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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER - SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
February 3, 2026, 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, County Attorney Travis Smith, and General Assistant Renee Gleason.

1. - Opening

1.1. - Pledge of Allegiance

2. - Approve Agenda

2.1. - Agenda Additions

The Board Chair asked if there were any additions to the agenda, none were added

2.2. - Identify Any Conflict of Interest

The Board Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest, none were identified.

It was moved by Commissioner Welgraven, seconded by Commissioner Zins, to approve the agenda for 02-03-2026. Motion passed.

3. - Consent Agenda

3.1. - Approve Minutes from 01/27/2026

3.2. - Commissioner Warrants

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Inquiry was made about the BK Designs payment. Heidi Winter explained this was for lettering on a sheriff's dept vehicle. In addition an inquiry about NR Signs - these are specialty signs we can't make in-house.

It was moved by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven, to approve the consent agenda - meeting minutes of 01-27-2026 and commissioner warrants 179133-179187 for 02-03-2026 in the amount of \$84,798.49. Motion Passed.

Later was clarified the BK Designs payment was for decals of both a sheriff's dept vehicle and a county vehicle. In addition, NR Signs were for some season signs for campsite at Current Lake.

4. - Regular Agenda

4.1. - Murray County Medical Center - Luke Schryvers



People

- Director of Nurses – We received a resignation notice from Monica Van Otterloo, Director of Nurses that she will be leaving her position as of March 13th. Monica has been a strong leader for our organization for many years, and I truly appreciate everything she has done for MCMC. We have posted the position to find her replacement and will be starting the interview process over the next 30 days.
- SOAR Program – We have an opportunity for staff to participate in the SOAR Leadership Accelerator Program through collaboration with Medisota. The program is designed for new health care leaders to learn how to confidently lead their teams and grow to the next level in their roles. Ashley Haskin, Clinic Manager, will be participating in the cohort starting in March.

Growth

- X-ray replacement – The design phase of the project is complete and now we are awaiting the review and approval from the State of MN. Construction is still projected to start this summer.
- MRI – Unfortunately, we have encountered an issue with our transition to the mobile MRI service. The power necessary to run the mobile unit onsite was disconnected and we need to work with Xcel Energy to reconnect the meter. A few exams were referred to other locations, and we are hoping to have the service running shortly.

Financials

- Rural Health Transformation Program – State of MN was awarded \$193 million for the first year of the program. We are still waiting for further application details from the State. Key initiatives for the program in year 1 include:
 - Community-Based Preventative Care and Chronic Disease Management
 - Chronic disease management and health, and remote patient monitoring
 - Invest in Technology, Infrastructure, and Collaboration for Financial Viability
 - Exploration of joining clinically integrated networks or other collaborative models for payment reform, investments to improve efficiencies and promote population health, investments for care coordination software tools.
- Insurance Renewals – We had our annual renewal meeting with our representatives from Marsh McLennan Agency on December 22nd. Overall, we saw a very small increase of less than 1% from the previous year. The largest increases were in property at 5% and auto at 7%. D&O coverage decreased by another 9% this year.
- Chargemaster and Pricing Review – We completed our department level reviews on January 12th-14th with Clifton Larsen Allen. It has been several years since our last chargemaster and pricing review and we have added a number of new service lines since that point. We have a follow-up results and action planning meeting scheduled for February 5th.

Statistics

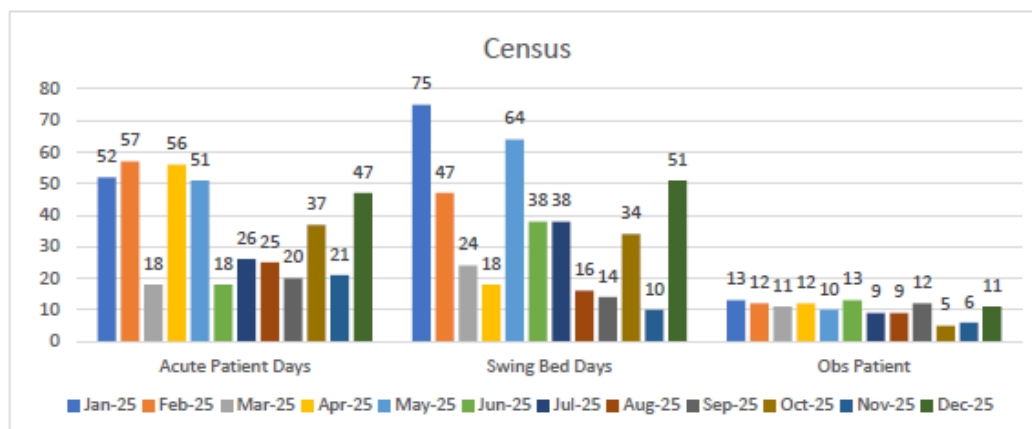
- Acute - 17 admissions for 47 total patient days. YTD numbers are 34 less admissions and 159 days less compared to 2024 YTD.
- Swing bed had 6 admits for 51 total patient days. YTD, we have still had 3 more admissions but were down 24 days from the prior year.
- Observation stays were at 11 patients compared to 12 last year. YTD we are -6 patients
- Surgery procedures were at 36 for the month compared to 30 the previous year. YTD we are at 434 total procedures or 35 more than the prior year.
- ER visits were 128, which was 16 less than last December. YTD, we have had 1,436 visits, which is down 214 YTD.
- Clinic visits were at 757. That is 37 less than the previous year. YTD we are +95 visits.

