

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
December 16, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.

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

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

No conflict of interest identified.

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

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the agenda as modified and consent agenda items 1-3:

1. Approval of the Minutes from November 25, 2014
2. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2014
3. Approval of the Minutes from December 2, 2014

Warrants

A motion was duly made by Moline, seconded by Thiner and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated December 16, 2014 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 144848 – 144917:

County Revenue Fund	28,029.55
County Road & Bridge Fund	10,949.76
EDA	65.35
Ditch	1,617.00
Sunrise Terrace	1,955.46
 Total	 42,617.12

Heidi Winter presented the following petitions for repair:

- #2014-106 (JD 14, 20-Leeds Township, Moline)

A motion was made by Moline, seconded by Magnus and carried that the Commissioners appointed as Inspectors in and for the County of Murray, are hereby instructed to examine and inspect 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 if deemed necessary, to prepare either a cost estimate of said repair, or order said repairs to be made, with a report to be given thereon at a Murray

County Board of Commissioner’s meeting, held in the Commissioners Room of the Murray County Government Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

Ditch Bills

A motion was made by Magnus , seconded by Jens 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.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Ditch #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Petition #</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
<u>Jonson Ditching, Inc.</u>				
	CD 34	177.75	2014-091	Moline
	JD 14	591.00	2014-050	Moline
	CD 34	759.00	2014-098	Moline
	JD 8	1,461.00	2014-065	Moline
	Subtotal	2,988.75		
<u>Stoneberg, Giles & Stroup, P.A.</u>				
	JD 8	562.50	2014-085	Improvement
	Subtotal	562.50		
<u>Onken Backhoe Service, Inc</u>				
	CD 53	235.00	2014-092	Moline
	CD 45	1,130.00	2014-101	Moline
	CD 58	310.00	2014-072	Moline
	Subtotal	1,675.00		
<u>Bolton & Menk, Inc</u>				
	JD 6	538.00	2013-036	Improvement
	CD 82	1,180.00	2012-017	Improvement
	CD 35	60.00	2013-006	Improvement
	JD 2	240.00	Kirchner	Removal Petition
	Subtotal	2,018.00		
<u>Rinke Noonan</u>				
	CD 35	1,960.00	2013-006	Improvement
	JD 3	1,960.00	2012-018	Improvement
	Subtotal	3,920.00		
Total for All Ditch Bills		11,164.25		

Commissioner Magnus introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution 2014-12-16-01
A Resolution Setting the 2015 Final Levy

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners set the 2015 Final Levy as follows:

	Gross Levy	County Program Aid	Net Levy
County Revenue	3,944,211	(96,079)	3,848,132
Road & Bridge	1,200,000	(29,231)	1,170,769
Human Services	1,106,979	(26,965)	1,080,014
Debt Service	233,321		233,321
Final Levy	6,484,511	(152,276)	6,332,235

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

2006 PFA Waste Water Infrastructure Loan to a Grant

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve an Agreement to convert the 2006 Public Facility Authority Waste Water Infrastructure Loan (balance of \$3,589,451; used for construction of Shetek Area Water and Sewer Project) to a grant, further moving to authorize the Board Chair and County Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Annette Fiedler presented information on Toward Zero Deaths. The video Gone too Soon from the Minnesota State Patrol was viewed.

County Ditch 26

The Board discussed County Ditch 26. The consensus was to trap the beavers and remove the beaver dams and to have a meeting with the landowners.

Open Forum/Public Comment - No members of the public were present.

CRP Fine

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve for the county ditch system to not pay the fine for an alleged violation of a CRP contract.

Swenson Park Bathroom Project Approving Pay Application 3

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Pay Application No. 3 to Doom & Cuypers Construction, Inc. for the Swenson Park Bathroom Project in the amount \$6,386.85.

County Ditch 35 Improvement Project

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Thiner and passed to set the letting date for the County Ditch 35 Improvement Project for Thursday January 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., further moving that the bids be considered and awarded on Tuesday February 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Ambulance Agreements

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Thiner and passed to send 2015 Ambulance Service Agreements to Townships and Cities with territory in the Murray County Ambulance Primary Service Area, further moving to approve 2015 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.

End O Line Donation

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to accept a \$200 donation from Jennifer Andries (for the “Ghost Towns of of Lyon County” Bus Tour) restricted for the purpose of offsetting general expenditures at End O Line Railroad Museum (receipt code: 01-503-560-5760).

The following employees were recognized for the following years of service to Murray County.

Barb Lewis (Auditors Office) – 40 years
Terry Johnson (Highway Department) – 30 years
Curt Like (Custodian Department) – 20 years
Carol Veldhuisen (Sunrise Terrace) – 20 years
Randy Groves (Highway Department) – 20 years
Mary Ellen Moline (Auditors Office) – 20 years
Jean Christoffels (Planning and Zoning Department) – 15 years
Steve Telkamp (Sherriff) – 15 years
Connie Wieneke (License Center) – 10 years
Lisa Carlson (Auditors Office) – 5 years
Luke Isder (Sheriff’s Department) – 5 years
Robert Gervais (Sheriff’s Department Dispatcher) – 5 years

Vice-Chairman Jens thanked county employees for their hard work and dedication that made it possible for Murray County to receive the recent county of the year award from MCIT.

4-H Building Rent

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Judy Bloemendaal to rent the 4-H building for a wedding reception/open house on July 25, 2015.

Parks and Trail Legacy Grant

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve accepting a grant from the Parks and Trails legacy grant in the amount of \$60,000 for improvements at Seven Mile Park and the county will match \$23,000.

4-H Building Usage – Girls on the Run Program

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the Girls on the Run Program utilize the 4-H building on Monday's and Thursdays from 3:30 -4:45 p.m. for ten weeks beginning in March 2015 waiving the fee for this program.

