

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
December 3, 2013 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Gerald Magnus, Robert Moline, John Giese, James Jens and David Thiner. Also present Aurora Heard, County Coordinator, Heidi Winter, Auditor-Treasurer, Paul Malone County Attorney.

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

No conflict of interest identified.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes from November 26, 2013

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the agenda as modified and consent agenda item 1.

A motion was duly made by Giese, seconded by Moline and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated December 3, 2013 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 141245 – 141301:

County Revenue Fund	57,487.78
County Road & Bridge Fund	3,821.33
Total	61,309.11

There were no ditch petitions for the December 3, 2013 meeting.

There were no ditch bills for the December 3, 2013 meeting.

Heidi Winter presented the following petition for repair:

Ditch Levy

This is an annual review of balances and anticipated needs for each ditch. These amounts will determine the amount to levy for each ditch. The final ditch levy will be set at the December 30, 2013 meeting.

Ambulance Agreements

It was moved by Giese, seconded by Moline and passed to send 2014 Ambulance Service Agreements to Townships and Cities with territory in the Murray County Ambulance Primary Service Area, further moving to approve 2014 Ambulance Agreement rates as follows:

Townships: \$35.00 per section included in the Murray County Ambulance Primary Service Area.

Cities: \$10.00 per capita based on most current Household Estimates from the Minnesota State Demographer.

County Ditch 82 Improvement Project

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Moline and passed to set the letting date to re-bid the County Ditch 82 Improvement Project for Friday January 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., further moving that the bids be considered and awarded on Tuesday January 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. (Project was originally bid on September 5, 2013. All bids were rejected on September 10, 2013).

Michelle Miranowski gave an update on the Buffalo Ridge Transit.

Conditional Use Permit #1266 Paul Clausen

A Public Hearing was held for the conditional use permit application on August 23, 2012, by the Murray County Planning Commission, was approved by the Murray County Board of Commissioners (County Board) at their meeting on September 4, 2012, and the CUP was recorded on September 12, 2012.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Moline and passed to approve a request for an extension for Paul Clausen of special condition #4 of Conditional Use Permit #1266 in the SE1/4, Section 2, Belfast Township, the permit holder must plant and maintain three rows of trees beginning 10 feet north from the southeast corner of the barn and run the treeline to the south and then run to the west end of the barn; all trees to maintain a 50 foot setback from the barn. The trees must be planted by July 1, 2014.

Conditional Use Permit #1281 Russell Manderscheid / FACCENDIERE, LLC

Due to a change in ownership of the property and the need to obtain a permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), the barn was not able to be constructed during 2013. Mr. Bob Taubert, FACCENDIERE, LLC, is requesting an extension of the CUP so that the barn may be built as soon as the ground thaws in the spring, 2014.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Moline and passed to approve a 1-year extension for Russell Manderscheid / FACCENDIERE, LLC – Manderscheid for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) #1281 in the SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 8, Chanarambie Township to expand an existing feedlot by constructing a total confinement barn with concrete manure storage pit to house 2,000 head finishing swine (660 animal units) in the Agriculture District.

Historic Museum Hours – December

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Giese and passed to approve the Historical Society recommendation for the Historic Museum to be open Tuesday-Friday 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and closed on Sunday and Monday unless open for a special event effective based on staffing resources.

Janet Timmerman gave an update on the Museums.

It was moved by Giese, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the Historical Society recommendation for the Historic Museum to be open Tuesday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. through the month of December 2013.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Giese and passed to approve the Museum Site Coordinator job descriptions.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve the recruitment of two Museum Site Coordinator positions.

The County Board discussed the role of the Parks Board at End O Line. Consensus was for the Museum Coordinator to take care of the museum and the day to day operations and the artifacts and the Park Department will take care of grounds maintenance including mowing, winterizing restrooms, and putting the equipment out at the beginning of the season and putting it away in the fall in with assistance of the highway department.

10:00 a.m. Open Forum/Public Comment. No members of the public were present.

Deputy Assessor Promotion

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve promoting Amber Hansen to Deputy Assessor effective November 24, 2013 at a grade 9 step 1.

Auditor/Treasurer Winter reviewed the 2014 budget and budget hearing presentation.

2014 Ditch Levy Discussion

The County board reviewed the balances and anticipated needs for each ditch.

The meeting was recessed at 12:47 p.m.

The Board chair called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. Two members from the public were present.

Pursuant to M.S. §275.065, subd 3c a review of the 2014 budget and levy was conducted where the public was given an opportunity to comment. The review included a discussion on the estimated savings the county anticipates to realize as a result of the new sales tax exemption in 2014. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Aurora Heard, Murray County Coordinator

Gerald Magnus, Chairman of the Board