

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
March 6, 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 Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve the agenda as modified.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes from February 27, 2018

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

A motion was duly made by Magnus, seconded by Gunnink and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated March 6, 2018 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 155271-155325:

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| County Revenue Fund | 64,381.66 |
| County Road & Bridge Fund | 10,950.62 |
| EDA | 79.00 |
| Ditch | 200.00 |
| Sunrise Terrace | 378.22 |
| Total | 75,989.50 |

A motion was made by Thiner, 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>Inspector</u> | <u>Commissioner District</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>C&K Construction</u> | CD 40 | 1,171.80 | 2017-047 | ok'd by Howard 2-28-18 | 5-Thiner |
| | Subtotal | <u>1,171.80</u> | | | |
| <u>Murray County Treasurer</u> | CD 22 | 201.43 | CD 22 Improvement - Public Hearing Mailing Costs | | |
| | Subtotal | <u>201.43</u> | | | |
| | Total for All Ditch Bills | <u>1,373.23</u> | | | |

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to call for a special meeting, set for the purpose of conducting 2019 departmental budget talks, for Tuesday July 10th and Wednesday July 11th starting at 8:00 a.m.

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve the 2016 Audit Report as presented.

The County Board discussed a 5-year pipe material and installation warranty for Judicial Ditch NO. 8 Improvements.

Jean Christoffels met with the County Board regarding Conditional Use Permit #1344 (Glen and Austin Schoolmeester were present), for Glen Schoolmeester, to expand an existing feedlot over 1,000 animal units by constructing a total confinement barn with concrete manure storage pit in the Agriculture District in the N ½ NE ¼, Section 19, Fenton Township. The County Board reviewed the Murray County Planning Commission public hearing minutes from February 15, 2018, meeting, which included the findings.

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1344, for Glen Schoolmeester, to expand an existing feedlot over 1,000 animal units by constructing a total confinement barn with concrete manure storage pit in the Agriculture District in the N ½ NE ¼, Section 19, Fenton Township and to eliminate special condition number 5 that requires trees because it is taking productive land out of production for the trees.

Jean Christoffels met with the County Board regarding Conditional Use Permit #1343, for Darin and Shannon Henning to expand an existing feedlot over 1,000 animal units by constructing a total confinement barn with concrete manure storage pit in the Agriculture District in the NE ¼ NW ¼, Section 32, Belfast Township. The County Board reviewed the Murray County Planning Commission public hearing minutes from February 15, 2018, meeting, which included the findings.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1343, for Darin and Shannon Henning to expand an existing feedlot over 1,000 animal units by constructing a total confinement barn with concrete manure storage pit in the Agriculture District in the NE ¼ NW ¼, Section 32, Belfast Township with four special conditions.

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

10:12 a.m. It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Kluis 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.

10:35 a.m. It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve coming out of closed session.

10:44 a.m. It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis 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 or #20-016-0050.

Present: Commissioners Glenn Kluis, Lori Gunnink, James Jens, Gerald Magnus and David Thiner, Aurora Heard, County Coordinator, Randy Groves, County Engineer, Travis Smith, County Attorney, Heidi Winter, Auditor/Treasurer.

11:27 a.m. It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve coming out of closed session.

County Engineer advised he talked to Harry Brands and he will give the county thirty days to decide on the land and advised the purchase price was good for thirty days.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus to offer Kevin Nelson to purchase twenty (20) acres at a price per acre of \$25,000 for parcel number 20-016-0071 which is equal to \$500,000.00 and for the offer to be good seven (7) days from receipt of purchase agreement and if Kevin Nelson declines the county will purchase twenty-five (25) acres from parcel number 20-016-0050 from Harry Brands.

Voting in Favor: Thiner, Gunnink, Kluis, Magnus

Opposed: Jens

Motion carried 4 to 1.

11:47 a.m. It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve going into closed session for labor negotiations pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03.

Present: Commissioners Glenn Kluis, Lori Gunnink, James Jens, Gerald Magnus and David Thiner, Aurora Heard, County Coordinator, Travis Smith, County Attorney.

12:06 p.m. It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve coming out of closed session.

12:10 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Aurora Heard, County Coordinator

James Jens, Chairman of the Board