

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
July 22, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners John Giese, Gerald Magnus, Robert Moline, David Thiner and James Jens. Also present Aurora Heard, County Coordinator, Heidi Winter, Auditor-Treasurer, and Paul Malone County Attorney.

The meeting opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

No conflict of interest identified.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes from July 15, 2014

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve the agenda as modified and consent agenda item one.

Commissioner Moline introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07-22-01
RESOLUTION RELATING TO MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS
AND ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE 2014 ELECTION CYCLE

WHEREAS, The Murray County Auditor-Treasurer is the Murray County Election Official in charge of the 2014 Primary and General Elections in Murray County, and

WHEREAS, The Murray County Auditor-Treasurer will operate a Central Ballot Count for all precincts in Murray County, and

WHEREAS, The Cities of Dovray, Avoca, Currie and Hadley and the Townships of Ellsborough, Holly, Iona, Leeds, Lime Lake, Lowville, Mason, Moulton, Murray and Skandia in Murray County have requested Mail Ballot Elections, and

WHEREAS, The request has been approved by the Murray County Auditor-Treasurer, acting as the Election Official.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the authority be delegated to the Auditor-Treasurer to appoint Central Count and Mail Ballot Election Judges for the 2014 Election Cycle with the Election Judge salary being set at \$12.00 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Murray County Government Center (Auditor-Treasurer's Office) is the designated polling place for mail ballot precincts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That after regular business hours Meeting Room A and B, at the Murray County Government Center, are designated as the location where Election Judges can meet to receive and count mail ballots and to serve as a polling place for unregistered voters to vote in person on both Primary and General Election Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Murray County Commissioner's Room be designated as the Central Count room for the Primary and General Elections

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Magnus and upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor of: Jens, Magnus, Thiner, and Giese.

Excused Absence: Commissioner Moline.

and the following voted against the same: None. Motion carried 4 to 0.

8:46 a.m. Commissioner Moline was excused.

8:51 a.m. Commissioner Moline returned to the meeting.

Heidi Winter presented the following petitions for repair:

- *#2014-056 - CD 43A (16-Belfast Township, Jens)*
- *#2014-057 – JD 20 (30-Bondin Township, Thiner)*
- *#2014-058 – JD 13 (23 & 26 – Bondin Township, Thiner)*
- *#2014-059 – CD 61 (2 – Bondin Township, Thiner)*
- *#2014-060 – CD 30 (35-Belfast Township, Jens)*

A motion was made by Magnus, seconded by Thiner and carried that the Commissioners appointed as Inspectors in and for the County of Murray, are hereby instructed to examine and inspect 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 if deemed necessary, to prepare either a cost estimate of said repair, or order said repairs to be made, with a report to be given thereon at a Murray County Board of Commissioner's meeting, held in the Commissioners Room of the Murray County Government Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

Accept In Kind Donation – Fairgrounds Concrete Sealer

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to accept an in-kind donation valued at \$9,956.20 from Seal Deep LLC/Water Treatment and Conditioning Systems LLC (Chan Briggs) for concrete sealer applied around the fairgrounds.

Jon Blomendaal gave an update on the annual ag short course.

County Attorney Malone discussed a letter he drafted regarding removing beaver dams downstream from the outlet of a County Ditch.

Christy Riley gave an update on the Southern Minnesota Tourism Board meeting.

Swenson Park Bathroom/Septic System Installation

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve bid specifications for the Swenson Bathroom Project, further moving to set a bid opening date for the project at 10:15 a.m. on August 26, 2014.

Policy #728 – Sick Leave Benefits

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve the updated sick leave policy #728 effective August 1, 2014 as a result of Minnesota State Statute changes.

Pregnancy and Parenting Leave

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Moline and passed to approve the updated pregnancy and parenting leave policy #722 effective August 1, 2014 as a result of Minnesota State Statute changes.

