

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
February 24, 2015 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners James Jens, Robert Moline, Glenn Kluis, and David Thiner. Also present Ronda Radke, Assistant Human Resources Director, Heidi Winter, Auditor-Treasurer, and Travis Smith, County Attorney. Absent: Commissioner Gerald Magnus

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 February 10, 2015

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

Warrants

A motion was duly made by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated February 24, 2015 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 145475 through 145582:

County Revenue Fund	116,196.54
County Road & Bridge Fund	20,759.07
EDA	514.56
Ditch	653.78
Sunrise Terrace	1,371.49
SAWSD	148.00
 Total	 139,643.45

No Ditch Petitions were presented on February 24, 2015

Discussion on aerial spraying of open ditches

Ditch Bills

A motion was made by Jens, seconded by Moline, 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>Nobles County Auditor-Treasurer</u>				
	JD 12	241.18	Cross County Ditch Expense	
	JD 17	40.54	Cross County Ditch Expense	
	JD 26	3,803.44	Cross County Ditch Expense	
	Subtotal	4,085.16		
Total for All Ditch Bills		4,085.16		

Building Committee Update

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Moline and passed for Heidi Winter to contact Vetter Johnson for preliminary plans for the Courts Building security updates.

Award Bids for Pork Producer/Dairy Association Building

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to award the bid for the 2015 Fairgrounds Pork Producer/Dairy Association Building to Joe Schreier Construction for the bid amount of \$134,490.00 and to authorize Xcel Energy to install a new pole and transformer in the amount of \$2,150.00. The County will pay \$100,000.00 toward the Pork Producers/Dairy Association Building cost and the Murray County Pork Producers and Murray County Dairy Association will pay the balance. The Chair called for a roll call vote as follows: James Jens–yes; Robert Moline–yes; Glenn Kluis–yes; David Thiner–yes. Gerald Magnus absent.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Moline that with the removal of the current Pork Producer/Dairy Building the volunteers removing the building will follow the requirements of insurance and signed waivers forms.

Seven Mile Park Playground Purchase

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the Parks Department to join the US Communities Organization and to purchase playground equipment for Seven Mile Park in the amount of \$24,741.28 and \$10,620.00 as a grant match from Parks Legacy Grant for Parks Improvements.

The Board reviewed quotes for contractors interested in being named as Qualified Ditch Contractors and Prime Qualified Ditch Contractors for county and judicial ditch repair work in 2015.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to authorize the Chairman and Auditor-Treasurer to sign contracts with *Lloyd J. Goltz (dba LJG Backhoe)* as Prime Ditch Contractor for county and judicial ditch repair work for 2015 in the east half of the county.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to authorize the Chairman and Auditor-Treasurer to sign contracts with *Johnson Ditching, Inc.* as Prime Ditch Contractor for county and judicial ditch repair work for 2015 in the west half of the county.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the following list of Qualified Ditch Contractors for county and judicial ditch repair work in 2015, further moving that their quote forms and schedule of insurance be kept on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office, and further moving that additional contractors may be used subject to approval by the Ditch Inspector in the district and proper paperwork being on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office:

- AJ's Custom Tiling
- Bill's Backhoe Service
- Larson Backhoe Service
- Loo Con, Inc.
- Mike Riley
- Murray County Land Improvement, Inc.
- Parker & Sons, Inc.
- Ryan West

FSA Form CCC-858 for land in NE1/4SE1/4 of 13-Moulton Township

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens to consider FSA Form CCC-858 (*Base Reallocation and Yield Update Decision for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs*) for property in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 13-Moulton. The motion was tabled.

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

10:03 a.m. It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve going into closed session pursuant to Minnesota statute 13D.05 sub. 3(b), attorney-client privilege, to receive legal advice regarding a pending veterans' preference action.

The following were present: Commissioners Robert Moline, James Jens, Glenn Kluis, and Dave Thiner. Also present were Travis Smith, County Attorney, Ronda Radke, Assistant Human Resources Director, and Fredrick Finch, Attorney at Law, by phone.

