

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER - SLAYTON, MINNESOTA
September 23, 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 County Administrator Carolyn McDonald, County Attorney Travis Smith, Commission Board Attorney John Edison, General Assistant Renee Gleason.

CALL TO ORDER 8:30 A.M.

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 Jackie Meier to approve the August 23, 2025 Agenda. Seconded by Roger Zins. Motion Passed.

3.0 Heidi Winter

3.1.1 Set 2026 Preliminary Levy and 2026 Budget Hearing Date

- The county must set a preliminary levy by September 30, 2025 to use in Truth in Taxation estimated tax notices.
- The county must also hold a hearing at which the budget will be discussed and the public be allowed to speak.
- The meetings must take place between November 25 and December 29 and begin at 6:00 p.m. or later.

Commissioner Jackie Meier offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**Resolution 2025-09-25-01
A Resolution Setting the 2026 Preliminary Levy and Budget Hearing**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Murray County Board of Commissioners set the 2026 Preliminary Levy with a 8.13% increase as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2026 Budget Hearing is scheduled as part of the regular meeting on **November 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Murray County Board of Commissioners Room** at which time the budget and levy will be discussed, and the public will be allowed to speak.

	2026 Gross Levy	2026 County Program Aid	2026 Net Levy
General Fund	6,848,611	(459,351)	6,389,260
Road & Bridge	2,116,062	(141,929)	1,974,133
Human Services	1,780,582	(119,427)	1,661,155
TOTAL LEVY	10,745,255	(720,707)	10,024,548

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

3.1.2- Ditch Bills

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

David A. Swenson Construction LLC
21-667-6290 CD 20 500.00 #2023-029 OK'd by T. Radke 9/12/2025

Total Ditch Bills 500.00

Copy of invoice and petition was available at the meeting. Motion Passed

3.2 Randy Groves

3.2.1 County Road Safety Plan MnDOT Agreement & Resolution

This agreement will allow MnDOT to act as agent to receive federal funds to complete a County Road Safety Plan as discussed in the September 2, 2025 Commissioners Meeting. Resolution 2025-09-25-02 and Agreement in board packet now for approval. The county's portion of consulting fees will be approximately \$22,725.74 and the federal funds obtained will be approximately \$90,902.97. This will help identify safety plans within our county such as road alignment improvements, signage, striping, lighting intersections, etc. Without a safety plan it is difficult to access those federal funds.

It was moved by Roger Zins and seconded by Loy Woelber to adopt Resolution # 2025-09-25-02 for Agency Agreement between the Department of Transportation and Murray County for Federal Participation in the County Road Safety Plan. Motion passed.

Murray County Dike Project Update: They are still making progress. Completion date of October 13th? Progress continues. Weather has been cooperating, but there is potential that it will not be completed till Spring. It might be an advantage to wait for the completion in Spring for settlement opportunities.

In conjunction with this, our annual road tour which is typically done in October, should be scheduled.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Jackie Meier to move into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 subd. 3 to conduct the performance evaluation of the County Administrator. Seconded by Mark Carlson. Motion Passed

It was moved by Roger Zins to come out of closed session. Seconded by Mark Carlson. Motion Passed.

RECESS WAS CALLED BY DENNIS WELGRAVEN.

MEETING CALLED BACK TO ORDER BY DENNIS WELGRAVEN.

OFFICIAL ACTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION:

- It was moved by Loy Woelber to place County Administrator, Carolyn McDonald on paid administrative leave effective immediately. Seconded by Roger Zins.

Roll call vote:

Loy Woelber - Yea

Jackie Meier - Nay

Mark Carlson - Yea

Roger Zins - Yea

Dennis Welgraven - Nay

Motion passed.

- It was moved by Loy Woelber to authorize legal counsel to assist with arranging an investigator for an outside investigation and making a recommendation for Board approval. The investigation would be in relation to complaints received regarding the County Administrator. Seconded by Mark Carlson. Motion passed.
- It was moved by Loy Woelber to authorize Commissioner Dennis Welgraven and Commissioner Mark Carlson to serve as point of contact for legal counsel and investigator for purposes of conducting outside investigation. Seconded by Roger Zins. Motion Passed.

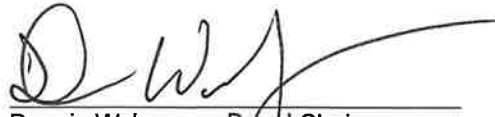
5. ADJOURNMENT

No other additions to the agenda. Dennis Welgraven adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:



Jackie Meier, Board Vice Chair



Dennis Welgraven, Board Chair