Balance Sheet

- Our overall cash position increased by **\$943,948**. We currently have a total cash available of **\$10,505,810**
- We saw an increase in patient receivables of **\$78,842** and total receivables are at **\$6,176,537**
 - Net Patient Receivables (Amount we expect to collect) = **\$3,101,333** or 50.2%
 - AR Days decreased by 2.8 days and currently sit at **66** days. Goal is to be under **50** days

Income Statement

- Gross revenue was \$3,221,938 & above budget by \$410,855
 - Hospital IP revenue below budget by **\$22,688**
 - Hospital OP revenue above budget by **\$375,001**
 - Clinic revenue above budget by **\$58,542**
- Contractual adjustments higher than budget by **\$242,840**
- Expenses are higher than budget by **\$53,247**
- EBIDA (Earnings before interest, depreciation, and amortization) = **\$230,596**
- For the month we had a net income equal to **\$287,903**. YTD net loss equals **\$46,485**



MCMC is celebrating their 75 years of receiving their first patient on February 1. So they have some mini-events for that occasion this week. But on June 3, MCMC will have a community cook-out celebration.

Because other speakers/presenters are not present yet and the public bid opening is not scheduled till 9:00 a.m., the Board Chair called recess at 8:42 till 9:00 a.m. Board Chair called the meeting back to order at 9:00 a.m.

4.2. - 9:00 a.m. Public Bid Opening: Motor Pool Garage Project

Murray County advertised for bids for the construction of a new Motor Pool Garage to support County fleet operations. Bid specifications and construction drawings were approved previously by the Board, and the project was publicly advertised in accordance with County and State requirements. Sealed bids were on February 3, 2026, and opened at the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. This was the opening and reading of bids only. Staff will review the bids for completeness, responsiveness, and compliance with the bid documents following the bid opening.

MURRAY COUNTY MOTOR POOL GARAGE PROJECT					
February 3, 2026					
Bidder Name	Base Bid	Alt 1 - LP SmartSide	Alt 2 - LP SmartSide	Alt 3 - LP SmartSide	Alt 4 - LP SmartSide
		Exterior	Interior		
		☒	☒		
Greg Arp Construction	\$ 310,348.25	\$ 3,685.22	\$ 5,052.67	\$	\$
Prairie Winds Construction	\$ 207,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$	\$
B&H Excavating	\$ 289,083.34	\$ 8,013.74	\$ 6,838.05	\$	\$
Joe Scheier Construction	\$ 227,915.00	\$ 6,726.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$	\$

A building and facilities committee meeting will be scheduled to review the bids and prepare a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

4.3. - Summer Internship Program - SW MN Private Industry Council

Maria Peters - SW MN Private Industry Council provided an overview the program.

Further discussion on the Summer Internship Program through SW MN Private Industry Council on business community and Murray County support of the program.

Last program year, we had 15 paid internships offered within 2 years. Investors Choice actually wanted to exceed the 29-hour internship, so they took that intern on as an employee. Keeping in mind many of these internships are placed with Murray County and Murray County Medical Center. To cost share with the business community, a flat fee could be assessed to each business participating. It is assumed the MCMC may have foundation money, although it was not budgeted by them.

Because this wasn't provided for in the budget, we could use some Murray County EDA funds available to provide our share of this program.

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Woelber, to approve (5) internship positions for 2026 through SW MN Private Industry Council, with a business participation requirement of \$2,750.00 and a total appropriation of \$15,830.00 from Murray County. The Murray County appropriation will be funded from the EDA General Fund 01-880-880. If a business is not willing to pay the participation fee, they will be denied participation. Motion Passed.

Again, this is an appropriation for the program and SW MN Private Industry Council will administer the program.

4.4. - Heidi Winter - Auditor/Treasurer

4.4.1. - Ditch Bills

There were no ditch bills at this time.

Board Chair Carlson called a RECESS at 8:42 a.m., other attendees not available yet and Public Bid Opening not scheduled till 9:00 a.m.

Board Chair Carlson called meeting back into session at 8:59 a.m.

