

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
February 21, 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, AMC legislative conference.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Meier 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 February 14, 2023, meeting without changes. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated February 21, 2023 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 170502 through 170557:

County Revenue Fund	46,180.61
County Road & Bridge Fund	18,060.09
EDA	376.77
Ditch	1,998.00
Self-Insurance	139.04
Sunrise Terrace	685.45
SAWS	159.00
Total	67,598.96

HIGHWAY BUILDING – TILE OUTLET COUNTY DITCH 68

The County has applied for a drainage permit application with MnDOT for the new highway building property to hook drain tile into County Ditch 68 in the MnDOT right of way. This permit requires a letter from the Drainage Authority approving the connection. Murray County is a benefitting landowner and is allowed to hook into the County Ditch 68 drainage system.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Meier to provide authorization to submit a letter on behalf of the Murray County Drainage Authority to approve connecting drain tile into County Ditch 68 in the MnDOT right of way. Motion Passed.

EVICTION COMPLAINT TAX FORFEITED PROPERTY 29-540-0020

The City of Slayton purchased tax forfeited parcel 29-540-0020. The property is currently occupied by an individual who has been given ample time and opportunity to vacate the property. The county is proceeding with an eviction complaint to be filed with District Court. This requires approval by the County Board.

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

Resolution 2023-02-21-01
A Resolution Approving Eviction Complaint for
Tax Forfeited Property 29-540-0020 and Sale/Disposal of
Personal Property Seized

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Murray County Board of Commissioners that the Eviction Complaint to be filed with District Court is approved as follows:

- THE COUNTY OF MURRAY, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA (Plaintiff) vs. NATHAN PATRICK JANSSEN (Defendant)
- Property located at 2307 Oak Avenue, Slayton, MN 56172
- Property legally described as *The South Seventy (70) feet of the north One Hundred Thirty (130) feet of Lot One (1), Simpson Addition, City of Slayton, Minnesota (Tax Parcel Identification Number 29-540-0020)*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the seizure and sale/disposal of any personal property abandoned on this property is approved pursuant to Minn. State. § 282.04.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Thiner and thereupon being put to a vote passed.

The meeting recessed at 8:58 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 9:04 a.m.

AGREEMENT WITH SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON, INC

SEH is the engineering firm that designed the current demolition landfill. They help us with reporting to the MPCA, monitoring of the water samples that are taken at the site, keeping up with legislative issues and help us manage any possible issues that we would have at the site.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink to approve Jon Bloemendaal Ag & Solid Waste Administrator to sign the agreement between Murray County and Short Elliot Hendrickson, INC. Motion Passed.

EV CHARGING STATION GRANT APPLICATION

On February 14, 2023, the County Board approved the drafting of a grant application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to install Level 2 EV charging stations in public places, workplaces, and multiunit dwellings. Level 2 charging stations provide power for drivers to charge their electric vehicles. The purpose of the program is to increase the use of electric vehicles in place of gas-powered cars to reduce tailpipe emissions including greenhouse gas

emissions in the state.

Murray County's draft application is for two sites: Murray County Government Center and Murray County End-O-Line County Park. Since the stations would be located in public places, the County would be required to provide a 20% cash match of eligible expenses. The proposal is to install a single port and a dual port charging station at the Government Center and one dual port station at the County Park for a maximum award of \$37,500 (\$7,500 for single-port station and \$15,000 per dual-port station installation). Based on the estimates for the charging stations and installation costs, the County's 20% cash match would be \$15,491, which if approved, could be paid using ARPA funds.

Jason Walker of the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) has been assisting with the grant application development.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone to approve the submittal of the Minnesota Diesel Replacement Program _VW settlement: Phase 2 Grant Application for EV Charging stations at the Murray County Government Center and the Murray County End-O-Line County Park.

The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Thiner: No

Welgraven: Yes

Meier: Yes

Gunnink: Yes

Malone: Yes

AMC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The AMC legislative conference for this week was cancelled for in person due to the incoming storm. The meeting has been moved to Zoom. The commissioners would like to try and get some of their registration fee's back as they may not be able to attend all the Zoom meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 5 – FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Commissioner Malone: 2/17 Ditch 14 Continuance Meeting.

Commissioner Gunnink: 2/9 Fairgrounds Advisory meeting, 2/13 SAWS 2/14 Commissioner Meeting, 2/15 Plum Creek library board meeting, 2/17 Ditch 14 Continuance Meeting.

Commissioner Meier: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Welgraven: 2/6 Supporting Hands Nurse Family, 2/7 Commissioner Meeting 2/9 SRDC Finance committee, 2/14 Commissioner Meeting, 2/15 SWHHS Personnel, 2/16 Core Pipeline, 2/17 Ditch 14 Continuance Meeting.

Commissioner Thiner: 2/14 Commissioner Meeting & Policy Committee, 2/16 Planning and Zoning

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair