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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER - SLAYTON, MINNESOTA April 7, 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

BOARD CHAIR CALLED MEETING TO ORDER AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 A.M.

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 Meier, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven and passed to approve the agenda for April 7, 2026 with no conflicts of interest.

3. - Consent Agenda

3.1. - Approve Minutes from 03/24/2026

3.2. - Commissioner Warrants

3.2.1. - Commissioner Warrants

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Woelber that all claims as presented were approved for payment. The Chair was authorized to sign the Audit List dated April 7, 2026 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 179574 through 179620 and ET 88974; further approving the meeting minutes of 03/24/2026. Motion passed.

General Revenue Fund	36,560.78
Road & Bridge	9,395.07
Self Insurance	84.75
Sunrise Terrace	447.81
Total	<u>\$46,488.41</u>

4. - Regular Agenda

4.1. - Luke Schryvers - Murray County Medical Center



People

- Director of Nurses – I am happy to announce that Courtney Bonnstetter will be our next Director of Nurses here at MCMC. Courtney is currently a Director of Nurses in a long-term care facility and has remained on as a casual RN here. Her official first day in the role is scheduled for Monday, May 4th. Amber will be interim until then and Monica has agreed to help with orientation and provide a smooth transition for Courtney into the role.
- Medical Student Rotation - Clara Lucero, University of MN Medical student, spent her first of 3 weeklong rotations here at MCMC the week of March 9th. She spent much of her time in the clinic with Dr Sanchez and had a great first experience. She will be back again on April 27th.

Quality

- Cyber Incident Notices – MCMC experienced a Business Email Compromise incident in August of 2025. After working with our cyber liability carrier on the investigation, the facility was required to notify all patients, staff, and vendors whose data was potentially exposed as a result of the breach. The notices were mailed out by Kroll on Friday, March 6th and explain the actions that were taken and precautionary steps that people can take if they are involved in the situation. MCMC took additional steps to strengthen our cyber posture when the issue was identified, and we continue to monitor cyber threats proactively.

Growth

- Ambulance Service – After our last board meeting, we continue to evaluate the ambulance service and different options that are available. We have posted for 2 additional staffed EMT positions to help cover office duties and call coverage. We met with EMS staff on March 10th to discuss staffing and different models of operation. We will continue to evaluate additional options and changes over the next several months.

Financials

- Rural Health Transformation Program – The grant application was released from the Minnesota Department of Health. The hospital will be eligible for a grant of up to \$1.4 million in year 1 of the program. The application is due May 15th and the funds need to be used by Sept 30, 2027. All projects need to fit within the 5 criteria's determined by MDH and approved prior to moving forward. Projects will need to be implemented, and all metrics need to be met for funds to be reimbursed.

Misc.

- Legislative Session– Currently there has been 83 bills introduced that pertain to hospitals in the State of MN so far this year.

Statistics

Another strong month in February puts us in a great position to start 2026. Patient demand for services continues to be strong across the board.

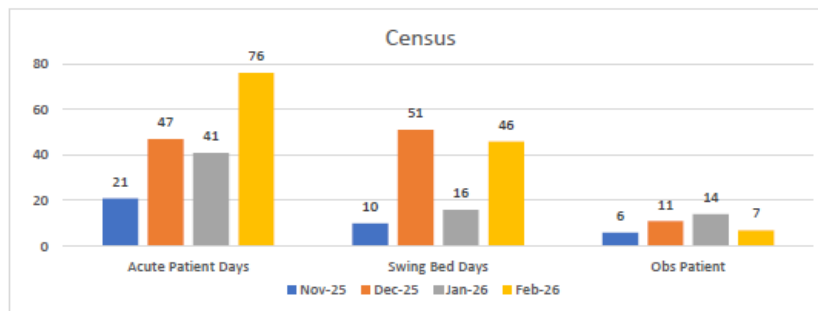
- Acute - 23 admissions for 76 total patient days. Compared to last February that was 6 more admissions and 19 more patient days
- Swing bed had 5 admits for 46 total patient days. Compared to last February that was 1 less admission and 1 less day.
- Observation stays were at 7 patients compared to 12 last year.
- Surgery procedures were at 44 for the month compared to 39 the previous year.
- ER visits were 138, which was 16 more than last February.
- Clinic visits were at 669. That is 73 less than the previous year.

