

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
June 6, 2023 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present; Molly Malone, Jackie Meier, Dennis Welgraven, and David Thiner. Also present: General Assistant Emily Ackerman, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald, County Attorney Travis Smith via Zoom. Absent: Commissioner Gunnink.

The meeting was recessed at 8:36 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 8:37 a.m.

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda none were added.

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

Conflict of interest: Commissioner Meier will abstain from the Matt Meier CUP.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Meier, to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2023 meeting without changes. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated June 6, 2023 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 171311 through 171371:

County Revenue Fund	85,681.91
County Road & Bridge Fund	29,120.32
EDA	73.36
Sunrise Terrace	1,024.00
Total	115,899.59

DITCH BILLS

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

Johnson Ditching, Inc

21-843-6290

JD 19 1,150.00 #2023-008 ok'd by T. Radke on 5/26/2023

Subtotal 1,150.00

Total Ditch Bills 1,150.00

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven 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 2023-018 (JD14, Leeds Twp. Sec.18, District 2 – Gunnink)
- Petition 2023-019 (CD19, Dovray Twp. Sec.14, District 1 – Malone)
- Petition 2023-020 (CD37, Bondin Twp. Sec.6, District 5 – Thiner)

HOSPITAL UPDATE

Luke Schryvers Murray County Medical Center CEO presented an update on staffing, quality, financials, recent events at the hospital and the Annual Ambulance Letters.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Meier to approve sending out the Annual Ambulance Letters to the Cities and Townships in Murray County. Motion Passed.

DNR LAND ACQUISITION

Request Board to consider approval of the Resolution for the DNR to purchase the Lamb Tract at Buffalo Lake Wildlife Management Area.

Commissioner Thiner offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Resolution No. 2023-06-06-01
Review of Proposed State Land Acquisition

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 84.944, Sub. 3 and 97A.145, Sub. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on June 6, 2023, provided the county board with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for Wildlife Management purposes. Lands to be acquired are described as follows:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 107 North, Range 39 West, Murray County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the east quarter corner of said Section 18 of which the southeast corner of said Section 18 bears South 00 degrees 18 minutes 50 seconds East, bearing assumed; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 20 seconds West, along the north line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter 349.27 feet to an in place iron pipe; thence South 05 degrees 39 minutes 20 seconds West 970.89 feet to an in place iron pipe; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 450.25 feet, more or less, to a point on the east line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 18 minutes 50 seconds West along said east line 969.20 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning and there terminating.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Murray County on June 6, 2023, that the State's proposed acquisition of the attached described property be approved.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Malone and thereupon being put to a vote was adopted.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT

On July 3, 2018, Murray County experienced a major flood event that caused some severe erosion on two properties on Lake Shetek that had direct impact on the year-round homes on the lots, such that the homes are in danger of sliding down the banks as well.

When there are federally declared disasters in Minnesota, funds come available for Hazard Mitigation Grants (Grant), such as buyouts of properties. Minnesota was federally declared last year, and monies are available. In October 2022, two Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Notice of Interest Applications were submitted for potential buyouts of the two properties in question. These applications were approved for continuing with making application for a 75/25 Grant.

It was moved by Malone seconded by Thiner to move forward with application submittal for 11.210.009.0 and 11.210.026.0 with the 25% match to be paid by the landowners, and County Administrator sign the agreements. Motion Passed.

MATT MEIER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The Public Hearing was held by the Murray County Planning Commission May 18, 2023 for this conditional use permit application.

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

Matthew Meier

SW1/4, Section 16, Belfast Township

CUP #1409

To construct and operate an Agricultural Service Business and Tourism Retail and Service Business in the Agriculture District

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to approve Conditional Use Permit #1409 for Matthew Meier to construct and operate an Agricultural Service Business and Tourism Retail and Service Business in the Agriculture District in the SW1/4, Section 16, Belfast Township with the findings and-three (3) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Malone: Yes

Meier: Abstain

Welgraven: Yes
Thiner: Yes

RENTAL/REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LOAN

The EDA board has approved a Rental/Redevelopment Program loan to Mr. Albert VanDam at an amount of \$7,000. EDA Coordinator Justine Wettschreck is now requesting board approval to disburse that loan.

The loan will be used to put new shingles, siding, and windows on VanDam's rental home at 2813 Mill Street. Terms of the loan include a 6-month deferral period, with 54 payments at 2 percent interest. If the house is sold during that 5-year period, the amount owed on the note will be due in full upon closing.

It was moved by Meier, seconded by Welgraven to approve a Rental/Redevelopment Program disbursal of \$7,000 to Albert VanDam for use at 2813 Mill Street. Motion Passed.

The Board also agreed that the approval of the EDA Board was sufficient enough for future requests.

UPDATE POLICIES #709 & 709b

Policy #709 and #709b updated by adding Juneteenth as a holiday. The Minnesota Legislature approved a bill making Juneteenth – June 19 – a state holiday in Minnesota. The original bill was effective August 1, 2023, which meant that Juneteenth would not officially be celebrated as a state holiday until 2024. However, Governor Walz signed into law the omnibus State Government Finance Bill. That new law contains a provision that makes Juneteenth a state holiday effective immediately.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Meier to approve updating policy #709 and 709b with adding the holiday of Juneteenth as June 19th. Motion Passed.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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It was moved by Meier, seconded by Welgraven to approve and authorize the Board Chair and Vice-Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understandings for LELS, AFSCME Highway, and AFSCME Dispatcher/Jailer for the Juneteenth holiday, effective in the current union contracts dated January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 14 – 27, 2023

Malone:

5/22 Hospital Personnel and Finance
5/23 Commissioner meeting

5/24 AMC Zoom

5/25 EDA

Meier:

5/16 Commissioner meeting & Sunrise Terrace board

5/17 SWHHS & Managing Difficult Conversations (Brave Angels) AMC

5/18 Policy Committee & Parks Meeting

5/23 Commissioner meeting & ACE Dementia Meeting

5/25 Fair board Meeting

Welgraven:

5/16 Commissioner meeting

5/17 SWHHS

5/22 Solid Waste, MREB & WMH

5/23 Commissioner Meeting

5/25 EDA Meeting

Thiner:

5/16 Commissioner meeting & Sunrise Terrace board

5/17 Heron Lake Watershed

5/18 Policy Committee, Parks Board, Planning & Zoning

5/22 SMOC

5/23 Commissioner Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair