

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
September 24, 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 Administrator Thomas Burke, County Attorney Travis Smith, and Economic Development Director Amy Rucker.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

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

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

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2019 meeting as presented and the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting with changes.

MONTHLY FUND TRANSFERS

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Welgraven, and passed to ratify the following fund transfers and investments for August 2019:

New Transfers:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
01 County Revenue	92 SAWS	\$100,000.00	Advance – Temporary
01 County Revenue	31 Capital Improvement Fund	\$250,000.00	2019 Appropriation (approved 8/6/2019)

New Investments:

None for August

COURTS BUILDING REMODEL – PAY APPLICATION NO. 5

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Jens, and passed to approve Pay Application No. 5 to Sussner Construction, Inc. for the Courts Building Remodel Project in the amount of \$3,591.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

Verlyn Brouwer was present for Open Forum to discuss issues he’s having with the Murray County Soil and Water Conservation District.

MURRAY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Commissioner Gunnink introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION 2019-09-24-01
ADOPTION OF THE MURRAY COUNTY ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Murray County has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Murray County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Murray County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Murray County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Murray County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Murray County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Murray County supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Murray County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR FLOOD DAMAGE

Emergency Management Services/Safety Director Justin Koch has submitted a Request for Preliminary Damage Assessment to the State of Minnesota for flood damage incurred earlier in September.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

A motion was made by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis 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 2019-093 (JD14, Chanarambie Twp. Sec. 23, District 2–Gunnink)

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) ENFORCEMENT GRANT CONTRACT

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve a two-year grant contact for \$4,497 each fiscal year with the State of Minnesota’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to participate in the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Enforcement Grant Program for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, further authorizing the Board Chair to sign the agreement.

PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATION AND EDUCATION (PACE)

County Assessor Marcy Barritt summarized the Professional Assessment Certification and Education course that she attended.

REAPPOINTMENT OF BILL UFKIN AND MITCH KLING TO THE LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER BOARD

Commissioner Welgraven introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-09-24-02

RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF BILL UFKIN AND MITCH KLING TO THE LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Bill Ufkin’s 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (“LPRW) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Kling’s 4-year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2019 the LPRW Board unanimously adopted a Motion which recommends that Bill Ufkin and Mitch Kling each be re-appointed to another 4-year term on the LPRW Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Murray County Board of Commissioners believes that Bill Ufkin and Mitch Kling are qualified to act as Commissioners on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners and are both worthy of appointment;

NOW BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Bill Ufkin and Mitch Kling be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes §116A et seq. for a 4-year term which shall commence on January 1, 2020 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2023.

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

MINNESOTA DEPUTY REGISTRARS ASSOCIATION (MDRA) CONFERENCE
 License Center Supervisor Annette Sievert summarized the Minnesota Deputy Registrars Association Conference that she attended.

VSP VISION INSURANCE

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to change the cafeteria plan vision carrier to VSP with a four-year rate guarantee effective January 1, 2020.

SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to change the cafeteria plan Short-Term and Long-Term Disability carrier to Lincoln Financial effective January 1, 2020.

SET 2020 PRELIMINARY LEVY AND BUDGET HEARING

Commissioner Welgraven introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2019-09-24-03

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2020 PRELIMINARY LEVY AND BUDGET HEARING

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners set the 2020 Preliminary Levy with a 5.57% increase as follows:

	Gross Levy for 2020	County Program Aid for 2020	Net Levy for 2020
County Revenue	5,234,233	(357,188)	4,877,045
Road & Bridge	1,583,006	(108,025)	1,474,981
Debt Service	237,860		237,860
Human Services	1,339,787	(91,428)	1,248,359
TOTAL LEVY	8,394,886	(556,641)	7,838,245

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2020 Budget Hearing is scheduled as part of the regular meeting on November 26 at 6 p.m. in the Murray County Board of Commissioners Room at which time the public will be allowed to speak and the budget and levy will be discussed.

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

MEETING TO DISCUSS DITCH LEVIES

A preliminary discussion of the ditch levies will be held on October 22.

FAIRGROUNDS BATHROOMS

A citizen comment regarding the conditions of the fairgrounds bathrooms during the Murray County Fair and Hospice Rummage Sale was discussed.

REQUEST TO INCLUDE A BILL IN THE COUNTY DITCH 11/STATE HIGHWAY 30 LITIGATION

According to Commissioner Kluis, a landowner has a ditch bill he would like included in the County Ditch 11/State Highway 30 litigation. It was agreed that the landowner should talk with County Attorney Travis Smith regarding whether the bill can be included.

COMMENT REGARDING MOWING OF COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Commission Kluis reported that a constituent had complained about a triangle portion of county road right-of-way not being mowed.

MINNESOTA RURAL COUNTIES

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink, and passed to join the Minnesota Rural Counties membership group for two years at a cost of \$2,200 per year.

FULDA HERITAGE SOCIETY REQUEST

The Fulda Heritage Society has requested a \$15,000 appropriation for 2020. \$2,500 is included in the preliminary budget. No action was taken on the budget request but Chairman Thiner will request that a stop at the Fulda Heritage Society's building be added to next week's County Road Tour.

COUNTY ROAD TOUR

The date for the County Board to tour county roads and county parks and view county ditches was changed to September 30 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

BATHROOM IN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Different types of sinks were discussed. No action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of September 8, 2019 to September 21, 2019.

James Jens reported on Hospital Strategic Planning Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 9, Meeting with Public and Hospital Board (partial per diem claimed) – September 11, Emergency Meeting for Emergency Declaration (partial per diem claimed) - September 13 Hospital Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 16, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 17.

Lori Gunnink reported on SAWS (partial per diem claimed) – September 9, AMC – September 11, AMC- September 12, AMC – September 13, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 17, Plum Creek Library Board (partial per diem claimed)– September 18, Casey Jones Trail Meeting/Fair Board Advisory Meeting – September 19.

Dennis Welgraven reported on Meeting with Public and Hospital Board (no per diem claimed) - September 11, Emergency Meeting for Emergency Declaration (partial per diem claimed) - September 13, Insurance Committee (partial per diem claimed) - September 16, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) - September 17, Southwest Health and Human

Services/SRDC (partial per diem claimed) - September 18, EDA (no per diem claimed) – September 19.

Jim Kluis reported on Hospital Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 9, Meeting with Public and Hospital Board (partial per diem claimed) - September 11, Emergency Meeting for Emergency Declaration (partial per diem claimed) - September 13, Hospital Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 16, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 17, ACE (partial per diem claimed) - September 19.

David Thiner reported on State Auditor (partial per diem claimed) – September 9, Emergency Meeting for Emergency Declaration (partial per diem claimed) - September 13, CEOB/SMOC (partial per diem claimed) - September 16, Commissioner Board Meeting (partial per diem claimed) – September 17.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis, and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of September 8, 2019 to September 21, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

ATTEST:

Amy Rucker, Economic Development Director

David Thiner, Chairman of the Board