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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CENTER - SLAYTON, MINNESOTA**

March 17, 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 and General Assistant Renee Gleason; County Attorney Travis Smith via Zoom.

Please be advised, in accordance with MN Statue 13D.02, Commissioner Jackie Meier attended this meeting remotely via Zoom due to personal travel. Therefore, audio and video connections were confirmed. All votes taken during this meeting were via roll call vote.

MEETING WAS CALL TO ORDER AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 A.M.

1.1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.1. AGENDA ADDITIONS

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

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven, to approve the 03/17/2026 agenda with no additions.

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay, Motion passed.

Woelber: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Zins: Aye

Meier: Aye

Carlson: Aye

2.2. IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

3.1. APPROVE MINUTES FROM 03/03/2026

3.2. COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

It was moved by Commissioner Welgraven, seconded by Commissioner Woelber that all claims as presented and meeting minutes for 03/03/2026 were approved. The Chair was authorized to sign the Audit List dated March 17, 2026 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 179442 through 179515, and ET 88666.

General Revenue Fund	53,396.96
Road & Bridge	65,334.83
EDA	587.99
Ditch	1,156.09
<u>Self Insurance</u>	246.14
Sunrise Terrace	2,321.35
SAWS	553.06
Total	\$123,596.42

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Zins: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Woelber: Aye

Meier: Aye

Carlson: Aye

4.1.1. 2026 RENEWALS FOR 3.2 MALT LIQUOR AND SEASONAL LIQUOR LICENSE

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Woelber to approve the following county 3.2 Beer and Liquor License Renewals for 2026, contingent upon receipt of all paperwork received in the Office of the Auditor-Treasurer.

- Liquor "On Sale" and Sunday "On Sale" License No. 3 to Rolling Hills Golf Club, Inc (4/1/2026 to 1/1/2027)
- 3.2 Malt Liquor "On Sale" License No. 6 to Rolling Hills Golf Club, Inc (4/7/2026 to 4/6/2027)
- 3.2 Malt Liquor "Off Sale" License No. 9 to Chandler Cooperative d/b/a Cenex Convenience Store (4/7/2026 to 4/6/2027)
- 3.2 Malt Liquor "On and Off Sale" License No. 4 to Staples Oil Company, Inc. d/b/a/ Staples Oil Company (4/7/2026 to 4/6/2027)

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Woelber: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Zins: Aye

Meier: Aye

Carlson: Aye

4.1.1. DITCH BILLS

There were no ditch bills as of the time the packets went out and this meeting. No ditch bills required approval at this time.

4.3.1. 2026 AIS WATERCRAFT INSPECTION CONTRACT

Last year, 2025, was the first contract with Waterfront Restoration for inspectors to conduct inspections at multiple boat launches in Murray County on Lake Shetek, Lake Sarah, Bloody Lake, Fulda First Lake, and Fulda Second Lake. The total inspector hours for Murray County for 2025 was 948 in 2025; things went very well and the inspectors did a great job. A copy of the Minnesota wide Partner Inspection Summary 2025 report has been included.

It is moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven and authorized County Board Chair Mark Carlson to sign the contract with Waterfront Restoration to hire watercraft inspectors to provide inspections and boater education services at Murray County public boat launches for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 from Account #01-629-6260.

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Meier: Aye

Zins: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Woelber: Aye

Carlson: Aye

4.3.2. RACING ASSOCIATION LEASE AGREEMENT

The racing association has been on a 2-year cycle for their lease agreements with Murray County. Their current lease agreement has expired, and they would like to renew it for another 2 years. A meeting was held with the racing association and a representative of the fair board and there are no proposed changes for the next 2-year term. Hedi Winter added the only expenses for Murray County are the grandstand and concession stand electrical costs and with the \$1.00 per ticket and \$100.00 per race. The county is almost breaking even with expenses by a little over \$1,000.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Zins, to approve to renew the racing association lease agreement for the 2026 and 2027 racing seasons.

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Woelber: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Zins: Aye

Meier: Aye

Carlson: Aye

Justin Hoffmann provided an update on the racetrack lighting project: They are making good progress, and some additional materials were delivered recently. Some boring was done last Friday. They were hoping to remove the lights this week. Excel Energy needed to set a new pole with a transformer. They are making good progress.

