

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
July 25, 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 none were added.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve the agenda without additions. Motion Passed.

No Conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven, to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 meeting without changes. 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:

Johnson Ditching, Inc

21-815-6290	JD 9	2,925.54	2022-045	Ok'd by T. Radke or 7/19/2023
21-829-6290	JD 14	842.59	2023-018	Ok'd by T. Radke or 7/19/2023
21-829-6290	JD 14	587.90	2023-026	Ok'd by T. Radke or 7/19/2023
	Subtotal	4,356.03		

Murray County Highway Department (for Right of Way Permit)

21-711-6286	CD 43A	50.00	2023-021	Ok'd by T. Radke or 7/19/2023
	Subtotal	50.00		

Opdahl Farm Drainage, LLC

21-757-6290	CD 65	1,584.00	2019-058	Ok'd by T. Radke or 7/20/2023
21-761-6290	CD 67	429.20	2021-051	Ok'd by T. Radke or 7/20/2023
	Subtotal	2,013.20		

Total Ditch Bills 6,419.23

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven 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 2023-028 (JD12, Bondin Twp. Sec.31, District 5–Thiner)
- Petition 2023-029 (CD20, Lowville Twp. Sec.14, District 2 –Gunnink)
- Petition 2023-030 (CD75, Slayton Twp. Sec.9, District 3 –Welgraven)

UP-FITTING UNIT #175

Enterprise leasing provided an unexpected 2nd vehicle for 2023, this unit will replace a 2017 Ford Expedition.

It was moved by Meier, seconded by Welgraven to approve the Up-fitting for Unit #175, from Emergency Automotive Technologies for the state bid price of \$14,811.24. Motion Passed.

PURCHASE REQUEST FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PICK UPS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Malone to accept the quote from Karl Automotive Group to purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado ¾ ton gas pickup for the price of \$50,549.00. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to accept the quote from Billion Automotive to purchase two 2022 Dodge Ram Tradesman ¾ ton diesel pickups for the price of \$55,000.00 each. Motion Passed.

LICENSE CENTER SUPERVISOR

The current License Center Supervisor has given her resignation to retire effective October 2, 2023. We are asking for approval to start the recruitment process to fill her position. This position is a grade 7 with the wage range of \$21.28 - \$27.67.

It was moved by Meier, seconded by Welgraven to approve the recruitment process for a Full-time License Center Supervisor. Motion Passed.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR CANNABIS BILL

The Minnesota Legislature passed the adult-use cannabis bill this session, legalizing the use, possession, and sale of cannabis in Minnesota. The possession and personal growing of cannabis will become legal August 1, 2023, and retail, agricultural, and manufacturing cannabis businesses will likely become licensed in early 2025.

Local governments have time to consider zoning needs, licensing needs, fees, law enforcement training needs, and other issues. However, with the legal use occurring on August 1, 2023, the time to regulate whether cannabis can be used in public places is now. The proposed ordinance prohibits the use of cannabis in public places and places of public accommodation.

It was moved by Meier, seconded by Malone to set a public hearing date of Tuesday August 15th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to consider ordinance regulating the use of cannabis and cannabis derived products in public places. Motion Passed.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair