

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
October 24, 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, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald added the contract for interstate power systems.

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

No Conflicts of Interest were identified.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve October 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

**4.1 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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21-651-6260	CD 2	686.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-681-6260	CD 27	556.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-689-6260	CD 30	556.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-699-6260	CD 37	624.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-707-6260	CD 42	742.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-715-6260	CD 44	646.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-723-6260	CD 48	601.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-729-6260	CD 51	601.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-735-6260	CD 54	624.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-737-6260	CD 55	639.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-739-6260	CD 56	639.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-751-6260	CD 62	639.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-763-6260	CD 68	639.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-765-6260	CD 72	661.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-769-6260	CD 74	661.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-779-6260	CD 79	661.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-781-6260	CD 80	661.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-803-6260	JD 2N	556.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-801-6260	JD 2S	556.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-809-6260	JD 5	556.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-825-6260	JD 13	661.50	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-857-6260	JD 24	438.00	Redetermination of Benefits-Group 2
21-659-6260	CD 11	2,990.00	CD 11/State Hwy 30 - Legal
21-868-6260	Admin	200.00	09-2023 Monthly Retainer
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>16,800.50</u></b>	

**Total Ditch Bills 16,800.50**

**4.2 LYON COUNTY JAIL ADDENDUM**

It was moved by Thiner seconded by Welgraven to approve the addendum to the jail agreement with Lyon County and authorize the Board Chair and Sheriff to sign the agreement. Motion Passed.

**4.2 AMEND SHERIFF FEES**

Amend the Sheriff's Office FEE SCHEDULE for "Permit to Carry" for veterans, National Guard members, Reservists, or active duty of U.S. Armed Forces to \$25.00 for any new or renewal.

Forms of proof of military service would include: a Minnesota driver's license with the VETERAN endorsement, an active U.S. Military identification card, a U.S. Military DD-214 with a discharge of honorable, a member of a National Guard or Reserve Component who has honorably completed their first full term of service as reflected on a copy of their DD-214, or NGB form 22.

This is a small token of appreciation by the Murray County Sheriff's Office to honor and recognize the men and women who have served our country by serving in the U.S. Military.

It was moved by Meier seconded by Welgraven to approve amending the Sheriff fee schedule for a permit to carry for military veterans to \$25.00. Motion Passed.

**4.3 APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT FOR PROJECT CP 01-23 MAINTENANCE STRIPING**

It was moved by Gunnink seconded by Meier to approve making final payment to Sir Lines-A-Lot, LLC for maintenance striping project CP 01-23. Motion Passed.

**4.4 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

There has been interest in starting a Murray County Internship Program for college-aged students. Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council has created a program which is in use by Martin and Nobles County. SWMNPIC Executive Director Carrie Bendix and Youth Program Manager Maria Peters presented the details of the program.

**4.5 ARPA COMMITTEE REPORT**

The ARPA committee met on October 19, 2023 and recommends the following for approval:

1. Moving \$115,000 from the amount allocated for the “Grant Writer” category to the “Miscellaneous” category. Please see attached resolution.
2. Approving the following project:

Projects recommended for approval					
Project #	Category	Project Name	Amount Requested	Date Presented	Approved
20	Miscellaneous	Internship Program through Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council	\$ 115,000.00	10/24/2023	
This program through the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council provides internships to college students at Murray County businesses. The program is entirely administered through MNPIC and done at no cost to the local business. The amount recommended would provide up to 15 total internships 2024-2026.					

Commissioner Gunnink offered the following resolution for Board adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10-24-01  
 A Resolution Approving a Change to Allocation for  
 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2022-04-26-01 approved allocations of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program (SLFRFP) funds received in Murray County, and

**WHEREAS**, the ARPA Committee reviewed the allocations and recommends moving funds from the Grant Writer allocation to Miscellaneous allocation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Murray County Board of Commissioners approve the changes to the parameters and allocation for the use of the SLFRFP funds for qualified expenditures of Murray County:

	<b>Original Amount Allocated</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Revised Amount Allocated</b>
Public Safety	\$ 500,000.00		\$ 500,000.00
Broadband	\$ 500,000.00		\$ 500,000.00
Infrastructure	\$ 300,000.00		\$ 300,000.00
Grant Writer	\$ 150,000.00	\$ (115,000.00)	\$ 35,000.00
Misc	\$ 141,588.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 256,588.00
	<u>\$1,591,588.00</u>	-	<u>\$ 1,591,588.00</u>

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Thiner and thereupon being put to a vote was passed.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven to approve expenditures to be paid from the Murray County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as follows to allocate the \$115,000.00 to PIC to begin the Internship program for 2024 – 2026 pending approval of an agreement. Motion Passed.

**4.6 INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS CONTRACT**

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve the Interstate Power Systems contract for the next three years for the preventative maintenance of the generator. Motion Passed.

The meeting recessed at 9:21 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 9:27 a.m.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Meier to give authorization for a quorum of commissioners to attend the MC District 8 meeting. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Meier, seconded Welgraven by for a quorum of commissioners to attend the RCRCA Annual meeting on November 2, 2023. Motion Passed.

**4.6 CLOSED SESSION**

9:29 a.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Meier to move into closed session for Labor Negotiations Strategy Minnesota Statute 13D.03. Motion Passed.

10:23 a.m. It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to come out of closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03. Motion Passed. Motion Passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

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Molly Malone, Board Chair