

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
January 02, 2024 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present in person: Commissioners; Molly Malone, Lori Gunnink, Jackie Meier, Dennis Welgraven and David Thiner. Also Present in person were County Administrator Carolyn McDonald, and General Assistant Emily Ackerman.

**1.1.1 - 2023 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

Auditor-Treasurer Heidi Winter, acting as temporary Chair called for nominations for Chair of the Murray County Board of Commissioners for 2024.

Commissioner Thiner nominated commissioner Meier for Chair for 2024 seconded by Gunnink.

Nominations were called three times. A unanimous ballot was cast for Commissioner Meier, for Chair of the board for 2024.

Auditor-Treasurer Heidi Winter, acting as temporary Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Murray County Board of Commissioners for 2024.

Commissioner Gunnink nominated commissioner Malone for Vice-Chair for 2024.

Commissioner Thiner nominated commissioner Welgraven for Vice-Chair for 2024.

Nominations were called three times. A called vote was held, with three votes for Commissioner Malone and two votes for Commissioner Welgraven for Vice-Chair of the board for 2024.

The Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, Commissioner Thiner added conversation on the new State Flag.

No Conflicts of interest were identified.

**3. Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve December 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes, with changes.
2. Commissioner Warrants dated 01/02/2024 for the amount of \$382,181.50 numbered 173114 through 173124.

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

**4.1.1 - DITCH BILLS**

There were no ditch bills at the time of the meeting.

**4.1.2 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITOR-TREASURER TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS IN 2024 (M.S. §375.16 AND §375.18)**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01-02-01

A Resolution Authorizing the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer to Pay Certain Claims in 2024

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 375.16 allows the County Board to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to pay incidental expenses of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 375.18 allows delegation by the County Board for paying certain claims to a county administrative official.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer is authorized to pay incidental expenses as identified in Minnesota Statute 375.16.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Murray County Auditor/Treasurer is authorized to pay certain claims made against the County that are included in the Murray County Accounting Policies and Procedures Handbook, adopted on September 27, 2011, and as amended by Board action.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That as part of the control procedure, a list of all claims paid will be distributed to the Board and County Administrator and an audit list be signed by the Board Chair.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Gunnink, and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

**4.1.3 - RESOLUTION TO USE WEBSITE AS THE PRIMARY POSTING LOCATION FOR AUDIT**

Commissioner Gunnink, presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01-02-02

A Resolution to use website as the Primary Posting Location for Audit

**WHEREAS**, M.S. § 375.17 calls for the publication of the county audit and financial statement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Murray County has chosen to post the county's audit and audited financial statements on the Murray County Website and have hard copies available through the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each year when the audit is issued Murray County will publish a notice with the county's official newspaper(s) listing the website address and instruction on how to obtain a hard copy.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Malone, and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

**4.1.4 – RESOLUTION TO USE WEBSITE AS PRIMARY POSTING LOCATION FOR PAID CLAIMS**

Itemized claims are to be included in the official proceedings published pursuant to M.S. §375.12. The county has chosen to publish a full list of all claims paid on the county website in lieu of publishing in the newspaper. This is based on cost analysis. The State Auditor’s Office

Commissioner Gunnink, presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

**RESOLUTION 2024-01-02-03**

**A Resolution to Use County Website As Primary Posting Location for Claims Paid**

**WHEREAS**, M.S. § 375.12 calls for paid claims to be included in the publication of the official proceedings.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Murray County has chosen to post the itemized accounts for all claims paid on the Murray County Website and have hard copies available through the Auditor-Treasurer’s Office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Murray County will publish annually, a notice with the county’s official newspaper(s) listing the website address and instruction on how to obtain a hard copy of the lists.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Malone, and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

**4.1.5 – APPROVAL OF 2024 LIQUOR LICENSES – TRAILS EDGE**

- Board approval is required for all liquor licenses.
- Trails Edge holds a seasonal license from 4-1-2024 to 11-30-2024

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink, to approve the following county Liquor Licenses for 2024, contingent upon receipt of all paperwork received in the Office of the Auditor-Treasurer:

- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 8 (Renewal) to Jaroskelly, LLC d/b/a Trails Edge (seasonal license period 4-1-2024 to 11-30-2024)

**4.2.1 – BID OPENING – MURRAY COUNTY EDITORIAL GROUP**

Murray County must authorize an official newspaper to publish proceedings, delinquent tax lists, all other notices of proceedings, and accept the Financial Statement, required by last. The 2023 rate was \$13.50 per column inch.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone, to accept the Murray County Editorial Group bid of \$14.00 per column inch for publication of proceedings, delinquent tax lists and all other notices and proceedings as required by law in 2024 and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement. Motion Passed.

