

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
July 28, 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, David Thiner, James Jens and James Kluis. 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 Thiner to approve the agenda as presented.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis to approve the minutes from July 21, 2020 meeting with changes.

**OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present for Open Forum.

**DITCH BILLS**

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner 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.

**Gislason & Hunter, LLP**

CD 41	<u>3,327.20</u>	CD 41 Improvement - Legal (Paid by Petitioner Bond)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>3,327.20</u></b>	

**Riley Land Improvement**

CD 42	82.00	#2020-013	ok'd T.Radke 7/22/2020	1-Jens
CD 61	1,002.00	#2020-015	ok'd T.Radke 7/22/2020	5-Thiner
JD 5	100.00	#2020-027	ok'd T.Radke 7/22/2020	1-Jens
JD 28	<u>504.00</u>	#2020-031	ok'd T.Radke 7/22/2020	1-Jens
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>1,688.00</u></b>			

**Total Ditch Bills 5,015.20**

**JUDICIAL DITCH 6/20A IMPROVEMENT – PAY APPLICATION 3**

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Pay Application 3 to Cooreman Contracting for the Judicial Ditch No. 6/20A Improvement Project for \$216,532.12.

## COUNTY DITCH 22

The pretrial conference scheduled for August 10, 2020, has been canceled from the court calendar, due to the jury trial being postponed. A reschedule date has not yet been provided. The special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2020, is not needed at this time.

## CREDIT CARD

Discussion on tracking credit card use.

## SHETEK AREA WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Discussion on the concern of Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission using an independent contractor that may not have a contractor license.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TOWER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the Amendment of License between the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, and Murray County Emergency Management.

## COUNTY WIDE COMMUNICATION DRILL

Discussion on having a County Wide Communication Drill.

## FAIRGROUNDS WINTER STORAGE QUOTE OPENING

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to accept the quote from Shetek Marine to rent the creative arts building and south commercial building on the fairgrounds for winter storage for a two-year term. Oct. 1, 2020 – May 1 2021 and Oct. 1 2021-May 1 2022 for the amount \$4,800.00.

## LIVESTOCK SHOW PENS RENTAL

Discussion on allowing the Murray County livestock show pens to be rented for the Minnesota Youth Livestock Expo, August 19-23, 2020, in Jackson, MN.

## SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the sale of extra livestock gates as surplus equipment.

## VEHICLE PURCHASE

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the vehicle purchase from Ranger Chevrolet for \$38,000.

## LIGHTNING STRIKE UPDATE

Jason Lohrenz gave an update on the equipment damaged with the lightning strike the occurred early Sunday morning.

## LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER

Jason Overby, General Manager with Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water, gave a summary of the 2019 Audit, and 2019-2020 activities.

#### COVID-19 TESTING DISCUSSION

Dale Gillogly, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Steven Snow, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Lenore Wendorff, Murray County Medical Center Board Chair, presented information on how Murray County Medical Center is handling COVID-19 testing, and positive cases. Discussion was also held on the concerns of weekend staffing at the Murray County Medical Center.

#### 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

County Administrator Thomas Burke and Emergency Management/Safety Director Carl Nyquist led a discussion on the CARES Act.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 7/13 Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission, 7/14 Budget Meeting, Historical Society Meeting, 7/15 Southwest Health and Human Services, 7/20 Water Board Meeting, Local Water Management Planning Task Force, 7/21 Regular Board Meeting, Lake Shetek Area Association Meeting, 7/22 Hospital Board and Foundation Hospital.

Lori Gunnink: 7/14 Budget Meeting, 7/21 Regular Board Meeting, Lake Area Association Meeting.

James Kluis: 7/13 Ditch 17 Meeting, 7/14 Budget Meeting, 7/21 Regular Board Meeting, 7/22 Hospital Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 7/13 Ditch 17 Meeting, 7/14 Budget Meeting, 7/15 Southwest Health and Human Services, 7/17 Personnel Meeting, 7/20 Water Management Plan Meeting, 7/21 Regular Board Meeting.

David Thiner: 7/14 Budget Meeting, 7/15 Southwest Regional Emergency Medical Services, Transit Committee, 7/17 Personnel Meeting 7/20 Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, 7/21 Regular Board Meeting, 7/22 Southwest Regional Radio Board/Public Safety Board, 7/23 Planning and Zoning Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at: 11:02 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

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Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board