

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
November 1, 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, 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. Commissioner Lori Gunnink was absent.

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald added agenda item to acknowledge and accept the first \$50,000 from local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Malone to approve the agenda without additions. Motion Passed.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2022 meeting with changes. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis to approve all claims for payment. The Board Chair was authorized to sign the Audit List dated November 1, 2022, with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 169523 through 169567. Motion Passed.

County Revenue Fund	61,715.78
County Road & Bridge Fund	102,426.14
EDA	47.35
Sunrise Terrace	131.59
Total	164,320.86

DITCH BILLS

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

Rinke Noonan

21-659-6260	CD 11	<u>390.00</u>	CD 11/State Hwy 30 - Legal
	Subtotal	<u>390.00</u>	
	Total Ditch Bills	<u><u>390.00</u></u>	

ARPA COMMITTEE REPORT

The ARPA committee met on October 18, 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
15	<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>HVAC-Network 911 Room</i>	\$ 18,485.00	11/1/2022	
The purpose of this project is to install HVAC equipment in the Network/911 room (Paul's Office). \$15,985 is for the equipemnt. \$2,500 is for analysis to maintain roof warranty.					
14 (add)	<i>Public Safety</i>	<i>Fire Repeater</i>	\$ 23,167.70	11/1/2022	
<u>Update:</u> The Board approved project #14 - Fire Repeater on 9/27/2022. The quote submitted by West Central Communications (with Motorola assistance) had an incorrect configuration for the repeater equipment, which they found to be incompatable. The \$23,167 is for the additional charge for compatable equipment.					
12 (add)	<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>Courts Building- Sewer Lines</i>	\$ 19,595.36	11/1/2022	
<u>Update:</u> The Board approved project #12 for Courts Building Sewer Lines on 8/2/2022. When Coreline was onsite with equipment mobilized two items were added: 1. Lines for sinks and 2. the line from the building to the street. The \$19,595.36 is for the additional charge for these lines.					
16	<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>Carpet Government Center Hallways & License Center</i>	\$ 6,861.90	11/1/2022	
The purpose of this project is to replace old and worn carpet.					

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis to approve expenditures to be paid from the Murray County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as follows: \$18,485.00 to be used for HVAC – Network 911 for a more climate-controlled environment \$15,985 for the equipment and \$2,500 for the analysis to maintain roof warrant. \$23,167.70 to be used for the Fire Repeater approved on 9/27/2022 due to an incorrect configuration for the equipment which was found to be incompatible. \$19,595.36 to be used for Courts Building - Sewer Lines when Coreline was onsite with the equipment mobilized two items were added 1. Lines for sinks and 2. The line from the building to the street. \$6,861.90 to be used for the replacement of old and worn carpet in the Government Center Hallways and License Center. Motion Passed

ELECTION UPDATE

Auditor Heidi Winter presented an election update as of close of business 10/31/2022 the county has transmitted 2,129 mail and absentee ballots of those 949 have been returned, 45\$ of absentee

and mail ballots have come back which is 18% of all registered voters in the county. November 1, 2022 is the last day to file a registered write in campaign for votes to be counter for county, state and federal offices.

HOSPITAL UPDATE

Luke Schryvers from Murray County Medical Center gave an update on risk assessment from the insurance company the hospital scored 95% and clinic scored 100%, there are 4 recommendations on the hospital side that are being addressed. Masking still based on the transmission rates through the CDC, high category required to have masks in a healthcare facility, currently we are at a moderate stage, currently only MCMC employees are required to wear masks. CDC no longer differentiates between vaccinated and not vaccinated. Starting an employee survey in November to make action plans for 2023. Notice from Minnesota Nurses Association that negotiations will be starting, it was discussed if the County needs to be a part of the negotiations to standardize the process. Discussions had been going on with a potential physician and she has accepted a job elsewhere. There has been a resignation in the ER. New HIM manager hired to improve the billing and coding process and splitting the tasks between the billing and coding departments. An update was provided on financials. Discussion on the Opioid money that the county is going to be receiving and if the hospital can utilize any of the funds. Update on covid and flu vaccines.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis 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. Motion Passed.