4.3.3. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

All of the items are going to be replaced by new equipment already approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Welgraven, seconded by Commissioner Woelber to deem the following list of highway department equipment as surplus and authorize the sale of the equipment at public auction:

1. Unit 51 – 2012 International 7600 Plow truck with plow equipment VIN #1HTGRSJTXDJ174461
2. Unit 17 – 2010 Ford F250 Crew Cab Pickup VIN #1FTSW2B56AEA40003
3. Unit 41 – 2012 Chevrolet 2500 Extended Cab Pickup VIN #1GC2KVC6D2132660
4. Unit 81 – 1998 John Deere 6410 tractor with mowing equipment VIN #L064101218875
5. Front mounted Ripper attachment for a John Deere motor grader

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Zins: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Woelber: Aye

Meier: Aye

Carlson: Aye

4.3.4. DEFICIENT BRIDGES RESOLUTION

Roughly each year the resolution on deficient bridges is updated. This resolution is required to receive bridge funding to replace bridge and culvert structures. There are still a couple township bridges scheduled for replacement/repairs. The balance of the township bridges have been addressed.

Commissioner Woelber presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03-17-01
Resolution on Deficient Bridges

WHEREAS, Murray County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by local citizenry and local units of government, and

WHEREAS, Murray County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following bridges are high priorities for replacement, major rehabilitation, or removal, and Murray County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available; and

Old Bridge Number	Road Number and Name	Crossing	LPI	Total Project Cost	Township or State Bridge Funds Requested	Federal Funds	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Const. Year
L1555	CSAH 33	Stream	44	\$500,000	\$400,000		\$100,000	2027
L1556	CSAH 33	Stream	42	\$700,000	\$620,000		\$80,000	2027
Less 10'	Twp Rd 91 st St	Stream	NA	\$400,000	\$380,000		20,000	2027
92397	County Road 71	Stream	55	\$400,000	\$350,000		\$50,000	2028
Less 10'	County Road 71	Stream	NA	\$400,000	\$350,000		\$50,000	2028
7932	CSAH 4	Stream	57	\$700,000	\$350,000		\$350,000	2029
51505	CSAH 4	Stream	51	\$700,000	\$350,000		\$350,000	2029
51508	CSAH 3	Stream	48	\$1,275,000		\$1,050,000	\$225,000	2030
51509	CSAH 3	Stream	52	\$1,050,000		\$850,000	\$200,000	2030
L1598	Twp Rd 71 st St	Stream	55	\$600,000	\$520,000		\$20,000	2030
L1591	Twp Rd 70 th Ave	Stream	61	\$400,000	\$380,000		\$20,000	2030

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Murray County does hereby requests authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Murray County does hereby requests financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law. The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Zins and there upon being put to a vote all members of the Board voted for its adoption.

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Zins: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Woelber: Aye

Meier: Aye

Carlson: Aye

4.3.5. AGENCY AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION

This resolution will accompany the Agency Agreement with MnDOT for advancing the 2027 federal aid projects to this year, 2026. The federally funded and state aid funded projects will be constructed in one contract this summer.

Commissioner Zins presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03-17-02
Resolution for Agency Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Murray County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation-related projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman and the Auditor are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of Murray County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation MnDOT Contract Number 1062555," a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Welgraven and there, upon being put to a vote, all members of the Board voted for its adoption.

Along with the approval of Resolution 2026-03-17-02 the agreement, State of MN Agenda Agreement for Federal Participation in Advance Construction was authorized to be signed. The projects related to this resolution and agreement are CSAH 2, 16, 30, and 34 Bituminous Overlay, State Project 051-602-021/051-634-016/51-616-008/051-630-024, and in Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") records as Minnesota Project STBG 5126(216).

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Meier: Aye

Woelber: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Zins: Aye

Carlson: Aye

4.5.4. SET BID OPENING DATES

These projects will complement our 2026 construction program. Overlays will consist of federally funded CSAH 2 & 34 highways, and state aid funded CSAH 16 & 30 highways. Seal coat and fog seal will be on CSAH 17, 22, 45 & Mason Twp. Lake Shetek Drive. Striping of roads will be on the west half of the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welgraven, seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the bid opening for overlay projects SP 051-602-021, SP 051-634-016, SAP 051-616-008 & SAP 051-630-024 for 9:00 AM on April 16, 2026.

