County Attorney, Travis Smith, via Zoom.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. None were added.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the minutes from the June 7th, 2022, meeting.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone, and passed to approve the minutes from the June 14th, 2022, special meeting.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve the minutes from the June 14th, 2022, Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated June 21, 2022 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 168396 – 168474:

County Revenue Fund	\$100,479.02
County Road & Bridge Fund	\$23,665.04
EDA	\$411.92
Ditch	\$274.27
Self-Insurance	\$273.31
Sunrise Terrace	\$8,517.84
SAWS	\$159.00
Total	\$133,780.40

FENTON WIND PROJECT DECOMMISSIONING BOND

The Fenton Wind project footprint is 137 wind turbines spanning both Murray and Nobles counties roughly 85%/15% or (117 wind turbines/20 wind turbines) between Murray and Nobles counties, respectively.

A request was made for Murray County to consider being the beneficiary of financial assurance that Fenton must post as a condition of their PUC issued site permit. PUC staff have indicated that they view compliance as obtaining agreement with county to be the beneficiary of such financial assurance. Such financial assurance would be benefitting the county in the unlikely

event that Fenton defaulted on its land leases and site permits and the county needed to step in and remove the wind farm facilities at the end of the project’s useful life.

As of April 7, 2022, the following is the prorated schedule for the bond value with a \$1MM escalation each year of the total bond until \$7.1MM is reached in 2027:

	Murray	Nobles	Total Bond
2022	\$ 1,700,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	2,000,000.00
2023	\$ 2,550,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	3,000,000.00
2024	\$ 3,400,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	4,000,000.00
2025	\$ 4,250,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	5,000,000.00
2026	\$ 5,100,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	6,000,000.00
2027	\$ 6,095,350.00	\$ 1,075,650.00	7,171,000.00

The bond document language has been reviewed and approved by County Attorney Smith.

It was moved by Gunnink, and seconded by Thiner, and passed to approve the Fenton Wind Project Decommissioning Bond and prorated schedule and authorize Chair Molly Malone to sign the document.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Gunnink, 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 2022-017 (CD 07, Cameron Twp. Sec.22, District 2–Gunnink)*
- *Petition 2022-018 (CD 34, Ellsborough Twp. Sec.25, District 2–Gunnink)*
- *Petition 2022-019 (CD 76A, Mason Twp. Sec.21, District 1–Malone)*

AGREEMENT WITH SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON, INC

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve Jon Bloemendaal Ag & Solid Waste Administrator to sign the agreement between Murray County and Short Elliot Hendrickson, INC.

TIRES FOR PAYLOADER AT LANDFILL

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone, to purchase two new tires for the payloader used at the landfill. The motion failed.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve the purchase of four new tires using the Solid Waste Assessment Budget.

APPROVAL OF TC ENERGY GRANT

It was moved by Welgraven seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve acceptance of a \$5,200 grant from TC Energy to be used to upgrade the lighting in Olson Arena.

SET BID OPENING PROJECT FOR OLSON ARENA LIGHING UPGRADE

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to go out for bids for the Olson Arena lighting upgrade project with bids to be opened at 9:15 a.m., on July 5, 2022.

SET BID OPENING PROJECT FOR WINTER STORAGE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

It was moved by Gunnink seconded by Kluis and passed to go out for bids for Winter Storage at the fairgrounds with bids to be opened at 9:15 a.m., on July 19, 2022.

LIME LAKE DAM GRANT

On December 15, 2020, Houston Engineering (HEI) presented the project scope and client services agreement to the Board for the Lime Lake Dam Modification project. The County Board passed the following motion:

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve and authorize Houston Engineering Inc. to move forward with tasks two, three, and four for the Lime Lake Dam Modification project as proposed in the HEI Client/Owner Services Agreement and in accordance with the Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant without the pedestrian bridge.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT SAP 051-629-034

It was moved by Gunnink seconded by Welgraven and passed to enter into a detour agreement with Leeds Township for project SAP 051-629-034.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 29 – June 11, 2022

Commissioner Malone: 6/7 Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Gunnink: 6/2 Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, 6/7 Commissioner Meeting, 6/9 Association of Minnesota Counties Meeting. Gunnink report that she sent photos of the Ruthton Wildlife Management Area to Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area and will be checking with the Department of Natural Resources and Townships to remedy flooding in that area.

Commissioner Kluis: 6/7 Commissioner Meeting, Law Library Meeting.

Commissioner Welgraven: 6/7 Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Thiner: 6/7 Commissioner Meeting.

The meeting adjourned 9:28 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Chairman of the Board