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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MURRAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MURRAY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER - SLAYTON, MINNESOTA May 5, 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

2.1.1. - LG230 Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling - Tracy Sportsman's Club

This agenda addition will be inserted at 4.1.2. per Board Chair Carlson.

Application Type: LG230 Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling

From: Westbrook Firemen's Relief Association

For: Raffle

Location: Tracy Sportsman's Club (2 Tepeeotah Road, Tracy MN 56175). They are conducting the raffle at the Sportsman's Club. Therefore, they needed to apply in Murray County.

Dates: June 6, 2026-June 21, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Woelber, seconded by Commissioner Zins and passed to approve the Local Unit of Government Acknowledgment for an LG230 Application to Conduct Off-Site Gambling for the Westbrook Firemen's Relief Association to hold a raffle from June 6, 2026 to June 21, 2026 at the Tracy Sportsmans Club (2 Tepeeotah Road, Tracy, MN 56175), further moving to waive the requirement for Township acknowledgment.

2.2. - Identify Any Conflict of Interest

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Woelber and passed to approve the May 5, 2026 agenda with additions noted and no conflicts of interest.

3. - Consent Agenda

3.1. - Approve Minutes from 04/28/2026

Board Chair asked if there were any changes or questions on the April 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes. No were brought forth.

3.2. - Commissioner Warrants

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It is moved by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven and passed the Consent Agenda - all claims as presented are approved for payment and approved meeting minutes of April 28, 2026. The Chair is authorized to sign the Audit List dated May 5, 2026 with fund totals as follows and warrants numbered 179765 through 179816:

General Revenue Fund	\$80,667.16
Road & Bridge	\$13,199.78
EDA	\$327.12

Ditch	\$327.12
Self Insurance	\$118.95
Sunrise Terrace	<u>\$2,700.92</u>
Total	\$97,341.05

4. - Regular Agenda

4.1. - Luke Schryvers - Murray County Medical Center

May County Commissioner Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
MCMC CEO Report



People

- Director of Nurses – Courtney's first day is scheduled for Monday, May 4th.
- Medical Students – We are in the process of hosting another UMN medical student through the Summer Internship in Medicine (SIM) program. The student will be with us for 2 full weeks in July. Clara also returned for her second rotation on April 27th and will complete her third rotation in October.

Quality

- Cyber Incident Notices – We continue to work through any individual questions around the notifications and continue to monitor any other issues or concerns from the incident.
- Hyper-Reach Communications System – Received training and will start using internally for mass communication situations. Encourage everyone to get signed up to receive the public notices.

Growth

- Dermatology Outreach Services – We are working to finalize a contract to add outreach services at MCMC monthly moving forward. Pending credentialing/privileging we are planning services to begin late summer.
- X-Ray Remodel Update – We met with the architects and finalized the design. Timeline remains at 9 months once approved by the State. The radiology department will need to adjust our services as necessary during the construction project and will try to minimize the downtimes and patient inconveniences as much as possible.
- Surgery Equipment Upgrade – The previously approved laparoscopic equipment has arrived and will be installed in May. This project will modernize our surgical care and will be utilized by multiple surgeons here at MCMC.

Financials

- Small Rural Hospital Capital Improvement Grant Approved – We received notice that our grant application was accepted and we will receive \$102,000. The funds will be used to purchase new GI procedure equipment in the surgery department.
- Annual Financial Audit - CLA started our 2025 financial audit in April. Cost report needs to be submitted by May 31st. Once the audit and reports are finalized, we will set up a time for them to review with the board.
- Rural Health Transformation Program – Application is due by Friday May 15th. We had a technical assistance call with MDH staff on April 27th.

Misc.

- Jeans for Scholars Awards – Scholarships will be awarded on May 15th to students at Murray County Central and Fulda High School.
- Community BBQ – 75th Anniversary BBQ will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd from 5:00-7:00
- MCMC Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 17th

Statistics

A great overall first quarter to start the year.

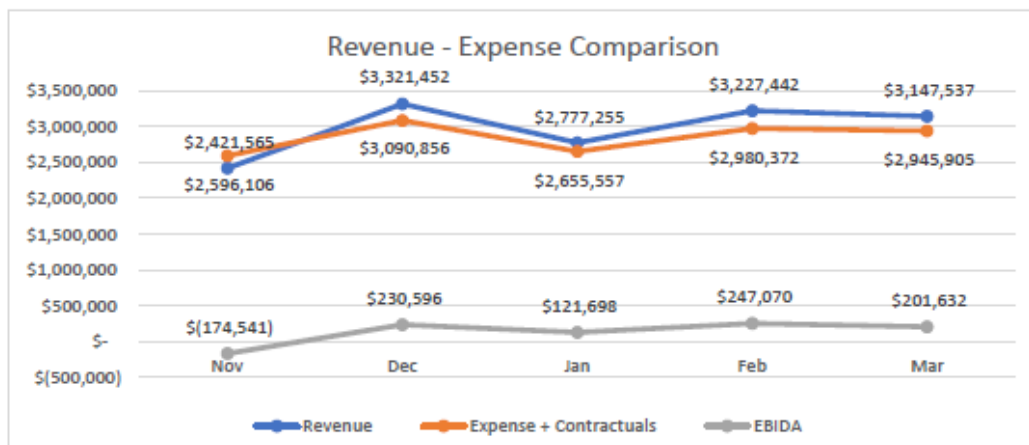
- Acute - 13 admissions for 57 total patient days. Compared to last March that was 9 more admissions and 39 more patient days. YTD shows 12 more admits and 47 more patient days
- Swing bed had 3 admits for 50 total patient days. Compared to last March that was 1 less admission but 26 more days. YTD, we have had 5 fewer admits and 42 less patient days
- Observation stays were at 10 patients compared to 11 last year. YTD are 5 less patients.
- Surgery procedures were at 45 for the month compared to 33 the previous year. YTD, we have done 25 more procedures. Pain Mgmt. is +11 and Ophthalmology is +7
- ER visits were 110, which was 5 less than last March. YTD we are down 19 ER visits
- Clinic visits were at 820. That is 84 more than last March. YTD, we remain down 131 visits.

Balance Sheet

- Our overall cash position increased by \$60,103 We currently have a total cash available of \$9,844,918
- We saw an increase in patient receivables of \$545,078 and total receivables are at \$8,068,384
 - Net Patient Receivables (Amount we expect to collect) = \$4,189,366 or 51.9%
 - AR Days increased by 5.3 days and currently sit at 78.6 days. Goal is to be under 50 days

Income Statement

- Gross revenue was \$3,072,823 & above budget by \$322,479
 - Hospital IP revenue below budget by \$16,003
 - Hospital OP revenue above budget by \$302,373
 - Clinic revenue above budget by \$36,110
- Contractual adjustments higher than budget by \$79,747
- Expenses are higher than budget by \$53,462
- EBIDA (Earnings before interest, depreciation, and amortization) = \$201,632
- For the month we had a net income equal to \$149,543. YTD, we have a net income of \$439,260



4.2. - Bill Schuna, DNR - Proposed State Land Acquisition

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 97A.145, Sub. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on provided the county board with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for Wildlife Management purposes.

Lands to be acquired are described as follows: Hiram C. Southwick WMA00015

All that part of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S ½, NW ¼), Section 26, Township 106

North, Range 41 West, Murray County, Minnesota,

Size: 8.87 acres

Type of Land: This parcel consists of cropland connected to the existing Wildlife Management Area (see map on page 2)

Management Considerations: This tract will be seeded down to a diverse native pollinator mix or possibly an Oak Savannah.

Taxes: The In Lieu of Tax payment from DNR for this parcel is estimated to be: \$801.00 or \$90.30/acre until it is re-assessed. Current property tax is \$41.57/acre. In five years, it is re-assessed.

This parcel will be managed as Wildlife Management Area and will be open to public hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, and other forms of wildlife-oriented recreation.

Chad Benda, County Assessor responded to the question from Commissioner Welgraven about the assessed value. Since it becomes grassland vs. tillable, the assessed value could potentially go from \$10,000/acre to \$1,700/acre. Bill Shuna stated if referring to Beacon, any state property has a higher assessments, much more than \$1700/acre. In addition, the State of MN pays an additional 3/4 of 1% of the assessed value. However, Commissioner Welgraven pointed out, it is still less than if it stays as farmland but he will consult with Chad Benda after the meeting for additional specifics.