**4.2.2 – 2024 CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Board	Appointee
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Economic Development Authority (1)	Jason Kirchner
Extension Committee (2)	David Herrig Linnea Suprenant
Murray County Medical Center (1)	Gerald McCord
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (3)	Dist. 4 – No Applications Received Dist. 5 – Mark Bartosh Jason Kircher (EDA)
Planning Commission (2)	Annette Fiedler Tyson VanPeurse Marc Hollahan
Board of Adjustment (1)	Marc Hollahan
Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission (1 Regular Member)	Jamie Thomazin

**Board Action Requested –**

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Welgraven, to appoint Jason Kirchner to the Economic Development Authority Board (EDA). Motion Passed.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink, to appoint David Herrig and Linnea Suprenant to the Extension Committee. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink, to appoint Gerald McCord the Murray County Medical Center Board. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink, to appoint Mark Bartosh (Dist. 5) to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink, to appoint Jason Kirchner to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Welgraven, to appoint Annette Fiedler and Tyson VanPeurse to the Planning Commission. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink, to appoint Tyson VanPeurse to the Board of Adjustment upon Tyson’s Acceptance. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone, to appoint Jamie Thomazin to the Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission. Motion Passed.

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE	APPOINTEE	TERM	TERM ENDS
<b>911 Committee</b>			
	Murray County Board Chair	1 year	January 2025
	Murray County Board Vice-Chair	1 year	January 2025
<b>Advocating, Connecting, Educating (ACE)</b>			
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January 2025
	David Thiner * Alternate	1 year	January 2025

<b>Agricultural Society</b>				
	All Five Commissioners	1 year	January	2025
<b>Airport Commission</b>				
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
<b>Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee</b>				
	Molly Malone	1 year	January	2025
	David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
<b>Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)</b>				
	All Five Commissioners	1 year	January	2025
	County Administrator	1 year	January	2025
	Zoning Administrator	1 year	January	2025
<b>Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) - Policy Committees</b>				
Environment and Natural Resources	Molly Malone	1 year	January	2025
General Government	David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
Health and Human Services	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
Public Safety	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
Transportation & Infrastructure	Lori Gunnink	1 year	January	2025
<b>Audit Committee</b>				
	Murray County Board Chair		N/A	
	Murray County Board Vice-Chair		N/A	
	County Auditor-Treasurer		N/A	
	SAWS Committee Chair		N/A	
	County Administrator		N/A	
<b>Board of Adjustment/Appeals Board for Weeds</b>				
	Kevin Vickerman (Dist. 1)	3 years	January	2025
	Grant Bose (Dist 2.)	3 years	January	2026
	Dan Bierma (Dist. 3)	3 years	January	2026
	Ronald Holinka (Dist. 3)	3 years	January	2025
	Tyson VanPeurseem	3 years	January	2027
<b>Buffalo Ridge Task Force</b>				
	Lori Gunnink	1 year	January	2025
Alternate	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
<b>Building/Facilities Committee</b>				
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
	Jackie Meier *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
	County Administrator		N/A	
<b>Canvas Board</b>				
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	County Auditor-Treasurer		N/A	
	District Court Administrator		N/A	
	Mayor of Largest City		N/A	
<b>Casey Jones Trail/Regional Trails/Regional Development Commission (RDC) Trails Committee</b>				
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025

