

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
August 20, 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 Administrator Thomas Burke, County Attorney Travis Smith, and Economic Development Director Amy Rucker.

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

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the minutes from the July 29 and 30 budget meetings and the August 6 regular meeting.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

A motion was duly made by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated August 20, 2019 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 159899 through 159961 and ET 61603 (MCIT):

County Revenue Fund	42,297.69
County Road & Bridge Fund	25,493.19
EDA	836.00
Ditch	2,084.00
Self Insurance	142.84
Sunrise Terrace	1,259.44
SAWS	<u>154.00</u>
Total	<u>72,267.16</u>

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Auditor Warrants were reviewed.

DITCH BILLS – JUDICIAL DITCH 3 APPEAL/REMAND HEARING

A motion was made by Jens 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:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Abstain
- James Kluis: Abstain

- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

**Bolton & Menk**

	JD 3 Appeal - Engineering &
JD 3 \$ 19,783.00	Preparation of Plans and Specifications
<b>Subtotal</b> <u>\$ 19,783.00</u>	

**Total JD 3 Ditch Bills 19,783.00**

**NOTICE OF 2019 MCIT DIVIDEND**

Auditor/Treasurer Heidi Winter shared the notice of Murray County’s 2019 dividends from Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) totalling \$89,450.

**DITCH INSPECTION REPORT**

A motion was made by Jens, 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 2019-087 (CD 40, Belfast Twp. Sec. 30, District 1 – Jens)
- Petition 2019-089 (CD 65, Holly Twp. Sec. 32, District 1 – Jens)

**SHETEK AREA LAKES ASSOCIATION**

Lars Johansson, President of the Shetek Area Lakes Association (SALA), gave a presentation to the Board regarding SALA’s concerns and goals.

**OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Erickson was present for Open Forum to start discussion regarding renewing the animal impound agreement he has with Murray County which expires at the end of the year.

**PLUM CREEK LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTOR**

Commissioner Gunnink reported that Lisa Spieker was hired as the new Director of the Plum Creek Library Systems.

**COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING THE SLAYTON NURSING HOME CLOSURE**

Commissioners Gunnink and Kluis reported on the community meeting regarding the Slayton nursing home closure. Commissioner Gunnink volunteered to serve in a personal capacity as a citizen, rather than as a county commissioner, on a task force to explore options for adding elder care in the community.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of July 28, 2019 to August 10, 2019.

James Jens reported on Budget Meetings – July 29 & 30, JD11 Hearing (partial per diem claimed) – August 1, Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership and Ditch 3 – August 5, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 6, EDA Meeting (no per diem claimed) – August 7.

Lori Gunnink reported on Budget Meetings – July 29 & 30, Plum Creek Library – July 31, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 6.

Jim Kluis reported on Budget Meetings – July 29 & 30, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 6.

Dennis Welgraven reported on Budget Meetings – July 29 & 30, JD11 Hearing (partial per diem claimed) – August 1, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 6, EDA Meeting (no per diem claimed) – August 7.

David Thiner reported on Budget Meetings – July 29 & 30, JD 11 Hearing and Heron Lake Watershed Meeting – August 1, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 6.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of July 28, 2019 to August 10, 2019.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS: MURRAY & PIPESTONE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement allowing the sharing of Highway Department equipment and personnel between Murray and Pipestone Counties when needed.

## COUNTY LIABILITY FOR FLOODED COUNTY ROADS

Board members discussed whether the County is liable when county roads flood.

## QUOTES FOR RESTROOM IN ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve a quote from Sandhurst Construction for \$2,865 to install a unisex restroom in the Administrative Conference Room of the Courts Building.

## SURPLUS PROPERTY

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Jens, and passed to declare the following as surplus property, further moving to permit the sale of these items via eBay:

- 8 Panasonic Tough Books (without hard drives)
- 6 docking stations
- 800mhz Dodge Durango antenna

**SHERIFF’S OFFICE AGREEMENT PROPOSALS WITH SLAYTON AND FULDA**

It was moved by Jens and seconded by Kluis to approve proposed agreements with the cities of Slayton and Fulda regarding Zuercher fees, transports, and training. The motion failed with a roll call vote as follows:

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

**USE OF CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve the use of a consent agenda for future regular board meetings beginning September 3, 2019.

**LOAN RECOMMENDATION: SLAYTON FOODS, INC.**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve disbursing funds from the Murray County Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (#880) for a loan in the amount of \$100,000 at 4% interest for 10 years to Slayton Foods, Inc. toward the purchase of a business: Jim’s Market in Slayton.

**SHERIFF’S OFFICE AGREEMENT PROPOSALS WITH SLAYTON AND FULDA**

Slayton City Administrator Josh Malchow and Slayton Chief of Police Thomas Whitehead addressed the Board’s concerns regarding the proposed city agreements with the Sheriff’s Office.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner, and passed to approve proposed agreements with the cities of Slayton and Fulda regarding Zuercher fees, transports, and training.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Amy Rucker, Economic Development Director

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David Thiner, Chairman of the Board