

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
September 22, 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, General Assistant Samantha McClellan. County Administrator Thomas Burke, and County Attorney Travis Smith via phone.

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

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis to approve the agenda as presented.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Welgraven to approve the minutes from September 15, 2020 with changes.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Kluis, 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.

BCL Televising

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| CD 27 | 3,948.80 | #2019-071 | Approved T.Radke 9-16-2020 | 2-Gunnink |
| Subtotal | <u>3,948.80</u> | | | |

Prairie View Farms

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|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|
| JD2N | 535.53 | #2020-047 | Approved T.Radke 9-11-2020 | 3-Welgraven |
| JD 13 | 728.00 | #2020-042 | Approved T.Radke 9-11-2020 | 5-Thiner |
| Subtotal | <u>1,263.53</u> | | | |

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| Admin | 200.00 | Monthly Retainer Fee - Legal |
| Subtotal | <u>200.00</u> | |

Total Ditch Bills 5,412.33

SUBORDINATION REQUEST – SEPTIC LIEN

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to approve a subordination agreement for Murray County Tax Parcel ID# 03-023-0011 for a Murray County Septic Lien (Document

#244697), further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

Discussion on Petition 2020-050 (JD05, Southbrook Twp. Sec.18, Cottonwood County).

RETAINER WITH ABRITER PLLC

Human Resource Director, Ronda Radke, lead a discussion regarding the retainer with Abriter PLLC, for the Human Resources Labor Attorney.

INTERMITTENT DEPUTY SHERIFF

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Jens and passed to approve a contingent offer to Dalton Slinger as an intermittent Deputy Sheriff, at a labor grade 11 step 1 contingent on: (1) Satisfactory results of a criminal background check, (2) Satisfactory results of a pre-employment drug test (3) Satisfactory results of a psychological evaluation, (4) Satisfactory results of a physical agility testing, (5) Satisfactory results of a medical evaluation, with a start date to be determined.

EMPLOYMENT STAFFING LEVELS

Discussion on 2021 staffing levels for all employees.

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR LIME LAKE DAM REPLACEMENT PROPOSALS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve, per the recommendation of the Murray County Parks Advisory Commission, the Requests for Proposals for Feasibility Study for Lime Lake Dam Replacement (RFP), including the timeline for RFP Release, September 28, 2020, Submittal and Opening of RFP Proposals and anticipated hiring date of selected consultant, October 20, 2020.

PARKS DEPARTMENT SHOP

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve assembling a committee for the construction of a new parks department shop located on the fairgrounds.

SET PRELIMINARY 2021 LEVY & BUDGET HEARING DATE/TIME

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09-22-01

A Resolution Setting the 2021 Preliminary Levy and Budget Hearing

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners set the 2021 Preliminary Levy with a 3.15% increase as follows:

**Murray County, MN
2021 Preliminary Levy Worksheet**

| | Last Year | | | 2021 Preliminary Levy Worksheet This Year | | | Increase (Decrease) for 2021 | Planned Change to Fund Balance |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Gross Levy from 2020 | County Program Aid for 2020 | Net Levy from 2020 | Gross Levy for 2021 | County Program Aid for 2021 | Net Levy for 2021 | | |
| County Revenue | 5,234,233 | (357,188) | 4,877,045 | 5,417,431 | (368,708) | 5,048,724 | 171,678 | \$246,986.00 |
| Road & Bridge | 1,583,006 | (108,025) | 1,474,981 | 1,638,411 | (111,509) | 1,526,902 | 51,921 | \$119,628.00 |
| Debt Service | 237,860 | | 237,860 | 237,353 | | 237,353 | (507) | \$ 12,417.00 |
| Human Services | 1,339,787 | (91,428) | 1,248,359 | 1,365,353 | (92,925) | 1,272,428 | 24,069 | \$ - |
| TOTAL LEVY | 8,394,886 | (556,641) | 7,838,245 | 8,658,548 | (573,142) | 8,085,406 | 247,161 | 379,031 |

| Column Above | | | |
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| | 2021 Proposed Levy | \$ 8,085,406 | B |
| - | 2020 Final NTC Levy | \$ 7,838,245 | A |
| = | Increase from prior year | \$ 247,161 | C |
| ÷ | 2020 Final NTC Levy | \$ 7,838,245 | A |
| = | Increase of | 3.15% | |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2021 Budget Hearing is scheduled as part of the regular meeting on December 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the Murray County Board of Commissioners Room at which time the budget and levy will be discussed and the public will be allowed to speak.