	Molly Malone Museum Coordinator	1 year	January N/A	2025
<b>Coroner - Medical Examiner</b>				
<i>Liaison for questions/concerns</i>	David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
	Dr. Kelly Mills		CONTRACT	
	Brian Christiansen		N/A	
	Paige Freeman		N/A	
	Paul Kenney		N/A	
	Jennifer Kirchner		N/A	
	Josh Malchow		N/A	
<b>Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed</b>				
	Lori Gunnink		N/A	
	Molly Malone *Alternate		N/A	
	Jay Tackle		N/A	
<b>County and State Aid Highways</b>				
	Each Commissioner (in respective district)	1 year	January	2025
<b>Des Moines River Joint Powers Board</b>				
	David Thiner	1 Year	January	2025
	Molly Malone *Alternate	1 Year	January	2025
<b>District 8 Land Use Committee</b>				
	Molly Malone	1 year	January	2025
	Dennis Welgraven *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Early Childhood Initiative (ECI)</b>				
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
	Molly Malone *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Economic Development Authority (EDA)</b>				
	Molly Malone	1 year	January	2025
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	Marilyn Carlson	6 years	January	2029
	Jason Kirchner	6 years	January	2030
	Darwin Kruse	6 years	January	2027
	Econ. Dev. Coord. (Ex-Officio/Non-Voting)		N/A	
<b>Explore Southwest Minnesota Tourism</b>				
	Museum Coordinator and/or Staff	1 year	January	2025
<b>Extension Committee</b>				
	Lori Gunnink	1 year	January	2025
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	Sara Heintz	3 years	January	2026
	Dennis Opdahl	3 years	January	2026
	Dave Herrig	3 years	January	2027
	Linnea Suprenant	3 years	January	2027
	Stacy Posthuma	3 years	January	2025
	Diane Schreier	3 years	January	2025
	County Auditor-Treasurer (Ex-Officio)		N/A	
<b>Fair Board</b>				

2 Commissioners are appointed as liaisons to the Murray County Fair Board. The rest of the Fair Board is elected during the annual meeting of the Ag Society each November.

Lori Gunnink	1 Year	January	2025
Jackie Meier	1 Year	January	2025
President - Stan Larson (Dist. 2)	1 Year	November	2024
Vice President - Dean Ackerman (Dist. 4)	1 Year	November	2024
Secretary - Kim Konkol (Dist. 4)	1 Year	November	2024
Treasurer - Ron Robbins (Dist. 1)	1 Year	November	2024
Steve Salentiny (Dist. 1)	3 Years	November	2026
Ron Robbins (Dist. 1)	3 Years	November	2024
Bill Post (Dist. 2)	3 Years	November	2024
Stan Larson (Dist. 2)	3 Years	November	2025
Tom Mesner (Dist. 3)	3 Years	November	2025
Darren Saner (Dist. 3)	3 Years	November	2026
Kim Konkol (Dist. 4)	3 Years	November	2024
Scott Kleve (Dist. 4)	3 Years	November	2025
Troy Wehking (Dist. 5)	3 Years	November	2024
Steve Magnus (Dist. 5)	3 Years	November	2026
Dennis Opdahl (At Large)	3 Years	November	2026
Ron Holinka (At Large)	3 Years	November	2025
Mike Kirchner (At Large)	3 Years	November	2026
Jeff Boerboom (At Large)	3 Years	November	2024
Chris Opdahl (At Large)	3 Years	November	2025
Clayton Hartle (At Large)	3 Years	November	2024
Dean Ackerman (At Large)	3 Years	November	2025

**Fairgrounds Advisory Board**

Lori Gunnink	1 year	January	2025
Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
Stan Larson (Fair Board President)	3 years	January	2025
Mike Kirchner (Draft Horse Show Rep)	3 years	January	2026
Stacy Posthuma (4-H Horse & Saddle Rep)	3 years	January	2026
Sharon Staples (At Large)	3 years	January	2025
Jim Surprenant (At Large)	3 years	January	2025
U of MN Extension Educator		N/A	
Parks & Fairgrounds Director		N/A	
Parks Maintenance *Alternate		N/A	
Deputy Auditor (Ex-Officio/Non-Voting)		N/A	

**Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD) Advisory Committee**

David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
Molly Malone *Alternate	1 year	January	2025

**Heron Lake Watershed District (HLWD) Board of Managers**

Cory Reith	3 years	February	2026
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**Insurance Committee**

David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
Lori Gunnink *Alternate	1 year	January	2025

