

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
April 25, 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, add another work session in the month of May, Sunrise Terrace Discussion.

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 April 18, 2023 meeting without changes . Motion Passed.

#### MCIT REPORT

Tom Suppes from MCIT presented the 2023 MCIT report to the board regarding the change in cyber coverage being held in house now, workers compensation claims dividends , property claims, and other services offered by MCIT coverage.

#### SOIL & WATER ALLOCATION

Shelly Lewis presented an update on the Soil and Water Conservation District there have been 22 grants completed, 3 cost share contracts water and sediment control basins. Devin and Shelly went to legislative day at capital. Craig has been getting tree orders and site visits completed, along with the crep program. Devin wetland conservation act sent out 150 letters for potential projects and designing work, waterways and basins.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve the quarterly allocation request from the Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$49,069.75. Motion Passed.

#### PLUM CREEK LIBRARY UPDATE AND ANNUAL FUNDING REQUEST

Elizabeth Hoffman from the Plum Creek Library system presented an update on exhibits, programs, courier systems, e-book system, ARPA funding for technology, the transport cost matrix.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Meier to approve the annual funding request from the Plum Creek Library System in the amount of \$3,250. Motion Passed.

#### DES MOINES RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP JPO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

Murray County has been the administrative lead for the entire Des Moines River Watershed One Watershed One Plan planning process. It is time to move into the implementation phase now that

the planning phase has been completed, the Des Moines River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Organization (Partnership) has been established, and the Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) has received approval from the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources.

Per the attached contract, Murray County is agreeing to perform administrative and plan coordination services for the Partnership as directed by the Des Moines River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Board and the Executive Board. This contract has been reviewed by County Attorney Smith, and with his revisions, is presented for your approval.

County Board approval to execute the Contract for Services for the Administrative and Plan Coordination Duties for the Des Moines River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Organization.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner to approve and execute the Contract for Services for the Administrative and Plan Coordination Duties for the Des Moines River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Organization, and to authorize County Administrator Carolyn McDonald to sign said contract. Motion Passed.

**DITCH BILLS**

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

**Bolton & Menk**

21-674-6260	CD 22	803.00	Engineering Services for Improvement
21-810-810-6260	JD6	465.00	Engineering Services for Improvement
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>1,268.00</u></b>	

**Rinke Noonan**

21-868-6260	Admin	200.00	03/23 Monthly Retainer
21-674-6260	CD 22	2,588.50	CD 22 Improvement/Final Hearing
21-810-810-6260	JD 6	3,435.50	JD 6 Improvement - Legal
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>6,224.00</u></b>	

**Total Ditch Bills 7,492.00**

**WESTBROOK FIREMENS RELIEF ASSOCIATION LG230 OFF SITE GAMBLING APPLICATION**

The Westbrook Firemen Relief Association is requesting that the Board approve a Local Unit of Government Acknowledgment for an LG230 Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling for a raffle that will take place on June 4, 2023 in conjunction with “fun shoot” with the Westbrook and Walnut Grove Fire Departments and the Westbrook Walnut Grove Trap Team.

Approval of LG230 for the Westbrook Firemen Relief Association and waiving requirement for township approval. Motion for consideration:

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink to approve the Local Unit of Government Acknowledgment for an LG230 Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling for the Westbrook

Firemen Relief Association for a raffle at The Tracy Sportsman’s Club (2 Teepeeotah Road) on June 4, 2023, further moving to waive the requirement for Township acknowledgment. Motion Passed.

**RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN 2023 PERFORMANCE MEASURES PROGRAM**

The Performance Measures Program was created by the Legislature in 2010 as a way for public officials to determine the efficacy of providing services and measuring residents’ opinions of those services. It does this by reporting on ten standard service benchmarks.

The county benefits by participating in the program in the following way:

- Exemption from levy limits under M.S. §275.70 to 275.74 (not all types of levy limits)
- Local Performance Aid of \$0.14 per capita up to \$2,500.
- The 2011 – 2022 LPA received is as follows:
  - 2011 - \$1,222.00
  - 2012 - \$1,221.50
  - 2013 - \$1,221.50
  - 2014 - \$1,195.00
  - 2015 - \$1,187.00
  - 2016 - \$1,179.00
  - 2017 - \$1,166.00
  - 2018 - \$1,168.00
  - 2019 - \$1,161.00
  - 2020 - \$1,151.00
  - 2021 - \$1,145.00
  - 2022 - \$1,133.00

