

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
April 2, 2019 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Lori Gunnink, James Jens, James Kluis, David Thiner, and Dennis Welgraven. Also present were County Attorney Travis Smith and Economic Development Director Amy Rucker.

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from March 26, 2019.
2. Approve minutes from CD 22 Public Hearing February 19, 2019 continued to March 21, 2019.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to approve consent agenda items 1 and 2.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

A motion was duly made by Jens, seconded by Welgraven and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated April 2, 2019 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 158675 through 158720:

County Revenue Fund	44,771.84
County Road & Bridge Fund	27,718.90
EDA	144.00
Ditch	888.00
Self Insurance	45.00
Sunrise Terrace	<u>182.50</u>
Total	<u>73,750.24</u>

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Auditor Warrants were reviewed.

PAYMENT OF WORTHINGTON HRA FUNDING REQUEST

The \$1,066.08 request from the Worthington Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to cover Murray County's portion of a 2018 Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program administrative funding shortfall will be paid from the economic development account within the general revenue fund. The motion to approve this payment was made at the February 26, 2019 Murray County Board of Commissioners meeting but it was not stated at that time from which fund the payment should be made at that time.

#### SHERIFF COVERAGE CONTRACTS WITH CITIES

Auditor/Treasurer Heidi Winter will remind Chief Deputy Heath Landsman to bring the Sheriff coverage contracts to the County Board for ratification.

#### FOOD SERVICE BUILDING

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to have the Auditor-Treasurer send a letter contractors soliciting quotes for repairs to damage at the food service building caused by ice dams.

#### DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, 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 2019-003 (CD 72, Des Moines Twp. Sec. 31, District 1 – Jens)
- Petition 2019-006 (CD 55, Des Moines Twp. Sec. 14, District 1 – Jens)

#### HOSPITAL UPDATE

Michael Ladevich, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Murray County Medical Center, gave an update on the hospital's financial status.

#### UPDATE ON MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY FEEDLOT OFFICERS (MACFO) CONFERENCE

Ag and Sold Waste Administrator John Bloemendaal gave an update on the Minnesota Association of County Feedlot Officers (MACFO) conference that he attended.

#### MURRAY COUNTY 2018 FEEDLOT REPORT

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to accept the 2018 Murray County Feedlot Report and authorized the Board Chair to sign it.

#### CONTRACT WITH SEH, INC. FOR DEMOLITION LANDFILL

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens, and passed to accept the contract with SEH, Inc. for engineering services at the demolition landfill in 2019 and authorized Jon Bloemendaal to sign the contract.

#### SURPLUS PROPERTY

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Kluis, and passed to declare unit #19, a 2011 Dodge Ram 1500, as surplus property, and to authorize its sale on eBay.

#### MOLD IN SHERIFF'S OFFICE

G&R Controls found blocked cold air returns which were since cleared. A comprehensive report is forthcoming.

#### BUFFALO RIDGE TASK FORCE UPDATE

Heath Landsman updated the Board on the restructured Buffalo Ridge Task Force. Murray County Deputy Chris Lewis is now the Commander. Funding of the task force and how salaries are paid was discussed.

#### OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Several residents were present for Open Forum. Bill Neilson and Jason Larson had questions and comments regarding Lake Elsie/Judicial Ditch 17 drainage and the levy that benefitting landowners are assessed.

#### DINEHART-HOLT HOUSE GARAGE BID OPENING: SIDING, WINDOWS & SHINGLES

At 10:15 a.m., the Board Chair called for the bid opening for the Dinehart-Holt House Garage Project. No bids were received. It was decided to solicit bids again in the fall.

