

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
December 8, 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.

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald added the 11/29/2022 Truth in Taxation minutes for approval. County Administrator McDonald added the advertising process for County Assessor.

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 Gunnink, seconded by Thiner to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2022 meeting with changes. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2022 TNT meeting with changes. Motion Passed.

VERIZON WIRELESS CUP

The Public Hearing was held by the Murray County Planning Commission November 17, 2022 for this conditional use permit application.

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

Verizon Wireless

NI/2 EI/4, Section 27, Lake Sarah Township

CUP #1406

To erect and operate a telecommunications tower in the Agriculture and Shoreland Overlay Districts

It was moved by Thiner , seconded by Gunnink to approve Conditional Use Permit #1406 for Verizon Wireless to erect and operate a telecommunications tower in the Agriculture and Shore/and Overlay Districts in the NI/2 NEJ/4, Section 27, Lake Sarah Township with the findings and two (2) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion Passed.

COTTONWOOD-MIDDLE MINNESOTA WATERSHED MOA

On May 3, 2022, the Murray County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution of support for the One Watershed One Plan planning phase of the Cottonwood River - Middle Minnesota Watershed, along with 12 other governmental entities.

The Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) has been delegated as both the Grant Administrator as well as the Fiscal Agent for this One Watershed One Plan planning process.

Review and adopt the Memorandum of Agreement for the Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed One Watershed. One Plan Partnership.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve and authorize Commissioner Molly Malone, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald, and County Attorney Travis Smith to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for the Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed One Watershed One Plan Partnership on behalf of the County. Motion Passed.

RENTAL/REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Murray County EDA Board recently approved a program to be used for repairing rental properties or redeveloping older houses for rental or resale. The program, called Rental/Redevelopment Program, would make low interest loans (2 percent) with a 1:1 match and payments deferred for 6 months.

The EDA board would set the allotted amount to go into the program annually. Each application would be reviewed and approved/denied by the EDA Board. The annually allotted funds will be first come, first served.

For 2023, the EDA Board has allotted \$60,000 for the program, which would come out of the Special Projects Fund.

Today, I am seeking approval of the program, and approval of the 2023 allotted funding of \$60,000.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis to approve the EDA Rental/Redevelopment Program. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve the \$60,000 allotment for the EDA Rental/Redevelopment program for 2023. Motion Passed.

DITCH BILLS

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

Bolton & Menk

21-667-6260 CD 20 712.80 #2021-029 Ok'd by T. Radke or 11/14/2022

#2022-001 and 2022-002 ok'd by T. Rake on

21-829-6260 JD 14 1,663.20 11/14/22

Subtotal 2,376.00

Hodgman Drainage Company, Inc.

21-845-6290 JD 20 1,421.00 #2022-020 Ok'd by T. Radke or 12/5/2022

Subtotal 1,421.00

Total Ditch Bills 3,797.00

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2023 ELECTED SALARIES

- Auditor/Treasurer, Heidi Winter gave a year-end review for the County Auditor Treasurer Office.
- County Recorder, Karen Brown gave a year-end review for the County Recorder Office.
- Chief Deputy Sheriff, Heath Landsman gave a year-end review for the Sherriff’s Office.

ACE OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA JPA AMENDMENT

It was moved by Kluis, and seconded by Welgraven to approve the 2023 amended JPA with SW MN A.C.E. This amendment accepts Pipestone County as a member. Motion Approved.

2023 MEETING DATES

Commissioner Thiner, presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Resolution 2022-12-08-01

2023 Meeting Dates

WHEREAS, the Murray County Board of Commissioners hold regular meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Tuesdays in 2023 are set for regular Board meetings and Work Session meetings of the Murray County Board of Commissioners beginning at 8:30 a.m.:

January	3rd	17th	24th
February	7th	21st	28th
March	7th	21st	28th
April	4th	18th	25th
May	2nd	16th	23rd
June	6th	20th	27th
July	6th	18th	25th
August	1st	15th	22nd
September	5th	19th	26th
October	3rd	17th	24th
November	7th	21st	28th
December		19th	26th

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Gunnink and thereupon being put to a roll call vote as follows:

Malone: No

Gunnink: Yes

Kluis: Yes

Welgraven: Yes

Thiner: Yes

ASSESSOR POSTION ADVERTISING

It was discussed on how to being the advertising for the County Assessor position. County Administrator Carolyn McDonald will bring a name to the next meeting who would temporarily for a 90 day period serve as an interim assessor until we are able to appoint an assessor. If we are unable to secure an assessor within the 90 day period we can ask for an extension. There are two individuals in the office currently that are able to step into the interim role at this time.

It was moved by Welgraven and seconded by Kluis to move forward with advertising for the position of County Assessor.

The meeting recessed at 9:26 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 9:30 a.m.

LICENSE CENTER CLERK PART TIME TO FULL TIME

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded Welgraven to approve Tessa Risacher – License Center Clerk from part-time to full-time status, effective December 12, 2022. Motion Approved.

PART TIME RECYCLING CENTER WORKER

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis to approve hiring Gerald Lawson as a regular part-time (up to 29 hours per week) Recycling Center Worker effective December 19, 2022. Per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Motion Approved.

Committee Reports for the Period of November 13 - November 26, 2022

Malone: 11/14 EDF Wind Tax Meeting, 11/15 Regular Board meeting, & ARPA, 11/17 EDA, 11/21 Personnel Committee, 11/22 Regular Board meeting.

Gunnink: 11/14 Canvas Board for Elections, 11/15 Regular Board meeting, 11/16 Missouri Watershed & Alternate for Dennis, 11/22 Regular Board meeting.

Kluis: 11/15 Regular Board meeting, 11/22 Regular Board meeting.

Welgraven: 11/14 EDF Curtailment meeting, 11/15 Regular Board meeting & ARPA, 11/16 SWHHS, Extension Committee, Mutual Aid Meeting, 11/17 EDA meeting, 11/21, Western Mental Health, 11/22 Regular Board meeting.

Thiner: 11/14 Canvas Board, 11/15 Regular Board meeting, 11/16 SWHHS, 11/17 Planning & Zoning, 11/18 Insurance Collaboration meeting, 11/21 SMOC, 11/22 Regular Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair