

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
November 7, 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, and David Thiner. Also present: General Assistant Emily Ackerman, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald, County Attorney Travis Smith via Zoom. Commissioner Welgraven was absent.

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, County Administrator Carolyn McDonald added the promotion of the Deputy Assessor and the Hiring of a new Human Resources Director. Commissioner Gunnink brought a discussion on membership to Minnesota Rural Counties board.

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

No Conflicts of Interest were identified.

3. Consent Agenda:

1. Approve October 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. Commissioner Warrants dated 11/07/2023 for the amount of \$183,828.19 numbered 172570 through 172627.

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

4.1.1 HOSPITAL UPDATE

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

4.2.1 INTERSHIP PROGRAM WITH SWMN PIC

After Maria Peters and Carrie Bendix presented on the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council Internship Program, the Board of Commissioners indicated a wish to move forward, passing a resolution to set aside \$115,000 for the program.

Justine was asked to create documents for the agreement based on Nobles County documents. Attached are Program Agreement, Program Details and Work Plan. All have been sent to SWMNPIC, Executive Director Bendix has approved them, but she has to get final board approval at their next meeting, Nov. 15. She does not anticipate any difficulty in receiving their approval and suggested if you are willing to move forward with what is in front of you, the be approved as of Nov 16, 2023, contingent on any minor changes asked for by either board.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner to approve the Murray County Internship Agreement, Program Details, Work Plan and to allow PSEO students to participate in the program. Motion Passed.

4.3.1 DITCH BILLS

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

Lyon County Auditor-Treasurer (Cross County Ditch Expense)

21-847-6312	JD20A	7,414.57	2021 Shared Ditch Expenses	59.142%	2021 Total
21-821-6312	JD 27	<u>197.73</u>	2021 Shared Ditch Expenses	77.50%	<u>7,612.30</u>
21-847-6312	JD20A	1,702.05	2022 Shared Ditch Expenses	40.00%	2022 Total
21-821-6312	JD 27	<u>177.48</u>	2022 Shared Ditch Expenses	12.60%	<u>1,879.53</u>
Subtotal		<u>9,491.83</u>			

Nobles County Auditor-Treasurer (Cross County Ditch Expense)

21-811-6312	JD 7	5,083.60	2020 Shared Ditch Expenses	99.16%	
21-821-6312	JD 11	372.57	2020 Shared Ditch Expenses	40.00%	
21-823-6312	JD 12	6,958.36	2020 Shared Ditch Expenses	12.60%	
21-835-6312	JD 17	259.40	2020 Shared Ditch Expenses	2.60%	
21-845-6312	JD 20	7,410.30	2020 Shared Ditch Expenses	95.46%	2020 Total
21-859-6312	JD 26	<u>4,454.28</u>	2020 Shared Ditch Expenses	32.00%	<u>24,538.51</u>
21-821-6312	JD 11	554.20	2021 Shared Ditch Expenses	40.00%	
21-823-6312	JD 12	22,593.07	2021 Shared Ditch Expenses	12.60%	
21-835-6312	JD 17	321.74	2021 Shared Ditch Expenses	2.60%	2021 Total
21-859-6312	JD 26	<u>31,027.86</u>	2021 Shared Ditch Expenses	32.00%	<u>54,496.87</u>
21-811-6312	JD 7	2,282.55	2022 Shared Ditch Expenses	99.16%	
21-835-6312	JD 17	321.57	2022 Shared Ditch Expenses	2.60%	2022 Total
21-859-6312	JD 26	<u>24.00</u>	2022 Shared Ditch Expenses	32.00%	<u>2,628.12</u>
Subtotal		<u>81,663.50</u>			

Total Ditch Bills 91,155.33

4.4.1 DEPUTY ASSESSOR PROMOTION

Selena Lopez Cardenas has completed & passed her Accredited Minnesota Assessor level (AMA) licensure on November 2, 2023. Approve the promotion to Deputy Assessor (AMA) at labor grade 10 step 2 at \$26.19.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Meier to approve promoting Selena Lopez Cardenas, per the Personnel Committee to Deputy Assessor AMA effective November 2, 2023. At grade 10 step 2. Motion Passed.

4.4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, approve the hire of Charlotte Seager as a full-time Human Resource Director effective December 4, 2023, at a labor grade 15, step 7 (\$40.71).

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve hiring Charlotte Seager as a full-time Human Resources Director effective December 4, 2023. Motion Passed.

4.5.1 APPROVE ROAD AND BRIDGE 5-YEAR PLAN

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve the Murray County 5-year road and bridge plan. Motion Passed.

4.5.2 BID OPENING FOR PROJECTS SAP 051-604-030, SAP 051-616-007, SAP 051-626-007

Company	Address	Bid Amount
A&C Excavating LLC	PO Box 408, Marshall MN 56258	\$741,335.00
Gladen Construction Inc.	40739 US 71 N Laporte, MN 56461	\$854,772.90
Henning Construction	201 Louisiana Ave, PO Box 339, Adrian, MN 56110	\$912,555.00
John Riley Construction, Inc	46369 208 th St, Morris, MN 56267	\$838,700.00
Landwehr Construction, Inc	851 60 th St S, PO Box 1086, St Cloud, MN 56302	\$892,895.00
Midwest Contracting, LLC	2948 271 st Ave, Marshall, MN 56258	\$789,215.00
R and G Construction	2694 County Road 6, Marshall, MN 56258	\$747,450.00
Towne & Country Excavating LLC	1191 260 th Avenue, Garvin, MN 56132	\$684,040.00

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Meier to approve the bid and award projects SAP 051-604-030, SAP 051-616-007, SAP 051-626-007 to Towne & Country Excavating LLC for the amount of \$684,040.00. Motion Passed.