**Investment Committee**

Murray County Board Chair	1 year	January	2025
Murray County Board Vice-Chair	1 year	January	2025
County Auditor-Treasurer		N/A	
County Administrator		N/A	
County Attorney		N/A	
<b>Labor Negotiation Committee</b>			
All Five Commissioners	1 year	January	2025
<b>Law Library Committee</b>			
Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
<b>Local Water Management Plan Task Force</b>			
Molly Malone	1 year	January	2025
Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
Dave Kremer	1 year	January	2025
Duane Spartz	1 year	January	2025
Jay Takle	1 year	January	2025
John Busman	1 year	January	2025
John Hoyme	1 year	January	2025
Kathy Bill	1 Year	January	2025
Larry Byers	1 year	January	2025
Paul Posthuma	1 year	January	2025
Rick Parker	1 year	January	2025
Robert Koehler	1 year	January	2025
Ag & Solid Waste Administrator		N/A	
County Engineer		N/A	
Ditch Inspector		N/A	
Econ. Dev. Coord.		N/A	
U of MN Extension Educator		N/A	
Parks & Fairgrounds Director		N/A	
SWCD Rep		N/A	
Zoning Administrator		N/A	
<b>Minnesota Public Sector Collaborative - Insurance</b>			
Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
David Thiner *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Mid State Computer Cooperative</b>			
County Auditor/Treasurer		N/A	
Deputy Auditor		N/A	
<b>Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT)</b>			
David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
County Administrator		N/A	
<b>Minnesota River Basin (Area II) &amp; Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA)</b>			
Lori Gunnink	1 year	January	2025
Molly Malone * Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition</b>			
Molly Malone	1 year	January	2025
Dennis Welgraven * Alternate	1 year	January	2025



<b>Missouri Watershed District</b>				
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	Lori Gunnink * Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Murray County Medical Center</b>				
	Molly Malone	1 year	January	2025
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
	Laurie Jensen	3 years	January	2026
	Gerald McCord	3 years	January	2027
	Lenore Wendorff	3 years	January	2025
<b>Museums Liaison</b>				
	Lori Gunnink	1 year	January	2025
	David Thiner * Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Mutual Aid Committee</b>				
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	Jackie Meier * Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>National Association of Counties (NACO)</b>				
	All Five Commissioners	1 year	January	2025
<b>Noise Committee</b>				
	Molly Malone	1 year	January	2025
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
	County Administrator		N/A	
	County Attorney		N/A	
	Sheriff and/or Chief Deputy		N/A	
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Commission</b>				
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
	David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
	Lori Gunnink *Primary Alternate	1 year	January	2025
	Jon Hoyme (Dist. 1)	3 years	January	2026
	LeRoy Reese (Dist. 2)	3 years	January	2025
	Rae Ann Storm (Dist. 3)	3 years	January	2026
	(Dist. 4)	3 years	January	2027
	Mark Bartosh (Dist. 5)	3 years	January	2027
	Jason Kirchner (EDA)		Indefinite	
<b>Personnel</b>				
	Murray County Board Chair		N/A	
	Murray County Board Vice Chair		N/A	
	David Thiner* Alternate	1 year	January	2025
	Lori Gunnink *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
	Molly Malone *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
	County Administrator		N/A	
	Human Resources Director (Ex-Officio)		N/A	
<b>Planning Commission</b>				
	David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
	Molly Malone * Alternate	1 year	January	2025
	Kevin Vickerman (Dist. 1)	3 years	January	2025

	Grant Bose (Dist. 2)	3 years	January	2026
	Annette Fiedler (Dist. 2 and Lake)	3 years	January	2027
	Robert Ossefoort (Dist. 2 & Townships)	3 years	January	2026
	Dan Bierma (Dist. 3)	3 years	January	2026
	Ronald Holinka (Dist. 3)	3 years	January	2025
	Tyson VanPeurse (Dist. 3)	3 years	January	2027
<b>Plum Creek Library</b>				
	Lori Gunnink	1 year	January	2025
	Jackie Meier *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Policy Committee - New</b>				
	David Thiner	1 year	January	2025
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
	County Administrator		N/A	
	Human Resources Director		N/A	
<b>Rural Minnesota Energy Board</b>				
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	Molly Malone *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission</b>				
Regular Members	Jon Hoyme	4 years	January	2027
	Jamie Thomazin	4 years	January	2028
	Valarie Kastner	4 years	January	2025
	Donna Kor	4 Years	January	2026
	Trevor Humphrey	4 years	January	2026
Seasonal Members	Greg Grant	4 years	January	2025
	David Maguire	4 years	January	2026
Non-Voting	District 1 Commissioner	1 year	January	2025
	District 2 Commissioner	1 year	January	2025
<b>Southern Minnesota Tourism</b>				
	Museum Coordinator and/or Staff	1 year	January	2024
<b>Southwest Health and Human Services Human Services Board (Article III of JPA)</b>				
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	Lori Gunnink *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
	Jeane Anderson			
<b>Southwest Health and Human Services - Joint Governing Board (Article II of JPA)</b>				
	Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	Lori Gunnink *Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Southwest Health and Human Services - Public Health Board (Article IV of JPA)</b>				
	Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
	Jackie Meier *Primary Alternate	1 year	January	2025
	Lori Gunnink *Secondary Alternate	1 year	January	2025
<b>Southwest Minnesota Adult Mental Health Consortium NEW</b>				
	Jackie Meier	1 Year	January	2025
	Dennis Welgraven *Alternate	1 Year	January	2025

