

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
November 21, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Glenn Kluis, Gerald Magnus, James Jens, Lori Gunnink, and David Thiner. Also, present Aurora Heard, County Coordinator and Travis Smith, County Attorney.

The meeting opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the agenda as modified.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes from November 7, 2017

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve consent agenda item 1.

A motion was duly made by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated November 21, 2017 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 154387 – 154449:

County Revenue Fund	23,577.28
County Road & Bridge Fund	3,009.47
EDA	31.60
Ditch	17.13
Sunrise Terrace	1,961.56
Total	28,597.04

A motion was made by Jens and seconded by Magnus to approve the report of the Ditch Committee of the Judicial Ditch lying within the County of Murray on those petitions for repair that have been inspected for determining what repairs, if any, are necessary, the extent and nature of such repairs, an estimated cost of such repairs or 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. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

David Thiner: Yes  
Lori Gunnink: Abstained  
James Jens: Yes  
Gerald Magnus: Yes  
Glenn Kluis: Abstained

**I & S Group**

JD 3	<u>7,433.00</u>	JD 3 Appeal
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>7,433.00</u></b>	

**Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law**

JD 3	<u>567.00</u>	JD 3 Appeal
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>567.00</u></b>	

**Total for All Ditch Bills** 8,000.00

Commissioner Thiner, Commissioner Jens and Commissioner Magnus are appointed to the Judicial Ditch Board 3 along with Cottonwood County Commissioners Norm Holmen and Jim Schmidt. Commissioner Gunnink and Commissioner Kluis are not appointed to the Judicial Ditch 3 Board therefore they abstained.

A motion was made by Magnus, seconded by Thiner with all members of the Board voting their approval to accept the report of the Ditch Committee of the County and Judicial Ditches lying within the County of Murray on those petitions for repair that have been inspected for determining what repairs, if any, are necessary, the extent and nature of such repairs, an estimated costs of such repairs or 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, Inc.**

JD 14	4,937.50	2017-048	ok'd by Howard Konkol 11-10-17	2-Gunnink
JD 14	585.00	2017-046	ok'd by Howard Konkol 11-10-17	2-Gunnink
JD 27	785.00	2016-059	ok'd by Howard Konkol 11-10-17	2-Gunnink
JD 19	266.75	2016-055	ok'd by Howard Konkol 11-14-17	2-Gunnink
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>6,574.25</u></b>			

**Richard Kvols (Viewing Services)**

JD 14	<u>469.53</u>	Redetermination of Benefits
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>469.53</u></b>	

**LJG Backhoe, LLC**

JD 20A	<u>3,235.50</u>	2017-043	ok'd by Howard on _____	1-Jens
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>3,235.50</u></b>			

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Admin	200.00	Monthly Retainer		
CD 11	<u>132.50</u>	Emergency Reroute Around State Hwy 30		2-Gunnink
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>332.50</u></b>			

**Total for All Ditch Bills** 10,611.78

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Pay Application No. 4 to Loo Con, Inc. for the Judicial Ditch 8 Improvement Project in the amount \$2,790.00.

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 #2017-058 (JD 14, Leeds Twp. Sec. 28, District 2 – Gunnink)
- Petition #2017-059 (CD 76A, Mason Twp. Sec. 21, District 1 – Jens)
- Petition #2017-060 (CD 21, Ellsborough Twp. Sec. 19, District 2 – Gunnink)
- Petition #2017-061 (CD 47, Leeds Twp. Sec. 15, District 2 – Gunnink)
- Petition #2017-062 (CD 65, Holly Twp. Sec. 20, District 1 – Jens)
- Petition #2017-063 (JD 10, Lime Lake Twp. Sec. 17, District 3 – Magnus)

County Recorder Evey Larson gave an update on a Torrents Workshop for County Recorders.

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair sign the 2018-2019 feedlot delegation agreement with the MPCA.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve purchasing a 2005 Case 821C loader with 4,380 hours on it from Titan Machinery in the amount of \$67,000 and to purchase four BKT tires from state bid in the amount of \$1,286.49 for each tire and to list the old landfill loader on e-bay.

Aaron Betz and Bruce Bertrand met with the County Board and discussed the racing association lease.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair and Auditor/Treasurer sign the race track lease with the Murray County Racing Association for 2018-2019.

10:09 a.m. Open Forum/Public Comment – No members of the public were present.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the following change orders for the contract with Doom & Cuypers, Inc. for the Lime Lake Bathroom Project.

