Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 09th, 2025

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room

217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

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Prairie County Board of Commissioners Dennis Teske started the meeting for public comment before the budget meeting started, Commissioner Keltner arrived at 8:30 and Commissioner Devlin at 9 a.m. In attendance Administrative Assistant Harry McNall.

8:00 a.m. Public Comment

Public Comment Keiffer Lewis to update the commissioners on the 911 Board Meeting. The board is now at 90% validation for addresses, and mapping system for emergency services. Emergency Sirens are a DES budget item, not 911. The board discussed the budget; they are expecting $360,000 in income and $550,000 in expense. MACo IT Department can provide computer systems at A large discount. Elections were held and all positions stayed the same.

8:30 a.m. Sheriff Keifer Lewis went over the department's budget requests. Which included a request for an additional deputy, and cost sharing with the town of Terry.

9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Various budget discussions from department heads and board members to include the following: Treasurer, Road, DES, Library, Justice of the Peace, Clerk & Recorders, Cemetery, Senior Center, District Court Clerk, Ambulance, Hospital, Commissioners (Mineral Royalties, Oil and Gas, LATCF, Mosquito, and Predator Control.

Important notes from the discussions.

Account 2992 operating funds will be transferred into general funds resulting in a $0 balance.

County attorney will need an additional $60,000 in the budget to cover witness travel, trial expenses etc, from account 215.410324.373 and .394. Trial expenses from .299

Ambulance will use all 6 mills this budget. The county has agreed to contribute $12,000 to the hospital to support the Ambulance Manager Salary, which is an increase from $6000 per year coming out of the voted mills.

County Treasurer Garrett Lapp and Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson will review HB124 State Entitlement Disbursements and present it to the commissioners at a later date.

Signed this 16th day of July 2025

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder