

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
February 25, 2020 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 and Economic Development Director Amy Rucker.

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

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2020 meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, 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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Admin	200.00	Monthly Retainer - Legal
CD 11	1,612.50	Emergency Repairs - Legal
CD 22	3,868.50	Improvement/Appeal - Legal
CD 22	<u>144.00</u>	Improvement - Legal
Total Ditch Bills	<u>5,825.00</u>	

County Attorney Travis Smith joined the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

DITCH REPAIR BILLS

Outstanding ditch repair bills were discussed.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR JD20A/JD6 IMPROVEMENT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens and passed to hold a special meeting of the Murray County Drainage Authority Board on March 25, 2020 at 9 a.m. for the purpose of awarding bids for the JD 20A/JD6 improvement project.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICERS ANNUAL MEETING REPORT
County Recorder Evey Larson reported on the Minnesota Association of County Officers (MACO) annual meeting she attended.

MINNESOTA'S HABITAT FRIENDLY SOLAR SUMMIT REPORT
Zoning/Environmental Administrator Jean Christoffels summarized the Minnesota's Habitat Friendly Solar Summit she attended.

AGGREGATE RESOURCE MAPPING RESOLUTION
Commissioner Gunnink presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02-25-01
A Resolution for Aggregate Resource Mapping

WHEREAS, Murray County desires information relating to the location, amount and quality of its remaining aggregate resources; and

WHEREAS, an Aggregate Resource Study would assist the County in land use decisions, assist the County Engineer in locating additional aggregate resources, and help ensure continued economical aggregate resources for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature charges the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources with the task of mapping the aggregate resources of the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Murray County Board of Commissioners requests that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conduct an Aggregate Resource Study in Murray County as authorized by Minnesota Statute 84.94.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Jens and thereupon being put to a vote, the resolution passed.

CONSULTANT WORK FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS
It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve an agreement with CBS Squared, Inc. for an Architectural/Engineering Study for the Highway Department.

APPOINTMENT TO ZONING COMMISSION
It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens, and passed to appoint Marc Hollahan to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

HERON LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT PROPOSED LEGISLATION
It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, and passed to oppose the Heron Lake Watershed District's legislative request for increased levy authority.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens, and passed to oppose the Heron Lake Watershed District's legislative request for bonding authority.

2019 PAY EQUITY REPORT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve the 2019 Pay Equity Implementation Report for Murray County, which will be submitted to the Minnesota Management and Budget Department, further moving that the Board Chair is authorized to sign the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 2/17 Hospital Meeting for Critical Care Access, 2/18 County Board Meeting, 2/19 Southwest Health and Human Services.

Lori Gunnink: 2/18 County Board Meeting, 2/19 Plum Creek Library Governing Board.

James Kluis: 2/18 County Board Meeting, 2/19 Hospital Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 2/13 Southwest Regional Development Commission Board Meeting, 2/18 County Board Meeting, 2/19 Southwest Health and Human Services, 2/20 Conditional Use Permit Hearing (no per diem), 2/21 Presentation for Rural Energy Dialogue (no per diem).

David Thiner: 2/17 SMOC, 2/18 Board, 2/19 HLWD, 2/20 Planning and Zoning.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve the committee reports for February 9 through 22, 2020.

RURAL ENERGY DIALOGUE

Commissioner Gunnink reported on a Rural Energy Dialogue sponsored by the McKnight Foundation and moderated by the Jefferson Center. Murray and Redwood County were both selected for these dialogues.

MURRAY COUNTY FOUNDATION/SLAYTON NURSING HOME BUILDING

Commissioner Kluis read a letter from the Murray County Ministerial Association regarding the re-use of the Slayton nursing home building. The Association is asking for fundraising for a study, with funds to be sent to the Murray County Foundation and earmarked for the nursing home building project.

FY2021 LOCAL EQIP LISTENING SESSION

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve attendance of all Murray County commissioners at the FY2021 Local Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Listening Session on Thursday, March 12 at the USDA Service Center in Slayton.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

Amy Rucker, Economic Development Director

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board