<b>Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC)</b>				
David Thiner	1 year	January	2025	
Jackie Meier * Alternate	1 year	January	2025	
Open		Indefinite		
Kathy Stoel		Indefinite		
<b>Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council (PIC) / Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB)</b>				
David Thiner	1 year	January	2025	
Jackie Meier * Alternate	1 year	January	2025	
<b>Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC)</b>				
Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025	
Jackie Meier * Alternate	1 year	January	2025	
<b>Southwest Regional Emergency Medical Services</b>				
Emergency Mgmt./Safety Director		N/A		
David Thiner	1 year	January	2025	
<b>Southwest Regional Radio Board/Public Safety Board</b>				
David Thiner	1 year	January	2025	
Dennis Welgraven *Alternate	1 year	January	2025	
Emergency Mgmt./Safety Director		N/A		
Sheriff and/or Chief Deputy		N/A		
<b>Southwest Solid Waste Commission</b>				
Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025	
Molly Malone *Alternate	1 year	January	2025	
Ag & Solid Waste Administrator		N/A		
<b>State Revolving Fund/Agricultural Best Management Practices (Ag BMP)</b>				
Murray County Board Chair		N/A		
Murray County Board Vice Chair		N/A		
Ag & Solid Waste Administrator		N/A		
County Administrator		N/A		
County Auditor/Treasurer		N/A		
<b>Sunrise Terrace Advisory</b>				
Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025	
David Thiner	1 year	January	2025	
County Administrator		N/A		
County Auditor/Treasurer		N/A		
Darlene Mechtenberg		Indefinite		
Marilyn Carlson		Indefinite		
Linda Wing		Indefinite		
<b>Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership</b>				
Jackie Meier	1 year	January	2025	
Dennis Welgraven * Alternate	1 year	January	2025	
<b>Transit Committee</b>				
David Thiner	1 year	January	2025	
Lori Gunnink * Alternate	1 year	January	2025	
County Administrator	1 year	January	2025	
<b>Western Mental Health Center</b>				

Dennis Welgraven	1 year	January	2025
Jackie Meier * Alternate	1 year	January	2025

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone, to remove the Southern Prairie Community Care as a commissioner meeting as the group has disbanded.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Welgraven, to add the Southwest Minnesota Adult Mental Health Consortium. Motion Passed.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink, to approve the Commissioner Committee Listings for the 2024 year. Motion Passed.

#### **4.2.3 – ADD COMMISSIONER MEETINGS TO PER DIEMS LISTING**

It was discussed to add Commissioner meetings to the Commissioner Per Diem Listing as paid meeting.

It was moved by Malone, seconded by Gunnink, that the commissioners do NOT collect a Per diems for commissioner meetings pursuant to M.S. §375.06 Subdivision 1, for each day necessarily occupied in the discharge of their official duties while acting on any committee under the direction of the board, may collect per diems. The motion failed with a roll call vote as follows:

Malone: Yes  
Gunnink: Yes  
Meier: No  
Welgraven: No  
Thiner: No

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven, continue to do what has been done an to add the Commissioner meetings to the Committee Listing to be paid for per diems. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

Malone: No  
Gunnink: No  
Meier: Yes  
Welgraven: Yes  
Thiner: Yes

#### **4.3.1 - HOSPITAL UPDATE**

Luke Schryvers Murray County Medical Center CEO presented an update on staffing, quality, growth, financials, and statistics.

#### **4.4.1 - SALE OF EXTRA BODY CAMS**

Murray County purchased 50 body cameras from Rice County in December of 2023 for \$6,000. Heath has been contacted by Pipestone County who wishes to purchase some of our extra body cams. Pipestone County is interested in purchasing a minimum of 17 body cams and 1 charging/uploading station.