- *Petition 2022-037 (CD 20, Lowville Twp. Sec.15, District 2–Gunnink)*
- *Petition 2022-038 (CD 67, Slayton Twp. Sec.3, District 3–Welgraven)*
- *Petition 2022-039 (JD 20, Bondin Twp. Sec.19, District 5–Thiner)*
- *Petition 2022-040 (JD 21, Shetek Twp. Sec.14, District 1–Malone)*

Discussion was had about Petition 2022-041 (CD 43, Belfast Twp. Sec.15, District 1–Malone) to check the condition of the tile and bring it back to the board with more information on the cost and damage of the ditch. No motion was made on CD 43 at this time.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE

The County Board must set the fine amount for violations of the Motorized Golf Cart Ordinance adopted by the County Board on June 7, 2022. County Attorney Travis Smith must submit this to MNCIS. Chief deputy Heath Landsman looked up all the parks' ordinances payables for petty misdemeanors are \$100. It was asked what the fee is for driving a car without tabs. County Attorney Travis Smith provided some perspective a \$100 fine is a base fine amount it then will have \$75 in surcharges and a \$10 law library fee added to it if someone is paying the ticket without a court appearance. He advised that \$100 fine is steep for a petty misdemeanor fine and that it might be more than the base fine amount for most speeding violations, and it's probably

about the same as not having a drivers license and driving a car. It was recommended to make it cost more than the permit itself because then otherwise there is no incentive to get the permit. If it were to be \$50 there would be an additional \$85 added onto it.

It was moved by Welgraven, and seconded by Malone to approve the recommendation of County Attorney Travis Smith to approve setting a fine of \$50 with an additional \$85 in court costs for violation of the Motorized Golf Cart Ordinance. Motion Passed.

FINAL PAY REQUEST CP01-22

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Thiner to approve final payment to Traffic Marking Service, Inc. for annual maintenance striping project CP 01-22 in the amount of \$5,362.21.

TOWNSHIP ROAD DISCUSSION

Randy Groves from the Murray County Highway Department was present to ask if the board wanted to discuss concerns from the township on the roads being used for the detour.

Commissioner Thiner recommended not discussing the issue and allowing the township to come to the board to discuss concerns regarding the detour.

The Meeting Recessed at 9:29 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 9:34 a.m.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Approval of Planning Commission's recommendation on the following Conditional Use Permit Application:

Travis Reith

Part of SE1/4, Section 34, Lime Lake Township CUP #1405

To expand an existing feedlot to 947.5 animal units and to construct a settling manure lane in the Agriculture District

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to approve Conditional Use Permit #1405 for Travis Reith to expand an existing feedlot to 917.5 animal units and to construct a settling manure lane in the Agriculture District for Part of SE1/a, Section 31, Lime Lake Township with the findings and three (3) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion Passed.

FIREMAN SAFETY TRAINING AT THE DOOM PROPERTY

County Administrator Carolyn McDonald has been approached by several firemen to conduct training in the Doom Property, it was determined that it was approved at the meeting on 10/25/2022 that as long as they have insurance or liability, they can do training there. It was also noted that the electricity has been shut off.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT 101 TRAINING JANUARY 25 – 27, 2023

Public notice to let the public know there will be more than two commissioners at the January 25 – 27 Commissioner 101 Training.

ACCEPT \$50,000 FROM LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTANCY FUND
It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis to accept the \$50,000 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 16 – OCTOBER 29

Commissioner Malone: 10/18 Commissioner Meeting, 10/19 Currie Bridge Pre-Construction Meeting, 10/20 EDA & Planning and Zoning, 10/25 Commissioner Meeting & ARPA Committee & Ditch meeting, 10/26 Hospital Board, 10/27 Friends of Casey Jones – Zoom with Senator Weber & AMC District 8 meeting.

Commissioner Gunnink: 10/16 Historical Society Annual Meeting, 10/18 Commissioner Meeting, 10/19 Plum Creek Library Board Meeting, 10/25 Commissioner Meeting, 10/27 Friends of Casey Jones – Zoom with Senator Weber & AMC District 8 meeting.

Commissioner Kluis: 10/18 Commissioner Meeting, 10/25 Commissioner Meeting, 10/26 Hospital Board and ACE Joint Powers, 10/27 AMC District 8 Meeting.

Commissioner Welgraven: 10/18 Commissioner Meeting, 10/19 SWHHS, 10/20 EDA & Planning and Zoning Meeting, 10/24 Western Mental Health, 10/25 Commissioner Meeting & ARPA Committee, 10/27 AMC District 8 Meeting

Commissioner Thiner: 10/17 SMOC, 10/18 Commissioner Meeting, 10/19 SWHHS, 10/20 Planning and Zoning, 10/25 Commissioner Meeting 10/27 AMC District 8 Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair