Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 5th, 2023

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room

217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner and Dennis Teske met in regular session at 9 a.m. In attendance was Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall and Road Specialist Gary Pfiefle.

9:00 a.m. Public Comment on Agenda Matter. (No public comment) Pledge of allegiance was performed.

9:15 a.m. Gary Pfiefle went over the report he created for the Cherry Creek Pit. He also provided documentation from his work for the county's future use. Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting. Various conversations about gravel pits. Gary suggested having off-site storage for the documents that he has at his home for the county. Todd Henry looked at the bridge out by the cemetery and would be about $6000 to repair correctly. Todd Henry provided other updates from the road department.

10:00 a.m. Dale Tribby joined the meeting to update the commissioners on the Sage Grouse EIS. The outline of the update can be found in Appendix 1.

10:30 a.m. Jody Haidle, Karyn Rein & Carleen Gaub joined the meeting to discuss the Prairie County Food Bank. They have received a letter about being a government entity and think it's time to separate from the county. They are not a government entity, and they will move their money to the Stockman bank, for their donations towards the Prairie County Cares Program. They are asking for the funds that are in the Christmas/food bank fund account 5530. They are requesting just the amount that was donated for the Christmas fund. A vote on Separation of Christmas Funds has been added to the July 19th, 2023 commissioners meeting.

11:00 a.m. Commissioners reviewed Expenditures, Journal Adjustments and Claims/vouchers.

Budget Adjustment #8 $171,683.00 correct a duplication error.

Journal Adjustment Voucher #484 $202.45 Reference Voucher #465, and 482

Journal Adjustment Voucher #499 $592.00, #498 $32.00 Reference Voucher # 464 & 483

11:12 a.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept the Meals on Wheels contract, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:13 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the Area 1 Agency On Aging Commodity contract #2024-152AA (Commodities), seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

Claims for FY23 and the final bill for the auditors.

Prairie County Voucher # 1130 $ 500.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1128 $ 12,889.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1129 $ 1,358.53

Claims for FY24

Prairie County Voucher # 1000 $145,908.72

Prairie County Voucher # 1001 $ 1,192.59

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Commissioners reviewed the final audit report from 2022.

1:30 p.m. Sheriff Keifer Lewis Budget discussion. Keifer explained all salary calculations, hours worked and other expenses that he used to come up with the numbers for his budget request.

2:30 p.m. Dale Galland for Airport Budget Discussion.

2:45 p.m. Sharla Sackman into visit about extension Budget discussion.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment (not on agenda) no public comment.

3:15 p.m. Sharla Sackman and Tom Pisk on Fair Board Budget discussion.

4:15 p.m. Sharl Sackman, and Travis Lacquement on Weed Board Budget discussion.

4:54 p.m. Voided check journal entry #5 $44,861.45, and new check voucher #1002 $44,861.44

5:00 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 19th day of July 2023.

Todd Devlin

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

Appendix 1

Prairie County Commissioners Briefing
BLM Sage-Grouse EIS Talking Points
July 5, 2023

What has transpired since the last briefing (May 17)

- Two different sets of comments submitted
  - **June 16 submittal**
  - Disturbance Cap
  - Habitat Objectives
  - Mitigation
  - Waivers, exceptions & modifications
  - Adaptive Management

  - **June 27 submittal**
  - Renewable Resources (wind/solar) – Major ROWs
  - Wild Horses and Burros
  - Fluid Leasing & Development Strategy/Objectives
  - Threats from Predation
  - Livestock Grazing

- What happens next
  - It sounds like most of the rest of this summer is scheduled for HQ and contractors to prepare and consolidate the Administrative Draft. If all goes accordingly, expect the opportunity to review the Draft for a two week block tentatively scheduled for 8/22 to 9/4. The NOA for the public release is in December, so the formal 90-day comment period will likely be Jan-March. We'll see the same materials again (adjusted for comments) only it will be in a more complete format with more volume.