

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
October 18, 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, General Assistant Emily Ackerman, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald, County Attorney Travis Smith via Zoom.

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald wanted to discuss the Doom property and how to move forward with it.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink to approve the agenda with additions. Motion Passed.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2022 meeting with changes. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis to approve the commissioner warrants with the hold on payment of the AR 15 from Alex Pro Fire Arms until it can be discussed with Chief Deputy Landsman. The Board Chair was authorized to sign the Audit List dated October 18, 2022, with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 169324 through 169403. Motion Passed.

County Revenue Fund	110,553.70
County Road & Bridge Fund	46,430.02
EDA	452.74
Ditch	13,452.15
Sunrise Terrace	1,839.56
SAWS	159.00
Total	172,887.17

DITCH BILLS

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

Johnson Ditching, Inc.

21-659-6290	CD 11	<u>690.50</u>	#2022-021	Ok'd by T. Radke or 10/6/2022
	Subtotal	<u>690.50</u>		

Opdahl Farm Drainage, LLC

21-847-6290	JD20A	<u>4,392.50</u>	#2022-030	Ok'd by T. Radke or 9/30/2022
	Subtotal	<u>4,392.50</u>		

RA Muecke Sand and Gravel, Inc.

21-773-6290	CD 76A	<u>325.96</u>	#2022-012	Ok'd by T. Radke or 10/11/2022
	Subtotal	<u>325.96</u>		

Total Ditch Bills 5,408.96

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

No Motion was made on JD 20. Discussion was had about not removing the beavers due to the drought going on. The water is currently not being held back, if it were to rain there will be water being held back.

- Petition 2022-034 (JD 20, Bondin Twp. Sec.17, District 5–Thiner)

A motion was made by Thiner, 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 2022-035 (CD 65, Murray Twp. Sec.1, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2022-036 (JD 7, Fenton Twp. Sec.29, District 3–Welgraven)

SOIL & WATER 3RD QUARTER ALLOCATION

Shelly Lewis and Craig Christensen were there to present an update on the Soil and Water Conservation District. They will be the Fiscal Agent for the One Watershed One Plan. Technician Devin Ryan went to a five day wetland training in Brainerd and is now a Wetland Professional.

It was moved by Gunnink., seconded by Thiner and passed to approve Murray Soil and Water Conservation District 3rd quarter allocation request in the amount of \$49,069.75. Motion Passed.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS AND SAFETY RESOLUTION

Resolution 2009-06-02-02 approves Murray County’s sponsorship of the snowmobile trail grant. The most recent DNR business office used to accept resolutions that had no ending date. Since the county board membership can change with each election and to keep the board informed of the grant program, it is now required that the resolution cover a term of five years or less, and is to be renewed annually.

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

Resolution 2022-10-18-01

County of Murray Resolution Authorizing Sponsorship of Trails Operated by Slayton Driftbreakers Snowmobile Club

BE IT RESOLVED, that Murray County acts as the legal sponsor for an application for funding to the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the construction and maintenance of snowmobile trails managed by Slayton Driftbreakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of its application by the State, the County of Murray may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Murray County Auditor is authorized to sign such agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Murray County Auditor is hereby authorized to serve as the fiscal agent for the above referenced project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this agreement will be for one (1) year from the date of signing of this agreement.

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

GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING IMPROVMENT REVISED QUOTE

Quotes were solicited for the Government Center Building updates including the solar panel replacement project, underground tank decommission, and the mechanical room update in the Government Center. One proposal from Tri State Construction was received.

Anticipated funding for this project will come from the remaining balance in the HVAC budget. Depending upon the materials used to replace the solar panels, the original quote was \$54,180.00 to \$63,754.00 depending upon materials.

On September 9, 2022, Board approved to move forward with the project, not to exceed \$60,000. Material costs were finalized on October 7th, with a total now of \$68,500.

Discussion was held to potentially go back out for bids.

Meeting recessed at 8:56 a.m.

Meeting came back into session at 8:59 a.m.

It was moved by Gunnink, and seconded by Welgraven, to accept the proposal from Tri State Construction with the understanding that any change orders would involve additional cost. Motion Passed

COTTONWOOD-MIDDLE MINNESOTA WATERSHED ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN

On May 3, 2022, the Murray County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution of support for the planning phase of the Cottonwood River - Middle Minnesota Watershed One Watershed One Plan, along with 12 other governmental entities.

The next step in the process is for each of the participating entities to designate one representative and one alternate to a Policy Committee. Policy Committee Members will review recommendations of the Advisory Committee and make final decisions about the content of the application, the plan, and its submittal. Members are also responsible for representing their respective local government in the development of the plan and to report back to their respective boards about the progress and direction of the plan.

Appointment of a Policy Committee Member and an Alternate for the Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed One Watershed One Plan.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Malone, and passed to appoint Commissioner Gunnink as the Policy Committee Member and Commissioner Malone as an Alternate for the Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed One Watershed One Plan. Motion Passed

DES MOINES RIVER (DMR) WATERSHED COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN AND JPA

Murray County adopted a resolution of support for the Des Moines River One Watershed One Plan (Plan) on September 17, 2019, and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on April 7, 2020. Thirteen governmental entities helped write the Des Moines River Watershed 1W1P with Houston Engineering (HEI) according to the guidelines set up by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). A public hearing was held on October 7, 2022, in Windom, which at the conclusion of the hearing, the Policy Committee agreed to submit the Plan to BWSR with no changes.

