

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
August 2, 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 Jim Kluis, Dennis Welgraven, and David Thiner. Also present in person, County Administrator, Carolyn McDonald, General Assistant Emily Ackerman, County Attorney, Travis Smith, via Zoom,

The Chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda, no additions were added, there was a modification to the agenda.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the agenda without additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Malone and passed to approve the minutes from the July 26th, 2022, 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 August 2, 2022, with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 168771 through: 168822

County Revenue Fund	52,152.84
County Road & Bridge Fund	22,753.47
EDA	180.00
Ditch	50.56
Self-Insurance	90.00
Hospital	188.21
Sunrise Terrace	296.02
Total	75,711.10

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:

Johnson Ditching, Inc.

21-759-6290	CD 66	1,050.00	#2022-016	ok'd T. Radke on 7/22/2022
21-823-6290	JD 14	3,259.95	#2022-023	ok'd T. Radke on 7/22/2022
21-829-6290	JD 14	983.34	#2022-024	ok'd T. Radke on 7/22/2022
	Subtotal	5,293.29		

Opdahl Farm Drainage, LLC

21-681-6290	CD 27	2,387.00	#2022-004	ok'd T. Radke on 7/25/2022
21-707-6290	CD 42	802.15	#2022-008	ok'd T. Radke on 7/25/2022
21-803-6290	JD 2A	1,225.10	#2022-007	ok'd T. Radke on 7/25/2022
	Subtotal	4,414.25		

Total Ditch Bills 9,707.54

ARPA COMMITTEE REPORT

The ARPA committee met on July 26, 2022 to discuss and vet projects for recommendation to be paid with Murray County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The committee recommends the following project(s) for approval today:

Projects recommended for approval

Project #	Category	Project Name	Amount Requested	Date Presented	Approved
11	Infrastructure	HVAC-Data Center in Courts Bldg	\$ 46,750.00	8/2/2022	
<p>This request is for HVAC equipment replacement in the datacenter in the courts building. Typical lead time on equipment is 60-80 weeks. A unit became available to Murray County immediately due to a canceled project elsewhere. The roofing company for the courts building will be contacted to make sure putting the unit on the roof will not void the current warranty. This price includes everything for installation except cost charged by the roofing company, if applicable.</p>					
12	Infrastructure	Courts Building-Sewer Lines	\$ 76,224.63	8/2/2022	
<p>This request is for installing new sewer lines in the Courts Building.</p>					

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve expenditures to be paid from the Murray County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as follows: \$46,750.00 to be used for the HVAC - Data Center in the courts building, \$76,224.63 to be used for the Courts Building – Sewer lines.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink 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 2022-028 (CD 40, Bondin Twp. Sec.25, District 5–Thiner)*

Discussion was had about *Petition 2022-029 (JD 17, Slayton Twp. Sec.10, District 4–Kluis)*. No motion was made on repair.

UPFITTING FOR UNIT #171, 2022 CHEVROLET TAHOE

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve the up fitting of Unit #171 from Emergency Automotive Technologies, for the state bid price of \$16,970.17. (account code 01-201-000-0000-6660)

COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08-02-01

RESOLUTION OF MURRAY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by Murray County that the County enter into the attached Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 12, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Murray County that James Reinert, the County Veterans Service Office, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Board Chair this second day of August 2022.

August 2, 2022

Authorized Signature and Title

Date

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

The meeting recessed at 9:04am

The meeting came back into session at 9:10am

HOME INITIATIVE

The lack of available housing is a well-documented issue across the country and many areas are doing what they can to encourage new home construction. The counties surrounding Murray all offer incentives for building in their counties. The Murray County EDA is recommending to the Murray County Commissioners that the Murray County Home Initiative be approved, which would offer five years of tax abatement on the county's share of increased real estate taxes as a result of newly constructed housing.

The Murray County Home Initiative Guidelines were created following the example of several neighboring counties and with input from A/T Heidi Winter and Assessor Marcy Barritt.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to activate the Murray County Home Initiative Guidelines for new home construction tax abatement for a period between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025.

