

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
April 5, 2016 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Robert Moline, James Jens, Glenn Kluis, Gerald Magnus and David Thiner. Also present Ronda Radke, Assistant Human Resources Director, 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 Moline, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the agenda as modified.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes from March 22, 2016

Warrants

A motion was duly made by Jens, seconded by Kluis and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated April 5, 2016 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 149189 through 149261:

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| County Revenue Fund       | 28,610.15 |
| County Road & Bridge Fund | 4,596.97  |
| EDA                       | 29.99     |
| Hospital                  | 42.00     |
| Total                     | 33,279.11 |

There were no ditch bills for April 5, 2016

Commissioner Moline introduced the following findings of fact and order and moved its adoption:

BEFORE THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE AUTHORITY  
FOR COUNTY DITCH #75

Findings of Fact and Order Concerning  
Redetermination of Benefits, Pursuant to  
Minnesota Statutes 103E.351

WHEREAS, the original benefits for County Ditch #75, as determined in the original drainage proceedings, do not reflect reasonable present day values and the benefitted or damaged areas may have been changed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Murray County Board of Commissioners, acting as Drainage Authority for County Ditch #75, hereby orders the Redetermination of Benefits for County Ditch #75 and appoints John Schueller, Kevin Vickerman, Luke Olson as viewers and Blake Garbich as an alternate viewer.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS ACTING AS DRAINAGE  
AUTHORITY FOR COUNTY  
DITCH #75

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Its Chairperson

The foregoing findings of fact and order was duly seconded by Commissioner Magnus and thereupon being put to a voted all members voted in favor.

#### Ditch Inspector Report

A motion was made by Moline, seconded by Kluis 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.

- #2016-002(CD 45, 36-Skandia Township, District 2)

Discussion on spraying open ditches. Consensus to not use a helicopter for spraying and to spot spray.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve the change of the aluminum trailer approved in the March 22, 2016 minutes from aluminum to steel and from 12 feet to 14 feet at no additional cost to the county from Dierks Trailer Sales.

Set Bid Opening for Township Bridge Projects

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve setting the bid opening date at 10:15 a.m. on May 17, 2016 for the following bridge projects SAP 51-599-097 (Holly) and SAP 51-599-102 (Lowville).

Road Overlay Services for Lake Sarah Township

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the Lake Sarah Township Agreement for Road Overlay Services.

Voting in Favor: Magnus, Jens, Kluis, and Thiner

Opposed: None

Abstained: Moline

Motion carried 4 to 0.

2016 Local roads and bridges highway users tax distribution fund discussion

Nate Grimmus, Drug Task Force Presentation

10:15 a.m. Open Forum/Public Comment – No members of the public were present.

Missouri River Basin Water Shed – One Watershed, One Plan Project

Commissioner Magnus offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2016-04-05-01  
Resolution to support a Missouri River Basin Watershed  
One Watershed, One Plan project.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.401, Watershed Management Plan, authorizes Minnesota Watershed Districts to develop and implement a watershed management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorizes Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Missouri River Basin Watershed, as delineated in the attached One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map, have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Murray County recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Murray County welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Missouri River Basin for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Murray County supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and anticipates entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Missouri River Basin Watershed, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant.

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

#### Conditional Use Permit – Michael Groen

Jean Christoffels met with the County Board regarding a Conditional Use Permit #1320 for Michael Groen to expand an existing feedlot by constructing a total confinement barn with a concrete manure storage pit in the Agriculture District, N1/2 NW ¼, Section 16, Fenton Township. The Board received the minutes from the March 17, 2016 public meeting, which included the findings of the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Moline to accept the findings of the Planning Commission and approve Conditional Use Permit #1320, for Michael Groen to expand an existing feedlot by constructing a total confinement barn with a concrete manure storage pit in the Agriculture District.

#### Appointment of Comprehensive Land Use

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Moline and passed to approve the Appointment of Comprehensive Land Use Updated Committee Members list as presented to them.

#### Marsh and McLennan Wellness Program Contract

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Moline and passed to approve the 2016 Wellness Program Contract with Marsh and McLennan Agency and have the County Coordinator sign agreement.

#### Ditch Inspector Job Description

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the updated Ditch Inspector job description.

#### Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve hiring Alex Petersen as a Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker as of April 6, 2016 at \$9.70 per hour.

#### Extension Intern

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Extension Intern to be hired as a University of Minnesota Extension employee.

#### Soil & Water/Corn & Soybean Growers Meeting

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve any Commissioner attend the Murray County Soil & Water, Corn & Soybean Growers Meeting with a presentation on buffer strips at the 4H building at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

#### Soil & Water District Manager

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the offer of employment in the position of Soil & Water District manager to Kenneth Bickner under the terms set out in the employment letter dated April 5, 2016.

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of March 13, 2016 to March 26, 2016.

James Jens reported on SAWS Meeting – March 14, Commissioner Board Meeting – March 15, Bid Meeting and EDA Meeting (No Per Diem Claimed) – March 17, Commissioner Board Meeting – March 22, SWRDC Broadband Meeting – March 25.

Gerald Magnus reported on Commissioner Board Meeting – March 15, Southwest Health and Human Services (No Per Diem Claimed) – March 16, SRDC (No Per Diem Claimed) – March 17, Hospital Finance Board – March 21, Commissioner Board Meeting – March 22, Broadband Meeting – March 26.

Robert Moline reported on SAWS Meeting – March 14, Commissioner Board Meeting – March 15, Southwest Health and Human Services (No Per Diem Claimed) – March 16, Commissioner Board Meeting – March 22.

David Thiner reported on Commissioner Board Meeting and Heron Lake Watershed District Meeting – March 15, Planning Commission – March 17, Prairie Ecology Bus – March 21, Commissioner Board Meeting – March 22, SWCD Interviews – March 23 & 24.

Glenn Kluis reported on Commissioner Board Meeting – March 15, Health Alliance – March 21, Commissioner Board Meeting and DAC Meeting – March 22, SWCD Interviews – March 23 & 24, ACE Meeting – March 24, Broadband Meeting – March 25.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus, and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of March 13, 2016 to March 26, 2016.

11:21 a.m. The meeting was adjourned

ATTEST:

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Ronda Radke, Assistant Human Resources Director

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David Thiner, Chairman of the Board