#### TRANSPORTATION FUNDING RESOLUTION

Commissioner Jens presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

##### RESOLUTION 2019-04-02-01

#### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN ADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BILL

WHEREAS Minnesota Counties maintain 30,742 miles of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) roads and 14,141 miles of county roads, totaling over 30% of the state's roadways; and

WHEREAS the total annual need is \$1.084 billion annually over the next 25 years just to maintain the current CSAH and county road system, not including expansion; and

WHEREAS the annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion, and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive and sustainable transportation solution should include robust funding for roads, bridges, and transit, and address the varying needs in different parts of the state; and

***WHEREAS for years, the legislature has favored mostly funding the State highway system of roads with huge multi-million dollar bonding bills that do not benefit funding the CSAH road system through the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund; and***

***WHEREAS the actions the legislature has used in mostly funding the State highway system of roads, along with earmarking projects in or near the metro-area, has created a serious and unfair method for funding transportation projects for counties, cities and townships; and***

***WHEREAS increased funding for Minnesota's Highway User Tax Distribution Fund would provide additional, stable funds for all 87 counties, all cities with a population of 5,000 or more, and townships across the state, including MnDOT;***

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Murray County Board of Commissioners encourages the Minnesota Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that brings adequate funding specifically to the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund to benefit all of Minnesota's statewide transportation system.***

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

#### LEGACY GRANT APPLICATION FOR END-O-LINE PARK

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Jens, and passed to permit staff to apply for a Minnesota Legacy Amendment Grant through the Minnesota Historical Society to pay for a structural assessment of the railroad turntable and surrounding pit at End-O-Line Railroad Park & Museum.

#### END-O-LINE PARK: OPEN HOUSE AND INDEPENDENCE DAY HOURS

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to permit End-O-Line Railroad Park & Museum to hold its annual Open House on Saturday, June 4 (alternate date of August 3) and to permit the park to be open on Thursday, July 4 and to accept free-will donations for admission on those dates.

#### CONTRACT FOR NEW AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) BILLBOARD ARTWORK

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to authorize the Board Chair to sign a contract with Lamar for \$150.00 to revise the artwork for increased visibility of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) advertising on the south billboard adjacent to US Highway 59, viewable by northbound traffic.

#### AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) WORKSHOP ON APRIL 6

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to approve attendance of all members of the Board at the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Workshop on April 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Murray County 4-H Building.

#### AUGUST 18 CONCERT ON FAIRGROUNDS

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to permit Three Ministries and Lake Sarah Baptist Church to host a free concert on the fairgrounds at no charge on Sunday, August 18, 2019 following the Murray County Fair.

#### FARMERS' BREAKFAST AT 4-H BUILDING

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis, and passed to permit the Murray County Fair Board to use the 4-H Building at no charge to host a Farmers' Breakfast that will be open to the public in the 4-H Building on June 23, 2019.

#### BEER SAMPLES AT 4-H BUILDING MEETING

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to permit Take 16 Brewing Company to serve samples at the May 23, 2109 Murray County Fair Board meeting in the 4-H Building provided that Take 16 shows proof of dram shop liability insurance.

#### COURTS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CREDIT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to accept PR#6 from Sussner Construction for deducts to the base bid for doors that will not be needed for the project. The credit is in the amount of \$558.00.

#### ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES (AMC) DISTRICT 8 MEETING TOPICS

David Thiner will request that Randy Groves attend the AMC District 8 Spring Meeting and talk about the transportation resolution passed earlier in the meeting.

#### BUFFALO RIDGE TASK FORCE MEETINGS

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to authorize David Thiner to represent the Murray County Board of Commissioners at Buffalo Ridge Task Force meetings.

#### SOUTHERN PRAIRIE COMMUNITY CARE DISCUSSION

David Thiner report that limited feedback was received from the letters sent to Southern Prairie Community Care counties regarding the distribution of excess funds.

#### MURRAY COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE (ECI) MEETING

Lori Gunnink encouraged members of the Board to attend a Murray County Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) community input meeting at 7p.m. on April 2, 2019 at the Slayton Senior Center.

#### DITCH LEVY WORKSHEET

Heidi Winter distributed worksheets that were used by the Board when ditch levies were set and explained the amounts and calculations.

#### BUFFALO RIDGE TASK FORCE

Heath Landsman returned to the meeting with additional details on salary reimbursements to the county for officers serving on the Buffalo Ridge Task Force. Murray County receives \$11,500 per quarter per officer. Murray County currently has two officers serving the Task Force which totals \$92,00.00 per year in salary re-imburements.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Amy Rucker, Economic Development Director

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David Thiner, Chairman of the Board