Commissioner Woebler asked about how this transaction was initiated. It was initiated by the owner of the property. The DNR cannot purchase property without a county resolution. However, the property owner wants to sell his land to the DNR. So by selling farmland to State of MN DNR, the county tax base goes down and then we potentially need to supplement that with higher property taxes? Not necessarily, as Bill Shuna pointed out it could very well go up too.

A motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Carlson and passed (4 to 1) to approve Resolution 2026-05-05-01 DNR Land Acquisition Hiram C. Southwick WMA Addition with draft land description as provided. Bill Shuna stated he would get additional information behind the assessment of these properties.

4.3. - Nick Demuth, Museum Director - Grant Award and Request for Proposal Approval

Last summer we applied for a grant from the National Park Service to repair the End O Line Turntable pit, which has become damaged after several years of flooding events, namely 2018 and 2024. Specifically, the project is being financed through a federal grant with funds provided by the Historic Preservation Fund through the State, Tribal, Local, Plans and Grants Division of the National Park Service. On 3/28/2026, we were officially given the grant award notice. The first step of getting started is hiring a qualified historic architect to oversee the project. Any architect would have to be approved by the National Park Service. This is the only railroad turn-table the Upper Midwest, and maybe U.S. that has not been relocated, is hand operated, and never changed it's method of operation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welgraven, seconded by Commissioner Zins to approve the 05/06/2026 Request for Proposal as outlined to hire a qualified historic architect to oversee End-O-Line Turntable Repair, which received grant funding in the amount of \$169,843.00.

4.4. - Heidi Winter - Auditor/Treasurer

4.4.1. - Ditch Bills

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven, 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	9,326.50	CD 41 Improvement - Engineering
21-829-6260	JD 14/CD 20	3,206.50	JD 14/CD 20 Engineering
Subtotal		12,533.00	

Johnson Ditching, Inc

21-701-6290	CD 38	1,351.20	#2026-008	ok'd T. Radke on 4/29/2026
21-783-6290	CD 81	16,838.05	#2023-033	ok'd T. Radke on 4/29/2026
21-829-6290	JD 14	540.65	#2026-005	ok'd T. Radke on 4/29/2026
Subtotal		18,729.90		

Total Ditch Bills 31,262.90

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

4.5. - Travis Radke - Ditch Inspector**4.5.1. - Order Initiating Repair Proceedings for CD 20 and JD 14**

This was original a planned combined repair. However, it was discovered that we need to separate the projects. So a portion of the documentation needed to be reviewed and re-approved. The repair area within JD 14 and CD 20 lies within a portion of Section 23 in Chanarambie Township and portions of Sections 4 and 9 of Leeds Township. The repair consists of replacing a 73"x45" CMP arch pipe. This culvert provides drainage to a grass waterway between fields and eventually drains out to JD 14. A part of the repair includes installing stream barbs along the intersection point of JD 14 and CD 20. The final part of the repair involves installing rip-rap sections along 111th Street within CD 20.

A landowner meeting has already taken place in February of 2025. It is the hope the project can be completed this year.

At a regular meeting of the Murray County, Minnesota, Board of Commissioners, Drainage Authority for Murray County, County Ditch (CD) 20, on May 5th, 2026, the Drainage Authority considered the report of its drainage inspector, a draft engineering report and other evidence and information available to the Board. Having considered the information presented, Commissioner Zins moved, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven, to adopt the Findings and Order as outlined.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Passed

Woelber = Aye

Carlson = Aye

Welgraven = Aye

Meier = Aye

Zins = Aye

At a regular meeting of the Murray County, Minnesota, Board of Commissioners, Drainage Authority for Murray County Judicial Ditch (JD) 14, on May 5th, 2026, the Drainage Authority considered the report of its drainage inspector, a draft engineering report and other evidence and information available to the Board. Having considered the information presented, Commissioner Carlson moved, seconded by Commissioner Zins to adopt the Findings and Order as outlined.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Passed

Zins = Aye

Meier = Aye
Welgraven = Aye
Carlson = Aye
Woelber = Aye

4.6. - Jean Christoffels - Zoning/Environmental Administrator

4.6.1. - 2026 AIS Prevention Outreach Programming

Our initial year with this program was in 2025, and we are looking to utilize the same programming with an additional outreach via digital displays at local facilities. The total cost of the programming would be the same as the previous years, it is just the number of different types of impressions that would be altered.