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALE DATE FOR \$11,345,000 STATE AID BONDS
Commissioner Kluis presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALE DATE FOR \$11,345,000 STATE AID BONDS
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09-22-02

Resolution of Murray County Minnesota, approving a notice of sale for the issuance of
\$11,345,000 general obligation state aid bonds, series 2020A

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) of Murray County, Minnesota (the “Issuer”), as follows:

Section 1. Authority. Under and pursuant to the authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Section 162.181 and Chapter 475, as amended (collectively the “Act”), the Issuer is authorized to

issue general obligation bonds to finance a portion of the costs of improvements to finance the construction of a new highway department facility; and costs associated with Bond issuance. The Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the Issuer payable from municipal state-aid allotments. The full faith and credit of the Issuer is pledged to their payment, and the Issuer has validly obligated itself to levy ad valorem taxes in the event of any deficiency in the debt service account established for this issue (the “Project”).

Section 2. The Bonds. The Board determines that it is necessary, expedient, and in the best interests of the Issuer’s residents that the Issuer, as permitted by the Act, issue, sell and deliver its General Obligation State Aid Bonds, Series 2020A (the “Bonds”), in one or more series, for the purpose of financing the costs of the Project and paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

Section 3. Notice of Sale. The Issuer’s administrative staff is hereby authorized and directed to work with Northland Securities, Inc., municipal advisor to the Issuer, and Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., bond counsel, to solicit bids and arrange for the sale of the initial series of the Bonds in the amount of approximately \$11,345,000 in substantial compliance with the Notice of Sale attached hereto as Exhibit A, which Notice of Sale is hereby approved.

Section 4. Form and Terms of the Bonds. The form, specifications and provisions for repayment of the Bonds shall be set forth in a subsequent resolution of the Board.

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

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY SERVICE AGREEMENT

It was moved by Thiner, second by Gunnink and passed to approve a Municipal Advisory Agreement with Northland Securities, authorizing Auditor/Treasurer, Heidi Winter, to sign the agreement.

LOW BOY TRUCK PURCHASE

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve, the purchase of a new Freightliner Low Boy truck tractor from Truck Center Companies and have it outfitted with the accessories from Crysteel Truck Equipment (or Similar). Per the recommendation of Randy Groves, Murray County Engineer.

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.

CARE’S ACT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 9/8 Historical Society Meeting, 9/9 Economic Development Authority, 9/14 Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission, 9/15 Regular Board Meeting, 9/16 Southwest Health and Human Services, 9/17 Planning and Zoning Meeting.

Lori Gunnink: 9/10 Association of Minnesota Counties -Virtual Conference, 9/14 Shetek Area Water and Sewer Commission, 9/15 Regular Board Meeting, 9/16 Plum Creek Library Executive Committee Meeting, 9/17 Fair Ground Advisory Meeting, Casey Jones Trail Meeting, Association of Minnesota Counties - Health and Human Services Policy Committee Meeting. 9/18 Association of Minnesota Counties - Health and Human Services Policy Committee Meeting.

James Kluis: 9/14 Environmental and Natural Resources, 9/15 Regular Board Meeting, 9/17 Environmental and Natural Resources, 9/18 Environmental and Natural Resources.

Dennis Welgraven: 9/8 CARES Act Committee Meeting, Southwest Regional Development Commission, 9/9 Economic Development Authority, Missouri River Meeting, 9/10 CARES Act Meeting, Southwest Regional Development Commission, 9/14 CARES Act Committee Meeting, Association of Minnesota Counties Transportation, 9/15 Regular Board Meeting, 9/16 Southwest Health and Human Services, 9/17 Fair Grounds Advisory Board, Association of Minnesota Counties Transportation, 9/18 CARES Act Committee Meeting.

David Thiner: 9/14 Association of Minnesota Counties, 9/15 Regular Board Meeting, 9/17 Planning and Zoning.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the committee reports for September 6-19, 2020.

The meeting adjured at 10:37 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board