

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
August 4, 2020 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present in person: Commissioners Dennis Welgraven, Lori Gunnink, James Jens, James Kluis, and David Thiner. Also present in person was General Assistant Samantha McClellan. County Administrator Thomas Burke and County Attorney Travis Smith via phone.

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

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Kluis to approve the agenda with additions.

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Jens to approve the minutes from July 28, 2020 meeting with changes.

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for Open Forum.

PARKS ORDINANCE

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner and passed to approve allowing a Keg, for the Mr./Miss. Fulda Scholarship Fundraiser, at Seven Mile Park, on Saturday, August 8, 2020, pending the completion of the application and permit document.

LIVESTOCK SHOW PENS RENTAL

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve not borrowing or renting the livestock show pens, to the Minnesota Youth Livestock Expo, August 19-23, 2020, in Jackson, MN. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- James Kluis: Abstained
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- David Thiner: Yes
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes

SHEEP BARN – PAY AP NO. 3 FINAL

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve Pay Application No. 3 Final for \$42,878.00 to Ankrum Cabinets & Construction for the Sheep Barn Project.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated August 4, 2020 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 162750 through 162785:

County Revenue Fund	55,059.08
County Road & Bridge Fund	58,696.90
Self-Insurance	777.10
Sunrise Terrace	20.27
Total	114,553.35

DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Welgraven, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve accepting the report of the petitions for payment, having been inspected for determining what repairs, if any, are necessary, the extent and nature of such repairs and 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.

Gass Trenching, Inc.

JD 10	<u>3,175.00</u>	#2019-077	ok'd by T. Radke 7-28-2020	3-Welgraven
Subtotal	<u>3,175.00</u>			

Total Ditch Bills 3,175.00

APPROVAL OF JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR 2020 STATE PRIMARY AND GENERAL RECOUNTS

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve two joint powers agreements with the State of Minnesota (acting through its Office of the Secretary of State) allowing the Auditor-Treasurer to act as a Deputy Recount Official for recounts for the 2020 State Primary Election and the 2020 State General Election, further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer and Commissioner Chair to sign the agreement on behalf of the county (SWIFT Contract Numbers 179653 and 179655).

SUBORDINATION REQUEST – SEPTIC LIEN

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Gunnink and passed to approve a subordination agreement for Murray County Tax Parcel ID# 12-025-0022 for a Murray County Septic Lien (Document #252081), further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer and Commissioner Chair to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

It was moved 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 2020-042 (JD13, Bondin Twp. Sec.16, District 5–Thiner)
- Petition 2020-043 (CD20, Leeds Twp. Sec.4, District 2–Gunnink)

LIGHTNING STRIKE UPDATE

Jason Lohrenz gave an update on the equipment damaged as a result of the lightning strike that occurred on Sunday, July 26, 2020.

END-O-LINE SEWAGE HOOK UP

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve giving authority to Randy Groves and Janet Timmerman to determine what contractor to proceed with for the End-O-Line sewage hook up once all estimates are submitted.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDING

It was moved by Gunnink, seconded by Jens and passed to approve scheduling an informational public meeting, on Thursday, August 13, 2020, regarding the purchase and construction of the Highway Department Building. The motion passed with a roll call vote as follows:

- James Jens: Yes
- James Kluis: No
- Lori Gunnink: Yes
- David Thiner: No
- Dennis Welgraven: Yes

COVID-19 UPDATE

County Administrator Thomas Burke and Emergency Management/Safety Director Carl Nyquist led a discussion on Murray County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CELL PHONE SERVICE IN LAKES AREA

Discussion on contacting Verizon to improve cell phone service in the lakes area.

DRIVERS LICENSE

Discussion on driver's license by appointment only.

CARES ACT

County Administrator Thomas Burke and Emergency Management/Safety Director Carl Nyquist led a discussion on the CARES Act.

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:36 a.m.

ATTEST:

Samantha McClellan, General Assistant

Dennis Welgraven, Chairman of the Board