4.5. - Randy Groves - County Engineer

4.5.1. - Bid Results: Project SAP 051-638-033

Project is for the replacement of a centerline culvert on CSAH 38 near Robbins Slough.

Motion by Commissioner Woelber and second by Commissioner Welgraven to accept and award project SAP 051-638-033 replacement of a centerline culvert on CSAH 38 near Robbins Slough to the lowest bidder, Midwest Contracting, LLC. for their bid amount of \$122,521.70. Motion passed.

Bid Name	Total
Engineer's Estimate	\$113,739.50
Midwest Contracting, LLC	\$122,521.70
Towne & Country Excavating LLC	\$129,179.00
A&C Excavating, LLC	\$149,905.20
Duininck, Inc.	\$166,986.60
Boulder Creek, Inc.	\$191,730.00

4.5.2. - Approve Chanarambie Twp. Agreement

This agreement is for the replacement of township culverts on 91st Street between Sections 18 & 19.

Motion by Commissioner Zins and second by Commissioner Woelber to approve and sign the Bridge Replacement Agreement with Chanarambie Township.

4.5.3. - Approve Construction Contract: Greystone Construction for Salt & Sand Shed

This is the Phase II Construction Contract for the salt/sand shed at the highway department. This was a state bid contract.

Motion by and second by to approve and sign the construction contract with Greystone

Construction for the Phase II Construction Contract salt & sand shed at the highway department for the amount of \$365,565.00.

4.5.4. - 2026 Equipment Purchase Request

This equipment request is for items included in the 2026 highway department budget. Each item was explained with the circumstances surrounding the reason for purchase with the Board. These figures do not include trade-in prices, as this surplus equipment will be placed on an online auction. Even without the trade-in value, the prices were still \$28,000.00 below budget.

Motion by and second by to approve the purchase of 2026 highway department equipment as shown on the below 2026 Equipment Purchase Request form.

2026 Equipment Purchase Request

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Dealer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Trade Value</u>
2026 1-ton pickup gas	Chevrolet Silverado	Karl Auto Group	\$ 49,258.33	
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Road Broom	Broce FMJ470	Road Machinery & Supplies	\$ 107,219.00	\$ (11,500)
Mower Tractor	Case/IH Maxxum 125	Miller/Sellner	\$ 154,656.56	
75" Swing Flail Mower	RSF075-C	Trueman Welters	\$ 24,102.00	
Truck Pup Trailer	TP3HTRC Tri Axle	Towmaster	\$ 68,892.00	
8' Skid Loader Snow Pusher	Fits our Skid Steers	Ahlers Welding & Fabrication	\$ 1,100.00	

* These items will replace equipment that will be placed at a future auction

Total Equipm

4.5.5. - MnDOT Partnership Award

Murray County received the MnDOT Partnership Award in part for sharing our salt/sand shed this winter.

5. - Committee Reports 01/18 to 01/31/2026

Woelber

01/20 Commissioner

01/27 Commissioner

01/27 thru 01/29 Drainage Conference

Meier

01/20 Commissioner

01/21 SWHHS

01/22 Fair Board Advisory

01/23 Fair Board

01/26 MC Safety

01/27 Commissioner, ACE - Dementia Awareness

01/28 Hospital

01/29 ACE Joint Powers

Carlson

01/20 Commissioner, Data Center

01/27 Commissioner, Personnel

01/30 Cornerstone Drug Court Seminar

Zins

01/20 Commissioner, SMOC, Data Center

01/22 Fair Board Advisory

01/23 Fair Board

01/26 Western Mental Health

01/27 Commissioner, Personnel

01/28 Radio Board - no quorum, so another mtg 02/04/2026

01/29 SMOC Moving

Welgraven

01/20 Commissioner

01/21 SWHHS, SWHHS Personnel

01/26 Solid Waste, MN Rural Energy

01/27 Commissioner

01/28 Hospital

It was mentioned there is a Nobles County Public Hearing scheduled for 02/04/2026 at 5:30 in Worthington. Many of the commissioners are unable to attend, but Sharon Giese plans on attending to get more perspective on the public's input.

There was discussion today regarding per diem for the Fair Board Advisory Committee meeting. Jackie stated there are official meetings and County Board Commissioners are present. It is felt that per diem should be paid for this meeting. Although no others serving on this board do receive a per diem. It is agreed that the Fair Board Advisory Committee as a commissioner should be paid per diem. It was decided long ago that other Fair Board Advisory members would not receive a per diem. Unsure of the reason for that decision. Board of Commissioners should receive per diem for this meeting.

Commissioner Woelber wanted to reiterate the need to discuss county building utilization, selling of property, and timelines in an upcoming Building and Facilities Meeting.

6. - Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Sharon Giese, HR Director/Deputy Administrator Mark Carlson, Board Chair