

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
August 27, 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 Gunnink, and passed to approve the agenda as modified.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve the minutes from the August 20 meeting.

**AUDITOR WARRANTS**

Auditor Warrants were reviewed.

**DITCH BILLS**

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

**LJG Backhoe, LLC**

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|-----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| CD 42           | 795.60                 | 2019-048 | ok'd by T. Radke 8-15-2019 1-Jens |
| JD 22           | 564.35                 | 2019-066 | ok'd by T. Radke 8-15-2019 1-Jens |
| <b>Subtotal</b> | <b><u>1,359.95</u></b> |          |                                   |

**Total Ditch Bills 1,359.95**

**MONTHLY FUND TRANSFERS**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to ratify the following fund transfers for July 2019:

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**New Transfers:**

| From | To | Amount | Reason |
|------|----|--------|--------|
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NO TRANSFERS MADE

**New Investments:**

CDs purchased on 7/3/2019 through MAGIC (12 months)

|                                    |       |              |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| First Internet Bank of Indiana, IN | 2.45% | \$244,000.00 |
| Farmers & Merchants Union Bk, WI   | 2.45% | \$244,000.00 |
| T Bank, Tollway, TX                | 2.40% | \$244,000.00 |
| Tab Bank, Ogden, UT                | 2.20% | \$244,000.00 |

**NEW 2019 TOBACCO LICENSE**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve the 2019 tobacco license in accordance to Murray County Tobacco Ordinance No. 98-10-6-1 for M015 – DG Retail, LLC (dba Dollar General Store #20579), further moving that approval is contingent upon receipt of all required paperwork in the Auditor-Treasurer’s Office.

**CHANGE ORDER – SUNDQUIST PARK BATHROOM**

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to ratify Change Order No. 1 for the Sundquist Park Restroom Project as follows:

- Material & labor for dirt work: \$5,021.00

**COURTS AND GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDINGS**

Commissioner Thiner updated the Board regarding humidity issues in the Courts Building. He also recommended starting the process for HVAC updates in the Courts and Goernment Center Buildings.

**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 2019-088 (JD 14, Cameron Twp. Sec. 33, District 2 – Gunnink)

**CAREERFORCE PROCLAMATION**

Commissioner Jens introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

2019-08-27-01

CAREERFORCE DAY PROCLAMATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, CareerForce is Minnesota's career development and talent matching resource; and

WHEREAS, unifying all elements of Minnesota's workforce system under the CareerForce brand will increase efficiency, improve communication and enhance collaboration between CareerForce staff and partners, enhancing customer service and improving outcomes for career seekers, employers, communities and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota is known for its world class workforce; and

WHEREAS, unprecedented changes in our state demographics between 2015 and 2035, including more than a half million people reaching the age of 65 and a decline in the share of the working age population from 62% to 57%, mean employers and Minnesota's workforce system must work together to bring all of our population who need sustainable employment into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, by 2035, one in four Minnesotans will be from a community of color or Indigenous population; and

WHEREAS, bringing all Minnesotans who need sustainable employment into the workforce will help address employment and economic disparities based on race, disability, veteran status or past criminal record; and

WHEREAS, CareerForce, both online and in person, provides tailored resources to help meet the needs of all Minnesota career seekers and employers; and

WHEREAS, CareerForce serves employers by helping them find the right workers from entry level to highly skilled through support for hiring events, workforce strategy development, custom labor market information and analysis and no-fee online job posting; and

WHEREAS, CareerForce serves career seekers no matter where they are in their career from just starting out to mid-level management and beyond through customized career planning, resume revision and interview preparation, plus education and training for eligible career seekers and the ability to search thousands of open positions online; and

WHEREAS, CareerForce *is* Minnesota's unified workforce system, helping drive prosperity for all Minnesotans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Murray County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim that September 19, 2019 shall be observed as CareerForce Day in Murray County.

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

## PLUM CREEK LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE

Commissioner Gunnink shared that the newly hired director has resigned. The Plum Creek Library System board will meet on September 18 to discuss how to proceed.

## PROPOSED BROADBAND PROJECT – LISMORE COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE CO.

Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company General Manager Bill Loonan and Secretary/Treasurer Mark Loosbrock met with the Board to provide details regarding their proposed project in southern Murray County. The Board asked that the Murray County Economic Development Authority (EDA) review the proposal and make a recommendation.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of August 11, 2019 to August 24, 2019.

James Jens reported on SAWS (partial per diem claimed) – August 12, Broadband Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 14, Hospital Administrator Meeting/Casey Jones Trail (partial per diem claimed) – August 15, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 20, Southwest Health and Human Services (no per diem claimed) – August 21.

Lori Gunnink reported on SAWS (partial per diem claimed) – August 12, Community Nursing Home Meeting (no per diem claimed) – August 15, Interviews for Plum Creek Library – August 16, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 20.

Dennis Welgraven reported on Fair Board Meeting (no per diem claimed) – August 13, Broadband Meeting/Fair Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 14, Fair Committee (no per diem claimed) – August 15, Fair Board (no per diem claimed) – August 16, Fair (no per diem claimed) – August 17, Fair Board (no per diem claimed) – August 18, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 20, Southwest Health and Human Services (no per diem claimed) – August 21, Personnel Committee-ING Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 23.

Jim Kluis reported on Community Nursing Home Meeting (no per diem claimed) – August 15, ACE Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 19, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 20.

David Thiner reported on Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council (partial per diem claimed) – August 19, Commissioner Board Meeting/Building Committee – August 20, CEOB Diversity Training/Planning & Zoning Board Meeting – August 22, Insurance Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – August 23.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of August 11, 2019 to August 24, 2019.

## AIS BILLBOARDS CONTRACT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve a contract with Lamar to continue Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) advertising for one year on two billboards adjacent to

US Highway 59, viewable by both northbound and southbound traffic, for a cost of \$8,450, further authorizing the Board Chair to sign the contract.

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