Lowville Township Bridge

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a bridge replacement agreement with Lowville Township, bridge number L.1614.

John Deere 644K Loader

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to purchase a 2015 John Deere 644K loader in the amount of \$243,339.00 reduced by trading in a 1986 CAT 926 in the amount of \$29,000 for a total purchase price of \$214,339.00.

Fenton Township Bridge Project Final Payment

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Jens and passed to accept completed project number SAP 051-599-095 and authorize final payment to Prahm Construction Inc. in the amount of \$3,039.18, contract number 20143, and authorize the County Coordinator Heard to sign the certificate of final acceptance.

Local Option Reduction of Taxes – Daniel Bierma

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve an abatement for parcel number 10.028.001.0 in the amount of \$44.00 for Daniel Bierma as a result of a fire.

Local Option Reduction of Taxes - Todd and Debra Thraen

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve an abatement for parcel number 10.015.003.2 in the amount of \$578.00 for Todd and Debra Thraen as a result of a fire.

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

Resolution 2014-12-16-02
2015 Meeting Dates

WHEREAS, the Murray County Board of Commissioners hold regular meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following dates in 2015 are set for regular meetings of the Murray County Board of Commissioners beginning at 8:30 a.m:

January	6 th	20 th	27 th
February	3 rd	10 th	24 th
March	3 rd	17 th	24 th
April	7 th	21 st	28 th

May	5 th	19 th	26 th
June	2 nd	16 th	23 rd
July	7 th	21 st	28 th
August	4 th	18 th	25 th
September	1 st	15 th	22 nd
October	6 th	20 th	27 th
November	3 rd	17 th	24 th
December	1 st	15 th	22 nd 29 th

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following dates in 2015 are set for department budget meetings beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the Murray County Board of Commissioners:

July 14TH, 15TH AND 16TH

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

2015 Non-Union Salary Adjustments

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve a 3% adjustment for all non-union employees in 2015 with no step with a completed satisfactory evaluation effective January 1, 2015.

Commissioner Kluis introduced the following resolution for consideration:

RESOLUTION NO 2014-12-16-03
A Resolution Stating the 2015
Meal Reimbursement Policy

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners set the 2015 meal reimbursement amount at \$35 per the Travel and Expense policy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all claims for meal reimbursement be accompanied by a valid and original receipt that list the name of the establishment, the total amount of the meal and “tip” and at least the initials of an employee or the owner of the establishment.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Jens and thereupon being put to a vote was adopted.

Commissioner Moline introduced the following resolution for consideration:

Resolution 2014-12-16-04
A Resolution Setting the Per Meeting Pay for Citizen Committees

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that 2015 per meeting pay for citizen appointed committees be set at \$55.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 2015 per meeting pay for the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments is set at \$80.00

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Magnus and thereupon being put to a vote all members voted for its adoption.

Committee Appointments

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Moline and passed to approve appointing Commissioner Kluis to former Commissioner John Giese's committee appointments.

December 30 Legislative Meeting

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve any commissioner attend a Southwest Minnesota County Commissioners Legislative Roundtable meeting at the Law Enforcement Center in Windom, Minnesota on December 30, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of November 23, 2014 to December 6, 2014.

James Jens reported on Hospital Finance Committee and Solid Waste – November 24, Commissioner Board Meeting/Hospital Board Meeting and DAC Meeting – November 25, Fair Board Meeting and Ag Society Meeting (No Per Diem Claimed) – December 1, Commissioner Board Meeting and Budget Hearing – December 2, EDA Meeting/Tour Schmitz Grain and Extension Meeting (No Per Diem Claimed) – December 3.

Gerald Magnus reported on Hospital Finance Committee/ Hospital Personnel and Rural Minnesota Energy Board – November 24, Commissioner Board Meeting and Hospital Board Meeting – November 25, EDA Meeting (No Per Diem Claimed) – November 26, AG Society and Fair Board Meeting (No Per Diem Claimed) – December 1, Commissioner Board Meeting – December 2, EDA Meeting (No Per Diem Claimed) – December 3, ATP8 – (No Per Diem Claimed) – December 5.

Robert Moline reported on Southwest Health and Human Services (No Per Diem Claimed) – November 24, Commissioner Board Meeting and Hospital Board Meeting – November 25, Southern Prairie Health Purchasing Alliance – November 26, Fair Board & Ag Society (No Per Diem Claimed) – December 1, Commissioner Board Meeting and Budget Meeting – December 2, Hospital Meeting (Partial Per Diem Claimed) – December 3, Area II and RCRCA – December 4, Ditch Inspection (CD#26) – December 5.

David Thiner reported on Hospital Personnel/Hospital Finance Committee/Ecology Bus and SMOC – November 24, Commissioner Board Meeting and Hospital Board – November 25, Heron Lake Watershed District Meeting – December 1, Commissioner Board Meeting and TNT Meeting – December 2, Extension Meeting – December 3, Buffalo Ridge Transit – December 4, Ditch Inspection (JD#20) – December 5.

Glenn Kluis reported on Commissioner Board Meeting and TNT Meeting – December 2.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Moline and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of November 23, 2014 to December 6, 2014.

11:40 a.m. It was moved by Moline, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve going into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03, labor negotiations strategy.

The following were present: Commissioners Gerald Magnus, Robert Moline, David Thiner, James Jens and Glenn Kluis. Also present Aurora Heard, County Coordinator.

12:05 p.m. It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to come out of closed session.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to start the December 23 and December 30th board meeting at 8:00 a.m.

12:07 p.m. It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to adjourn.

ATTEST: _____
Aurora Heard, County Coordinator

James Jens, Vice-Chairman of the Board