

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
March 26, 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, and Dennis Welgraven. Also present was Economic Development Director Amy Rucker. Excused absence: Commissioner James Kluis.

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

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from March 19, 2019.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve consent agenda item number 1 with one correction.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Auditor Warrants were reviewed.

JUDICIAL DITCH 3 APPEAL/REMAND HEARING

A motion was made by Jens and seconded by Thiner 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
- James Jens: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- James Kluis: Absent

**I & S Group**

JD 3	\$	2,398.00	JD 3 Appeal - Engineering
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,398.00</b>	

**Total JD 3 Ditch Bills** 2,398.00

**ALL OTHER DITCH BILLS:**

A motion was made by Jens, 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.

**Gislason & Hunter LLP**

CD 22 4,488.80 CD 22 Improvement - Petitioner Attorney  
**Subtotal 4,488.80**

**Total for Other Ditch Bills 4,488.80**

**Total for ALL Ditch Bills 6,886.80** (Judicial Ditch No. 3 and other bills)

**SET DATES FOR 2020 BUDGET MEETINGS**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to call special meetings to conduct 2020 departmental budget reviews on the following dates:

- July 8 & 9, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day

County Attorney Travis Smith joined the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

**NEXT STEPS ON DITCH 22**

Repair petition will be brought to the Board at a future date.

**MOLD IN THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Discussion regarding next steps in remediating the mold in the Sheriff’s office and addressing HVAC issues in the Government Center and Courts buildings.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to authorize the Building Committee and Auditor/Treasurer Heidi Winter to investigate potential solutions to the mold and HVAC issues.

**DITCH INSPECTION REPORT**

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven 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 2019-005 (CD 81, Lake Sarah Twp. Sec. 31, District 2 – Gunnink)

The Lake Elsie (JD17) and Summit Lake Dam (Hadley) projects were discussed.

## NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Jens introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

### RESOLUTION 2019-03-26-01 2019 NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's Counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters, to supporting veterans and military families; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than 14,000 Minnesota Senior Corps Volunteers provided more than 1.8 million hours of service in 2018. Murray County was served by 366 Senior Corps RSVP volunteers in 2018. The Senior Corps RSVP volunteers perform their volunteer service work under the guidance of A.C.E. of SW Minnesota – Murray County office. These volunteers provide vital support to county residents and improve the quality of life in Murray County; and

WHEREAS, as a County Commission, we work hard every day to make life better for our constituents, and strengthening the spirit and commitment of the volunteers who serve our county is just one of our many goals. We are grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of these citizens who are helping make our great county stronger, safer, and healthier; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with local leaders nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and local leaders across the country for National Service Recognition Day on April 2, 2019.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Murray County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2019, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community, to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

The foregoing proclamation was duly seconded by Commissioner Gunnink with all members voting in favor.

#### SEVEN MILE LAKE PARK FIREWORKS DISPLAY

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a permission letter granting Pyrotechnic Display, Inc. the right to use Seven Mile Lake County Park for a public works fireworks display on June 14, 2019 (June 15, 2019 rain date).

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of March 10, 2019 to March 23, 2019.

James Jens reported on Shetek Area Water and Sewer (partial per diem claimed) – March 11, Meetings at Townships: Belfast, Des Moines River, Dovray, Holly, Murray, Mason – March 12, EDA (no per diem claimed) – March 13, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – March 19, Health and Human Services (no per diem claimed) – March 20, Extension Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – March 20, CD22 Meeting/Planning Historical Society – March 21.

Lori Gunnink reported on Shetek Area Water and Sewer/Ellsborough & Chanarambie Meetings – March 11, Township meetings in Chanarambie, Lake Sarah, and Cameron – March 12, Plum Creek Library Staff Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – March 15, Commissioner Board Meeting – March 19, Plum Creek Library/Plum Creek Library Personnel Meeting – March 20, CD 22 Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – March 21.

Dennis Welgraven reported on Township Visits (partial per diem claimed) – March 12, EDA/Missouri Water Shed – March 13, Southwest Regional Development Commission (partial per diem claimed) – March 14, Commissioner Board Meeting/Personnel Committee – March 19, Southwest Health and Human Services /Personnel Committee/Extension Service – March 20, CD 22 Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – March 21, SWAD (partial per diem claimed) – March 22.

James Kluis – no report given.

David Thiner reported on Heron Lake Water Shed/Bondin Township Meeting – March 12, CEOB/Heron Lake Advisory Meeting/SMOC (partial per diem claimed) – March 18, Commissioner Board Meeting/Personnel Meeting – March 19, CD 22 Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – March 21.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of March 10, 2019 to March 23, 2019.

COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Community Relations Coordinator Christy Riley gave an update on construction progress for the security improvements in the Courthouse Building.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Amy Rucker, Economic Development Director

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David Thiner, Chairman of the Board