

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
October 3, 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 Meier to approve the agenda without additions. Motion Passed.

No Conflicts of interest were identified.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. Commissioner Warrants dated 10/3/2023 for the amount of \$131,082.90 numbered 172278 through 172329.

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

**DITCH BILLS**

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

<u>Johnson Ditching, Inc</u>				
21-815-6290	JD 9	8,074.12	#2022-046	Ok'd by T. Radke or 9/27/2023
21-843-6290	JD 19	1,435.71	#2023-032	Ok'd by T. Radke or 9/27/2023
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>9,509.83</u></b>		
	<b>Total Ditch Bills</b>	<b><u>9,509.83</u></b>		

**ACCEPT 3RD QUARTER DONATIONS**

M.S. §465.03 requires the county to accept all donations by resolution with a two-thirds vote of its members. On August 15, 2023 the County Board passed Resolution 2023-08-15-01 allowing all donations to be brought to the board on a quarterly basis in list form.

Commissioner Welgraven presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION 2023-10-03-01  
A Resolution Accepting Donations  
For 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2023

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to M.S. §465.03 the following donations are hereby accepted:

DATE	DONOR	AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	RESTRICTED PURPOSE
8/2/2023	Roger Engler	\$ 25.00	Sheriff	offset expenditures

The forgoing resolution was duly seconded by Gunnink Thereupon being put to a vote all members of the Board voted for its adoption.

**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 2023-033 (CD81, Lake Sarah Twp. Sec.31, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2023-034 (CD20, Lowville Twp. Sec.33, District 2 –Gunnink)

**SET BID OPENING DATE FOR BRIDGE PROJECTS SAP 051-604-030, SAP 051-616-007 & SAP 051-626-007**

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to set November 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM as the bid opening date for projects SAP 051-604-030, SAP 051-616-007 & SAP 051-626-007. Motion Passed.

**TANDEM TRUCK PURCHASE FOR 2024**

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Thiner to purchase a tandem gravel truck for the 2024 budget for the purchase price of \$324,938.00. This price includes the cab and chassis from Truck Centers Companies (\$154,439.00) and the truck box and snow equipment from Bert’s Truck Equipment (\$170,499.00). Motion Passed.

**SENATE BONDING PRESENTATION**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone to approve a quorum of Commissioners gathering on Wednesday October 4, 2023 at the new County Highway Building Site for the Senate Bonding Presentation. Motion Passed.

**PERA PHASED RETIREMENT OPTION (PRO) FOR RONDA RADKE**

Ronda Radke will be retiring effective January 12, 2024 and requests the Board consider the Phased Retirement Option (PRO). This program has been utilized by retiring employees in the past and allows for the retiree to work minimal hours for the County without penalty of their retirement benefits. Ronda is anticipated to work approximately 1 day a week and paid the hourly rate of pay at the time of her retirement. Expected wages in 2024 are anticipated at no more than \$16,000.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve hiring Ronda Radke through the PERA Phased Retirement Option (PRO), effective January 15, 2024. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 17 – 30, 2023

Malone

9/19 Commissioner Meeting

Gunnink

9/19 Commissioner Meeting

9/21 Fair board Meeting

9/26 Commissioner Meeting

Meier

9/19 Commissioner Meeting

9/20 SWHHS

9/21 Fairgrounds Advisory/Fair board Meeting

9/25 Hospital Personnel/Finance

9/26 Commissioner Meeting/Parks Meeting

9/27 Hospital

9/28 ACE

Welgraven

9/18 Insurance

9/19 Commissioner Meeting/Parks Meeting

9/20 SWHHS

9/25 Solid Waste/MN Rural Energy Board

9/26 Commissioner Meeting

9/28 Building Meeting

9/29 Insurance

Thiner

9/18 Insurance/ SMOC/Chief Elected Official Private Industry Council

9/19 Commissioner Meeting

9/20 Heron Lake Watershed

9/26 Commissioner Meeting/Parks

9/27 Radio Board/ECB

9/28 Building Meeting

9/29 Insurance Meeting

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

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Molly Malone, Board Chair