

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
June 20, 2023 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present; Molly Malone, Lori Gunnink Jackie Meier, Dennis Welgraven, and David Thiner. Also present: 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 Sheriff Heath Landsman added the Buffalo Ridge Task Force update.

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 June 6, 2023 meeting without changes. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated June 20, 2023 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 171436 through 171507:

County Revenue Fund	64,585.86
County Road & Bridge Fund	46,215.65
EDA	356.27
Ditch	498.96
Self-Insurance	610.79
Sunrise Terrace	2,132.76
SAWS	159.00
Lime Creek Service District	325.00
Total	114,884.29

DITCH BILLS

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

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Coreman Contracting

21-671-6290	CD 22	<u>450.00</u>	#2022-048	ok'd by T. Radke on 6/6/2023
	Subtotal	<u>450.00</u>		

Noomen Excavating, Inc

21-671-6290	CD 22	<u>5,937.50</u>	#2020-028	Ok'd by T. Radke or 6/8/2023
	Subtotal	<u>5,937.50</u>		

Opdahl Farm Drainage, LLC

21-659-6290	CD 11	473.00	#2023-009	ok'd by T. Radke on 6/14/2023
21-699-6290	CD 37	960.00	#2023-020	ok'd by T. Radke on 6/14/2023
21-703-6290	CD 40	872.60	#2022-028	ok'd by T. Radke on 6/14/2023
21-763-6290	CD 68	34,515.00	#2023-003	ok'd by T. Radke on 6/14/2023
21-771-6290	CD 75	562.50	#2023-022^	ok'd by T. Radke on 6/14/2023
21-771-6290	CD 75	562.50	#2023-002^	ok'd by T. Radke on 6/14/2023
21-771-6290	CD 75	562.50	#2023-016^	ok'd by T. Radke on 6/14/2023
21-825-6290	JD 13	<u>6,733.00</u>	#2021-014	ok'd by T. Radke on 6/14/2023
	Subtotal	<u>45,241.10</u>		

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21-868-6260	Admin	200.00	03/23 Monthly Retainer
21-659-6260	CD 11	<u>2,152.50</u>	CD 11/State Hwy 30 - Legal
	Subtotal	<u>2,352.50</u>	

Total Ditch Bills 53,981.10

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink 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 2023-021 (CD43A, Belfast Twp. Sec.16, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2023-022 (CD75, Slayton Twp. Sec.8, District 3 –Welgraven)
- Petition 2023-023 (CD72, Lime Lake Twp. Sec.25, District 3 –Welgraven)
- Petition 2023-024 (CD68, Slayton Twp. Sec.9, District 4–Meier)
- Petition 2023-026 (JD14, Chanarambie Twp. Sec.13, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2023-027 (CD42, Lime Lake Twp. Sec.36, District 3–Welgraven)

BUFFALO RIDGE TASK FORCE UPDATE

Sheriff Heath Landsman provided an update on the Buffalo Ridge Task Force 2023 first quarter cases, searches, warrants, drug arrests and seizures.

MNCITLA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND THE 2023 SESSION AND BROADBAND FUNDING INITIATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

IT Director Jason Lohrenz provided an update on the MNCITLA Legislative priorities and the 2023 session, border-to-border broadband funding received a cut from \$276,000,000 down to \$100,000,000 for 2 years. There will be a portion of funds being matched up to 75% of funds for less populated areas. The other option would be BEAD grant program with more information coming out this summer, the federal program gave out funds based on the broadband maps based on unserved and underserved areas, no details are finalized yet.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN MURRAY COUNTY

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

Resolution No. 2023-06-20-01

Resolution of Support for the Construction of a New Highway Maintenance Facility in Murray County

WHEREAS, Murray County recognizes the importance and responsibility to provide safe, efficient and timely services for road maintenance on the County State Aid Highway and County Road system; and

WHEREAS, Murray County also serves its residents and Townships with engineering and design services for new road and bridge projects; and

WHEREAS, Murray County's current highway maintenance facility lacks adequate equipment storage, safe shop space and land area to provide for expansion, to meet the needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, Murray County desires to relocate its maintenance facility to a new location and construct a new highway maintenance facility to meet current and future needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, the development of a new maintenance facility will provide the much needed land area, salt/sand building, fuel system, space needs for the office, shop and vehicle storage; and

WHEREAS, the highway maintenance building project costs are supported by local taxes, state aid construction funds and a general obligation bond, but lack adequate resources to fully fund the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the County of Murray supports the construction of a new highway maintenance facility that will meet all the needs of the County Highway Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Murray County supports state legislation to appropriate the additional funding necessary to complete the construction of a new highway maintenance facility.

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

BRIDGE CRANE FOR HIGHWAY BUILDING

The Highway Building project received no bid for the bridge crane when this went out for public bids last year. This was a standalone bid category and resulted in no contractor/vendor providing a bid. A few of these vendors are more on the equipment side of the equation thus they had to provide performance/payments bonds, etc. which made them more of a contractor than equipment supplier. This was part of the reason no firm bid was submitted.

In following up, Contegrity was able to provide separate quotes for the material and a second one for the installation (labor). The benefit of this is two-fold, first it allows the vendor to eliminate the required sales tax thus saving the county (in this scenario equals a little over \$12k). Second, it also keeps the estimated value of the contract under the \$175k threshold to which one could solicit quotes vs. bidding as well as eliminate the requirement for them to provide a performance and payment bond. For reference, we were carrying a budget for this work of \$235K so approving these quotes would equate to a savings in the budget of about \$25k.

The approval of this will be two separate motions to approve the material as a stand-alone item and the install separately.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve the low quote by Neufeldt for the 10 Ton Crane Quote of \$174,815. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve the low quote by Neufeldt for installation of the 10 Ton Crane at \$34,510. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 28 – June 10, 2023

Malone:

- 6/2 Personnel Meeting
- 6/6 Regular Board Meeting
- 6/8 District 8 Meeting

Gunnink:

- 6/1 RCRC Area II
- 6/8 District 8 Meeting

Meier:

- 5/31 Hospital Board & Personnel Meeting
- 6/1 ECI Meeting
- 6/5 Law Library
- 6/6 Regular Board Meeting
- 6/8 District 8 Meeting

Welgraven:

5/31 Personnel Meeting

6/2 Personnel Meeting

6/6 Regular Board Meeting

6/8 District 8 Meeting & SRDC

Thiner:

6/6 Regular Board Meeting

6/8 District 8 Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair