

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
August 23, 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 Aurora Heard, County Coordinator, 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 Jens and passed to approve the agenda as modified.

Commissioner Moline stated he may have a conflict of interest with the road abandonment. No other 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 August 16, 2016

A motion was made by Jens, seconded by Magnus 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>Rinke Noonan</u>				
	JD 3	8,626.00	2012-018	Appeal on Improvement Project
	Subtotal	<u>8,626.00</u>		
	Total for All Ditch Bills	<u>8,626.00</u>		

The County Board clarified the \$7,500 payment to ACE for aging services included the cost of a printer and lap top and the county was to invoice the City of Slayton 15% of \$7,500.

The County Board discussed a road abandonment in Lake Sarah Township. Commissioner Moline stated this road was adjacent to his property.

Consensus for the Building Committee to review having the ventilation fans removed from the Food Service building roof and the cooler.

Doug Krentz, Holly Township had a question on the payment in lieu of tax, the private tile and trespassing. Bill Schuna advised there are signs that say “leaving state property” and he will give the landowners a DNR Conservation Officer’s number to call. The payment in lieu of tax is ¾ of the sale price. It will be reassessed in the future. The private tile agreement will be in writing with the landowners. Dick Tuszynski spoke regarding the areas for people to hunt and trespassing and he believes it occurs when people know the landowner.

Commissioner Jens introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Murray County
Board of County Commissioners
Review of Proposed State Land Acquisition

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 84.944, Sub. 3 and 97A.145, Sub. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on August 23, 2016 provided the county board with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for Wildlife Management purposes.

Lands to be acquired are described as follows:

The Southeast Quarter of Section 10, And The East Half of the Northeast Quarter and the East Half of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter, Section 15, All in Township 108 North, Range 39 West, Murray County, Minnesota.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Murray County on August 23, 2016 that the State’s proposed acquisition of the attached described property be approved.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Commissioner Moline with all members voting in favor.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to authorize the construction of a private crossing on JD 20A contingent on the approval of the Director based on 103E. subd, 5, NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ Of Section 12 in Shetek Township, and upon approval of the design of the Ditch Inspector and County Highway Engineer.

A motion was made by Jens, seconded by Magnus 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 #2016-052 (CD 89: 22-Holly Twp., District 1-Jens)

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

Ralph Knapp and Amy Rucker met with the County Board regarding the \$25,000 appropriation for the EDA.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to accept the resignation of Chris Hansen, Water Resources Administrator, effective September 16, 2016.

The County Board reviewed budget information for 2017:

Fund #	Fund Name	Amount Short/Long	
1	General Revenue	(\$207,775)	short
10	Road & Bridge	\$31,850	added to reserves (budgeted for \$146,292 increase in levy)
17	Human Services	(\$37,000)	short (approximate amount, have not received levy number from Southwest Health and Human Services)
18	Economic Development	\$88,889	added to reserves
28	Debt Service	\$21,014	added to reserves
	Non-Levy Supported Fund		
55	Sunrise Terrace	(\$190,217)	short

The 2017 preliminary levy is \$6,740,269, the 2016 levy was \$6,344,188, an increase of 6.24%.

11:26 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Attest: Aurora Heard, County Coordinator

David Thiner, Chairman of the Board