

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
October 23, 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners James Jens, Glenn Kluis, Gerald Magnus, and David Thiner. Also present Aurora Heard, County Coordinator and Travis Smith, County Attorney. Excused Absence: Lori Gunnink.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Several items were added.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve the agenda as modified.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes from October 16, 2018

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve the minutes from October 16, 2018 as corrected.

The County Board reviewed the Auditor warrants.

A motion was made by Magnus, seconded by Kluis with all members of the Board voting their approval to accept the report of the Ditch Committee of the County and Judicial Ditches lying within the County of Murray on those petitions for repair that have been inspected for determining what repairs, if any, are necessary, the extent and nature of such repairs, an estimated costs of such repairs or a list of bills presented for payment that will enable said ditches to answer their purposes and to pay all bills contained within the report.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Ditch #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Inspector</u>	<u>Commissioner District</u>
<u>Gislason & Hunter LLP</u>					
	CD 22	252.40	CD 22 Improvement	Legal	
	Subtotal	<u>252.40</u>			
<u>LJG Backhoe, LLC</u>					
	CD 65	462.70	2018-074	ok'd by Howard 10-15-2018	1-Jens
	JD 20A	371.65	2018-075	ok'd by Howard 10-15-2018	1-Jens
	Subtotal	<u>834.35</u>			
	Total for All Ditch Bills	<u>1,086.75</u>			

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Thiner and passed to set the following special meetings for the court security project: Board Special Meeting on Tuesday October 30 at 8:30 a.m. – Board approve specs and advertising for bids and a Special Meeting on Thursday November 29th at 11:30 a.m. to consider awarding the bid for the courthouse security remodel project.

The County Board discussed Abby, the K-9 dog, being boarded since July 31, 2018. The Board discussed taking the cost of boarding Abby from the K-9 drug dog budget vs. the kennel agreement as the kennel agreement was for stray animals and included stray animals found in the cities of Slayton and Fulda. The Board discussed what would happen to the K-9 dog Abby, now that Sheriff's Office suspended the K-9 program in the 2019 budget.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded Magnus and passed to approve taking the boarding of the K-9 dog Abby from the drug dog budget

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve accepting the resignation of Deputy Sheriff Brian Gass, effective November 2, 2018.

A motion was made by Kluis, seconded by Jens and carried 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 #2018-080 (CD 7, Cameron Twp. Sec. 10, District 2 – Gunnink)
- Petition #2018-081 (JD 14, Cameron Twp. Sec. 33, District 2 – Gunnink)
- Petition #2018-091 (CD 75, Slayton Twp. Sec. 9, District 3 – Magnus)
- Petition #2018-092 (CD 42, Des Moines River Twp. Sec. 31, District 1 – Jens)
- Petition #2018-092 (CD 22, Holly Twp. Sec. 24, District 1 – Jens)
- Petition #2018-094 (CD 43A, Belfast Twp. Sec. 16, District 1 – Jens)

The County Board discussed how they were going to handle ditch petitions with flood damage. The Board discussed levying for the ditches in case FEMA did not reimburse for the damage. The Board discussed County Ditch 11. Auditor/Treasurer Winter will reach out to Kurt Deter for an update on CD 11.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve paying the Johnson Ditching bill for CD 11 in the amount of \$4,184.38.

Jean Christoffels and Sarah Soderholm met with the County Board and informed them they were contacted last Friday and zebra mussels have been found in Lake Sarah. Based on the size of the zebra mussels the DNR is estimating they have been there for at least three years. They will be monitoring Lake Shetek because Lake Sarah drains into Shetek and there was flooding this summer.

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of October 7, 2018 to October 20, 2018.

James Jens reported on Shetek Area Water and Sewer (partial per diem claimed) – October 8, Commissioner Board Meeting/Hospital Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – October 16, Health and Human Services (no per diem claimed) – October 17, Parks Advisory/Zoning (partial per diem claimed) – October 18.

Gerald Magnus reported on Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – October 16, Southwest Health and Human Services (no per diem claimed) – October 17.

David Thiner reported on SMOC (partial per diem claimed) – October 15, Commissioner Board Meeting/Court House Security Meeting – October 16, EMS (partial per diem claimed) – October 17, Parks Advisory (partial per diem claimed) – October 18.

Glenn Kluis reported Interviews (partial per diem claimed) – October 10, Interviews (partial per diem claimed) – October 11, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – October 16.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of October 7, 2018 to October 20, 2018.

Commissioner Jens read a complaint letter he received in the mail, dated October 12, 2018, signed Concerned Citizens of Murray County, regarding County Highway #32 (Ironwood Avenue) in Slayton and the truck traffic on this road. The letter also addressed mud that is on County Road #38 north of Avoca where there is a cattle lot and west on County Road #7 on the north side of the road where a hog confinement is being set up. The Board directed Coordinator Heard to send the letter to County Engineer Groves and Solid Waste Administrator Bloemendaal for them to look into.

9:33 a.m. The meeting was recessed.

10:00 a.m. The meeting was called back to order.

10:00 a.m. Open Forum – Dennis Welgraven spoke regarding Prime West and the \$1,1135,673.68 cost to join Prime West vs. the approximate \$880,000 that had been discussed by Southern Prairie when Southern Prairie presented to the County Board.

The County Board directed Coordinator Heard to contact Dr. Norris Anderson from Southern Prairie to schedule a time for him to meet with the County Board to explain how the cost of joining Prime West was determined.

The County Board reviewed their upcoming meetings.

10:20 a.m. It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve going into closed session for labor negotiations pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13. D03.

10:37 a.m. It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve coming out of closed session.

10:37 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Aurora Heard, County Coordinator

James Jens Chairman of the Board