

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
January 17, 2023 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, Jackie Meier, 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, Commissioner Gunnink wanted to add in a letter she received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. County Administrator Carolyn McDonald would like to add the presentation of the Emergency Roadside Kits that the wellness Committee bought for each County Employee. Auditor/Treasurer Heidi Winter had no ditch bills to present but wanted to use that time to go over information for upcoming ditch meetings.

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

No Conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Meier to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2023, meeting with changes. Motion Passed.

**COMMISSIONER WARRANTS**

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to approve all claims for payment. The Chair was authorized to sign the Audit List dated January 17, 2023 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 170232 through 170287:

County Revenue Fund	83,021.78
County Road & Bridge Fund	40,825.72
EDA	500.00
Ditch	990.02
Self-Insurance	540.25
Sunrise Terrace	281.67
SAWS	159.00
 Total	 126,318.44

**ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT WEEK RELATING TO DRAINAGE**

County Auditor/Treasurer Heidi Winter presented an update on the action items for the following week regarding drainage. For CD 22 the engineer’s final instruction report was filed last Thursday, construction is done, and the final step is to hold a final acceptance hearing. The redetermination of benefits and final viewers reports have been filed for CD 18 and CD 76 and JD 14 and JD 15, a final acceptance hearing needs to be set for these ditches. The JD 6 amended viewers report still needs action.

## PRELIMINARY PLAT – AUTUMN BLAZE ESTATES

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing for the preliminary plat for Autumn Blaze Estates First Addition on January 5, 2023.

Approval of Planning Commission's recommendation, including one (1) special condition, on the following Preliminary Plat:

Autumn Blaze Estates First Addition Preliminary Plat  
Outlot A, Block 3, Autumn Blaze Estates, in Section 35, Lake Sarah Township,  
Murray County  
Application #354  
Preliminary Plat for one (1) non-riparian lot in the Residential and Shoreland Overlay  
Districts on Lake Shetek, a General Development Lake.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve the Autumn Blaze Estates First Addition Preliminary Plat Application #354 for one (1) non-riparian lot in the Residential and Shore/and Overlay Districts on Lake Shetek, a General Development Lake for Outlot A, Block 3, Autumn Blaze Estates, in Section 35, Lake Sarah Township as recommended by the Planning Commission with one (1) special condition. Motion Passed

## DISPATCH CHAIRS

Sheriff Heath Landsman would like to purchase 2 new chairs for the dispatch center. The chairs will be paid for utilizing the 911 grant funds.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to approve the purchase of 2 3152HR Operator Chairs from Concept Seating for a purchase price of \$4,613.65. Funds to be paid from the 911 grant fund, account # 01-283-283-0000-6480. Motion Passed.

## SURPLUS PROPERTY UNIT #140

Sheriff Heath Landsman would like to declare Unit #140, 2015 Ram 1500 pick-up as surplus property.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink to declare unit #140 2015 Ram 1500 Pick-up, as surplus property and authorize the sale on govdeals.com. Motion Passed.

## BUFFALO RIDGE DRUG & VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE UPDATE

Sheriff Heath Landsman & Commissioner Gunnink presented a quarterly update on the Buffalo Ridge Drug & Violent Crime Task Force and on 2023 Budget and Murray County Funding Designation. Sheriff Heath Landsman who is Vice chair of the BRDTF and discussed with the Board Chair Mike Hamann that it would be fair to propose to the entire taskforce board to give Murray County an additional \$14,313.80 to offset the fact that Murray County hosts the commander, this will not change in the bylaws but will be addressed on a yearly basis to ensure that they are solvent and not going into a deficit. It was voted that the counties that pay the per capita will receive a check for \$25,000.00 to offset the cost of the vehicle that was just purchased for the agent in 2022. The total reimbursement to Murray County for the year 2023 should be \$143,191.64. Murray County gets reimbursement for a portion of the general investigator, small

fee every quarter for the administrative assistant, and the salaries from the other two agent salaries which comes from the grant as well as per capita funding. The \$14,313.80 will be 100% per capita funding for hosting the commander.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LETTER**

Commissioner Gunnink presented a letter she received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to the Ruthton Water management Area recommending raising the roads address the flooding in Ellsborough Township. There is grant funding available potentially thru the state. The DNR is not interested in cleaning out the sediment from the road. The sediment has built up so much due to the area being very flat.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 25, 2022 – JANUARY 7, 2023**

**Commissioner Malone:** 12/27/22 Commissioner meeting, 12/28/22 MCMC Board Meeting, 1/5/23 Commissioner Meeting.

**Commissioner Gunnink:** 12/27/22 Commissioner meeting, 1/5/23 Commissioner Meeting, 1/6/23 Buffalo Ridge Task Force Meeting.

**Commissioner Meier:** 1/5/23 Commissioner Meeting.

**Commissioner Welgraven:** 12/27/22 Commissioner meeting, 1/5/23 Commissioner Meeting.

**Commissioner Thiner:** 12/27/22 Commissioner meeting, 1/5/23 Commissioner Meeting & Planning and Zoning Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

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Molly Malone, Board Chair