Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 8th, 2026

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room

217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

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Prairie County Board of Commissioners, Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner and Dennis Teske met in regular session for Budgets at 8:00 a.m. In attendance Administrative Assistant Harry McNall.

8:00 a.m. Call to order, pledge of allegiance.

8:10 a.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters and Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting to discuss budget. Commissioners reviewed budget for Road Department. Supervisor Henry explained that when he leaves the county, he will have about 1000hrs of paid time coming, which is the increase in the budget request for salaries. Discussed wages, capital improvements, and other areas of concern including the payout of wages for Supervisor Todd Henry when he leaves at the end of the year to cover sick and paid leave.

9:00 a.m. John Pisk with Disaster and Emergency Service (DES), to go over budget for his department. The county gets $10,000 back for fiscal year 2025 for his department from the federal government. In 2027 fiscal year, the grants covering part of DES wages will be gone, and the county will need to increase budget by $20,000 a year after that.

9:30 a.m. Justice of the Peace Mary Bucher to discuss budget for her department.

9:40 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson discussed trial costs for the district clerk & county attorney for the upcoming fiscal year.

10:00 a.m. County Treasurer Garrett Lapp in to discuss budget for the department. The department will come in $9,000 approximately under last year's budget.

10:30 a.m. Karen Rauch with Senior Center to discuss budget.

11:00 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice to discuss budget for his department. Increase in wage for the secretary but the county attorney declined wage increase this year.

11:13 a.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided the commissioners with claims for the commissioners to sign and review.

Sheriff Lewis came to speak about the vehicles that came into his office and the claims that had been submitted.

Sheriff Lewis went over the details of Tim Sheehy's Congressional Discretionary Spending (CDS) grant. Sheriff Lewis applied for two new vehicles fully loaded, the grant was approved, Sheriff Lewis went ahead and ordered the two vehicles, not understanding there was another step before award. He has documents that show this grant can be reimbursed for vehicles purchased

after January 1st, 2026, and the reimbursement will happen in November of 2026. The county will pay now, and the grant will reimburse the county. The cost of a vehicle is $138,318.78 out of account 2995 LATCF and the grant is $140,000.00.

Prairie County Voucher # 1161 $165,468.21

Prairie County Voucher # 1162 $1,403.57

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Sheryl Morast with the TV District Board. She explained the tv board expenses as electricity, internet, maintenance, and future equipment purchases, which is about $4000 a year. Discussion of what it would take to reactivate the assessment.

1:30 p.m. Megan Kalfell & Mia Talon with Prairie County Hospital Budget. They explained the budget for the hospital as required by MCA.

1:45 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to certify the amount of money necessary and proper for the ensuring year for the Prairie County Hospital budget, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:00 p.m. Tylene Eaton with Public Health to discuss budget.

2:30 p.m. Jessica Thomasson, Shan Fluss with Prairie County Cemetery Board. Discussed tree removal as a cost for this upcoming year, another lawn mower and a building in the future. Discussed using perpetual care funds for the tree and rebuild it over time through the budget.

3:51 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson for budget.

4:30 p.m. Randy Robertson to discuss budget for mosquito district.

5:00 p.m. Mark Dollata and Glen Ferguson (USDA) for predator control board.

5:30 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Devlin all in favor motion passed.

Signed this 15th day of July 2026

Todd Devlin _____ ATTEST: Shari Robertson _____

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder