

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
December 01, 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.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2020 meeting.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated December 1, 2020 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 163915 through 163951:

County Revenue Fund	14,103.97
County Road & Bridge Fund	68,960.56
Self-Insurance	480.00
Sunrise Terrace	68.17
Total	83,612.70

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens 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 NEXT PAGE.*

David A. Swenson Construction, LLC

JD 17 1,200.00 #2020-033 Approved by T. Radke 11-23-2020 4-Kluis
Subtotal 1,200.00

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CD 22 1,458.00 Legal - CD 22 Appeal/Improvement
Subtotal 1,458.00

Total Ditch Bills 2,658.00

HVAC PAY APPLICATION 4

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve HVAC Upgrade Pay Request No. 4 to Roadside Developers, Inc (d/b/a/ Bisbee Plumbing & Heating) for \$337,098.00.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve paying damages from a repair on County Ditch 11 as follows:

Douglas Halbur	
SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 12-Leeds Twp;	1.47 acres
NW1/4 NE1/4 Section 13-Leeds Twp;	<u>0.58</u> acres
	2.05 acres x \$600 per acre = \$1,230

5-YEAR ROAD AND BRIDGE PLAN REVIEW

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Murray County 5-Year Road and Bridge Plan.

PRELIMINARY PLAT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the Preliminary Plat for Goergen Heights 4th Addition Preliminary Plat Application #328 for one residential lot in the Residential and Shoreland Overlay Districts on a General Development Lake for Part of Government Lot 2, in Section 15, Lake Sarah Township as recommended by the Planning Commission.

CASEY JONES STATE TRAIL MAINTENANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the Casey Jones State Trail Maintenance Cooperative Agreement, between Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Murray County.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE CASEY JONES STATE TRAIL

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the Letter of Support, with the addition of a paragraph regarding support of maintaining the existing trail including the Lake Shetek black top.

COVID19 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, Emergency Management/Safety Director, Carl Nyquist led a discussion on CARES Act Funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

James Jens: 11/16 Public Safety Meeting, 11/17 Regular Board Meeting, 11/18 Southwest Health and Human Services Board, Collaboration Meeting, Extension Committee, 11/19 End-O-Line Park (Cleaned Up Cement), 11/23 Hospital Finance Meeting, 11/24 Regular Board Meeting, 11/25 Hospital Board Meeting, Casey Jones Trail/Regional Trails/Regional Development Commission Trails Committee.

Lori Gunnink: 11/17 Regular Board Meeting, 11/18 Missouri River Watershed Partnership, 11/24 Regular Board Meeting, 11/25 Casey Jones Trail Meeting.

Jim Kluis: 11/17 Regular Board Meeting, 11/19 Advocating, Connecting, Educating Committee, 11/24 Regular Board Meeting, 11/25 Hospital Board Meeting.

Dennis Welgraven: 11/16 Association of Minnesota Counties - Transportation, 11/17 Regular Board Meeting, Personal Meeting, 11/18 Southwest Health and Human Services, Murray County Extension, 11/23 CARES Committee, Southwest Solid Waste Commission, Rural Minnesota Energy Board, 11/24 Regular Board Meeting, Personnel Committee.

Dave Thiner: 11/16 Association of Minnesota Counties - General Government, Southwest Minnesota Opportunity Council, 11/17 Regular Board Meeting, 11/18 Southwest Regional Radio Board/Public Safety Board, 11/19 Planning Commission, 11/24 Regular Board Meeting.

9:48 a.m. The meeting recessed.

11:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened.

AFSCME UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Dennis Welgraven, Jim Kluis, Lori Gunnink, James Jens and David Thiner. Also, present Thomas Burke, County Administrator, John Edison, County Labor Attorney, Ronda Radke, Human Resources Director, Samantha McClellan, General Assistant.

THE COUNTY BOARD MET WITH AFSCME HIGHWAY UNIT FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.

Also Present: Eric Austin, AFSCME Labor Representative, Randy Groves, Highway Maintenance Employees Scott Nelson, Brian Rosenberg.

AFSCME Highway Unit presented their proposal.

11:08 a.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to move into closed session per Labor Negotiations Strategy Minnesota Statute 13D.03.

11:15 a.m. It was moved to go back into open session.

11:21 a.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to move into closed session per Labor Negotiations Strategy Minnesota Statute 13D.03.

11:24 a.m. It was moved to go back into open session.

11:28 a.m. The meeting recessed.

11:37 a.m. The meeting was called back to order.

Present: Commissioners Dennis Welgraven, Jim Kluis, Lori Gunnink, James Jens and David Thiner. Also, present Thomas Burke, County Administrator, John Edison, County Labor Attorney, Ronda Radke, Human Resources Director, Samantha McClellan, General Assistant.

THE COUNTY BOARD MET WITH THE AFSCME JAILER/DISPATCHER UNIT FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.

Also Present: Eric Austin, AFSCME Labor Representative, Dispatcher/Jailer employees, Jannette Engels, Jon Heidebrink.

AFSCME Jailer/Dispatcher Unit presented their proposal.

11:44 a.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to move into closed session per Labor Negotiations Strategy Minnesota Statute 13D.03.

11:57 a.m. It was moved to go into open session.

11:59 a.m. Dispatcher/Jailer Employees Caucused.

12:02 p.m. The meeting reconvened.

12:08 p.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to move into closed session per Labor Negotiations Strategy Minnesota Statute 13D.03.

12:19 p.m. It was moved to go into open session.

12:21 p.m. Dispatcher/Jailer Employees Caucused.

12:25 p.m. The meeting reconvened.

12:27 p.m. The meeting recessed.

12:38 p.m. The meeting was called back to order.

Present: Commissioners Dennis Welgraven, Jim Kluis, Lori Gunnink, James Jens and David Thiner. Also, present Thomas Burke, County Administrator, John Edison, County Labor Attorney, Ronda Radke, Human Resources Director, Samantha McClellan, General Assistant.

THE COUNTY BOARD MET WITH THE AFSCME JAIL ADMINISTRATOR UNIT FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.

Also Present: Eric Austin, AFSCME Labor Representative, Donna Mollema, Jail Administrator.

AFSCME Jailer/Dispatcher Unit presented their proposal.

12:58 p.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to move into closed session per Labor Negotiations Strategy Minnesota Statute 13D.03.

1:06 p.m. It was moved to go into open session.

1:09 p.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven and passed to move into closed session per Labor Negotiations Strategy Minnesota Statute 13D.03.

1:36 It was moved to go into open session.

1:37 The meeting recessed.

6:04 p.m. The meeting reconvened.

2021 TRUTH IN TAXATION BUDGET HEARING

Pursuant to notice given, the County Board met to receive input and take public comment on the proposed 2021 budget and levy. The following members were present: County Commissioners James Jens, Lori Gunnink, Dennis Welgraven, Jim Kluis and David Thiner. Also present were Murray County Auditor-Treasurer Heidi E. Winter and Murray County Administrator Thomas Burke.

Heidi Winter gave a presentation on the proposed 2021 budget and levies and the 2020 Performance Measures Program.

The Board asked for budget options to be brought back to the December 15, 2020 meeting that would reduce the levy down to a 2% to 2.5% increase. Thomas Burke and Heidi Winter will review the budget and bring the requested information back as requested.

The public hearing was closed, and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board