

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 22nd, 2026

*Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room
217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349*

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Prairie County Board of Commissioners, Christine Keltner and Dennis Teske met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Devlin was at the National Association of Counties Annual Conference. In attendance Administrative Assistant Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Call to order, pledge of allegiance. Public Comment.

10:14 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adopt the Road Supervisor Position Description, seconded by Commissioner Keltner “all in favor” motion passed.

10:27 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the minutes from the July 15th, 2026, commissioners meeting.

10:35 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 15th, 2026, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, “all in favor” motion passed.

10:36 a.m. Celia Herbel updated the commission on the grant program for the sheriff’s office; it has been resolved. Congress is basically stalled right now. Discussion on gravel pits, which included reaching out to the state director of BLM and permitting gravel pits. She discussed some of the conversations concerning United Health Plans, and how that is affecting Prairie County Hospital concerning network status.

11:00 a.m. Commissioners reviewed budget for commissioners’ office. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson discussed the commissioner’s budget.

12:00 – 1:00p.m. lunch break

1:13 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided clams for the commissioners to review and sign.

FY2026

Prairie County Voucher # 1165 \$15,570.91

Prairie County Voucher # 1166 \$1,921.43

Prairie County Voucher # 1163 \$39,906.48

Prairie County Voucher # 1164 \$237.401

Prairie County Voucher # 1167 \$10,370.50

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Prairie County Voucher # 1003 \$63,509.01

Prairie County Voucher # 1004 \$2,203.02

Prairie County Voucher # 1001 \$16,853.03

Prairie County Voucher # 1002 \$1,726.04

Journal Adjustment #505

2:00 p.m. Commissioners continued work on the commissioners' budget.

Commissioner Keltner made a motion for the clerk & recorder to take funds out of the Entitlement HV124, and do a raise of \$1 for county employees, will not include road department, commissioners or county attorney, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:30 p.m. Last Best Place Zoning Commission Chair Clint Gure, made a recommendation to approve the regulations as presented in resolution 26-20.

There was discussion on MCA 76-2-104 and 76-2-107 that shows a development pattern must be part of the zoning commission. Harry McNall pointed out that if this is not done right the county commission could void the district. There also is no variance for preexisting uses etc. Lots of discussion on what a developmental pattern would consist of. What would be included in the development pattern, what other procedures or regulations could/should be in the regulations before approval.

3:14 p.m. Dan Pike made a motion to appoint Tylenne Eaton as Program Administrator, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:00-3:30 p.m. Public comment. Discussion on data centers and processes in general.

3:30 p.m. Sheryl Morrast with TV board to discuss updates. The town and about a mile outside of the town can receive the signal from the tower.

4:00 p.m. Fish, Wildlife, & Parks to discuss river access in Prairie County. Brian Burke and Garrett Jericoff with parks. Brian explained some of the opportunities for the county on the river. In 2022 there was a committee that found there are access gaps in the Yellowstone river system. Since then they have visited sites, talked to landowners, completed environmental reviews etc, in the pursuit of creating access.

There are two properties within Prairie County that they might want to pursue but would like feedback. There is one property down by "Zero" it would be day use, restroom, and boat access.

The challenge would be that there is a railroad crossing, and private property, and the buildable property would be DNRC. The site would be 3-5 acres.

The other property which is BLM property is just down from the Terry Bridge, access would be near the gun range, the site would be primitive day use facilities, parking, restrooms, boat ramp, fencing, cattleguard. The road would be very expensive to develop this property. The site would be large enough for a motorboat ramp, parking for 5-7 vehicles with trailers and a day use area.

This project either one needs to have public support to move forward. Both sites would be free use areas. These sites would be maintained by the department.

4:30 p.m. Clerk & Recorder discussed ambulance budget requests. Andrea Bybee explained the reasoning behind the wage increase request.

5:07 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to give the raise in pay for the ambulance increase and go through the fee schedule, seconded by commissioner Teske "all in favor" motion passed.

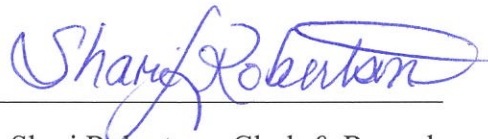
5:10 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 29th day of July 2026



Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:



Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder