

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
August 18, 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 was County Administrator Thomas Burke, 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, seconded by Thiner to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis to approve the minutes from August 4, 2020 meeting with changes.

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

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated August 18, 2020 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 162857 through 162932:

County Revenue Fund	57,178.70
County Road & Bridge Fund	23,120.46
Ditch	40.87
Self-Insurance	646.11
Sunrise Terrace	1,293.26
SAWS	<u>154.00</u>
Total	82,433.40

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.

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DITCH BILLS CONTINUE ON THE NEXT PAGE.*

Bolton & Menk

CD43M	1,296.00	#2019-084	Approved T.Radke 8-11-2020	1-Jens
JD 3	968.00		Judicial Ditch 3 Improvement - Engineering	
JD 6	9,556.50		Judicial Ditch 6 Improvement - Engineering	
JD 20A	10,271.00		Judicial Ditch 20A Improvement - Engineering	
Subtotal	22,091.50			

Johnson Ditching, Inc

CD 34	687.25	#2020-046	Aproved T. Radke 7-10-2020	2-Gunnink
CD 57	751.50	#2020-037	Aproved T. Radke 7-10-2020	2-Gunnink
Subtotal	1,438.75			

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JD 17-Lake Elsie	206.50	#2020-033	Legal Advice - JD 17/Lake	
Admin	200.00		Legal - Monthly Retainer	
Subtotal	406.50			

Total Ditch Bills 23,936.75

SUBORDINATION REQUEST

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve a subordination agreement for Murray County Tax Parcel ID# 11-031-0060 for a Murray County Septic Lien (Document #258345), further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

HVAC

Discussion on construction management regarding the HVAC project.

COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08-18-01

Resolution of Murray County

County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program

BE IT RESOLVED by Murray County that the County enter into the attached **Grant Agreement** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Statutes 197.608 and Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 10

Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Murray County that James Reinert the Murray County Veterans Service Officer, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Murray County Commissioners this eighteenth day of August 2020.

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

RED ROCK RURAL WATER SYSTEM BOARD

Commissioner Jens presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption

Resolution NO. 2020-08-18-02

A Resolution Recommending the Appointment of Paul A. Johnson to the Red Rock Rural Water System Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, Michael Curley resigned as a Commissioner on the Red Rock Rural Water System ("RRRWS") Board of Commissioners effective as of July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Paul A. Johnson has agreed to replace Mike Curley on the RRR WS Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020 the RRR WS Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a Motion which recommends that Paul A. Johnson be appointed to the RRR WS Board of Commissioners to complete Mike Curley's term which is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners believes that Paul A. Johnson is qualified to act as a Commissioner on the RRR WS Board of Commissioners and is worthy of appointment.

NOW BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Paul A. Johnson be appointed to the Red Rock Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes § 116A et seq. to complete the remaining portion of Mike Curley's term which is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2023. The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Gunnink and thereupon being put to a vote, all members of the Board voted for its adoption.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis 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 2020-044 (CD81, Lake Sarah Twp. Sec.32, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2020-045 (CD20, Lowville Twp. Sec.28, District 2–Gunnink)

- Petition 2020-046 (CD34, Ellsborough Twp. Sec.26, District 2–Gunnink)
- Petition 2020-047 (JD02, Lime Lake Twp. Sec.27, District 3–Welgraven)

County Ditch 43A Update/Discussion (Bolton&Menk Report)

County Ditch 87 Update (Kruger Petition 2019-037, Switch Contractors/Tile Re-Route)

ISG INCORPORATED

Commissioner Thiner gave a recommendation for the commissioners to attend the Agricultural Drainage + Future of Water Quality 2020 Virtual Workshop, on August 20th.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

It was moved by Thiner, Seconded by Kluis and passed to approve declaring Unit #126, 2012 Dodge Durango as surplus property and authorize its sale on eBay.

SHETEK AREA WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Continued discussion on the contractor and subcontractor used by Shetek Area Water and Sewer.

MINNESOTA RURAL BROADBAND COALITION

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve promoting the Minnesota Speed Test Initiative to county residents.

DEPUTY RECORDER

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve hiring Jessica Laleman as a regular full-time Deputy Recorder at her current hourly wage effective August 31, 2020 and under terms as determined in the employment letter dated August 11, 2020.

FULL-TIME ASSESSOR

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the recruitment process for a regular full-time Assessor, advertising for assessor technician (entry level) or CMA level or AMA level depending on experience and training.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR END O LINE PARK

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to authorize the Museum department to apply for a Legacy Grant through the MN Historical Society for End-O-Line Railroad Park and Museum.

PAY FINAL BILL FOR DEPOT PAINTING PROJECT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink to authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$6,800 Miesen's Color Center for End O Line's Park Depot painting project.

COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY 22

Update on hiring a contractor to make repairs to an arch culvert on County Highway 22.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP BRIDGE 51518 REPAIRS

Update on bridge closure and repairs needed.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECT

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the purchase of 25 acres located in the E995' of the NW1/4 of Section 16, Township 106, Range 41, less part of the NE1/4NW1/4, Murray County, Minnesota. For the purchase price of \$32,000.00 per acre, for a total purchase price of \$800,000.00. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: No
- Lori Gunnink: No
- 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.

Kristin Deacon – Southwest Health & Human Services, gave an update on how her team is helping schools plan to safely return to school.

Joe Meyer, Murray County Central Schools Superintendent, discussed school opening.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens and passed to approve Murray County Central Schools to utilize Murray County Grounds and Facilities during the 2020-2021 school year, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CARES ACT

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

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens and passed to approve using the grant application and agreement forms as presented to the board.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD TRAINING

Carl Nyquist gave an update on the training date and location.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 7/28 Regular Board Meeting, 8/3 Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership, 8/4 Regular Board Meeting, 8/6 Casey Jones Trail/ Regional Trails/ Regional Development Commission Trails Committee.

Lori Gunnink: 7/28 Regular Board Meeting, 7/29 Plum Creek Library Executive Committee Meeting, 8/4 Regular Board Meeting, 8/6 Minnesota River Basin (Area II) & Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area, and Casey Jones Trail/Regional Trails/Regional Development Commission Trails Committee.

James Kluis: 7/28 Regular Board Meeting, 8/4 Regular Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 7/27 Solid Waste and Energy Board Meeting, 7/28 Regular Board Meeting, 7/29 Southwest Regional Emergency Medical Services, 8/3 Personnel, 8/4 Regular Board Meeting, Economic Development Authority.

David Thiner: 7/28 Regular Board Meeting 8/4 Regular Board Meeting, Economic Development Authority.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the committee reports for July 26 – August 8, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board