

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER - SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
November 25, 2025, 8:30 AM**

Pursuant to notice, the Murray County Board of Commissioners convened with the following members present in person: Commissioners; Loy Woelber, Jackie Meier, Mark Carlson, Dennis Welgraven and Roger Zins. Also Present in person were HR Director/Deputy Administrator: Sharon Giese and General Assistant: Renee Gleason.

CALL TO ORDER 8:30 A.M.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

The Board Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest, none were identified. The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, none were added.

It was moved by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve no agenda additions and conflicts of interest.

The Board Chair later recognized there were additional items needing to be added to the agenda:

1. Reschedule the regularly scheduled Commissioner Meeting from December 23, 2025 to December 30, 2025.
2. Sunrise Terrace Oven Quotes - Jessica Staples
3. CodeRED Update - Carl Nyquist

It was moved by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve agenda additions as outlined. Motion passed.

2.1.1. RESCHEDULE COMMISSIONER MEETING - DECEMBER 23, 2025 TO DECEMBER 30, 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to reschedule Board Meeting of December 23, 2025 to December 30, 2025 at the same time and location related to tying up year-end business. Motion passed.

2.1.2. SUNRISE TERRACE OVEN QUOTES

Jessica Staples disbursed updated quotes for the 20 ranges for Sunrise Terrace. This was an agenda item continued from the November 18 board meeting. Updates to quotes were received up until late yesterday afternoon.

M&H could not provide a service agreement beyond the 1-year warranty period.

\$ 12,907.00 Menards - changed from previous meeting, increase of \$500.

\$ 11,500.00 M&H - Option 1 - reduced the price from last quote, if they were a drop-off vs. installation and disposal. Murray County Maintenance Team will do the installation.

\$ 14,500.00 M&H - Option 2 - includes installation.

Selling old ranges? There are a couple that have heat coils not sitting properly and heat element out on one side. The others are in operating order. We could place working ranges in storage at the back of the Recycle Center for now. Carl Nyquist suggested the board make motion declaring the old ranges as surplus equipment and placing them on GOV Deals.

It was moved by Commissioner Mark Carlson to accept Option 1 from M&H as a drop-off sale of 20 units for \$11,500.00. Declare the old ranges as surplus and Carl Nyquist listing on Gov Deals. Power Cords will be purchased at \$15.00 each as determined at installation, seconded by Commissioner Meier. Motion passed.

Board Chair inquired if board included the surplus equipment motion in original motion? In case it was omitted, it was moved by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Zins, to declare old ranges as surplus and Carl Nyquist place on GOV Deals for sale. Motion passed.

2.1.3. CODERED UPDATE

Presenter: Carl Nyquist

CodeRED - Notified by federal government and FEMA, IPAWS is separating from CodeRED because of data breach concerns. IPAWS handles all the alerts for Amber Alerts. CodeRED shut down immediately. Therefore, the county and in-house alert system is not available via CodeRED. Carl Nyquist is working with Murray County cities to find a new vendor. One concern may be CodeRED will not share registered users with the new vendor. So there is a sign-up process to go through again.

3.1. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board Chair outlined there were no Commissioner's Warrants to review this meeting.

4.1.1. DITCH BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the report of bills for payment of the Murray County Drainage Authority as follows:

Rinke Noonan

21-868-6260

Admin	200.00	11/2025 Retainer Fee
Subtotal	200.00	

Total Ditch Bills 200.00

Copy of invoices and petitions was available at the meeting. Motion passed.

4.2.1. DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

Petition 2025-037 CD 21 Ellsborough Township, Section 17, Dist 1-Carlson

Petition 2025-038 CD 89 Holly Township, Section 22, Dist 1-Woelber

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Meier to approve ditch repairs and improvements relating to Petition 2025-037 CD 21 and Petition 2025-038 CD 38. Motion passed.

4.2.2. DITCH ENGINEERING PROJECTS

There are several ditch projects that were expected to move forward this year and have made very little progress. These include the CD 41 improvement, the CD 20 culvert replacement, the JD 14 ditch bank stabilization, and the JD 27 review with Ducks Unlimited. Travis has followed up with Bolton & Menk multiple times, but there has still been no significant movement on these projects.

CD 41 - waiting for bid information, last meeting July 22, 2025

CD 20 - repair, plans have been made

JD 14 - repair, plans have been made

JD 27 - Engineering review should have happened since June 17, 2025 but has not.

Not sure the reason for the delay and calls with supervisors have not produced results. However, the work needs to be completed. Travis will go back and consult with other available firms on these projects but then go back to consult with Bolton & Menk about delays and the other projects.

4.3.1. RACETRACK LIGHTING RFP - BID RESULTS AND AWARD

It was approved to go out for bids to update the racetrack lighting. This past summer, we started seeing significant failures of the lights and something needs to be done before we don't have lights that don't work at all. If more things start to fail, it may be hard or even impossible to find parts to repair anymore due to the age of equipment. Bid opening was held November 18 in the Auditor's office.

SS Electric	\$345,880.00
Engelkes Electric	\$345,880.00
Musco Lighting	\$379,116.28

SS Electric and Engelkes Electric are willing to work together on this project. The project is large enough for two contractors. The budget includes \$250,000.00 for this project. However, the bids have come in over budget. We could use the balance of the budget to do this project and then delay the horticulture building project. However, checking with Auditor's office there are miscellaneous funds available to cover the overage and still proceed with the horticulture building project.

It was thought per original discussions we would see better budget estimates for this project. However, because of the lighting requirements outlined, the additional costs support estimate. Because it is felt the project needs to be completed properly the first time, we still should continue with current lighting requirements. However, the original budget number was determined from estimates from several years ago.

Heidi Winter consulted with Travis Smith, County Attorney, on two vendors coming in on the exact same bid amount and working together on project. However, he has not provided his feedback yet. This agenda item will be tabled until such time as Travis Smith provides feedback of how contract can be achieved with two contractors working on the same project. Agenda item will be placed on December 2 board agenda.

4.3.2. MAKOTAH RECONCILIATION AND HEALING HORSE RIDE

Speakers: Justin Hoffmann and Bob Ossefoort

The annual Makotah Reconciliation and Healing Horse Ride will be coming through Slayton on December 19th. They would like to rent the 4H building to stay in overnight on December 19th. When someone rents our facilities, we typically require a certificate of insurance. This organization is requesting the county waive the insurance certificate requirement. Their plan is to put their horses in the horse arena overnight while they are staying in the 4H building.

There was discussion of the same type with last year's event. Then it was the county's direction to continue to require the certificate of liability. The organization may not have access to any liability insurance. Could the organization consult with Draft Horse Show organizers to understand their insurance coverage on file and consult with their provider?

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, second by Commissioner Woelber to approve rental of the fairgrounds for the Makotah Reconciliation and Healing Horse ride on December 19 & 20, 2025, pending the organization provides an insurance certificate of liability. Motion passed.

It is the hope of the board the event can proceed with assistance in researching an insurance provider. If an insurance certificate provided, Commissioner Carlson stated he will secure the donations to cover the rental fee of the fairgrounds for the organization.

5. ADJOURNMENT - MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 9:15 A.M.

ATTEST:



Sharon Giese, HR Director/Deputy Administrator



Dennis Welgraven, Board Chair