

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
December 24, 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, Dennis Welgraven, and David Thiner. Also present were County Administrator Thomas Burke and Human Resources Director Ronda Radke.

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

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Keleher was present to discuss the tree removal that was started by the Highway department on County Road 86 in front of his residence.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting with corrections.

DONATION FROM RED ROCK SPORTSMAN CLUB

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens, and passed to accept a donation from the Red Rock Sportsman Club, Inc. as follows:

Shetek Aeration	\$666.66	(01-521-542-5760)
Bloody Lake Aeration	<u>333.34</u>	(01-521-548-5760)
Total	\$1,000.00	

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve accepting the report of the petitions for payment, having been inspected for determining what repairs, if any, are necessary, the extent and nature of such repairs and 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.

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DITCH BILLS CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE.*

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Ditch #</u>	<u>Amount</u>			
<u>Duane Bendixen (Viewer)</u>					
	CD 11	1,409.60	County Ditch 11	Redetermination of Benefits	
	CD 57	972.50	County Ditch 57	Redetermination of Benefits	
	Subtotal	<u>2,382.10</u>			
<u>Bolton & Menk Engineering</u>					
	JD 3	18,132.00	JD 3	Improvement	
	Subtotal	<u>18,132.00</u>			
<u>Johnson Ditching, Inc.</u>					
	CD 11	1,607.00	#2019-023	ok'd by T. Radke 12/17/19	2-Gunnink
	Subtotal	<u>1,607.00</u>			
<u>LJG Backhoe LLC</u>					
	JD 3	595.00	#2019-039	ok'd by T. Radke 12/16/19	1-Jens
	Subtotal	<u>595.00</u>			
<u>Loo Con, Inc.</u>					
	CD 61	1,356.48	#2019-113	ok'd by T. Radke 12/18/19	5-Thiner
	Subtotal	<u>1,356.48</u>			
<u>Onken Backhoe Service, Inc.</u>					
	JD 7	15,257.00	#2019-061	ok'd by T. Radke 12/16/19	3-Welgraven
	JD 20	1,207.00	#2019-042	ok'd by T. Radke 12/12/19	5-Thiner
	Subtotal	<u>16,464.00</u>			
	Total Ditch Bills	<u>40,536.58</u>			

JUDICIAL DITCH 3 IMPROVEMENT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve Pay Application 7 to Cooreman Contracting for the Judicial Ditch No. 3 Improvement Project for \$171,509.85.

LIME LAKE TOWNSHIP BRIDGE

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the final payment of \$6,192.19 to Landwehr Construction, Inc. for the Lime Lake Township Bridge SAP 51-599-107 Project.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens and passed to approve purchasing a Case/IH tractor for mowing and road maintenance from Miller Sellner at \$118,457.00, acct # 10-320-6671; Virnig 84" Pick Up Broom for skid loader from Trueman Welters at \$4,97.25, acct # 10-320-6650; HLA Snow Wing for loader from Trueman Welters at \$29,033.05, acct #10-320-6650; Pressure Steamer/Washer two wheel trailer, tank, chem rack Model 5305A at \$8,995.00 and hose for pressure steamer/washer model 20151 from PSI Powerwashers, Inc. at \$6,280.00 acct #10-320-6650.

TREE REMOVAL

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to have a separate meeting to discuss the removal of trees located on County Road 86, in front of 943 121st St. and invite the residents in that area, Soil & Water, Environmental Services, Murray County Ditch Inspector, Murray County Highway department, roll call vote:

- Lori Gunnink – yes
- James Kluis – no
- James Jens – yes
- David Thiner – no
- Dennis Welgraven - yes

CITY OF SLAYTON GRANT APPLICATION

Commissioner Gunnink presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Resolution 2019-12-24-01

Resolution of Support for the City of Slayton’s Greater Minnesota Transportation Alternatives Grant Application

Be it resolved that Murray County agrees to act as sponsoring agency for the project identified as, the 28th Street sidewalk, seeking greater Minnesota transportation alternatives funding and has reviewed and approved the project as proposed. Sponsorship includes a willingness to secure and guarantee the local share of costs associated with this project and responsibility for seeing this project through to its completion, with compliance of all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Be it further resolved that Randy Groves, Murray County Engineer is hereby authorized to act as agent on behalf of this sponsoring agency.

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

RETIREMENT AND PERA PHASED RETIREMENT OPTION

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to accept with regret the retirement of Barbara Lewis, Chief Deputy Auditor effective January 31, 2020.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven and approved to hire Barbara Lewis through the PERA Phased Retirement Option (PRO) as an intermittent Chief Deputy Auditor, as of February 3, 2020 for a one-year period starting February 3, 2020 and ending on or before February 2, 2021 with up to 416 hours at her 2020 wage.

COMMISSIONER PER DIEM DISCUSSION

2020 per diems were discussed

CADILLAC TAX DISCUSSION ON REPEAL

Desired repeal of Cadillac tax discussed

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the Agreement for Records Management, Prisoner Transport, and Law Enforcement Training Services with the City of Fulda, authorizing the County Administrator to sign the agreement.

LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN/COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve a change from five commissioners on the Local Water Management Plan Committee to two commissioners on the committee effective as of January 2020.

DHS REFUGEES DISCUSSION

This will be brought back to the Board in January

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

ATTEST:

Ronda Radke, Human Resources Director

David Thiner, Chairman of the Board