Balance Sheet

- Our overall cash position decreased by \$220,759 We currently have a total cash available of \$9,787,999
- We saw an increase in patient receivables of \$902,091 and total receivables are at \$7,519,228
 - Net Patient Receivables (Amount we expect to collect) = \$3,950,481 or 52.5%
 - AR Days increased by 2.4 days and currently sit at 73.3 days. Goal is to be under 50 days

Income Statement

- Gross revenue was \$3,154,306 & above budget by \$403,962
 - Hospital IP revenue above budget by \$59,179
 - Hospital OP revenue above budget by \$370,635
 - Clinic revenue below budget by \$25,851
- Contractual adjustments higher than budget by \$205,126
- Expenses are lower than budget by \$38,450
- EBIDA (Earnings before interest, depreciation, and amortization) = \$247,070
- For the month we had a net income equal to \$196,548. YTD, we have a net income of \$289,718



4.2. - Jessica Staples - Sunrise Terrace Director

4.2.1. - Sunrise Terrace - Flooring and Dining Room Chairs

The Sunrise Terrace dining room carpet and dining room chairs are original from when the facility was built in 1997. It was budgeted in 2026 to replace the flooring and dining room chairs. Quotes for flooring were solicited from Jim's Carpet Outlet and VanderStoep Furniture and Flooring. However, we could only find one local vendor that carried the 35 non-cloth material chairs with arms as needed.

It was moved by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven and passed to approve a quote of \$7,383.69 from Jim's Carpet Outlet for flooring in the Sunrise Terrace Dining Room (account code: 55-890-6304).

It was moved by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Meier and passed to approve the purchase of 35 dining room chairs from Rune's Furniture for the quoted price of \$8,528.63 (account code: 55-890-6480) crediting the

sales tax rate difference from 7.875% to 6.875%. Heidi Winters confirmed if the county is purchasing for Sunrise Terrace, which is private sector entity, then we would be charged sales tax.

4.3. - Heidi Winter - Auditor/Treasurer

4.3.1. - Subordination Requests for Septic Liens

Murray County has a septic loan program to improve and upgrade failing septic systems. These loans are paid back as special assessments on the property taxes. A lien is also filed on the property. Occasionally, a lender will request the county subordinate and let their mortgage go ahead of the county lien, typically with a refinancing or new mortgage for improvements to the property. This loan term is 4% for 10 years.

Approval of a subordination agreement for septic lien and authorization for Auditor-Treasurer to sign the subordination agreement on behalf of Murray County.

It was moved by Commissioner Woelber, seconded by Commissioner Zins and passed to approve a subordination agreement for Murray County Tax Parcel ID# 04-014-0041 for a Murray County Septic Lien (Recorded Document #273143), further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Meier and passed to approve a subordination agreement for Murray County Tax Parcel ID # 20-012-0050 for a Murray County Septic Lien (Recorded Document # 273236), further moving to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

4.3.2. - Approval of 2026-2027 Liquor Licenses

It was moved by Commissioner Welgraven, seconded by Commissioner Zins and passed to approve the following county Liquor Licenses for 2026-27, contingent upon receipt of all paperwork received in the Office of the Auditor-Treasurer:

- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 2 (Renewal) to VBS, LLC d/b/a Key Largo
- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 4 (Renewal) to Breezy Point Tavern, LLC d/b/a Breezy Point Tavern
- “On Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 5 (Renewal) to Painted Prairie Vineyard, LLC d/b/a Painted Prairie Vineyard
- “On and Off Sale & Sunday Liquor” License No. 7 (Renewal) to Valhalla Island Investments, Inc d/b/a Pelican Cove
- “Off Sale Liquor” License No. 1 to Pump N Pak RV Inc d/b/a The Store

4.3.3. - Ditch Bills

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

Bolton & Menk

21-706-6260	CD 41	9,331.00	CD 41 Improvement - Engineering
21-861-6260	JD 27	350.00	JD 27 Partial Abdn-Engineering
Subtotal		9,681.00	

Cottonwood County Auditor-Treasurer (Cross County Ditch Expenses)

21-805-6312	JD 3	1,250.43	2024 Shared Ditch Expenses	65.40%
21-809-6312	JD 5	5.95	2024 Shared Ditch Expenses	96.30%
21-841-6312	JD 18	1,299.56	2024 Shared Ditch Expenses	5.00%
21-853-6312	JD 22	10.58	2024 Shared Ditch Expenses	95.10%
21-855-6312	JD 23	392.00	2024 Shared Ditch Expenses	85.30%
21-857-6312	JD 24	45.14	2024 Shared Ditch Expenses	91.65%
21-865-6312	JD 38	229.77	2024 Shared Ditch Expenses	16.00%
Subtotal		3,233.43		

Total Ditch Bills 12,914.43

Copies of invoices were available at the meeting or by calling Heidi Winter 507-836-1152.

4.4. - Travis Radke - Ditch Inspector

4.4.1. - Ditch Inspection Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Woelber and passed, 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.