<b>Change Order No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
1	\$ 581.00	L & E to fill and compact granular fill at inside of foudation wall.
2	\$ 502.00	L & E to fill and compact granular fill under 18' of sidewalk called for on plan and additional 9' of sidewalk. Includes buildup of sides of walk with dirt.
3	\$ 694.00	L & E to add several elevation changes in sidewalk plus an extra 9' of 5' wide sidewalk
4	\$ (16,500.00)	Deduct for removing boring of sewer lines from contract. Holding tank to be installed by another contractor.

**\$ (14,723.00) Total Change Orders**

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve an expenditure of \$6,000.00 to Spartz Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for installing a holding tank for the Lime Lake Bathroom Project.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve and authorize the Chairman and Auditor/Treasurer sign the 2018 office space lease agreement with Southwest Health and Human Services.

The County Board reviewed the Southwest Health and Human Services Board of Directors Bylaws.

County Engineer Groves and Highway Maintenance Supervisory Lonn Jackels discussed the mower tractor repair, setting a date for the MnDot visit and a building plan update.

The County Board discussed the employment status of Deputy Sheriff Devin Gillette. Gillette's employment status was temporary reclassified due to a temporary absence in the Sheriff's Department. The following County Board motion from March 28, 2017 was reviewed:

*It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve a temporary reclassification of Intermittent Deputy Devin Gillette to regular part time Deputy through November 30, 2017.*

The Sheriff did not respond to the Personnel Committee's request to meet with him regarding this matter. The County Board consensus was for the position to revert back to Intermittent Deputy as stated in March 28<sup>th</sup> County Board motion and employment offer letter.

Drug/General Investigator Chris Lewis and Emergency Management Director/Deputy Sheriff Heath Landsman presented the option to purchase a new boat for the Sheriff's Department.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve purchasing a 2017 Mircrocraft F1687 Boat in the amount of \$12,812.00 with a trade in of the 2008 Starcraft Marine Superfisherman 170DC with EZ loader trailer and 2008 150 HP E-tch.

Drug/General Investigator Chris Lewis presented a child support cooperative agreement with Southwest Health and Human Services.

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair sign the 2018-2019 child support cooperative agreement with Murray offices of Human Services.

Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership Program and Lending Manager Michelle Clarke and Murray County EDA Director Amy Rucker reviewed the Single Family Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program contract.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve extending the existing Single Family Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program contract with the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership to the end of 2019, to expand the program to include Avoca, Dovray, Hadley, Lake Wilson, and Slayton to approve expand the program to include single family rental housing in the designated communities, and to approve the Board Chair and County Coordinator sign required documents for Single Family Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens and passed to approve a closed session on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13.D03 to discuss labor negotiations strategy.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve setting special meetings for labor negotiations with the County Board on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to approve a special meeting for Department Head Reviews on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

The County Board reviewed a list of items ACE requested regarding the office space remodel at the food service building. Consensus for Sandhurst Construction to fix the floor tile at the food service building and to put a lock on the closet.

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of November 5, 2017 to November 18, 2017.

James Jens reported on Lime Creek Service District Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – November 6, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – November 7, Extension (partial per diem claimed) – November 8, Ag Society (partial per diem claimed) – November 9, Shetek Area Water and Sewer (partial per diem claimed) – November 13, Health and Human Services/Sharon Hansen Open House (no per diem claimed) – November 15, David Drown Performance Evaluation Comp Study (partial per diem claimed) – November 15, Parks (partial per diem claimed) – November 16.

Gerald Magnus reported on Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership (partial per diem claimed) – November 6, Commissioner Board Meeting/Personnel – November 7, Southwest Health and Human Services (no per diem claimed) – November 8, Southwest Regional Development Commission & Ag Society (partial per diem claimed) – November 9, Rural

Minnesota Energy Board/Performance Reviews/Comp Study (partial per diem claimed) – November 15.

Lori Gunnink reported on Historical Society Annual Meeting (no per diem claimed) – November 5, Stoneray Wind Project Public Meeting (no per diem claimed) – November 6, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – November 7, Regional ECI Meeting (no per diem claimed) – November 8, Ag Society Annual Meeting (partial per diem claimed) -November 9, Shetek, Area Water and Sewer (partial per diem claimed) – November 13, Missouri Watershed Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – November 15,

David Thiner reported on Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – November 7, Extension (partial per diem claimed) – November 8, Ag Society Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – November 9, Insurance Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – November 13, David Drown Performance Education (partial per diem claimed) – November 15, Parks and Recreation/Planning and Zoning – November 16.

Glenn Kluis reported Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – November 7, Ag Society Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – November 9, Sharon Hansen Retirement Open House (no per diem claimed) – November 15.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of November 5, 2017 to November 18, 2017.

12:23 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Aurora Heard, County Coordinator

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Glenn Kluis, Chairman of the Board