

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY  
 COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
 August 22, 2023 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present; Molly Malone, Jackie Meier, Dennis Welgraven, and David Thiner. Also present: General Assistant Emily Ackerman, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald, County Attorney Travis Smith via Zoom. Commissioner Gunnink was absent.

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, none were added.

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

No Conflicts of interest were identified.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve August 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Meier to approve consent agenda. Motion Passed.

**DITCH BILLS**

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

**Bolton & Menk**

21-667-6260	CD 20	362.10	#2021-029	Ok'd by T. Radke or 8/16/2023	Gunnink-2
21-829-6260	JD 14	844.90	#2022-001 & 2022-002	ok'd by T. Radke on	Gunnink-2
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>1,207.00</u></b>			

**Hodgman Drainage Company Inc**

21-707-6290	CD 42	901.50	#2023-027	Ok'd by T. Radke or 8/11/2023	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>901.50</u></b>			

**Opdahl Farm Drainage, LLC**

21-763-6290	CD 68	38,394.35	#2023-024	Ok'd by T. Radke or 8/15/2023	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>38,394.35</u></b>			

**Prairie View Farms, LLC**

21-257-6290	CD 65	700.00	#2022-022	Ok'd by T. Radke or 8/11/2023	
21-805-6280	JD 3	8,720.00	#2022-027	Ok'd by T. Radke or 8/11/2023	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>9,420.00</u></b>			

**Rinke Noonan**

21-868-6260	Admin	200.00	07-2023	Monthly Retainer	
21-659-6260	CD 11	1,138.50	CD 11/State Hwy 30	- Legal	
21-706-6260	CD 41	742.50	CD 41	Improvement	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>2,081.00</u></b>			

**Total Ditch Bills 52,003.85**

#### DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Welgraven, seconded by Meier to approve the work on CD 20 Private Crossing for Rick Miller and authorizing the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Ditch Authority of Murray County. Motion Passed.

#### AWARD BID FOR VACATED BUILDING DEMO

The Board solicited bids to demolish and dispose of vacated buildings at 2838 Linden Avenue. Bids Opened on 8/15/2023

- Fluit Farms Excavating and Scrap     \$ 8,500
- Slayton Plumbing and Heating         \$14,995
- D&G Excavating                             \$24,040

Low quote was verified, and insurance certificate is received.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to award the bid to demolish and dispose of the vacated buildings at 2838 Linden Avenue project to Fluit Farms Excavating and Scrap for the bid amount of \$8,500. Motion Passed.

#### MURRAY COUNTY HOME INITIATIVE PUBLIC HEARING

The EDA has received a request for tax abatement through the Murray County Home Initiative, which has since been rescinded. Randy Schreier pulled his request. A public hearing had been posted.

#### COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LOAN

Similar to the Rental/Redevelopment Program, the EDA has created a Commercial Development Program to assist Murray County businesses and non-profits with making repairs to their properties.

Property owners are eligible for up to \$20,000 to make needed repairs on their non-profit, commercial or retail business. Borrowers must supply at least a 1:1 match of private funds. Interest rate will be 2 percent, with a 5-year maturity date on the loans, including a 6-month deferral.

The EDA will set annually the amount of funding to be put into the program. For 2023, funding will come from the same Special Projects funding set aside for the Rental/Redevelopment Program. Additional funding, if needed, can be transferred from the Revolving Loan Fund.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Meier to approve the Commercial Development Program guidelines. Motion Passed.

#### HOUSTON ENGINEERING SCOPE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Meier to approve the Scope of Services agreement with Houston Engineering, Inc. for the reconstruction of CSAH 13 at Lake Shetek. Motion Passed.

The meeting recessed at 9:05 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 9:08 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 6 – AUGUST 19, 2023

**Malone**

- 8/15 Commissioner Meeting
- 8/17 Personnel, Harassment Complaint meeting

**Gunnink**

- 8/15 Commissioner Meeting, Assist with fair start up and work 5k event
- 8/17 Fairboard
- 8/18 Fairboard
- 8/19 Fairboard

**Meier**

- 8/7 Supporting Hands Nursing Family Partnership in Olivia, MN
- 8/8 Sunrise Terrace Advisory Committee meeting.
- 8/14 Fair board duties-cleaning fine art building.
- 8/15 Commissioner Meeting
- 8/16 SWHHS Board Meeting. MACATFO/MADI Conference
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- 8/18 MACATFO/MADI Conference
- 8/19 Fairboard

**Welgraven**

- 8/7 SWHH Finance
- 8/9 Extension
- 8/15 Commissioner Meeting
- 8/16 SWHHS
- 8/17 Personnel, Building
- 8/18 Fairboard

**Thiner**

- 8/8 Sunrise Terrance
- 8/9 Heron Lake Watershed Advisory
- 8/10 Heron Lake Watershed Board Meeting
- 8/15 Commissioner Meeting

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

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Molly Malone, Board Chair