10:36 a.m. It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed and approved to come out of closed session.

During the closed session Mr. Finch and County Attorney Smith provided the Commissioners with advice regarding litigation strategy for a veterans' preference action that was initiated by Darrell Gleason.

Buffalo Ridge Transportation Joint Powers Agreement

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the Joint Powers Agreement for Operation Inter-County Public Transit System and authorize the Chairperson and Heidi Winter, Auditor Treasurer to sign the Joint Powers Agreement.

Museum Computer Purchase

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the purchase of a computer for the Museum in the amount of \$680.99. A dual monitor setup with monitor stand; and Microsoft Office 2013 Standard will also be purchased.

COBAN/Data & Backup Storage Enhancement

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to authorize up to \$10,000.00 for the cost of preparing the network for the new COBAN camera system; and enhancement of both the data & backup storage capabilities of the network.

Jim Reinert gave an update on the 2015 Governor's Emergency Management Conference

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens to reconsider the tabled motion of the FSA Form CCC-858 (Base Reallocation and Yield Update Decision for Agriculture risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs). The Board had a brief discussion.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve FSA Form CCC-858 (*Base Reallocation and Yield Update Decision for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs*) for property in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 13-Moulton, further authorizing Heidi Winter, Auditor Treasurer to sign the document on behalf of Murray County.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve FSA Form CCC-858 (*Base Reallocation and Yield Update Decision for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs*) for property in the SE 1/4, Section 15, Murray Township (27.1 tillable acres) further authorizing Heidi Winter, Auditor Treasurer to sign the document on behalf of Murray County.

AFSCME Dispatcher/Jailer Union Contract

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the 2015-2017 AFSCME Dispatcher/Jailer Union Contract, authorizing the Chairperson to sign contract.

Museum Assistant Job Description

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the updated Museum Assistant position description.

Intermittent Deputy Sheriff

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve hiring Ryan Baker as an intermittent Deputy Sheriff effective February 12, 2015 at a labor grade 14 step 1.

Jackson County Letter

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Dave Thiner and Gerald Magnus to attend the meeting and any subsequent meetings to represent Murray County on a committee tasked with developing a legislative proposal to clarify the roles of the Drainage Authority and Watershed

District in order to avoid duplication. Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 10:00 am in the Courthouse in Jackson County. Robert Moline will be an alternate.

As “Spread the Word to end the Word” National Awareness Day

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING MARCH 5, 2015
AS “SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD” NATIONAL AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, spread the Word to End the Word is an ongoing effort by Special Olympics to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word “retard(ed)” and encourage people to pledge to stop using the “R-word; and

WHEREAS, the Spread the Word to End the Word campaign is intended to get schools, Communities and organizations to rally and pledge their support to help create communities of Inclusion and acceptance of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the County of Murray, Minnesota, that the County of Murray hereby supports the Proclamation “Spread the Word to End the Word” National Awareness Day:

2015 Boat and Water

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair and Heidi Winter, Auditor Treasurer to sign the 2015 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement in the amount of \$13,767.00.

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of February 1, 2015 to February 14, 2015.

James Jens reported on Commissioner Board Meeting – February 3, Public Health – February 4, Building Committee and SAWS – February 9, Commissioner Board Meeting – February 10, Soil & Water – February 12.

Robert Moline reported on Insurance Committee – February 2, Commissioner Board Meeting – February 3, State Audit Meeting and Southwest Health & Human Services (No Per Diem Claimed) – February 5, SAWS – February 9, Commissioner Board Meeting – February 10.

David Thiner reported on Commissioner Board Meeting – February 3, Southwest Health & Human Service Training – February 4, MN SW EMS Board – February 5, Commissioner Board Meeting – February 10.

Glenn Kluis reported on Commissioner Board Meeting – February 3, Southwest Health & Human Services – February 4, Airport Meeting – February 5, Building Committee – February 9, Commissioner Board Meeting – February 10.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner, and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of February 1, 2015 to February 14, 2015.

11:35 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Ronda Radke, Assist Human Resources Dir.

James Jens, Chairman of the Board