Ditch Bills

A motion was made by Jens, 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>LJG Backhoe LLC</u>				
	JD 20A	229.63	2014-025	James Jens
	Subtotal	229.63		
<u>Bill's Backhoe Service LLC</u>				
	CD 74	2,985.00	2014-027	Gerald Magnus
	Subtotal	2,985.00		
<u>Steven Johnson</u>				
	CD 73	700.00	Improvement	
	CD 35	245.00	Improvement	
	Subtotal	945.00		
	Total for All Ditch Bills	4,159.63		

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

The Board discussed the possibility of moving the hospital board meeting from August 26 to August 19.

Network Switch

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve purchasing a new network switch in the amount of \$2,718.60 from account code: 01-061-061-0000-6480.

The Commissioners gave their committee reports for the period of July 6, 2014 to July 19, 2014.

John Giese – No Report

Gerald Magnus reported on Budget Meetings – July 8 – 10, Hospital Conference – July 11 – 13, Commissioner Board Meeting – July 15, Southwest Health & Human Services and SRDC (No Per Diem Claimed) – July 16, Insurance Group Meeting – July 17, Shetek Health Fair (No Per Diem Claimed) – July 19.

Robert Moline reported on SAWS Meeting – July 7, Budget Meetings – July 8 – 10, Supporting Hands Nurse Family Partnership– July 14, Commissioner Board Meeting – July 15, Southwest Health & Human Services (No Per Diem Claimed), Insurance Meeting – July 17, Shetek Health Fair (No Per Diem Claimed) – July 19.

David Thiner reported on Budget Meetings – July 8 – 10, Ditch Inspection (JD#12) (No Per Diem Claimed) – July 14, Commissioner Board Meeting and Heron Lake Water Shed Meeting – July 15, EMS Board Meeting – July 16, Buffalo Ridge Transit – July 17, Ditch Inspection (JD#13) (No Per Diem Claimed) – July 18, Shetek Health Fair (No Per Diem Claimed) – July 19.

James Jens reported on Budget Meetings – July 8 – 10, Extension Meeting – July 9, Commissioner Board Meeting – July 15, Shetek Health Fair (No Per Diem Claimed) – July 19.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Moline and passed to approve the Commissioner Vouchers for the period of July 6, 2014 to July 19, 2014.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board Chair called for bid openings for project number SAP 51-599-95, Fenton Township bridge:

Company	Bid Amount
Midwest Contracting, LLC	\$70,340.00
Prahm Construction Inc.	\$60,969.00
R & G Constuction Co.	\$84,965.00

Final Payment to Traffic Marking Service Inc.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve the final payment in the amount of \$3,715.07 to Traffic Marking Service, Inc. for striping.

Sale of Surplus Equipment

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve declaring the following highway department equipment as surplus and authorizing selling the equipment via auction: unit #45 a 1985 Ford F350 van, unit #90 a 1963 International 504 tractor, and unit #67 a 1974 Ford F700 truck.

Chanarambie Township Bridge agreement

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a bridge replacement agreement with Chanarambie Township.

10:56 a.m. It was moved by Moline, seconded by Giese and passed to approve going into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03, labor negotiations strategy.

The following were present: Commissioners Gerald Magnus, Robert Moline, John Giese, David Thiner, and James Jens, Also present Aurora Heard, County Coordinator.

11:17 a.m. It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Moline and passed to approve coming out of closed session.

11:17 a.m. Commissioner Jens was excused.

County Engineer Randy Groves confirmed the bids for project number SAP 51-599-95 tabulated correctly.

It was moved by Thiner, seconded by Moline and passed to approve the low bid of \$60,969.00 and award the Fenton Township bridge, project number SAP 51-599-95, to Prahm Construction Inc.

11:18 a.m. The meeting was recessed until 12:45 p.m.

12:45 p.m. The meeting was called back to order.

The County Board met with Dean Gertsema, Engineering Tech II thanking him for his years of service working for Murray County.

12:54 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST: _____
Aurora Heard, County Coordinator

John Giese, Chairman of the Board

