

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
September 5, 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 Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink to approve the agenda without additions.
Motion Passed.

No Conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Meier to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2023 meeting with changes. Motion Passed.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated September 5, 2023 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 172021 through 172069:

County Revenue Fund	61,684.04
County Road & Bridge Fund	29,802.36
EDA	288.00
Ditch	268.06
Sunrise Terrace	2,638.87
Total	94,681.33

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:

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Murray County Auditor-Treasurer (Reimburse Mailing Costs)

21-651-6289	CD 2 ROB	239.71	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-699-6289	CD 37 ROB	33.04	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-707-6289	CD 42 ROB	33.87	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-715-6289	CD 44 ROB	21.42	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-723-6289	CD 48 ROB	13.12	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-729-6289	CD 51 ROB	16.44	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-735-6289	CD 54 ROB	15.61	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-737-6289	CD 55 ROB	8.97	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-739-6289	CD 56 ROB	23.08	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-751-6289	CD 62 ROB	11.46	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-763-6289	CD 68 ROB	32.21	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-675-6289	CD 72 ROB	24.74	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-769-6289	CD 74 ROB	18.93	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-779-6289	CD 79 ROB	21.42	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-781-6289	CD 80ROB	7.31	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
21-825-6289	JD 13 ROB	32.21	Reimburse Mailing Costs for 9/12/23 Hearing
	Subtotal	<u>553.54</u>	

Prairie View Farms, LLC

21-813-6290	JD8	1,432.80	#2023-028 Ok'd by T. Radke or 8/25/2023
	Subtotal	<u>1,432.80</u>	

Total Ditch Bills 1,986.34

NSP TRANSMISSION EASEMENT FOR PARCEL 29-250-0370

The county received a request from Northern States Power (NSP) for a Transmission Easement for tax parcel 29-250-0370 owned by the county. This is a small triangular piece of property in Slayton where 34th Street meets Maple Road (south and east of the Human Services Building – see map).

This is for a perpetual, non-exclusive easement to construct, install, operate, repair, remove, replace, reconstruct, alter, relocate, patrol, inspect, improve, enlarge, remove and maintain facilities within the easement area. (Facilities defined as towers, structures, poles, foundations, crossarms, cables, wires, guys, supports, counterpoises, fixtures and devices relating to transmission lines).

Payment for the easement is a one-time payment of \$500.00

The County Attorney’s Office reviewed the easement. Other than the easement needing both the board chair and board clerk’s signature, it is standard language for a transmission line easement and was cleared to be brought for consideration by the board. If there are questions or follow up needed, the easement can be brought back for approval at a later meeting.

It was determined that City Administrator Josh Malchow will reach out to the representatives at NSP to get more information regarding the request for the easement.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Investment Committee met on August 22, 2023 and makes the following recommendations:

- The Board consider a resolution directing any investment interest income exceeding \$1,000,000 in the calendar year be automatically assigned to capital improvements.
- Heidi Winter to review the banking and investment process and review investments with the board.

It was discussed to have a levy meeting with more information before passing the resolution.

EASEMENT AND COUNTY ROW TURNBACK

On January 4, 2016, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) signed a Quitclaim Deed, recorded Document #250722, and conveyed old trunk highway right of way to Murray County as it was determined to no longer be needed by the State.

During MnDOT negotiations with Peter Bloemendaal's family, Murray County Engineer Randy Groves advocated that MnDOT include extra compensation to them for the future maintenance of the vacated roads. Murray County made it clear to both MnDOT and the Bloemendaal family that the County would not be performing any maintenance on the vacated sections of road. Randy explained that he'd work with the County Attorney to transfer ownership of the individual parcels to the landowners adjacent to the vacated road.

These vacated road segments do not function as a public road, but just provide access to the properties adjacent to the old right of way. Randy determined that it would be in the County's best interest to convey this old trunk highway right of way to the adjacent landowners, and thus have the landowners responsible for maintenance, including snow blowing and road repairs.

Prior to conveying the property to the adjacent landowners, the County first needs to sign an Electric System Easement with Nobles Cooperative Electric for the electric lines that run through the old trunk highway right of way. Once signed, the easements and covenants contained in the easement shall run with the land and shall bind all parties hereto, their heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns.

It was moved by Meier, seconded by Gunnink to grant an easement to Nobles Cooperative Electric according to the attached Electric System Easement (Easement), on certain lands situated in the County of Murray, State of Minnesota, legally described in the attached Exhibit A. And to authorize County Board Chair, Molly Malone and County Board Clerk, Carolyn McDonald to sign said Easement on behalf of Murray County. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Meier, seconded by Gunnink to convey and quitclaim the old trunk highway right of way to the following individuals according to the attached Quit Claim Deeds and their respective Exhibit A: Joyce L Bloemendaal JAD Enterprises; Richard A Martens and Ruth Martens; and David A Schwartz and Kathryn A Schwartz as Trustees. And to authorize County Board Chair, Molly Malone and County Board Clerk, Carolyn McDonald to sign said Quit Claim Deeds on behalf of Murray County. Motion Passed.

HOSPITAL UPDATE

Luke Schryvers Murray County Medical Center CEO presented an update on staffing, quality, business development/growth, customer service, statistics and financials.

RENEW RCRCA AMENDED JPA

In June, all parties in the RCRCA Joint Powers did approve the 2-year renewal of the RCRCA JPA. Ms. Jenna Peterson, Redwood County Attorney, felt that the JPA was outdated and lacked needed governmental language including the ability to hold meetings virtually. She redrafted the agreement, with assistance from Executive Director Kerry Netzke, and the RCRCA Board of Directors.

The only large change from the prior agreement is Section 12 starting on page 6. This agreement **will not** require the biennial renewal/signature process and remains in effect until terminated or amended. Amending the language or the county contribution amounts will need to be approved by the member counties/SWCDs and will require signatures.

It was moved by Gunnink, and seconded by Welgraven to approve the attached Amended RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 20 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Malone

8/21 MCMC Finance and Personnel
8/22 Commissioner Meeting
8/23 Hospital Board

Gunnink

8/20 Fair Clean up

Meier

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8/22 Commissioner Meeting
8/23 Hospital Board Meeting

Welgraven

8/22 Commissioner Meeting, Finance Committee
8/23 Personnel Committee
8/24 Personnel Committee
8/25 SWHHS
8/28 WMH
8/30 Safety Committee

Thiner

8/21 SMOC
8/22 Commissioner Meeting

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair