

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
February 27, 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, and David Thiner. Also present Aurora Heard, County Coordinator and Travis Smith, County Attorney. Excused Absence: Commissioner Gerald Magnus

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 February 22, 2018

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

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis 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>Gislason & Hunter LLP</u>				
	CD 22	210.40		
	Subtotal	<u>210.40</u>		CD 22 Improvement - Legal Services
<u>Rinke Noonan Attorneys at Law</u>				
	Admin	200.00		Monthly Retainer
	CD 68	1,857.50		CD 68 Abandonment
	Subtotal	<u>2,057.50</u>		
	Total for All Ditch Bills	<u>2,267.90</u>		

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve a subordination agreement with Gary Ness, for property at 152 131st Street (Murray County tax id. # 03-029-0031) for a Murray County Septic Program Loan, further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

8:44 a.m. Commissioner Jens left the meeting

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve to schedule a closed session for labor negotiations at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 6, 2018.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve scheduling a closed session to consider the purchase of parcel #20-016-0050 or 20-023-0040 or 20-016-0071 for 10:45 a.m. on March 6, 2018.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve scheduling the Board of Equalization on June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

8:48 a.m. Commissioner Jens returned to the meeting.

Margie Anderson, 4-H Educator, announced her retirement after 33 years. Kia Harris requested the position be replaced.

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the University of Minnesota Extension begin the process to backfill the University of Minnesota Murray County 4-H Program Coordinator position for Murray County.

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of February 11, 2018 to February 24, 2018.

Glenn Kluis reported Watershed and Planning Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – February 21, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – February 22.

James Jens reported on West Fork Des Moines River Rural Municipal Sewer (partial per diem claimed) – February 12, Parks & Recreation (partial per diem claimed) – February 15, Western Mental Health (no per diem claimed) – February 19, Historical Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – February 20, Southwest Health and Human Services (no per diem claimed) – February 21, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – February 22.

Lori Gunnink reported on West Fork Des Moines River Municipal Sewer (partial per diem claimed) – February 12, Plum Creek Library (partial per diem claimed) – February 21, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – February 22.

David Thiner reported on Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – February 22.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of February 11, 2018 to February 24, 2018.

Jordan Burmeister, Program Manager, Geronimo Energy met with the County Board regarding the Plum Creek Wind Farm.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve submitting a grant to the Schmidt Foundation to fund labor to scrape, sand, and paint the Historic Round Barn on the Fairgrounds.

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

Josh Malchow, Slayton City Administrator, Brian Christensen, City of Slayton Chief of Police, Paul Kenney, City of Fulda Chief of Police, and Steve Erickson owner of Four Paws Grooming met with the County Board regarding a pound agreement and kennel proposal.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the County pay \$7,000 per year, for two years, for the dog kennel/pound agreement with Four Paws Grooming, LLC, contingent upon the City of Fulda and City of Slayton agreeing to pay any costs above the \$7,000 per year that each entity incurs.

Voting in Favor: Kluis, Jens, Thiner

Opposed: Gunnink

Motion carried 3 to 1.

The County Board consensus is to obtain clarification regarding city ordinances and the Sheriff's departments responsibilities and fees that department charges and to research county dog ordinances and a dog licensing system.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve and authorize the Chairman, Auditor/Treasurer, and County Coordinator sign the Utility Easement from the City of Currie, Minnesota, for the Shetek Area Water and Sewer District wastewater infrastructure over, under, through and across Currie's pond property.

11:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Aurora Heard, County Coordinator

James Jens, Chairman of the Board