Petition 2026-005	JD 14	Leeds Township	Section 19	District 2 - Carlson
Petition 2026-006	JD 14	Leeds Township	Section 20	District 2 - Carlson
Petition 2026-007	CD 65	Dovray Township	Section 6	District 1 – Woelber

Travis Radke also shared CD 41 is out for bids and there is quite a bit of interest in the project.

4.5. - Jean Christoffels - Zoning/Environmental Administrator

4.5.1. - Muecke Sand & Gravel Inc Interim Use Permit (NE1/4)

The Public Hearing was held by the Murray County Planning Commission on March 19, 2026, for this interim use permit application:

Applicant: Muecke Sand & Gravel, Inc.

Property Location: Part of NE1/4, Section 1, Belfast Township, Murray County

Application: To open and operate a gravel mining operation in the Agriculture District.

There was some concern about the road traffic at public hearing but were assured the road is only used specifically when required to go in that direction. If there is concern, the landowner will be contacting Muecke Sand & Gravel directly.

It was moved by Commissioner Woelber, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven and passed to approve Interim Use Permit #1434 for Muecke Sand & Gravel, Inc. to open and operate a gravel mining operation in the Agriculture District, in Part of NE1/4, Section 1, Belfast Township, Murray County with the findings and eight (8) special conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.

4.5.2. - Muecke Sand & Gravel Inc Interim Use Permit (NW1/4)

The Public Hearing was held by the Murray County Planning Commission on March 19, 2026, for this interim use permit application:

Applicant: Muecke Sand & Gravel, Inc.

Location: Part of NW1/4, Section 1, Belfast Township, Murray County

Application: To open and operate a gravel mining operation in the Agriculture, Shoreland Overlay, and Floodplain Overlay Districts

There was concerns brought forth by Murray County Soil & Water and the impacts to the wetlands. A representative from Murray County Soil & Water was not present at the public hearing and submitted comments in writing near deadline. The near deadline submittal was due to a delayed response from the State of Minnesota. So the Planning Commission added a 9th special condition related to Muecke Sand & Gravel required to work with Murray County Soil & Water to resolve any concerns. An agreement has already been signed by both parties.

It was moved by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Woelber and passed to approve Interim Use Permit #1436 for Muecke Sand & Gravel, Inc. to open and operate a gravel mining operation in the Agriculture, Shoreland Overlay, and Floodplain Overlay Districts, in Part of NW1/4, Section 1, Belfast Township, Murray County with the findings and nine (9) special conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission.

4.5.3. - Red Rock Rural Water Conditional Use Permit

The Public Hearing was held by the Murray County Planning Commission on March 19, 2026, for this conditional use permit application:

Applicant: Red Rock Rural Water

Location: Part of SE1/4 SE1/4, Section 5, Mason Township, Murray County

Application: To erect and operate Ground Storage Reservoir Facilities in the Agriculture District

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven and passed to approve Conditional Use Permit #1437 for Red Rock Rural Water to erect and operate Ground Storage Reservoir Facilities in the Agriculture District, in Part of SE1/4 SE1/4, Section 5, Mason Township, Murray County, with the findings and four (4) special conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. There is a modification to the 3rd Condition because the RRRW has already conducted a Pre-Construction Meeting. Therefore, the meeting minutes of that meeting were required to be submitted and reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Dominic Jones also stated, Red Rock Rural Water is willing to grant emergency use to area fire departments with their personnel onsite during usage.

Mr. Jones proceeded to provide a project report by Red Rock Rural Water:

- Phase I - Includes services to 67 new members surrounding Lake Sarah and Pommier Lane. It won't be long and we will be starting these services.
- Phase II - Anticipate bidding mid-summer, which is a mainline phase. Hoping that pipe prices remain reasonable. Hope to work in conjunction with Murray County and Woodstock Communications on some archeological studies in the area.
- Phase III - Water treatment plant in design with some revisions. Also includes more development in the lake areas.
- Phase IV - Service connections

4.5.4. - PUC Letter - Lake Wilson Solar Energy LLC

Molly Malone from the Lake Wilson Solar Energy LLC project was in attendance. Lake Wilson Solar Energy, LLC. is looking to apply to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for an amendment to their solar and battery energy storage system (BESS) project in Leeds Township. The proposed changes include an increase in the nameplate capacity of the BESS, which has the potential to support reliability in the area, alleviate some congestion, and possibly reduce the amount of curtailment currently experienced with wind generation in the County. The letter would notify the PUC that Murray County is aware of the project amendments and is in support of the proposed changes.

Are there any adverse impacts? This situation and area is unique so there are no test cases. But will take an extra 3 acres of space for the additional batteries and is about 1 1/2 off the hwy on a minimum maintenance road. Jean Christoffels has no concerns about the project.

