

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
January 22, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Lori Gunnink, James Jens, James Kluis, David Thiner, and Dennis Welgraven. Also present were County Attorney Travis Smith, and Economic Development Director Amy Rucker.

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

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the agenda as modified.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from January 15, 2019

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve consent agenda item number 1.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

A motion was duly made by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated January 22, 2019 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 158123 through 158157:

County Revenue Fund	60,468.45
County Road & Bridge Fund	1,663.63
EDA	<u>200.00</u>
Total	<u>62,332.08</u>

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Auditor Warrants were reviewed.

DITCH BILLS - JUDICIAL DITCH 3 APPEAL/REMAND HEARING

A motion was made by Thiner and seconded by Welgraven to approve the report of the Ditch Committee of the Judicial Ditch 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 cost 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. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- David Thiner: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Abstain
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- James Kluis: Abstain

Bolton & Menk

JD 3 \$ 1,805.00 JD 3 Appeal - Engineering
Subtotal \$ 1,805.00

Total JD 3 Ditch Bills 1,805.00

DITCH BILLS - OTHER

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, 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.

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Admin 200.00 Monthly Retainer Agreement
Subtotal 200.00

Total for All Ditch Bills 200.00

PAY APPLICATION 1 FOR THE COURTS BUILDING REMODEL PROJECT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to reconsider in one month Pay Application No. 1 from Sussner Construction, Inc. for the Courts Building Remodel Project in the amount \$39,999.75.

COURTS BUILDING REMODEL UPDATE

Christy Riley, Murray County Community Relations Coordinator, confirmed that construction started on January 22 and that the deadline extension for the grant was approved, eliminating the need to make payment immediately in order to remain in compliance with the grant terms. Riley will schedule a meeting with the architect and building committee to address some questions.

JD 18A – COTTONWOOD/MURRAY JOINT BOARD

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis and passed to appoint James Jens and David Thiner to the Judicial Ditch 18A Cottonwood Murray Joint Drainage Authority Board, further moving that the appointment remain in effect for all future successors in District 1 and District 5.

REQUEST TO RENT 4-H BUILDING

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve rent of \$450.00 for Amanda Berreau’s use of the 4-H Building for hosting exercise classes in 2019.

MURRAY COUNTY LAKE AERATION

Justin Hoffmann, Murray County Parks/Aeration/Fairgrounds Director, informed the Board that oxygen is being monitored in county lakes.

EQUALIZATION MEETING

The 2019 Board of Equalization Meeting date was set for June 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner James Jens joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

AMC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Commissioners Gunnink and Jens are not able to attend the AMC Legislative Conference on February 13 and 14. Commissioner Thiner will attend. Commissioners Kluis and Welgraven will check their schedules. Rucker will find out if reservations for the conference and lodging have been made.

SMOC COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Commission Thiner shared a Community Needs Assessment from the Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council (SMOC). SMOC's service area is Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, and Rock Counties.

COORDINATOR VS. ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

Heidi Winter, Murray County Auditor/Treasurer, and Evey Larson, Murray County Recorder, joined the meeting as representatives of all Murray County Department Heads to provide feedback on the discussion of whether the County should hire a Coordinator or an Administrator. Pros and cons were provided regarding both positions as well as a map showing what other counties have.

AMC STRATEGIC PLANNING

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to contract with the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) for a 1-day facilitated workshop on February 8, 2019 for \$1,500.00.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL FROM DDA HUMAN RESOURCES, INC.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to contract with DDA Human Resources, Inc. for four months of transition assistance resulting from the departure of the County Coordinator for a total cost of \$8,000.00.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum

RECYCLING CENTER DISCUSSION

Jon Bloemendaal, Murray County Ag and Solid Waste Administrator, joined the meeting for a discussion on the history and current status of the Murray County Recycling Center.

Also discussed was the Tri-County recycling agreement which provided for an annual rental payment of \$7,008.00 to Murray County. The agreement was once among Pipestone, Cottonwood, and Murray Counties; however, the agreement is no longer in effect as the three counties are no longer recycling together.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, and passed that Tri-County Recycling, which now consists of just Murray County, cease paying annual rent of \$7,008.00 to Murray County effective in 2020.

DISCUSSION OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FROM MINNESOTA COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST (MCIT), ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES (AMC), AND IN-HOUSE

Multiple training options for County Commissioners were presented.

PRIMEWEST DISCUSSION

Matt Magnuson of PrimeWest Health gave a presentation on what PrimeWest Health does for rural Minnesota counties.

A motion was made by Kluis and seconded by Thiner to rescind the notice of intent to join PrimeWest Health. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: No
- Lori Gunnink: No
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Jens reported that in 2020 and going forward, open positions on the hospital board will be advertised along with all other county-appointed board positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

ATTEST:

Amy Rucker, Economic Development Director

David Thiner, Chairman of the Board