

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
March 26, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners Convened with the following members present: Lori Gunnink, Jackie Meier, Dennis Welgraven, and David Thiner. Also present: County Administrator Carolyn McDonald, General Assistant Emily Ackerman. Commissioner Malone was absent.

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, none were added.

The Board Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest, none were identified.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve the March 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes.
2. Approve the Commissioner Warrants dated 03/13/2024 for the amount of \$127,124.00 numbered 173720 through 173790.

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

4.1.1 – DITCH BILLS

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

Gislason & Hunter, LLP

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| 21-706-6260 | CD 41 | <u>810.00</u> | CD 41 Improvement - Petitioner |
| | Subtotal | <u>810.00</u> | |

Total Ditch Bills 810.00

4.1.2 – NEW/TRANSFER 3.2 “ON/OFF” SALE LICENSE AND TOBACCO LICENSE

The county received a request for a new 3.2 “On/Off” Sale License and Tobacco License for new ownership of an existing licensed establishment. The paperwork is under review as of the time the packets went out. All information on former and new ownership will be available at the meeting on Tuesday.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, to approve the new/transfer 3.2 “On/Off” Sale License and Tobacco License to Staples Oil for the former Ruppert Oil building with the recommendation of waiving the fees. Motion Passed.

4.2.1 – DITCH INSPECTION REPORTS

A motion was made by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink, 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

JD14/CD20 Repair Report Bolton & Menk

It was discussed whether the board would like to move forward with the repairs. The Board recommended to check with landowners that put in the repair petitions and hold a landowner meeting to let them know that this project will be moving forward.

- Petition 2024-003 (CD 81, Mason Twp. Sec.5, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2024-004 (JD 14, Leeds Twp. Sec.19, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2024-005 (JD 3, Holly Twp. Sec.36, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2024-006 (CD 44, Des Moines River Twp. Sec.7, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2024-007 (CD 59, Murray Twp. Sec.15, District 1–Malone)
- Petition 2024-008 (CD 60, Murray Twp. Sec.16, District 1–Malone)
- Possible Abandonment of County Ditch 28 (Set to be redetermined as part of Group 3)

The meeting was recessed at 8:54 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 9:00 a.m.

4.3.1 – BID OPENING FAIRGROUNDS BINGO STAND

On February 20th the board gave approval to go out for bids to remodel the Bingo stand at the fairgrounds. This project is budgeted.

Budget Summary for: 01-110-115-6640

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| Budgeted in 2024: | 48,500.00 |
| 2024 YTD Expenditures: | <u>0.00</u> |
| Balance Available: | <u>48,500.00</u> |

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| Jerome Schreier Construction | \$79,955.00 |
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Justin Hoffman stated that the concrete work for the horse barn was budgeted over cost and there might be extra funds under that budget to assist with the bingo stand project. The Board recommended to look at the budget for the fairgrounds and to bring a recommendation to the Board meeting on 4/2/2024.

4.4.1 – 2024 MURRAY COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

Murray County Fair Board Vice President Dean Ackerman and Fair Board Member Jeff Boerboom provided an update on what will be happening at the 2024 Murray County Fair such as Church of Cash, Star Fire, a petting zoo, bingo, bagpipers for two days, the Concord Singers, lawn mower racing, and a metal forager who will be providing classes for kids. The barrel racing will be back with a new structure so it will run more on time. There will be a paintball area for the teenage kids on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Also, hard alcohol will be served this year.

4.5.1 – PLUM CREEK LIBRARY ANNUAL UPDATE AND FUNDING REQUEST

Plum Creek Library Director Elizabeth Hoffman and Financial Administrator Levi Blanchard provided an update on the Plum Creek Library System.

REVIEW OF 2023

- Unveiling of a fresh strategic vision.
- Revisions to operational procedures for shared automation and delivery services, programs supported by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, and financial matters.
- Forming partnerships with fellow library systems and other organizations to support educational opportunities and enrich programming.
- Evaluating system resources to provide better services.

GOALS FOR 2024

- Prioritize stable broadband internet connections for member libraries benefiting from federal e-rate funding.
- Enhance ongoing continuing education for member library staff.
- Foster community engagement by providing information about available library services to residents.
- Strengthen partnerships to improve services to member libraries.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink, to approve the annual funding of \$3,250 to the Plum Creek Library System for operations. Motion Passed.

4.6.1 – AWARD BID FOR 2024 OVERLAY PROJECTS SP 051-604-031, SP 051-605-010, SAP 051-601-017, SAP 051-604-032, SAP 051-631-011

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, to award the bid for projects SP 051-604-031, SP 051-605-010, SAP 051-601-017, SAP 051-604-032, SAP 051-631-011 to Duinick Inc. for the amount of \$4,935,936.28. Motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 9:28 a.m.

The meeting came back into session at 9:30 a.m.

4.7.1 – BID OPENING PICNIC SHELTER EAST LAKE SARAH PARK

On February 20th the board gave approval to go out for bids to build a new picnic shelter at East Lake Sarah Park. This project is budgeted. If approved the PALS club is willing to donate \$2,000 towards this project.

Budget Summary for: 01-521-522-6622

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| Budgeted in 2024: | 32,000.00 |
| 2024 YTD Expenditures: | 0.00 |
| Balance Available: | <u>32,000.00</u> |

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| Jerome Schreier Construction | \$61,500.00 |
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The Board recommended to determine where the Parks budget can find other funds to get the project completed and to bring a suggestion to the Board meeting on 4/2/2024.

4.8.1 – 2024 BRDVCTF PER CAPITA FUNDING

Annual Per Capita Funding for Buffalo Ridge Drug & Violent Crime Task Force. Lincoln County is now a Full-Time, Per Capita Funding member of the Buffalo Ridge Drug and Violent Crime Task Force.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Meier, to approve \$36,805.50 for the 2024 Buffalo Ridge Drug and Violent Crime Task Force Per Capita Funding. Motion Passed.

4.8.2 – INTERNSHIP

Murray County set aside money to be distributed through the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council. The Sheriff's Office applied for and will likely be granted a summer intern for up to 29 hours/week for 12 weeks.

The Sheriff stated that the intern would do ride along with the deputies and in the summer would be able to take the boat to the lakes on the weekends. The intern cannot pull people over, but he can have consensual encounters such as life jacket checks. If a violation is discovered, the intern will have radio contact with deputies to enable ticketing. The intern would have departmental shirts and pants to wear while working. The intern would also sign a ride-along waiver.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner, to approve the summer internship through the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council for up to 29 hours/week for 12 weeks for the law enforcement center. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 3 - 16, 2024

Gunnink

3/4/24

3/5/24 Commissioner meeting

3/11/24 SAWS meeting

3/12/24 Annual township meetings

Meier

3/5/24 Commissioner meeting
ECI Meeting, County Canvas board (no per

3/7/24 diem)

Welgraven

3/5/24 Commissioner meeting

3/7/24 County Canvas board (no per diem)

3/12/24 Annual Township meetings

3/14/24 Building Committee, SRDC meeting

Thiner

3/5/24 Commissioner meeting

3/12/24 Annual Township Meetings

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

Carolyn McDonald, County Administrator

Jackie Meier, Board Chair