

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
June 2, 2020 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present in person: Commissioners Dennis Welgraven, Lori Gunnink and David Thiner. Present via phone were Commissioners James Jens and James Kluis. Also present in person were County Administrator Thomas Burke and Human Resources Director Ronda Radke. County Attorney Travis Smith via phone.

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

It was moved by Gunnink and seconded by Kluis to approve the agenda. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner and seconded by Kluis to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2020 meeting. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

**OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present for Open Forum.

**COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS**

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated June 2, 2020 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 162269 through 162306:

County Revenue Fund	52,581.40
County Road & Bridge Fund	22,029.64
Self-Insurance	261.00
Sunrise Terrace	<u>120.69</u>
Total	74,992.73

The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

#### DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Jens and seconded by Gunnink 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 2020-029 (CD34, Ellsborough Twp. Sec.24, District 2–Gunnink)*
- *Petition 2020-030 (JD12, Bondin Twp. Sec.32, District 5–Thiner)*
- *Petition 2020-031 (JD28, Shetek Twp. Sec.1, District 1–Jens)*
- *Petition 2020-032 (CD20, Lowville Twp. Sec.33, District 2–Gunnink)*

The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

#### SHEEP BARN EXTENSION

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to change the completion deadline for the new sheep barn project to August 1, 2020. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPERVISOR

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve hiring Jason Lohrenz as a regular full-time Information Technology Supervisor effective June 8, 2020, grade 17, step 5. Contingent upon satisfactory results of a criminal background check and pre-employment drug test.

The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

#### VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve hiring James Reinert as the intermittent Veteran's Service Officer through the PERA Phased Retirement Option (PRO) for a one-year period starting July 1, 2020 and ending July 1, 2021 with a total of 832 hours per year at a hourly rate of \$35.00. This position under PRO can extend up to five years and each year this position will be reviewed. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

#### BID OPENING FOR BOX CULVERT PROJECT SP 051-617-011

At 9:00 a.m., the Board Chair called for the bid opening for damaged culvert CSAH 17 project SP 051-617-011.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
A & C Excavating	PO Box 408, Marshall, Mn 56258	\$302,166.00
R & G Construction	2694 County Road 6, Marshall, MN 56258	\$266,920.00
Riley Bros Construction	PO Box 535, Morris, MN 56267	\$253,391.00

#### MOULTON TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve signing the Moulton Township Bridge Project Contract SAP 051-599-01, SAP 051-599-106, SAP 051-599-108 with A & C Excavating, LLC. for \$766,518.93 and authorizing the Board Chair, County Auditor, and County Attorney to sign. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – CANNON RIVER, LLC

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to amend Special Conditional #4 for the Cannon River, LLC Conditional Use Permit #1372 to read as follows: All Solar Farm components and accessory facilities shall be removed within one year of the discontinuation of

use/operation as per submitted Decommissioning Plan. Applicant shall deposit \$25,000 per MW into an escrow account to secure the decommissioning of the project prior to construction commencement. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1372 for Cannon River, LLC to construct and operate a 1-Megawatt (MW) Community Solar Garden in the Agriculture District in the SE1/4, Section 15, Leeds Township, with the findings and six (6) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES BIBLE CAMP

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1371 for Shetek Lutheran Ministries Bible Camp to expand an existing Planned Unit Development (PUD) in multiple phases to include new structures, relocation of existing structures, new entrance, and new parking areas in the Commercial and Shoreland Overlay Districts on a General Development Lake in Govt Lot 1, Section 1, Mason Township, with the findings and three (3) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

#### VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the Veteran’s Service job description as presented. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes

- David Thiner: Yes

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 5/18 Western Mental Health Meeting, 5/19 Regular Board Meeting, 5/20 Southwest Health & Human Services Meeting and Casey Jones Trail Meeting, 5/21 COVID-19 Update (no per diem), 5/26 Regular Board Meeting and Hospital Finance Meeting, 5/27 Hospital Board Meeting, 5/28 COVID-19 Update (no per diem)

Lori Gunnink: 5/19 Regular Board Meeting, 5/20 Plum Creek Library Executive Committee Meeting and Casey Jones Meeting, 5/21 COVID-19 Update (no per diem) and Murray County Fair Board Meeting, 5/26 Regular Board Meeting,

James Kluis: 5/19 Regular Board Meeting, 5/26 Regular Board Meeting, 5/27 Hospital Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 5/18 Personal Meeting, 5/19 Regular Board Meeting, 5/20 Southwest Health & Human Services, 5/21 Fair Board Meeting, Personal Meeting, Rural Minnesota Energy Board, 5/26 Regular Board Meeting, 5/27 Minnesota Rural Counties Meeting.

David Thiner: 5/19 Regular Board Meeting, 5/21 Planning and Zoning Meeting, 5/26 Regular Board Meeting, 5/27 Southwest Regional Radio Board Meeting ECB/RAC.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the committee reports for May 17 through May 30, 2020. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

#### COVID-19 UPDATE

County Administrator Thomas Burke and Emergency Management/Safety Director Carl Nyquist led a discussion on Murray County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### MURRAY COUNTY RACING ASSOCIATION

It was moved by Thiner, seconded Gunnink and passed to approve the Murray County Racing Association to practice and have races, starting June 6, 2020, with the agreement of MCIT and there is no alcohol on the grounds. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

DAMAGED CULVERT ON CSAH 17

County Engineer Randy Groves reported back with the bid tabulations for the culvert on CSAH 17.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to approved to accept the low bid from Riley Bros Construction, Inc. of \$253,391.00 for the damaged culvert on CSAH 17 SP 051-617-011. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Ronda Radke, Human Resources Director

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Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board