

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
March 5, 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, David Thiner, Jim Kluis and Dennis Welgraven. Also present were County Attorney Travis Smith and Community Relations Coordinator Christy Riley.

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

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from February 26, 2019.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve consent agenda item number 1, with corrections.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

A motion was duly made by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated March 5, 2019 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 158445 through 158491 and EFT number 59790:

County Revenue Fund	64,530.71
County Road & Bridge Fund	3,176.87
Hospital	90.47
Total	67,798.05

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Auditor Warrants were reviewed.

DITCH BILLS

There were no ditch bills.

GARAGE REPAIR

A motion was made by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the bid specifications for repairs to the Government Center Garage and authorized the solicitation of quotes to be opened on April 2, 2019 at 10:15 a.m. The suggested completion date for this building project is July 1, 2019.

ASSESSOR OFFICE DISCUSSION

Marcy Barritt, Murray County Assessor, gave an update on her department. There was

additional discussion about a 2019 budget request for a summer assessor intern to do data entry, for up to 500 hours.

HOSPITAL UPDATE

Michael Ladevich, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Murray County Medical Center, gave an update on the hospital's financial status.

VEHICLE PURCHASE REQUEST – SHERIFF

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve the purchase of two 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD Crew Cab Trucks under the state bid from Ranger Chevrolet for \$32,420.70 per vehicle for use by the Sheriff's Office.

COMPUTER NETWORK SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Heath Landsman presented quotes to hire Morris Electronics to install a computer network for the Sheriff's Office to be separated from the County system as per a Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) recommendation. More information will be gathered and discussed at the March 19, 2019 meeting.

CHIEF DEPUTY POSITION

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve hire Heath Landsman as a regular full-time exempt Chief Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Department at labor grade 14, step 9, effective March 4, 2019.

DITCH INSPECTOR POSITION

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve hire Travis Radke as a regular full-time Ditch Inspector at labor grade 11, step 1, effective March 14, 2019.

PREFERRED ONE

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve to request the addition of a Qualifying Event (QE) to the Medical Plan offered to employees. This new QE would allow employees and dependents who lose MinnesotaCare or have changes to a spouse's group plan during their Open Enrollment to join the county plan.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION BYLAW BIENNIAL REVIEW

The Board reviewed the bylaws of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission had made a recommendation to remove "and the County Coordinator" in Section 10, Subpart 1 of the Bylaws regarding where to send the minutes of the Commission.

A motion was made by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis, and passed approved the Murray County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission By-Laws without the revision.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve an addition to the agenda to discuss a commissioner lunch and training session to be held at Health and Human Services.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve any Commissioners to attend the Health and Human Services training on March 20, 2019 in Marshall.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve any Commissioners to attend the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) Leadership Summit April 3 – 5, 2019 in Nisswa, Minnesota.

PURCHASE REQUEST – NETWORK SWITCH

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve the purchase of an updated computer network switch in the amount \$5,300.00 from the Computer Man, Inc.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE DISCUSSION

The commissioners discussed a resolution regarding the Southern Prairie Community Care Joint Powers Entity.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

Jean Christoffels met with the County Board regarding Conditional Use Permit #1359 for Lake Shetek Lodge, LLC. The Board reviewed the Murray County Planning Commission public hearing minutes from February 21, 2019, which included the findings and special conditions for the permit request.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1359, for Lake Shetek Lodge, LLC to convert an existing Commercial Planned Development Unit (PUD) to a Commercial and Residential PUD in the Shoreland District on Lot 1, Valhalla Beach and Lot 7, except the E'ly 15' thereof, Valhalla Subdivision in Section 1, Mason Township, with the three special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

Jean Christoffels met with the County Board regarding Conditional Use Permit #1360 for Ryan Vos. The Board reviewed the Murray County Planning Commission public hearing minutes from February 21, 2019, which included the findings and special conditions for the permit request.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1360, for Ryan Vos to construct and operate a new feedlot over 300 animal units in the Agriculture District in E1/2 SE1/4, Section 27, in Lowville Township, with the four special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

FLOOD PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Jean Christoffels discussed a public service announcement to encourage citizens to review their flood insurance policies which need to be in place 30 days prior to a flood event.

SOUTHERN PRAIRIE RESOLUTION

The Commissioners continued discussion on a resolution regarding the Southern Prairie Community Care Joint Powers Entity.