APPROVE AND SIGN CONTRACT FOR MURRAY TWP. BRIDGE PROJECT SAP 051-599-105

It was moved by Gunnink seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve and sign the bridge construction contract with M & K Bridge Construction, Inc. for project SAP 051-599-105.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM/ END O LINE 2023 BUDGET REVIEW

Jakob Etrheim Presented the 2023 Budget Review for the Historical Museum/End O Line.

DES MOINES RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN 60-DAY REVIEW

The purpose of the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program is to develop comprehensive management plans that align local water planning purposes and procedures on watershed boundaries to create a systematic, watershed-wide, science-based approach to watershed management.

Murray County adopted a resolution of support for the Des Moines River Watershed One Watershed, One Plan (DMR 1W1P) planning process on September 17, 2019, and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on April 7, 2020. Thirteen governmental entities have been involved in creating and writing a comprehensive watershed management plan for the DMR Watershed according to the guidelines set up by the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR).

On July 21, 2022, the DMR Policy Committee approved the draft plan for formal, 60-day review. Notices were sent inviting recipients to review the plan and submit comments by September 21st. Following the 60-day review, a public hearing will be held on Friday, October 7 starting at 9:00 am at the MN Department of Natural Resources Office – 175 County Road 26, Windom, MN. Afterwards, all thirteen governmental entities, including Murray County Board of Commissioners,

will be asked to pass a resolution to approve the submittal of the final draft of the Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to BWSR.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 60-DAY EXTENSION

The Murray County Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 21, 2022 for this conditional use permit application:

Doug Rupp

66.09 acres in Section 24, Lake Sarah Township

CUP #1403

To place more than 1,000 cubic yards of fill on a parcel of land in the Flood Fringe District of the Floodplain Overlay District of Lake Shetek.

It was moved by Gunnink seconded by Welgraven and passed to extend the time by an additional 60 days for the county to make a decision on Doug Rupp's Conditional Use Permit # I 403, to place more than 1,000 cubic yards of fill on a parcel of land in the Flood Fringe District of the Floodplain Overlay District of Lake Shetek, for 66.09 acres in Section 24, Lake Sarah Township, Murray County as recommended by the Planning Commission.

PELICAN BAY DISCRETIONARY EAW

The Murray County Planning Commission has conducted multiple meetings on the following proposed subdivision with the developer, Doug Rupp: Pelican Bay Addition on 66.09 acres in Section 24, Lake Sarah Township. And because there is so much information unanswered and unknown, at their meeting on July 21, 2022, the Planning Commission passed the following motion:

Pursuant to Minnesota Rules 4410.4500, Bob Ossefoort moved to recommend to the Murray County Board of Commissioners to require the preparation of an EAW for Pelican Bay Addition in Section 24, Lake Sarah Township, Murray County. Even though the project does not exceed the mandatory thresholds designated in part 4410. 4300 or 4410. 4400, the Planning Commission determined that because of the nature and location of the proposed development, they feel the project may have the potential for significant environmental effects due to the lack of information regarding the access road; the wetlands on the property, · lots within the flood fringe district of Lake Shetek needing to be filled to the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation, the potential of archeological artifacts on the property; and the unknown impacts that the development may have on the shoreline of Lake Shetek. Seconded by Vern Carlson. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gunnink seconded by Welgraven and passed to require the preparation of an EAW for Pelican Bay Addition in Section 24, Lake Sarah Township, Murray County as recommended by the Planning Commission.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioners, Molly Malone, Lori Gunnink Jim Kluis, Dennis Welgraven, and David Thiner. Also present in person, County Administrator, Carolyn McDonald, General Assistant Emily Ackerman, County Attorney, Travis Smith, via Zoom.

9:59 a.m. it was moved by Malone, seconded by Welgraven to move into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, Subd. 3(c)(3) to develop or consider an offer to purchase parcel #29-460-0250.

10:17 a.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve coming out of closed session.

No official board action was taken.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, and passed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned 10:17 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Chairman of the Board