

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
October 15, 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, Community Relations Coordinator Christy Riley, and Economic Development Director Amy Rucker.

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

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

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2019 meeting.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

A motion was duly made by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis, and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated October 15, 2019 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 160323 through 160408:

County Revenue Fund	60,574.36
County Road & Bridge Fund	59,816.60
Self-Insurance	2,197.65
Sunrise Terrace	1,459.96
SAWS	<u>154.00</u>
Total	<u>124,202.57</u>

JOINT DITCH CHANGE ORDERS AND PAYMENT REQUEST

The approval of change orders and payment requests for joint ditches was discussed. County Attorney Travis Smith had consulted with Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter of Rinke Noonan, who said that the joint drainage authority should be approving the change orders and payment requests. Smith will follow-up with Deter regarding the practicality of convening the joint drainage authority for every change order and payment request as this is a change from past practice

JUDICIAL DITCH 3 IMPROVEMENT – PAY APPLICATION NO. 4

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis, and passed to table Pay Application No. 4 to Cooreman Contracting, Inc. for the Judicial Ditch No. 3 Improvement Project in the amount of \$260,573.74 pending further direction from Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter.

PAYMENT FROM MURRAY COUNTY AG SOCIETY – SALES TAX SAVINGS

It was moved by Gunnink, second by Welgraven, and passed to acknowledge receipt of \$1,620 from the Murray County Agricultural Society for sales tax savings pursuant to M.S. § 297A.70, subd. 21, further acknowledging the funds are received into the fairgrounds building department (01-110-115-5760) for maintenance of the fairgrounds buildings.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT AMENDMENT

It was moved by Jens, second by Gunnink, and passed to authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator Thomas Burke to sign a second amendment to the Contract for Administrative Services between Murray County and the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, extending the contract termination date to December 31, 2020.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

PAY APPLICATION 4 - SUNDQUIST PARK BATHROOM

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve Pay Application No. 4, without any liquidated damages, in the amount of \$34,134.45 to Doom & Cuypers Construction, Inc. for the Sundquist Park Bathroom, Septic, and Sidewalk Project.

2020 SNOWMOBILE MAINTENANCE AND GROOMING GRANT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven. and passed to approve the 2020 Snowmobile Maintenance and Grooming Grant Agreement (Grant Amount: \$32,638.82, State Contract#/PO: 3-141640), further moving to authorize the County Administrator and Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

SET VALUE ON 2019 FORFEITED LAND SALE PARCEL

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens, and passed to set a value for a 2019 Forfeited Land Sale Parcels as follows:

21-130-0060	\$1,500.00
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SET HEARING DATE FOR REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS ON COUNTY DITCH 11 AND 57

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to set a Public Hearing for November 19, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the Murray County Commissioner Room to receive the Viewer's Reports and take public comment on the Redetermination of Benefits for the following Murray County Drainage Systems:

- County Ditch 11
- County Ditch 57

ORDER FOR REDETERMINATION OF COUNTY DITCH 18

Commissioner Gunnink introduced the following order and moved for its adoption:

BEFORE THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
FOR COUNTY DITCH #18

Findings of Fact and Order Concerning
Redetermination of Benefits, Pursuant to
Minnesota Statutes 103E.351

WHEREAS, the original benefits for County Ditch #18, as determined in the original drainage proceedings, do not reflect reasonable present day values and the benefitted or damaged areas may have been changed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Murray County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for County Ditch #18, hereby orders the Redetermination of Benefits for County Ditch #18 and appoints John Schueller, Kevin Vickerman, and Luke Olson as viewers.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2019.

MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE
AUTHORITY FOR MURRAY COUNTY
DITCH #18

By _____
Its Chairperson

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

ORDER FOR REDETERMINATION OF COUNTY DITCH 76A

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

BEFORE THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
FOR COUNTY DITCH #76A

Findings of Fact and Order Concerning
Redetermination of Benefits, Pursuant to
Minnesota Statutes 103E.351

WHEREAS, the original benefits for County Ditch #76A, as determined in the original drainage proceedings, do not reflect reasonable present day values and the benefitted or damaged areas may have been changed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Murray County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for County Ditch #76A, hereby orders the Redetermination of Benefits for County Ditch #76A and appoints John Schueller, Kevin Vickerman, and Luke Olson as viewers.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2019.

MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE
AUTHORITY FOR MURRAY COUNTY
DITCH #76A

By _____
Its Chairperson

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

ORDER FOR REDETERMINATION OF JUDICIAL DITCH 15

Commissioner Gunnink introduced the following order and moved for its adoption:

BEFORE THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
FOR JUDICIAL DITCH #15

Findings of Fact and Order Concerning
Redetermination of Benefits, Pursuant to
Minnesota Statutes 103E.351

WHEREAS, the original benefits for Judicial Ditch #15, as determined in the original drainage proceedings, do not reflect reasonable present day values and the benefitted or damaged areas may have been changed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Murray County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for Judicial Ditch #15, hereby orders the Redetermination of Benefits for Judicial Ditch #15 and appoints John Schueller, Kevin Vickerman, and Luke Olson as viewers.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2019.

MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE
AUTHORITY FOR MURRAY JUDICIAL
DITCH #15

By _____

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

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 2019-094 (JD14, Leeds Twp. Sec. 20, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2019-098 (JD15, Leeds/Slayton Twp. Sec.1&6, District 1&2–Gunnink/Welgraven)
- Petition 2019-100 (CD11, Leeds Twp. Sec. 11, District 2–Gunnink)

STATE HIGHWAY 30/COUNTY DITCH 11

Chair Thiner asked if information on the State Highway 30/County Ditch 11 issue has been shared with Senator Bill Weber. Commission Welgraven said that John Kolb of Rinke Noonan recommended that not be done at this time.

BEAVER TRAPPERS

Ditch Inspector Travis Radke asked if there is anyone who traps beavers in the Fulda area near the lagoons.

COPIER PURCHASE

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the purchase of a Konica Minolta Bizhub 227 Document System for the License Center.

RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM LAKES AREA REGIONAL EXPANSION

County Administrator Thomas Burke shared Red Rock Rural Water System's presentation regarding their proposed Lake Shetek area expansion. Slayton City Administrator Josh Malchow asked to be kept in communication regarding the proposed expansion.

HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PLAN (HCSP) AGREEMENT FOR AFSCME HIGHWAY

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Health Care Saving Plan Agreement with the AFSCME Highway union effective January 1, 2019, and to authorize the Board Chair to sign it.

2020 FURTHER RENEWAL AGREEMENT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the 2020 Further Renewal Agreement and authorize Human Resources Generalist Ronda Radke to sign it.

TILING AT THE MURRAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Commissioner Kluis said that Doug Rupp approached him with suggestions regarding tiling of the fairgrounds. Chair Thiner advised that Parks & Fairgrounds Director Justin Hoffmann is

already planning this project. County Administrator Thomas Burke will follow-up with Hoffmann.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE SHETEK AREA WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve attendance of all members of the Board at the Shetek Area Water and Sewer District (SAWS) meeting on October 29, 2020 at 8 a.m. at the Murray County Government Center in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

MURRAY COUNTY SWCD ALLOCATION REQUEST

Murray County Soil and Water District Administrator updated the Board on the Murray County Soil & Water Conservation District's (SWCD) activities.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the Murray County Soil & Water Conservation District quarterly allocation request of \$46,569.75.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: 2013 FORD INTERCEPTOR

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis, and passed to declare as surplus property Unit #25 (2013 Ford Interceptor) and authorize its sale on eBay.

ANIMAL IMPOUND BILL AND CONTRACT

The September 30 Animal Impound Bill was discussed.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: 1995 FORD 350 TRUCK WITH FLATBED

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis, and passed to declare as surplus property Unit #64 (1995 Ford 350 Truck with Flatbed) and authorize its sale on eBay.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

County Engineer Randy Groves gave an update on county road projects.

TOWNSHIP SNOWPLOW OPERATORS

Commissioner Welgraven said that a Murray County township is having trouble finding snowplow operators and asked if county drivers can be used. County Engineer Randy Groves said that the county does not have enough operators for its own roads and that it wouldn't be cost effective.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of September 22, 2019 to October 5, 2019.

James Jens reported on Hospital Finance (partial per diem claimed) - September 23, Commissioner Board Meeting/Murray County Parks – September 24, Hospital Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 25, Southern Prairie Community Care (partial per diem claimed) – September 27, Murray County Road Tour (partial per diem claimed) – September 30, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) - October 1, EDA (no per diem claimed) – October 2, Hospital Foundation (partial per diem claimed) – October 2.

Lori Gunnink reported on Commissioner Board Meeting/Murray County ECI/County Ditch 11 – September 24, Murray County Tour – September 30, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – October 1, RCRC (partial per diem claimed) – October 3, Plum Creek Library Ex Committee Meeting/ Call with State Librarian (partial per diem claimed) – October 4.

Dennis Welgraven reported on Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) - September 24, Livestock Committee (partial per diem claimed) – September 25, Fair Board (no per diem claimed) – September 26, County Road Tour – September 30, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) - October 1.

Jim Kluis reported on Commissioner Board Meeting/ACE Building – September 24, Hospital Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 25, County Road Tour (partial per diem claimed) – September 30, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – October 1.

David Thiner reported on Commissioner Board Meeting/Parks – September 24, RAC/ECB Radio Board (partial per diem claimed) – September 25, County Road Tour – September 30, Commissioner Board Meeting/Building Committee – October 1.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of September 22, 2019 to October 5, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

ATTEST:

Amy Rucker, Economic Development Director

David Thiner, Chairman of the Board