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Woelber: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Zins: Aye

Meier: Aye

Carlson: Aye

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven, to approve the bid opening for seal coat & fog seal project SAP 051-030-004 for 9:05 AM on April 16, 2026

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Zins: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Woelber: Aye

Meier: Aye

Carlson: Aye

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Meier to approve the bid opening for striping project CP 02-26 for 9:10 AM on April 16, 2026.

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Meier: Aye

Zins: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Woelber: Aye

Carlson: Aye

The bid submittals will be shared with Board of Commissioners at April 21, 2026 regular meeting. Bidding is all done electronically now and has been working well. Many more counties will be moving in this direction.

The road project through Fulda, Commissioner Zins asked about starting this earlier as the City portion of this project is close to completion. Randy Groves stated the language in the contract will state, start date of July 16, 2026 or sooner if the project is ready.

Randy Groves provided an update on the Dike Project. The anticipated work to be completed this spring is:

- All surfaces will get a final lift.
- Signage
- The area between the trail and the road itself on the dikes will be finished with a gravel shoulder, grass, and final restoration.

Contract completion date was last fall, but they did complete some extra work last fall. So we will extend their completion date a little, but they are still late and liquidated damages will be applied.

Commissioner Woelber asked about Deer Path Road and Eastlick Trail road background. These are not township or county roads but are private. There has been some concern about need for gravel on these roads. The residents on these roads can request the township to take ownership of them.

County plows generally go out at 6:00 a.m. during a snow event. However, we have four trucks in the shop with electrical issues. They are newer trucks too. Then if there are some drivers out for the day, the other drivers will cover those roads.

4.5.5. CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT - PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee seat for District 3 is currently vacant. This is a (3) year term position and should have started January of 2026. However, no applications were previously received.

Motion is made by Commissioner Welgraven, seconded by Commissioner Zins to appoint Jeff Cheskie to the Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for balance of term representing District 3, term ending January 2029.

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye; 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Zins: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Woelber: Aye

Meier: Aye

Carlson: Aye

4.6.2. 2026-2028 ANIMAL POUND AGREEMENT

This was the same agreement the Board of Commissioners approved 10/22/2022 for 2023-2024 and signed by all parties. No changes were made. The pound is located on Broadway Avenue, in Slayton.

It was moved by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven to approve the cooperative 2026-2028 Animal Pound Agreement with City of Slayton, City of Fulda, Murray County and Steven Erickson as outlined.

Roll Call Vote: 5 = Aye, 0 = Nay; Motion passed.

Meier: Aye

Woelber: Aye

Welgraven: Aye

Zins: Aye

Carlson: Aye

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS 03/01 TO 03/14/2026

Zins

03/03 Commissioner

Welgraven

03/02 SEDS

03/03 Commissioner/Building/EDA

03/04 Broadband

03/10 Township Day/EDA

03/11 Extension

Carlson

03/02 SEDS

03/03 Commissioner/Building

03/04 Broadband

03/09 SAWS

03/10 Township Day

03/11 Extension

03/12 Casey Jones

Woelber

03/03 Commissioner

03/06 RCRCA

03/10 Township Day

Meier

03/03 Commissioner/EDA

03/09 Watershed

03/12 Casey Jones/State Advisory Board-SWHHS

In addition, Board Chair Carlson announced there will be a Casey Jones Gala held 4/11 at the Hadley Community Center with a 1920's Speak-Easy theme. Fulda Area Bid Band will be the entertainment. Tickets are available through any Casey Jones Board member.

Commissioner Welgraven asked Randy Groves about an Area Transportation Partnership. Randy had previously sent information on this committee to the commissioners because it lacks representation from our area. This would provide an opportunity for us to express concerns about road conditions in our area. We should be able to contact Megan DeShepper regarding getting an invitation to this meeting. Randy will forward the previous email with the details.

MEETING WAS ADJORNED AT APPROXIMATELY 9:11 A.M.

ATTEST:

Sharon Giese, HR Director/Deputy Administrator

Mark Carlson, Board Chair