

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
January 23, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Glenn Kluis, Lori Gunnink, James Jens, Gerald Magnus and David Thiner. Also present Aurora Heard, County Coordinator and Travis Smith, County Attorney.

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

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the agenda as modified.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes from January 16, 2018.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve consent agent item number 1.

A motion was made by Magnus and seconded by Thiner to approve the report of the Ditch Committee of the Judicial Ditch 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 cost 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. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

- David Thiner: Yes
- Lori Gunnink: Abstained
- James Jens: Yes
- Gerald Magnus: Yes
- Glenn Kluis: Abstained

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| JD 3 | <u>\$1,212.00</u> | JD 3 Appeal |
| Subtotal | <u>\$1,212.00</u> | |

Total for All Ditch Bills \$1,212.00

Commissioner Thiner, Commissioner Jens and Commissioner Magnus are appointed to the Judicial Ditch Board 3 along with Cottonwood County Commissioners Norm Holmen and Jim Schmidt. Commissioner Gunnink and Commissioner Kluis are not appointed to the Judicial Ditch 3 Board therefore they abstained.

The County Board discussed CD 22. Auditor/Treasurer Winter stated she would be reaching out to petitioners and they would replenish the money and if and when the project is approved the money would be returned to them.

County Engineer Groves gave an update on the 2018 MN County Engineers annual conference.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve not renewing membership in the Transportation Alliance based on the recommendation of the County Engineer.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve purchasing the following equipment for the highway department based on the budget and long term plan:

| 2018 Budgeted Equipment Purchase Request | | | | | | |
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| <u>Equipment</u> | <u>Make/Model</u> | <u>Dealer</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Trade Value</u> | <u>Net Price</u> | <u>Acct Code</u> |
| Contractor Utility Trailer | Alcom 8'x20' | Truman Welters Inc. | \$ 18,571.50 | | \$ 18,571.50 | 10-320-6650 |
| Skid Loader | Bobcat T770 | Miller Sellner, Slayton, LLC | \$ 64,200.08 | | \$ 64,200.08 | 10-320-6650 |
| Skid-Steer Mower | 72" Rotary & Blades | Diamond Mowers, Inc. | \$ 10,160.00 | | \$ 10,160.00 | 10-320-6650 |
| Single Axle Sign Truck Cab & Chassis | Frieghtliner M2 106 | Harrison Truck Centers | \$ 76,466.00 | Will sell old sign truck at Auction. | \$ 76,466.00 | 10-320-6671 |
| Sign truck body, walkway, crane, racking, post pounder, storage, fabrication, etc. | Maintainer H7024TT-2-120 | | \$ 95,378.00 | sign truck at Auction. | \$ 95,378.00 | 10-320-6674 |
| Tandem Axle Plow Truck Cab & Chassis | Frieghtliner 114SD | Harrison Truck Centers | \$ 112,895.00 | Will trade or sell at Auction. Trade value to be determined. | \$ 112,895.00 | 10-320-6671 |
| Truck snow equipment, box, hitch, wing, rotating plow, underbody plow, sander, hydraulics, lighting, fabrication, etc. | J-Craft box, Henke plows, etc. | TBEL, Inc. Truck Bodies & Equipment International | \$ 105,695.00 | | \$ 105,695.00 | 10-320-6674 |

9:37 a.m. It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve closing the County Board meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3. C 3; to consider the purchase of parcel # 20-016-0071 or 20-014-0060.

Present: Commissioners Glenn Kluis, Lori Gunnink, James Jens, Gerald Magnus and David Thiner, Aurora Heard, County Coordinator and Travis Smith, County Attorney, Randy Groves, County Engineer and Lonn Jackels, Highway Maintenance Supervisor.

10:00 a.m. It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve coming out of closed session.

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

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve increasing Annette Seivert's hours to forty hours per week until a full time License Center supervisor is hired and training is completed.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve the following letter of support for United Community Action and authorize the Board Chair sign it:

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Support for United Community Action's RTCC Planning Grant Application

Murray fully supports United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) as they apply for funds to enter into the planning phase for a Regional Transportation Coordination Council (RTCC). We have been a local partner with public transit for many years. We will actively continue that partnership through the planning phase, and we look forward to seeing where it will lead to improved transportation coordination throughout the region.

UCAP has been working to improve transportation coordination throughout Southwest Minnesota since 2012. They have worked hard to chip away at the issues that prevent coordination, and have initiated many efforts to fill transportation gaps that come to light. With the framework and partners they have already established, UCAP is positioned to launch into planning for an RTCC.

Murray have always been a financial partner with public transit because we believe in the value of the service it provides to the people in our communities. As we participate in the planning for an RTCC in Southwest Minnesota, we will help determine what is needed to make a successful Coordinating Council for our region, and identify funding that will help sustain it.

RTCC funding awarded to UCAP will be put to good use as they seek to further their efforts toward increased coordination. We look forward to being a part of the future of integrated transportation services that will begin with a fully funded RTCC planning grant.

Sheriff Telkamp met with the County Board and reviewed an organizational structure plan and budgetary information for the proposed plan. Sheriff Telkamp will return February 6th with additional budget information for the plan.

11:09 a.m. It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve closing the meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13.D.05, subdivision 3(b), to communicate regarding a matter that is protected by the attorney-client privilege to receive advice regarding a hostile work environment harassment issue. The subject to be discussed is privileged. The County's employment counsel, Laurel Pugh, is present via telephone to discuss the matter with the Board.

12:35 p.m. It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve coming out of closed session.

12:37 p.m. It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve closing the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3. for the evaluation of the performance of County Coordinator Aurora Heard.

12:45 p.m. It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve coming out of closed session.

The County Board met with Aurora Heard pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3. in closed session and rated her 2017 performance as “meeting expectations” when evaluating the following items:

Provides excellent customer service, maintains a safe and secure work environment, continuous improvement, professional conduct/integrity, quality of work, quantity of work, dependability, serves the County Board, serves as Employee Relations Director, serves as Human Resources Director and Department Head, staff development and motivation, supervision, resource and project management, fiscal responsibility, liaison to county board, outcomes and measurements, leadership, intergovernmental relationships.

12:46 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Aurora Heard, County Coordinator

James Jens, Chairman of the Board