It is also recommended additional training with the area fire departments be conducted to understand the hazard and mitigation.

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Carlson and passed to have County Board Chair Mark Carlson sign and submit a letter, on behalf of Murray County, to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regarding the proposed amendments to the Lake Wilson Solar Energy, LLC solar and battery energy storage system (BESS) in Leeds Township, Murray County.

4.6. - Heath Landsman - Sheriff

4.6.1. - Mobile Radio Purchase

Heath Landsman is planning to keep back one of the old squad cars and remove the striping. The unstriped vehicle will be used by deputies to attend training sessions, but keeping the vehicle around puts us (1) mobile radio short.

The vehicle could also be used for mental health transports requiring an unmarked vehicle, but we would have to purchase an additional mobile video camera, which can't be budgeted until next year. We will put the new radio in a newer squad and then put the older radio model in the older squad.

A motion was made by Commissioner Woelber, seconded by Commissioner Zins and passed to approve the purchase of a Motorola APX 6500 Mobile radio from DSC Communications for the State bid price of \$5,533.80.

4.7. - Bryan Stading - EDA and Marketing Coordinator

4.7.1. - Resolution Designating Murray County EDA as a Local Development Organization

It was explained this resolution allows the Minnesota Investment Fund (MIF) monies received by Murray County EDA to be de-federalized and used as local funds for local initiatives, other than manufacturing. The approximate amount of these funds is \$483,000.00 plus any additional interest and has been restricted from using, except for manufacturing for a number of years. Bryan Stading stated there is no known negative impacts of completing this process. But it is a very complex process and not attempted by many counties.

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven to approve Resolution 2026-04-07-01 Designating Murray County EDA as a Local Development Organization.



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

RESOLUTION 2026-04-07-01
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MURRAY COUNTY EDA AS A
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, Murray County, (herein, "the County") would like to better utilize the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development (CDBG-ED) Set-Aside federal funds; and,

WHEREAS, if the County retains these funds and their repayment, the funds retain the federal designation and guidelines forever; and,

WHEREAS, the County by resolution, can request from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), authorization to transfer CDBG-ED Set-Aside funds to a Local Development Organization, herein, (LDO); and

WHEREAS, the Murray County Economic Development Authority ("Murray County EDA") is interested in being designated as an LDO and is a non-profit organization, as defined in Internal Revenue Service regulations, serving the community and economic development needs of a non-entitlement area; and

WHEREAS, the Murray County EDA has adopted procedures and guidelines for the use of the federal funds, the repayment of the federal funds plus any interest accrued, earned or paid thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Murray County Board of Commissioners that the Murray County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the DEED to designate the Murray County EDA as a Local Development Organization (LDO), serving the community and economic development needs of Murray County and, therefore, authorize them to receive the repayments from the CDBG-ED Set-Aside loan.

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

I CERTIFY THAT the above Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Murray County on the 7th day of April, 2026.

SIGNED:

WITNESSED:


Name/Title


Name/Title

4.8. - Sharon Giese - HR Director/Deputy Administrator

4.8.1. - Resolution Recommending Appointment of Andy Geiger to Red Rock Rural Water System Board

We were notified by RRRWS and Schramel Law Office, Les Anderson resigned as Commissioner with Red Rock Rural Water System Board in 2025, creating an open seat. This seat term was to expire at midnight December 31, 2028. On February 12, 2026, they unanimously passed a motion recommending Andy Gieger to fill Les Anderson's remaining term.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welgraven, seconded by Commissioner Carlson to approve Resolution 2026-04-07-02 Red Rock Rural Water System

Resolution appointing Andy Gieger to replace Leslie Anderson on the Red Rock Rural Water System Board with a term expiring at midnight on December 31, 2028.

5. - Committee Reports for 03/15 to 03/28/2026

Woelber

03/17 Commissioner
03/24 Commissioner

Meier

03/17 Commissioner
03/19 EDA
03/24 Commissioner/ACE - Dementia
03/25 Hospital

Carlson

03/16 Chief Board of Elected Officials - Private Industry Council
03/17 Commissioner
03/24 Commissioner
03/25 Personnel

Welgraven

03/17 Commissioner
03/18 SWHHS
03/19 EDA
03/23 SEDS - 2nd Round w/SRDC
03/24 Commissioner
03/25 Hospital

Zins

03/16 SMOC
03/17 Commissioner
03/19 Planning Commission
03/23 Western Mental Health
03/24 Commissioner/Fair Board
03/25 Radio Board/Personnel
03/26 Parks Advisory

6. - Adjournment

The Board Chair thanked everyone for another smoothly conducted meeting. He stated it is always nice to have good input from the board, staff, and public.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 9:18 A.M.

ATTEST:

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