4.6.1 PELICAN BAY ADDITION PRELIMINARY PLAT

The Planning Commissioner conducted a public hearing for the preliminary plat for Pelican Bay Addition on October 19, 2023.

Approval of Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the following Preliminary Plat:

Pelican Bay Addition Preliminary Plat

66.09 acres in NE1/4, Section 24, Lake Sarah Township, Murray County

Application #366

Preliminary Plat for twenty-nine (29) riparian lots and two (2) outlots in the Residential and Shoreland Overlay Districts on Lake Shetek, a General Development Lake.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve the Pelican Bay Addition Preliminary Plat Application #366 for twenty-nine (29) riparian lots and two (2) outlots in the Residential and Shoreland Overlay Districts on Lake Shetek, a General Development Lake for 66.09 acres in NE1/4, Section 24, Lake Sarah Township as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion Passed.

4.6.2 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The Public Hearing was held by the Murray County Planning Commission October 19, 2023, for this conditional use permit application.

Approval of Planning Commission's recommendation on the following Conditional Use Permit Application:

Nobles Cooperative Electric
NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 21, Slayton Township
CUP #1413

To construct and operate an electrical substation in the Rural Residential District.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Meier to approve Conditional Use Permit #1413 for Nobles Cooperative Electric to construct and operate an electrical substation in the Rural Residential District in the NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 21, Slayton Township with the findings and five (5) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion Passed.

4.6.3 MECHANICAL BARRIER FOR THE FULDA OUTLET DAM

The AIS Committee, consisting of Commissioners Thiner and Malone, reviewed and approved a proposal from the Minnesota DNR Fisheries for the installation of a mechanical barrier for the Fulda Outlet Dam, that includes the cleaning up and removal of the existing "electric" barrier in the Highway 59 Culvert.

A similar barrier was installed at the outlet of Lake Hanska, and the Big Slough by Slayton has a mechanical fish barrier as well.

Ryan Doorenbos, Area Fisheries Supervisor of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, received a quote from Dick's welding in July and is estimating that today's cost will be close to that amount, which is why he is asking for up to \$8,000 for this project. MN DNR Fisheries would act as the agent, on behalf of the County, on the DNR permit in order to oversee getting the barrier installed.

There was an updated quote provided at the meeting with a new cost of \$10,150.00 for the project, it was determined to set the dollar amount to up to \$15,000 for purchasing the unit.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve using up to \$15,000 Murray County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) dollars for purchasing a common carp mechanical barrier for the Fulda Outlet Dam, with the MN DNR Fisheries acting as the agent, on behalf of Murray County, for the DNR Permit. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner to approve the installation of a mechanical fish barrier to the Fulda Outlet Dam owned by Murray County, and the cleaning up and removal of the existing "electric" barrier in the Highway 59 Culvert. Motion Passed.

4.7.1 BROADBAND UPDATE

Terry Nelson from Woodstock Communications was present to provide an update on the

broadband situation in the county and the plan for moving forward with more broadband into the county.

4.8.1 APPOINT COMMISSIONERS TO THE RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM

The RRRWS Board consists of 9 individuals who reside throughout the 9 counties who receive water from RRRWS. Under Minnesota law the RRRWS Board members are appointed by Judge Christina Wietzema who is venued in Cottonwood County, however each year RRRWS requests that each of the 9 County Boards where RRRWS distributes potable water adopt a Resolution which recommends to Judge Wietzema who should be appointed to the RRRWS Board so the 9 counties know who serves on the RRRWS Board.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Meier, to approve the reappointment of Jay Takle and Paul Johnson to the RRRWS Board for another 4-year term to commence on January 1, 2024 and expire on December 31, 2027. Motion Passed.

4.9.1 MN RURAL COUNTIES

Commissioner Gunnink was approached by Luke Johnson from MN Rural Counties to have Murray County join the organization. It was determined that the County would not join the organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR A PERIOD OF OCTOBER 15 – 28, 2023

Malone

10/17 Commissioner Meeting
10/24 Commissioner Meeting
10/25 MCMC Hospital Board

Gunnink

10/17 Commissioner Meeting
10/18 Plum Creek Library
10/20 Road Tour
10/24 Commissioner Meeting
10/26 District 8 AMC Meeting

Meier

10/20 Road Tour
10/23 Hospital Finance and Personnel meeting,
10/24 Commissioner Meeting
10/25 Hospital Board meeting.
10/26 District 8 AMC Meeting

Thiner

10/16 SMOC
10/17 Commissioner Meeting
10/19 Planning & Zoning, Preconstruction Meeting, 1W1P
10/20 Road Tour
10/24 Commissioner Meeting

10/25 Building Committee
10/26 District 8 AMC Meeting

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Molly Malone, Board Chair