The next step is for each participating governmental entity to pass a motion approving the submittal of the DMR 1W1P Plan (2023-2032) document and associated Appendix to BWSR.

Additionally, with anticipated Plan approval and adoption over the next few months, the Steering Team and Policy Committee worked diligently to determine an appropriate organizational structure for implementation. The consensus of the Policy Committee is to establish a Joint Powers Board with Murray County as the Administrative Agent and Murray SWCD as the Fiscal Agent.

County Board approval to submit the Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (2023-2032) to BWSR, and to approve the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA).

It was moved by- Thiner, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve submission of the Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (2023 - 2032) to the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR). Motion Passed

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner, and passed to approve and authorize appropriate parties to sign the Des Moines River watershed Partnership Joint Power Agreement (JPA).
Motion Passed

OPIOID SETTLEMENT MONEY

Carol Biren from SWHHS Public Health presented the how the Opioid Settlement Money will be dispersed. Each county in Minnesota will be receiving 5 payments this year: 3 from the J&J settlement, and 2 from the distributor settlement. For Participating Local Governments that have public health departments, the public health departments shall serve as the lead agency and Chief Strategist to identify, collaborate, and respond to local issues as Local Governments decide how to leverage and disburse Opioid Settlement Funds. In their role as Chief Strategist, public health departments will convene multi-sector meetings and lead efforts that build upon local efforts like Community Health Assessments and Community Health Improvement Plans, while fostering community focused and collaborative evidence-informed approaches that prevent and address addiction across the areas of public health, human services, and public safety. Chief Strategists should consult with municipalities located within their county in the development of any Community Health Assessment and are encouraged to collaborate with law enforcement agencies in the county where appropriate. It was discussed to bring this back to the board next week to decide on what to do with the funds after the SWHHS meeting to figure out what other counties are doing with the money.

LOCAL POUND AGREEMENT

Steve Erickson Owner of the local Pound presented changing the agreement from \$7,000 annually to \$12,000 annually and the monthly charge to the county being \$1,000. Examples of long-term situations were provided. Currently there are 4 animals being held with another 5 possibly coming today. As of the end of August animals have stayed for a max of 95 days, with the temps dropping this has increased. Local Businesses and partnerships have been gracious enough to donate food to help with the expense. Discussion was had on how many animals can be held at a time at the local pound. 10 days is the maximum holding period before the animal must be adopted out.

The City of Slayton is willing to contribute to the funding of the Local Pound, Josh Malchow from the City of Slayton was available for feedback regarding the city's involvement. The City of Slayton has paid \$6,079.26, \$5,700 to Steve and \$341 in vet bills from 2017 – 2022. Steve would like to charge the animal owner for the pickup of their animal, however, that does not always work. Steve would like to bill the entity that brings the animal to the Pound.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve the Local Pound Agreement for 2023 and 2024, with county funding of \$1,000 per month for a total of \$12,000 a year. Motion Passed.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CAMERON TOWNSHIP

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the bridge replacement agreement with Cameron township and have the county chairperson sign the agreement. Motion Passed.

MURRAY COUNTY 5 YEAR ROAD AND BRIDGE PLAN

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, to approve the Murray County 5-year road and bridge plan. Motion Passed.

The Meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 9:58 a.m.

AR 15 PURCHASE

The Board discussed the purchase of the AR 15. Chief Deputy Heath Landsman explained that that the gun was purchased due to the hire of a new deputy. The new AR is also a pound and a half lighter which will make it easier if a deputy is in a stand off situation.

UNDERCOVER VEHICLE PURCHASE

Chief Deputy Heath Landsman presented due to the on-going supply chain issues, vehicles will be extremely hard to procure in 2023. Up North GM has a vehicle currently on the lot they are willing to sell at state bid pricing. The vehicle will be used to replace a 2016 undercover vehicle, which was scheduled for replacement in 2023. Purchasing the vehicle now will ensure we maintain our vehicle rotation. The make and model of the vehicle is not revealed to aid in undercover use. The vehicle is a 2022 model, the total purchase price is \$44,080.00.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis to approve the purchase of a 2022 vehicle from Up North GM for a purchase price of \$44,080.00. The budget line item for vehicles purchased in 2023 has been reduced by \$44,080.00 and the Sheriff's office will only purchase one vehicle for the year 2023. Motion Passed.

Meeting recessed at 10:09 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 10:25 a.m.

DOOM PROPERTY HOW TO PROCEED

The board discussed uses for the Doom Property. It was determined to wait until the spring to make any decisions on the house.

RCRCA AREA 2 ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 3RD

Commissioners Thiner and Welgraven will be in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM OCTOBER 2 – OCTOBER 15.

Welgraven: 10/4 Regular Board Meeting, 10/5 Lake Wilson City Council (No per diem), 10/11 Excel Meeting, 10/13 SRDC, 10/14 Road Tour.

Kluis: 10/4 Regular Board Meeting, 10/14 Road Tour.

Thiner: 10/3 Fulda City Council Meeting (no per diem), 10/4 Regular Board Meeting, 10/7 1W1P, DNR Building, 10/11 Heron Lake Watershed, 10/14 Road Tour.

Gunnink: 10/4 Regular Board Meeting, 10/6 RCRCA Area 2, 10/14 Road Tour.

Malone: 10/4 Regular Board Meeting, 10/11 Excel Meeting, 10/12 District 8 Land Use Environmental Advisory Group, 10/14 Road Tour.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair