

DRAFT PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
October 25, 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, Lori Gunnink, 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.

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, Slayton Fire Chief asked to conduct training in the Doom house without any damage to the house and discussion on how to replace committee members for joint powers agreements.

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 Kluis to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting with changes. Motion Passed.

#### SWHHS MURRAY COUNTY 2023 LEASE

It was discussed if the contract for 2023 includes the additions for the cost of the internet services. It was decided that we need to find out the cost of the dedicated internet line to add into the contract for the year 2024 to be brought back in June.

It was moved by Welgraven, and seconded by Gunnink to approve the 2023 lease agreement between SWHHS and Murray County with the Murray County Board Chair, Murray County Treasurer, Murray County Attorney and the SWHHS Board Chair Signing. Motion Passed.

#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PROBATION SERVICES UPDATE

Brad Odegard, Becky Serreyn & Jeff Arndt were present to give an update on the Department of Corrections Probation Services provided to Murray County. Statewide effort to equalize and fund the delivery systems for corrections in the state of Minnesota. There are 3 delivery systems state counties, community corrections are formula funded, and county probation services.

The Purpose of the DOC Probation is to supervise clients placed on probation by court and coming out of prison assess risk and needs using specialized tools evidence-based practices, motivational interviewing, and mental health de-escalation. All new agents in the State of Minnesota go to an academy at Camp Ripley that the DOC started, to train using the tools utilized to assess clients. The counties select the type of delivery method they would like to use.

It was discussed that the drug world has changed, back in the day most charges were for meth labs, now people are using meth and mixing it with other opioids, there has been an increase since the pandemic.

One of the other programs utilized in Murray County is the Drug Court program serviced by other agents, plus an agent that supervises all the sex offenders in the county. For juveniles they utilize a program called the diversion program, the county attorney will check to see if the child is qualified for the diversion program which is a 3-month program which entails community work service, apology letters, report down on the offense it will then go in the record that they completed the requirements. Arndt also utilizes a restitution program where he turns the community service hours worked into money for the victims affected by a crime committed against them.

There was discussion where clients that have mental health issues go, there has been an increase with chemical mental health issues. Those individuals usually get referred to local counseling services. It was discussed that some individuals had to be transported to Fargo for additional help.

#### DITCH BILLS

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

*See next page for listing*

**Bolton & Menk**

21-674-6260	CD 22 Imp	570.00	Construction Management Services- Engineering Services - #2021-029, 2022-001,
21-829-6260	JD 14	6,545.00	2022-002 (ok'd by T. Radke 10-20-2022)
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,115.00</b>	

**Rinke Noonan**

21-868-6260	Admin	200.00	Monthly Retainer
21-667-6260	CD 20	955.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-675-6260	CD 23	647.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-679-6260	CD 26	729.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-693-6260	CD 34	688.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-701-6260	CD 38	668.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-705-6260	CD 41	668.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-717-6260	CD 45A	586.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-719-6260	CD 46	668.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-721-6260	CD 47	668.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-725-6260	CD 49	668.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-727-6260	CD 50	668.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-733-6260	CD 53	647.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-743-6260	CD 58	647.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-755-6260	CD 64	647.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-759-6260	CD 66	647.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-783-6260	CD 81	647.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-815-6260	JD 9	647.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-817-6260	JD 9A	668.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
21-833-6260	JD 16	647.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>13,015.00</b>	

**Slayton Electric, Inc.**

21-835-6290	JD 17	348.24	#2022-031 Ok'd by T. Radke or 10/4/2022
*Line cut during tile repair			
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>348.24</b>	

**Total Ditch Bills 20,478.24**

**EXTENSION COUNTY SUPPORT STAFF**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve hiring McKenna Schreier as a regular full-time Extension County Support Staff (32 to 40 hours per week) effective November 7, 2022, Per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Motion Passed.

## MURRAY COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

2023 health insurance rates will be unchanged from 2022 with the employer contribution staying the same at single - \$746.00 and Family \$1,424.00.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve the 2023 monthly contribution to the Murray County Cafeteria Plan be set at \$746.00 for single and \$1,424.00 for family health insurance coverage and for the 2023 Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance monthly rates of:  
Single VEBA/HSA Plan - \$3,000.00 deductible (80%) with a monthly rate of \$709.75  
Single VEBA/HSA Plan - \$3,000.00 deductible with a monthly rate of \$765.50  
Single VEBA/HSA Plan - \$5,000.00 deductible with a monthly rate of \$622.75  
Family VEBA/HSA Plan - \$5,200.00 deductible (80%) with a monthly rate of \$1,905.00  
Family VEBA/HSA Plan - \$5,200.00 deductible with a monthly rate of \$2048.00  
Family VEBA/HSA Plan - \$10,000.00 deductible with a monthly rate of \$1682.00  
with the 2023 monthly Employer Contribution to the employee's VEBA/HSA be set as:  
\$3,000 (80%) deductible - single \$28.15 and \$5,000 (100%) deductible single - \$115.15. Motion Passed.

## DISTRICT 8 FALL MEETING

District 8 Fall meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27 at the Wabasso Community Center, 1429 Front Street in Wabasso. All commissioners will be in attendance.

## SLAYTON FIRE TO USE DOOM PROPERTY FOR DRILL

Slayton Fire Chief Chris LeTendre reached out to County Administrator Carolyn McDonald, to allow the Slayton Fire Department to use the Doom Property for training, that would not damage or compromise the house/property. It was discussed to ask the City if their liability insurance would cover any damages.

It was moved by Welgraven and seconded by Kluis to allow the Slayton Fire Department to use the Doom Property for training, that would not damage or compromise the house/property with a signed liability waiver. Motion Passed.

## JOINT POWERS BOARDS

Commissioner Gunnink asked how we go about replacing committee members on joint powers boards. There is someone leaving the SMOC board. There was discussion on how to advertise for the position and that we need to look at the JPA and the bylaws.

The meeting recessed at 9:27 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 9:31 a.m.

## CD 11/STATE HWY 30 EMERGENCY REPAIR – CLAIM FOR LEGISLATIVE CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Beginning in June 2017 Murray County has been working with MnDOT to come to an agreement on how to split costs for an emergency repair that was made to the County Ditch 11 drainage system under State Hwy 30 (Section 11 and 12 of Leeds Township).

The Drainage Authority has incurred costs for the repair totaling \$85,119.22 and any other legal costs incurred.

The drainage authority's position is that the landowners on the system should only be responsible for what a similar tile repair would cost under normal circumstances, estimated at \$15,000.

The Drainage Authority will review and consider approval of a claim to be submitted to the MN State Legislative Claims Committee to seek approval for this amount. The claim is being filed by Rinke Noonan (Attorney John Kolb) on behalf of the Drainage Authority. Deadline to file the claim is November 1, 2022.

It was moved by Gunnink, and seconded by Welgraven to proceed as recommended by Rinke Noonan Attorney John Kolb authorizing the filing and the execution of the claim forms by the necessary county officiants. Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

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Molly Malone, Board Chair