

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
July 21, 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, James Jens, James Kluis, and David Thiner. Also present in person were County Administrator Thomas Burke and General Assistant Samantha McClellan. 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 Jens, to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis to approve the minutes from July 7, 2020 meeting.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink to approve the minutes from July 14, 2020 meeting.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis to approve amended minutes from June 23, 2020 meeting.

**OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present for Open Forum.

**COMMISSIONER WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated July 21, 2020 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 162633 through 162698:

County Revenue Fund	78,717.44
County Road & Bridge Fund	51,618.67
EDA	339.00
Ditch	59.54
Self-Insurance	71.72
Sunrise Terrace	1,588.26
SAWS	154.00
Total	132,548.63

**DITCH BILLS**

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink 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.

**Bolton & Menk**

JD3	3,657.50	Engineering - Improvement
JD20A	9,661.00	Engineering - Improvement
JD 6	15,463.00	Engineering - Improvement
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>28,781.50</u></b>	

**Cooreman Contracting, Inc**

CD 22	400.00	#2020-024	Approved T.Radke 7-7-2020	1-Jens
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>400.00</u></b>			

**Johnson Ditching, Inc**

CD 11	3,566.28	#2019-100	Approved T.Radke 7-8-2020	2-Gunnink
CD 20	475.00	#2019-110	Approved T.Radke 7-8-2020	2-Gunnink
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>4,041.28</u></b>			

**Larson Backhoe Service**

CD 27	1,581.45	#2019-102	Approved T.Radke 7-15-2020	1-Jens
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>1,581.45</u></b>			

**Rinke Noonan**

CD 22	3,247.00	Legal - CD 22 Appeal
Admin	200.00	Monthly Retainer
CD 41	475.00	Legal - CD 41 Improvement
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>3,922.00</u></b>	

**Vaske Backhoe**

JD 7	742.27	#2020-008	Approved T.Radke 7-15-2020	3-Welgraven
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>742.27</u></b>			

**Total Ditch Bills 39,468.50**

**CREDIT CARD REQUEST**

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the issuance of a credit card to Jason Lohrenz, Information Technology Supervisor.

**DITCH INSPECTION REPORT**

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Jens 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 2020-037 (CD57, Chanarambie Twp. Sec.11, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2020-038 (JD21, Shetek Twp. Sec.14, District 1–Jens)
- Petition 2020-039 (JD09, Lowville Twp. Sec.24, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2020-040 (CD24, Murray Twp. Sec.2, District 1–Jens)

- Petition 2020-041 (CD38, Lowville Twp. Sec.30, District 2–Gunnink)

#### JUDICIAL DITCH 17

It was moved by Thiner, second by Gunnink and passed to approve the televising and cleaning of JD 17, by Hydro Klean, at the estimate of \$36,400.00. With the recommendation of the City of Slayton, and County Attorney Travis Smith. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: No
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- James Kluis: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes

Commissioner Thiner introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2020-07-21-01  
BEFORE THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY  
FOR JUDICIAL DITCH NO. 17**

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

**WHEREAS**, the original benefits for Judicial Ditch No. 17, 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 Murray County Judicial Ditch No. 17, hereby orders the Redetermination of Benefits for Judicial Ditch No. 17 and appoints Jim Weideman, Duane Bendixen and Steven Johnson as viewers.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE  
AUTHORITY FOR MURRAY COUNTY  
JUDICIAL DITCH No. 17

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Chairperson

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Kluis with all members voting in favor.

#### 7 MILE PARK SIDEWALK

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens and passed to move forward with the sidewalk project and use funds from forfeited land sales to cover the remaining costs.

#### 4-H KITCHEN LINOLEUM REPLACEMENT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to allow Jim's Carpet Outlet to install new linoleum in the 4-H Building kitchen for \$4,378.66.

#### FAIRGROUNDS TILING

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to accept the estimates from Bill's Backhoe Service (\$1,500) and Engelkes Electric (\$1,326.90). To install a new tile and electric for the pump on the north side of the racetrack.

#### MURRAY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

It was moved by Jens, second by Gunnink and passed to approve the Murray County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) quarterly allocation request in the amount of \$49,069.75.

#### RECRUIT INTERMITTENT HOUSEKEEPER AT SUNRISE TERRACE

It was moved by Kluis, second by Gunnink and passed to approve the recruitment process for an intermittent Housekeeper at Sunrise Terrace.

#### SUNRISE TERRACE RENT

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve not increasing the rent at Sunrise Terrace for the year of 2021.

#### EMPLOYMENT STATUS CHANGE

It was moved by Gunnink, second by Jens and passed to approve Laurie Hill, License Center, from part-time to full-time status.

#### CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

Recognition of the Certificate of Commendation to Shetek Area Water & Sewer District and its staff.

## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

It was moved by Thiner, second by Jens and passed to approve the facilitation of a Strategic Planning Session for the Murray County EDA, on August 4, at 10:30 a.m., pending Travis Smiths contract approval.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 7/1 Hospital Interviews for CEO, 7/2 Special Meeting for Judicial Ditch 3, 7/7 Regular Board Meeting, Ditch Meeting with Nobles and Jackson County 7/8 Economic Development Authority Meeting, Hospital Interviews for CEO.

Lori Gunnink: 7/2 Minnesota River Basin (Area II) & Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, 7/7 Regular Board Meeting.

Jim Kluis: 7/1 Hospital Interview for CEO, 7/7 Regular Board Meeting, 7/8 Hospital Board Meeting, 7/10 Sunrise Terrace Advisory Board.

Dennis Welgraven: 7/7 Regular Board Meeting, Ditch 7 Meeting, 7/8 Economic Development Authority Meeting, 7/9 Southwest Regional Development Commission.

David Thiner: 7/2 Special Meeting for Judicial Ditch 3, 7/7 Regular Board Meeting, Ditch Meeting with Nobles and Jackson County, 7/10 Sunrise Terrace Advisory Board.

It was moved by Jens, second by Kluis and passed to approve the committee reports for June 28 through July 11, 2020.

### 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.

### CARES ACT

Discussion on CARES Act money received.

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:41 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

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Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board