Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 19th, 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.

9:00 a.m. Public Comment on Agenda Matter. Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Sheila Dixon came to make a comment on MDU rate increase and is asking the commissioners to write a letter against the rate increase proposal.

Several citizens showed up to speak about the states closure of the Milwaukee bridge. Commissioner Devlin explained the history of the bridge and the commissioner's involvement. Commissioner Keltner spoke about the meeting the week of July 12th, 2023. The commissioners believed the new surface would have be done by this time. How are the commissioners going to address the concerns of the public? Overall, the state has authority over the bridge, and we cannot overturn it. The commissioners are working on solutions to get the bridge reopened as soon as possible. Discussion about getting access for residents that live on the other side of the bridge and emergency services. Road Supervisor Todd Henry will contact the state and find out what is required for repair to get the bridge reopened. Commissioner Teske made multiple phone calls to get more details on the closure of the bridge.

Letter received from Andy Cullison, P.E. Bridge Engineer on July 17, 2023, addressed to Prairie County Board of County Commissioners, informing them they must close the bridge due to "The deck is severely deteriorated, and it can no longer carry traffic safely or reliably. Please implement closure in a way that ensures vehicles cannot cross the bridge, including appropriate signage. (Appendix A)

10:30 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry informed the commissioners he will be short one employee for at least six weeks and will be working on the Fallon Tower Rd this week. Next week he should have culverts in stock and will continue repairs were needed. Jennifer Gray-Eagle came in to ask about emergency services across the bridge, or if they need to get a MOU with Miles City Emergency Services.

Mark Jacobsen Public Affairs Specialist from the BLM will help anyway he can and endorses the opening of the bridge. Meeting on September 18th and 19th in Miles City by The Resource Advisory Council. Mark said he will follow up with the BLM Field Director about the gravel pits.

11:05 a.m. Tylene Eaton with the PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) contract and MOU for LIFTT funding. PHEP funding will be $27,000 for FY24.

11:10 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) contract task order number 24-07-6-11-044-0, seconded by Commissioner Keltner "all in favor" motion passed.

11:11 a.m. Tylene Eaton explained the MOU for the LIFTT (Living Independent for Today and Tomorrow). What they offer and what they would like to provide in the future. They would like to help with a flu shot clinic in October. Tylene tentatively is going to have a flu shot clinic on October 11th, 2023. Tylene went over the MOU with the commissioners in detail.

11:30 a.m. Commissioner's reviewed the Claims and Journal vouchers and discussed pre-audit schedule. Jennifer Gray-Eagle said she spoke to Miles City, and they will respond to any medical emergency on the other side of the Milwaukee bridge until further notice.

FY 23 Prairie County Voucher # 1132 $1,481.16

FY 23 Prairie County Voucher # 1131 $17,535.73

FY24 Prairie County Voucher # 1003 $71,514.98

FY24 Prairie County Voucher # 1004 $1,099.24

Voucher Adjustment Cabin Creek Fire Supplies paid out of wrong line $2,340.00 Journal #502

Voucher Adjustment $751.44 expenditures from museum to general fund for windows Journal #531

Voucher Adjustment $55 SRS Journal #11

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:05 p.m. Noell Martinson in for the Treasurer Budget discussion FY24.

1:46 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to separate the Christmas funds from the Prairie County Cares Program, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

Journal Adjustment for journal entry #535 $33,000.00 incorrectly and redone in journal entry #537 $33,000.00.

2:00 p.m. Commissioners worked on budget sheets and discussed other budget items.

2:30 p.m. **Public Comment**: Superintendent Bill Colter, and Athletic Director Jimmy Shilling to talk about the rate the ambulance charges for school sports events. Possibility of donations or fund raisers to pay for the EMT crews. Further discussion may be needed, added to July 26th, 2023, commissioners meeting.

Tylene Eaton came to ask questions about the Milwaukee bridge. Ask about opening/repairing only for landowners. (Commissioners said no, because it is funded by tax dollars). How is it different from culverts etc? The state of Montana has say on all bridges in the state and county.

3:05 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected for July 6th, 2023 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:10 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected for July 7th, 2023, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:12 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected for July 13th, 2023, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:30 p.m. Land Use and Planning Budget Discussion and bylaws in the courtroom. Lon Reukauf, Tracy Dion, Lorin Larsen, Renee Pirtz and others. Commissioners are asking the Planning board to help pay for the cost of maintaining the ARCA SEARCH online database. Lon Reukauf asked how long of a commitment would it be? Lon Reukauf suggested they provide $3700.00 until the end of the current contract; the planning board voted and approved the suggestion. Next meeting tentatively November 1st, 2023.

4:30 p.m. Jennifer Grey Eagle and Andrea Bybee for the Community Integrated Health/CHW Policies review. They would like to know if they should start the CHW personnel at the $20 dollars an hour rate. Andrea Bybee recently finished the CHW supervisor training and would like $500 for the cost and time for training. Jennifer Grey Eagle went over the policies.

4:45 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the "Prairie County Community Integrated Health Policies" seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed. Appendix B

4:50 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign the Audit Engagement letter 2024, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

4:55 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign Memorandum of Understanding for Cattle and Sheep with the USDA Wildlife Services, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

4:56 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 26th day of July 2023.

Todd Devlin

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

(Appendix A)

MONTANA
Department of Transportation

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July 17, 2023

Prairie County
Board of County Commissioners
421 Hoagland Street
Terry, MT 59349-0125

Subject: MDT ID 04079, NBI ID L40042002+06001
Bridge Closure – 1st Notice

Dear County Commissioners and Road Supervisor:

For public safety, bridge **04079**, (NBI ID L40042002+06001), that carries Milwaukee Road over the Yellowstone River, needs attention. To ensure public safety, please **close this bridge to all traffic immediately.**

Bridge Location:
Latitude: 46.779222
Longitude: -105.412000

The deck is severely deteriorated, and it can no longer carry traffic safely or reliably. Please implement closure in a way that ensures vehicles cannot cross the bridge, including appropriate signage.

Please send photo documentation of the site with closure measures in place.

For questions, please contact me at 406-444-9221.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this public safety issue.

Andin Cullison

Andy Cullison, P.E.
Bridge Engineer

copies: Jerem Joyce, Glendive Area Bridge Inspection Supervisor
Shane Mintz, Glendive District Administrator
Stephanie Brandenberger, FHWA Montana Division – Structures Engineer

Appendix B

Prairie County Community Integrated Health Policies

The Prairie County CIH program will function under the Prairie County Ambulance Service. As such the Medical Director of the Ambulance Service will also be the Medical Director for the CIH Program.

All Prairie County CIH providers will have completed either a Community Paramedic Course or a Community Health Worker course.

CIH providers will set appointments and home visits at a time that is convenient for both the patient and the provider. The appointment length and frequency will be based on patient's needs.

Each patient will have more than one provider assigned to their care to ensure that someone is always available. When possible both providers will attend home visits.

A program enrollment form will be signed by each patient.

A release of information form will be provided and signed so that CIH providers can communicate with the patient's other providers to ensure continuity of care.

CIH provider's will not provide services that are outside of the scope of practice for the certification that they currently hold. ie: CHW will stay within their scope regardless of additional licensure.

Prairie County CIH providers will practice within Prairie County. Practicing outside of Prairie County without direct approval from the CIH supervisor and the Medical Director will result in removal as a CIH provider.