

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
October 6, 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. David Thiner via phone. Also present in person was, General Assistant Samantha McClellan. County Administrator Thomas Burke, 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 Gunnink to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

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

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2020 meeting with changes.

FY2021 PROGRAM GRANT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the FY2021 State of Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources MPCA SSTS Program Grant Agreement and to Authorize County Administrator Thomas Burke to sign said agreement.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated October 6, 2020 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 163247 through 163308:

County Revenue Fund	35,363.07
County Road & Bridge Fund	106,673.06
Sunrise Terrace	931.03
Total	142,967.16

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis 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.

Johnson Ditching

CD 20 3,453.79 #2020-032 Approved T.Radke 9-18-2020 2-Gunnink
Subtotal 3,453.79

Total Ditch Bills 3,453.79

HVAC PAY APPLICATION 2

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve HVAC Upgrade Pay Request No. 2 to Roadside Developers, Inc (d/b/a/ Bisbee Plumbing & Heating) for \$106,934.09.

SET SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION FOR COUNTY DITCH 22

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to set a special meeting of the Murray County Drainage Authority for County Ditch No. 22 on January 25, 2021 at 10:00a.m. Portions of this meeting will be closed for attorney-client privilege (M.S. §13D.05, Subd 3b).

JUDICIAL DITCH 6/20A IMPROVEMENT - PAY APPLICATION 5

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to approve Pay Application 5 to Cooreman Contracting for the Judicial Ditch No. 6/20A Improvement Project for \$304,630.65.

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 2020-051 (JD20A, Shetek Twp. Sec.12, District 1–Jens)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven and passed to approve the revised Economic Development Coordinator job description, grade 9, title change, 30 hours per week and to start the recruitment process per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

ASSESSOR TECHNICIAN

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens and passed to approve hiring Selena Lopez as a regular full-time Assessor Technician effective November 2, 2020, per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Contingent upon satisfactory results of a criminal background check and a pre-employment drug test.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1373 for Bill & Sarah Willhite to open and operate a Kennel, including boarding, grooming, training, doggie day-care, and retail associated with the business in the Agriculture District on 6

acres in part of the NEJ/4 SEJ/4, Section 2, Murray Township, with the findings and five (5) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1375 for Allan Masse/ink to construct and operate a new feedlot in the Agriculture District on 6.26 acres in the NEJ/4 SWJ/4, Section 18, Moulton Township, with the findings and three (3) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1374 for John Fortier to install a holding tank for a residence that is an integral part of the business in the Commercial District on. 61 acres in the NEI/4 NEI/4, Section 3, Mason Township, with the findings and three (3) special conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

PRELIMINARY PLAT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the Preliminary Plat for Woods 5th Addition Preliminary Plat Application #326 for two residential lots in the Residential and Shore/and Overlay Districts on a Natural Environment Lake for All of Wood Lots JO & 20, parts of Wood Lots 11 & 14, and the South 135.35 feet of Wood Lots 6 & 7, all lying east of Deer Path Road, Section 29, Shetek Township as recommended by the Planning Commission.

AWARD ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Jean Christoffels was recognized for receiving the Tina Rosenstein Award.

JOINT POWERS

Discussion regarding the agreement presented between Casey Jones State Trail Maintenance Cooperative Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Murray County.

NACO HIGH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP

Discussion on interest in participating in classes offered by National Association of Counties.

LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM BOARD RESOLUTION

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10-06-01

A Resolution Recommending the Appointment of Francis Engels, Janice Moen, and J. Brent Feikema to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Sytem Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, Francis Engels' 4 year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System ("LPR W") Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Janice Moen's 4 year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, J. Brent Feikema's 4 year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020 the LPR W Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a Motion which recommends that Francis Engels, Janice Moen, and J. Brent Feikema each be re-appointed to another 4-year term on the LPR W Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners believes that Francis Engels, Janice Moen, and J. Brent Feikema are qualified to act as Commissioners on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners and are all worthy of appointment.

NOW BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Francis Engels, Janice Moen, and J. Brent Feikema be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes § 116A et seq., for a 4-year term which shall commence on January 1, 2021 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2024.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by the Murray County Board of Commissioners on October 6, 2020.

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.

STRIPING PROJECT, CP 01-20 FINAL PAYMENT TO TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve making final payment in the amount of \$4,263.79 to Traffic Marking Service, Inc. for the annual maintenance striping project, CP 01-20.

CSAH 13 (VALHALLA ROAD) FEASIBILITY STUDY

Adam Ruud and Jerry Bents, from Houston Engineering, Inc., gave a presentation on the findings of the feasibility study they conducted to determine possible solutions to reduce inundation of CSAH 13 by Lake Shetek, as well as provide a safe corridor for use by motorists and pedestrians while also allowing the identified recreational uses.

SOUTHWEST HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COVID-19 BRIEFING

Kristin Deacon, Southwest Health and Human Services, Nursing Supervisor, gave an update regarding COVID-19.

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 Funds.

PARKS BUILDING

Discussion on waiting to build the new Parks Building until 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 9/21 Hospital Finance, 9/22 Regular Board Meeting, Highway Building Committee, 9/23 Hospital Board Meeting, 9/24 Casey Jones Trail Committee, 9/28 Western Mental Health, 9/29 Jackson County Highway Building Tour, 10/1 Ditch 5 Meeting, Pipestone County to present Jean with awarded.

Lori Gunnink: 9/22 Regular Board Meeting, 9/24 Casey Jones Trail Committee, 9/29 Jackson County Highway Building Tour, 10/1 Minnesota River Basin & Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area.

James Kluis, 9/21 Interview Hospital CEO, 9/22 Regular Board Meeting, 9/23 Hospital Board Meeting, 9/29 Jackson County Highway Building Tour.

Dennis Welgraven: 9/21 CARES Act Meeting, 9/22 Regular Board Meeting, Mutual Aid Committee, 9/25 CARES City and Township Meeting, 9/28 CARES Meeting, Solid Waste and Rural Energy Board, 9/29 Jackson County Highway Building Tour, 9/30 Audit Entrance Meeting.

David Thiner: 9/21 Chief Elective Official Board, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, 9/22 Regular Board Meeting, 9/23 Southwest Regional Radio Board/Public Safety Board, Personnel Committee, 10/1 HVAC Meeting.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the committee reports for September 20 – October 3, 2020.

The meeting adjured at 10:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board