Heath is looking for the board to set an asking price to purchase some of the extra body cameras, and equipment we have available.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven, per the recommendation of Sheriff Landsman to authorize the sale of spare body cameras, for a purchase price of \$200/camera and \$800/charging/uploading station with the understanding that Pipestone County will not come back at the County if there are warranty issues. Motion Passed.

**4.5.1 – RESOLUTION ON DEFICIENT BRIDGES**

Commissioner Thiner, presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01-02-04  
Resolution on Deficient Bridges**

**WHEREAS**, Murray County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by local citizenry and local units of government, and **WHEREAS**, Murray County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following bridges are high priorities for replacement, major rehabilitation, or removal, and Murray County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available; and

Old Bridge Number	Road Number and Name	Crossing	LPI	Total Project Cost	Township or State Bridge Funds Requested	Federal Funds	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Construction Year
51513	Twp. 131 <sup>st</sup> ST	Stream	58	\$504,000	\$484,000		\$20,000	2024
4976	CSAH 42	Stream	52	\$740,000	\$400,000		\$340,000	2026
L5871	Twp. 51 <sup>st</sup> ST	Stream	55	\$600,000	\$580,000		\$20,000	2026
51508	CSAH 3	Stream	48	\$1,275,000	\$560,000		\$715,000	2027
51509	CSAH 3	Stream	52	\$998,000	\$425,000		\$573,000	2027
L1555	CSAH 33	Stream	44	\$600,000	\$400,000		\$200,000	2028
L1556	CSAH 33	Stream	42	\$800,000	\$600,000		\$200,000	2028
51505	CSAH 4	Stream	61	\$700,000	\$350,000		\$350,000	2029

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Murray County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Murray County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Welgraven, and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

#### **4.6.1 - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**

The original Public Hearing was held by the Murray County Planning Commission November 16, 2023, and continued to December 21, 2023, for this conditional use permit application. Approval of Planning Commission's recommendation on the following Conditional Use Permit Application:

Lundblad Holdco Solar LLC  
NW1/4 NW1/4, Section 22, Slayton Township  
CUP #1414  
To construct and operate a 1 MW Community Solar Garden in the Rural Residential District

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven, to deny Conditional Use Permit #1414 for Lundblad Holdco Solar LLC to construct and operate a 1 MW Community Solar Garden in the Rural Residential District in the NW1/4 NW1/4, Section 22, Slayton Township, Murray County with the findings as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion Passed.

#### **4.7.1 – MUSEUM TITLE CHANGES**

During the re-classification the Museum positions were re-titled, the titles are lengthy and seem to not be relative to the position. The following distinguished job titles are recommended:

- Museum Coordinator change to Museum Director
- Museum Site Coordinator - Collections Manager change to Collections Supervisor
- Museum Site Coordinator - End O Line change to End O Line Supervisor

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Malone, to approve the job title changes for the Museum staff. Museum Coordinator change to Museum Director, Museum Site Coordinator – Collections Manager change to Collections Supervisor, Museum Site Coordinator – End O Line change to End O Line Supervisor. Motion Passed.

#### **4.8.1 – DISCUSSION ON THE NEW STATE FLAG**

Commissioner Thiner has been approached by some constituents about drafting a resolution declaring their opposition to the new state flag and seal. Commissioner Thiner produced an article written about the Crow Wing County Commissioners writing a resolution towards this.

Commissioner Gunnink stated she thinks the constituents should go directly to the state representatives with their concerns.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 10 – 23, 2023**

##### **Malone**

**12/18/23** MCMC Finance & Personnel  
**12/19/23** Commissioner meeting  
**12/20/23** Hospital Board  
**12/21/23** EDA

##### **Gunnink**

**12/11/23** SAWS MTG

**12/13/23** Buffalo Ridge Task Force

**12/19/23** Commissioner meeting

**Meier**

**12/13/23** ACE

**12/14/23** Policy

**12/15/23** Negotiations

**12/19/23** Commissioner meeting

**12/20/23** SWHHS

**12/21/23** Policy Review, Building meeting

**Welgraven**

**12/14/23** SRDC

**12/15/23** Negotiations

**12/18/23** Western Mental Health  
Commissioner meeting, Safety

**12/19/23** Committee

**12/20/23** SWHHS

**Thiner**

**12/14/23** Policy

**12/15/23** Negotiations

**12/18/23** CEOB/PIC & SMOC

**12/19/23** Commissioner meeting

**12/21/23** Planning & Policy

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

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Jackie Meier, Board Chair