It was moved by Commissioner Zins, seconded by Commissioner Welgraven and passed to authorize County Board Chair Carlson to sign the contract with The Globe for Murray County AIS Prevention Outreach program Budget #1 in the amount of \$10,000 from Account #01-629-6241.

4.7. - Randy Groves - Engineer

4.7.1. - Approve and Sign Construction Contract for Seal Coat & Fog Seal Project

This year's seal coat will be on CSAH's 17, 22, 45, Redwood County CSAH 5 and Mason Twp Lake Shetek Drive.

A motion was made by Commissioner Welgraven and seconded by Commissioner Meier, and passed to approve and sign the construction contract with Morris Seal Coat & Trucking, Inc. for project SAP 051-030-004 in the amount of \$642,187.10.

4.7.2. - Approve and Sign Construction Contract with Duinick, Inc. for Bituminous Overlay Project

This overlay project will be for CSAH's 2, 34, 16 & 30 and is a combination of federal and state-aided projects. Duinick, Inc. also has the project with the City of Fulda and should be getting started soon on this project. Therefore, this is potentially why these projects came in at a better price, reducing the mobilization costs. However, it will be difficult for Duinick to start these county projects without finishing the City of Fulda first. We assume they would start shortly after the City of Fulda project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zins, second by Commissioner Meier, and passed to approve and sign the construction contract with Duinick, Inc. for projects SP 051-602-021, SP 051-634-016, SAP 051-616-008 and SAP 051-630-024 in the amount of \$3,094,726.01.

Commissioner Meier inquired about the lakes project and the contractor is planning on resuming again on May 11th. Randy assumes the balance of the project will move pretty quickly. They need to do the milling from the first dike to Hwy 59, gravel shoulders, finish dirt work along the path, and final lift. They are still behind schedule though.

The maintenance crew continues to crack fill this week. We want to be done with this before we start seal coating.

Commissioner Carlson inquired about how often we re-finish the hwy stripping. Randy stated that we complete 1/2 of the county each year. It is thought to be a safety concern in the winter when the stripping is not good.

5. - Committee Reports 04/12 to 04/25/2026

Zins

04/15 Fair Board

04/16 Planning

04/20 SMOC
04/21 Commissioners

Welgraven

04/14 Building Committee meeting with Dept Managers
04/15 SWHHS Inservice & Collaborative meeting. Funding state and federal grants for Murray and Lyon County, school districts, SWHHS, UCAP, and Western Mental Health
04/16 EDA
04/17 Building
04/21 Commissioner / A.C.E Appreciation Dinner, impressed with the number of volunteers Murray County has.
04/22 Hospital / Power On Midwest. Hoping to understand location of transmission line, but will not know until June.

Carlson

04/13 SAWS There is discussion of expansion of the SAWS area as Lake Sarah Baptist Church is considering a building addition. Currently they have private septic and if project moves forward they may consider joining SAWS.
04/14 Building Committee meeting with Dept Managers
04/21 Commissioners / Power On Midwest

Meier

04/13 Helping Hands Finance
04/15 SWHHS / Plum Creek Library sub. Commissioner Carlson
04/16 EDA / Sunrise Terrace
04/17 Opioid
04/21 Commissioner / A.C.E. Appreciation Dinner
04/22 Hospital / Power On Midwest
04/23 A.C.E. Annual Mtg
04/24 Safety

Woelber

04/16 Sunrise Terrace
04/21 Commissioner
The last two transit meetings have been cancelled.

6. - Adjournment

BOARD CHAIR CARLSON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT APPROXIMATELY 9:11 A.M. A 5 MINUTE RECESS WILL FOLLOW AND THEN GO INTO WORK SESSION AS OUTLINED IN THE BOARD PACKET.

7. - WORK SESSION

7.1. -

Abolish County Administration Position and Reinstatement County Coordinator

7.2. -

County Coordinator Job Description

**7.3. -
Wage Scale – County Coordinator**

**7.4. -
Approval of Organizational Chart**

**7.5. -
Appointment of County Coordinator**

**7.6. -
Human Resource Director/Deputy Administration Position**

ATTEST:

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