

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
November 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, James Kluis, David Thiner, and Dennis Welgraven. Also present were County Administrator Thomas Burke, Community Relations Coordinator Christy Riley, and Economic Development Director Amy Rucker.

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

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve the agenda as amended.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting with corrections.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

DONATION FOR END-O-LINE PARK & MUSEUM

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to accept donations for End O Line Park as follows (account code: 01-503-560-5760):

- Alan T or Chu Leversedge \$ 20.00
- Lake Shetek Community Church \$300.00

County Attorney Travis Smith joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

2019 ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Commissioner Welgraven asked how we plan to handle the fact that Duninck didn't complete county road projects on time due to weather conditions. County Administrator Thomas Burke and County Engineer Randy Groves will discuss the matter.

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 2019-109 (CD46, Leeds Twp. Sec.16, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2019-117 (JD03, Holly Twp. Sec.36, District –Jens)
- Petition 2019-118 (JD14, Leeds Twp. Sec. 16, District 2–Gunnink)

COUNTY BOARD WORK SESSIONS

The Commissioners discussed holding work sessions in 2020. The first will be on January 28, 2020. Gary Weiers, Consultant with DDA Human Resources, Inc., will be asked to attend.

The meeting was recessed at 9:15 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 DRAINAGE LEVIES

Pursuant to notice given, the Drainage Authority Board for Murray County met to take public comment on the proposed 2020 Drainage Levies. The following members were present: Murray County Commissioners Lori Gunnink, Dennis Welgraven, Jim Kluis, and David Thiner. James Jens had an excused absence. Also present were Murray County Auditor-Treasurer Heidi E. Winter, Murray County Drainage Inspector Travis Radke, County Administrator Thomas Burke, and 1 landowner.

The floor was opened to public comment with the following comments made:

- Jeff Meyer asked what maintenance projects are scheduled for County Ditch 22 and Judicial Ditch 20A to arrive at the proposed levies. Travis Radke and Heidi Winter reviewed the levy worksheet and proposed plans.

The floor was closed to public comment.

The public hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m.

2020 TRUTH IN TAXATION BUDGET HEARING

Pursuant to notice given, the County Board met to receive input and take public comment on the proposed 2020 budget and levies. The following members were present: County Commissioners Lori Gunnink, Dennis Welgraven, Jim Kluis and David Thiner. James Jens had an excused absence. Also present were Murray County Auditor-Treasurer Heidi E. Winter, Murray County Administrator Thomas Burke, Drainage Inspector Travis Radke, and 2 property owners.

Heidi Winter gave a presentation on the proposed 2020 budget and levies.

The floor was opened to public comment.

- John Nelson requested a comparison between the 2019 and 2020 expenditures for the county. He also asked if he was able to appeal his value at this meeting. The Board explained that the opportunity to change the values for taxes payable in 2020 was during the Board of Appeal and Equalization meetings held in the spring of 2019.

The public hearing was closed and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

Amy Rucker, Economic Development Director

David Thiner, Chairman of the Board