

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – SLAYTON, MINNESOTA  
May 3, 2016 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present: Commissioners Robert Moline, James Jens, Glenn Kluis, Gerald Magnus and David Thiner. Also present Aurora Heard, County Coordinator, and Travis Smith, County Attorney.

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

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

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

No conflicts of interest were identified.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve consent agenda item 1.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes from April 24, 2016

A motion was duly made by Kluis, seconded by Magnus and carried that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chairman was authorized to sign the Audit List dated May 3, 2016 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 149348 – 149499:

County Revenue Fund	\$45,976.68
County Road & Bridge Fund	\$18,329.14
Ditch	\$413.14
Sunrise Terrace	\$1,731.62
 Total	 \$66,450.58

There were no ditch bills for the May 3, 2016 meeting.

Human Services Lease

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair sign the Southwest Health and Human Services Lease agreement.

Auditor/Treasurer Winter gave an update on the 2016 Election Training she attended.

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Amendment No. 2 to Lease No. PS0072 with the Department of Public Safety, Driver and Vehicle Services for a 30' x 75' portion of county parking lot #1 adjacent to the County Historical Museum for the effective period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, further moving to authorize the Board Chair and Auditor-Treasurer to sign the amendment on behalf of the County.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve a subordination agreement for parcel number 06.005.002.1 for a Cottonwood River Septic Lien, further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

A motion was made by Jens, seconded by Magnus 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.

- #2016-021 (CD 54 Lat. 2, 18-Bondin Township, David Thiner)
- #2016-013 (CD 22, 13-Shetek Township, James Jens) An Engineer will review for rip-rap sloughing off, as repair will exceed cap limit.

At 9:30 a.m. the County Board Chair called for the bid opening for the county-wide striping project: CP 01-16.

Company	Bid Amount
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	\$80,242.23
AAA Striping Service	\$71,763.65
Traffic Marking Service, Inc.	\$69,014.01

It was moved by Kluis, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair sign the petrofund reimbursement.

It was moved by Magnus, seconded by Moline and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair, Auditor Treasurer and County Attorney sign contract number 20162 with Knife River Corporation, North Central, for state project numbers: SAP's 051-608-014, 051-629-031, 051-638-024 and CP's 86-16 and 02-16.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve and authorize the Board Chair, Auditor Treasurer and County Attorney sign contract number 20161 with Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp. for project numbers: SAP's 051-602-019, 051-630-023, 051-634-015 and 051-642-01506.

Commissioner Magnus introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2016-05-03-01  
IN SUPPORT OF A STATE WIDE INCREASE IN FUEL TAX DEDICATED TO FUNDING ROAD  
AND BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

**WHEREAS**, the Murray County Board of Commissioners is committed to the maintenance of our road and bridge system; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Legislature is considering methods to increase funding to cover an estimated \$600,000,000 annual shortfall in funding for maintenance and improvements of the state's roads and bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple methods are being considered including increased gas tax, sales tax for automobile and truck parts, increased licensing fees, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase of \$0.16 per gallon for an automobile getting 30 miles per gallon and driving 15,000 miles annually, the cost would be \$80 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, costs for repairs of roads and bridges continue to increase, and, the reconstruction of roads and bridges due to a lack of maintenance far exceeds the cost of regular maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase of \$0.16 per gallon would add an estimated \$480,000,000 to the dedicated highway fund, equivalent to 80% of the current estimated shortfall; and

**WHEREAS**, in a meeting with government leaders April 28, 2016, state representatives requested county commissioners act by resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Murray County Board of Commissioners hereby supports an increase in the Minnesota State Fuel Tax rate of \$0.10 including all fuels as specified by state statute.

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

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Thiner and passed to penalize project SAP 051-599-096 at fifty (50) days in the amount of \$45,000.00.

10:06 a.m. Open Forum/Public Comment – No members of the public were present.

Jean Christoffels met with the County Board regarding Conditional Use Permit #1322 for Sweetman Sand and Gravel to open and operate a gravel pit with temporary asphalt plant and other mining processes in the Agriculture, Shoreland Special Protection and Floodplain Districts, in the SW 1/4 , Section 22, Murray Township. The board received the minutes from the April 21, 2016 public hearing, which included the findings of the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1322 for Sweetman Sand and Gravel to open and operate a gravel pit with temporary asphalt plant and other mining processes in the Agriculture, Shoreland Special Protection and Floodplain Districts, in the SW 1/4, Section 22, Murray Township.

Jean Christoffels met with the County Board regarding Conditional Use Permit #1321, for Todd Miller (Todd Miller was present) to construct, open and operate an Agriculture Service Business, in the Agriculture District, in the NE ¼, Section 36, Skandia Township. The board received the minutes from the April 21, 2016 public hearing, which included the findings of the Planning Commission.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Jens and passed to approve conditional use permit #1322 for Todd Miller to construct, open and operate an Agriculture Service Business with a lagoon, in Agriculture District, in the NE ¼, Section 36, Skandia Township and to add the following special condition to install a fence around the lagoon for safety reasons: 4. The permit holder must install a fence around the perimeter of the lagoon.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve any Commissioner attend the Southwest Health and Human Services in service training on May 4, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in Pipestone.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve changing the tobacco ordinance public hearing to 9:30 a.m. on May 24, 2016.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve appointing Commissioner Thiner as the alternate on the Aging Coordinator Committee.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Kluis and passed to approve adding hiring seasonal employees to the May 10, 2016 special meeting agenda.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Thiner and passed to add tree planting process/staffing to the May 10, 2016 special meeting agenda.

It was moved by Moline, seconded by Magnus and passed to approve the low bid for the county wide striping project # CP 01-16 in the amount of \$69,014.01 and award the project to Traffic Marking Service, Inc.

Janet Timmerman gave an update on the Minnesota Alliance of Local History Conference.

The County Board was introduced to Soil and Water District Manager Kenneth Bickner.

It was moved by Jens, seconded by Moline and passed to approve adding a JD 3 Joint Drainage authority meeting between Murray and Cottonwood County to the May 10, 2016 special meeting agenda.

11:02 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Aurora Heard, County Coordinator

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David Thiner, Chairman of the Board