Commissioner Gunnink presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2023-04-25-01**

**A Resolution to Participate in the 2023 Performance Measures Program**

WHEREAS, the 2010 Legislature created the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation, and

WHEREAS, in February 2011 the council released a standard set of ten performance measures for counties that will aid residents, taxpayers and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties in providing services, and

WHEREAS, counties that elect to participate in the Performance Measures Program for 2023 are eligible for a reimbursement of \$0.14 per capita in local government aid, and are also exempt from levy limits under section 275.70 to 275.74 for taxes payable in the following calendar year, if levy limits are in effect, and

WHEREAS, Murray County was certified for the program in 2011-2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Murray County Board of Commissioners that Murray County hereby elects to participate in the 2023 Performance Measures Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following performance benchmarks are adopted by the Murray County Board of Commissioners:

- **Public Safety:** Part I and II Crime Rates, as Reported by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; Deputy Response Time; total number of accidents that occur on County State Aid Highways, County Roads and Un-Organized Township Roads that involve fatalities and injury.
- **Probation/Corrections:** Percent of adult offenders with a newly felony conviction within three (3) years of discharge.
- **Public Works:** Hours to plow complete system during a snow event – and - Average County Pavement Condition Rating, Based on County Engineer’s Evaluation.
- **Public Health:** Life Expectancy Generally and by Sex and Race.
- **Social Services:** Workforce Participation Rate Among MFIP and DWP Recipients – and – Percentage of Children Where There is a Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 12 Months Following an Intervention.
- **Taxation:** Level of Assessment Ratio.
- **Elections:** Accuracy of Post-Election Audit.
- **Veterans’ Service:** Percentage of Veterans Surveyed Who Said His/Her Questions Were Answered When Seeking Benefit Information from the County Veterans’ Office.
- **Parks:** Citizens’ Rating of the Quality of County Parks, Recreational Programs, and/or Facilities.
- **Libraries:** Number of Annual Visits per 1,000 Residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of the adopted performance measures will be published on the Murray County Website by December 31, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Meier with all members voting in favor.

#### DRIVER EXAM STATION LEASE

- This is an ongoing lease with the Department of Public Safety
- For Courts Building meeting room used by state driver examiners for written and road driving tests every Friday
- 5-year lease extension from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028 (Prior extensions have been for 3 years)
- The county receives \$520.00 annually in rent payments

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve Amendment No. 4 to a lease with the State of Minnesota (PS0296) authorizing a three (5) year extension to the Department of Public Safety, Driver and Vehicle Services for the use of the Courts Building Meeting Room as driver exam station, effective period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028, further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer and Board Chair to sign the amendment on behalf of the County. Motion Passed.

#### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH AFSCME COUNCIL 65

Cancel the current Jail Administrator bargaining agreement and add it to the Dispatcher/Jailer AFSCME union contract.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to approve the memorandum of agreement between AFSCME local 2424-8 and 2424-10-council 65 and Murray County. The withdrawal of

the current collective bargaining agreement with respect to the Jail Administrator classification AFSCME Local 2424-10. The accretion of the Jail Administrator classification to the Local 2424-08 Murray County Dispatcher/Jailer collective bargaining agreement. Authorize the County Administrator to sign the agreement. Motion Passed.

#### WORK SESSIONS IN MAY

There are several items to discuss with the board pertaining to the policy manual that we will need to schedule another work session in May on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve adding a work session to the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 meeting. Motion Passed.

#### SUNRISE TERRACE

There was recent meeting at Sunrise Terrace to discuss the potential of getting a generator, potentially getting live in care givers, a potential raise in rates, there is an issue with getting the meals served on the weekends such as setting up, dishing out and tearing down. Sunrise Terrace does still owe the county \$395,000 with a 4% interest rate. It was discussed on how to raise the rates.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. to move into a work session.

The meeting came back into session at 11:47 a.m.

#### SUNRISE TERRACE CONTINUATION

It was discussed to increase the rent at Sunrise Terrace by \$50 per month, to assist with the cost of potentially purchasing a generator and re-shingling the roof. There was a \$25 dollar increase in 2022 but previous to that the rates had not been raised for 5 years.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Meier to approve raising the rental income at Sunrise Terrace by \$50 a month effective July 1, 2023. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone to have Commissioner Thiner proceed with looking into and coming up with the specs on a generator for Sunrise Terrace. Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

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Molly Malone, Board Chair