Commissioner Kluis offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-03-05-01

A RESOLUTION

Requesting support from Counties that are members of the Southern Prairie Community Care (SPCC) Joint Powers Entity

WHEREAS, SPCC's purpose is to improve the health and quality of life of the citizens of member counties through improved coordination, management and delivery of healthcare and social services through partnerships between member counties and local providers; and

WHEREAS, each of the member counties participated financially in the establishment of SPCC; and

WHEREAS, SPCC has commenced the process to dissolve the organization; and

WHEREAS, some of the SPCC member counties have decided to join Primewest, while others have decided to return to health care services being provided through existing State of Minnesota health care programs; and

WHEREAS, the SPCC Board has indicated that \$3 million will be distributed to Primewest to help buy down the cost to join; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be provided to Primewest regardless of whether each individual County chooses to join Primewest; and

WHEREAS, SPCC member counties that choose not to join Primewest will not receive any of the \$3 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that counties who choose not to join Primewest still receive an equal benefit as counties that choose to join Primewest and that SPCC refund to Southwest Health and Human Services an equal share of excess funds that would be shared with Primewest.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Welgraven and thereupon being put to a vote the resolution was adopted.

The Board Chair will sign a letter with a copy of the resolution and send the 12 counties in the Southern Prairie Community Care (SPCC) Joint Powers Group.

JUDICIAL DITCH 14 PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was opened at 10:45 a.m. by Chair David Thiner.

Pursuant to notice given, the Drainage Authority Board for Judicial Ditch 14 with the following members present: Murray County Commissioners – David Thiner, James Jens, Dennis Welgraven, Lori Gunnink and Jim Kluis. Also present were Heidi E. Winter, Murray County Auditor-Treasurer; Howard Konkol, Murray County Drainage Inspector; Travis Smith, Murray County Attorney; Christy Riley, Murray County Community Relations Coordinator; Sheila Crowley, Murray County News reporter; Katie Beers, Murray County Wheel Herald reporter; Allen Schmitz, Minnesota Department of Transportation; and Andy Beek, landowner.

The purpose of the hearing is to take input on Petition of State of Minnesota, by Margaret Anderson Kelliher, its Commissioner of Transportation, for the right to make minor alterations or changes in Judicial Ditch No. 14 in Murray County.

The floor was opened to public comment at 10:50 a.m.

- There were no comments from the public.

The public hearing was closed at 10:52 a.m.

County Auditor-Treasurer Winter reported on notification requirements.

Commissioner Kluis offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-03-05-02

ORDER OF JUDICIAL DITCH AUTHORITY

PETITION OF STATE OF MINNESOTA, BY MARGARET ANDERSON KELLIHER,
ITS COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE RIGHT TO MAKE MINOR
ALTERATIONS OR CHANGES IN JUDICIAL DITCH NO. 14
IN MURRAY COUNTY:

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before the Judicial Ditch Authority, in the Courthouse, in Slayton, Minnesota on the 5th day of March 2019 at 10:45 a.m.

The Petitioner appeared by Allen Schmitz.

The Petitioner presented evidence in support of its petition for permission to make minor alteration or changes in Judicial Ditch No. 14, all as shown in the plan description attached to the petition.

It was made to appear that the minor alterations or changes in said Judicial Ditch No. 14 petitioned for by the Petitioner would be advantageous or desirable in the maintenance and construction of Trunk Highway No. 91.

It was further made to appear that said minor alterations or changes in said Judicial Ditch No. 14 would in no way impair the efficiency or functioning of the drainage system.

The Board having heard the evidence adduced by the Petitioner in support of its petition for permission to make minor alterations or changes in Judicial Ditch No. 14, all as shown in the plan description marked Exhibit "B", and made a part thereof, hereby makes its Order consenting to and granting permission to said petitioner to make the minor alterations or changes in Judicial Ditch No. 14, all as described in the exhibit marked "B" and made a part thereof, said minor alterations or changes to be made at the sole cost and expense of the State of Minnesota.

The Board further orders that the Petitioner, State of Minnesota, by Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Commissioner of Transportation, pay to the County of Murray the sum of \$288.00 for publication fees and \$231.50 for filing fee incurred by said County in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that damages, if any, for any additional lands necessary for said changes or alterations shall be paid by the Petitioner herein.

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

COORDINATOR REPLACEMENT DISCUSSION

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Jens, to hire an Administrator for Murray County. A roll call vote was requested with Jens, Gunnink, Kluis, Welgraven and Thiner voting in the affirmative. The motion passed 5 to 0.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to enter into a contract with David Drown and Associates for the purpose of hiring an Administrator. The contract is not to exceed \$16,000.00 for implementation and facilitation of the search process through the transition.

A work planning session was set for Tuesday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. with Gary Weiers of David Drown Associates to discuss the potential job duties of the Administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Christy Riley, Community Relations Coordinator

David Thiner, Chairman of the Board