Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

August 2nd, 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 9:00 a.m. In attendance was Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall.

9:10 a.m. Public Comment on Agenda Matter. Pledge of Allegiance was performed. No public comment.

9:20 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry now has a new email address. Various discussions on the Milwaukee bridge.

9:30 a.m. Todd Devlin set up a conference call with Bill Lloyed Great West Engineering, and Jason Rittal with MACo, about the bridge. The county needs Great West to look at bridge and try to do a quick fix to open the bridge with funding from the state. Jason will try to get the inspection report, to come up with a plan. Bill said that if they can get a meeting with the inspector or MDOT and find out what needs to be repaired and come into funds to be able to get it open. There is a process involved in getting the funding and making sure the money spent gets the bridge reopened.

9:40 a.m. School Transportation Committee Board Meeting, provided a proposed School Bus Route for School Year 23-24. Noell Martinson went over minutes from last meeting. Bill Colter went over bus routes in detail. The expedition routes go off the road to pick up kids, because it doesn't have flashing lights, and some kids require car seats, it is unsafe to load on the road, it is better in the driveway of the student's home.

10:00 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the bus routes as proposed for School Year 23-24, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed. Appendix A

10:05 p.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry updated the commissioners on hiring a temporary employee, and other projects in the works. Shane Findley with BLM is working on setting up the gravel pit dig, for August 15th, 2023. Extended discussion over gravel pits and future sources of gravel.

11:00 a.m. USDA Wildlife Services supervisor Doug Ekberg, with USDA Wildlife Services Predator Control Specialist Dan Thomason, and Mark Dolatta Montana Stockgrowers into to talk about PAC Sheep and Cattle agreement. Doug explained that they get their numbers for sheep and cattle from state counts in February. The stock grower MOU is for flying time for our county. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson joined the meeting, and confirmed with Doug that we only pay what actually comes in from taxes on cattle and sheep.

11:35 a.m. Commissioners read minutes from the July 26th,2023 meeting.

11:50 a.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected for the July 26th, 2023 meeting, seconded by commissioner Teske, "all in favor", motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break- Todd Devlin and Dennis Teske are going to Miles City to get the Ambulance from the repair shop.

1:00 p.m. Museum Board members Sheila Dixson, Les Thomason, Vera Sackman and Jerusha Shipstead.

1:10 p.m. Commissioner Todd Devlin and Dennis Teske arrived back for the meeting. Jerusha is the current treasurer of the Museum board. Main concern is figuring out how repairs are done with the building and would like to have inspections done. Suggested having some local contractors walk the buildings and make any suggestions of important repairs. Discussion of the history of the buildings, wells etc. The county supports the board looking for grant funding to improve/repair the buildings.

2:10 p.m. Sheila Dixson wants to discuss grant information on infrastructure. The information provided is for work on the Milwaukee bridge. She is concerned about fire response access and emergency response. Commissioners informed her that they are making progress and have funding coming up to get the bridge opened but it will take time.

2:16 p.m. Commissioner reviewed correspondences, and other commissioner business.

2:20 p.m. Commissioner are opting out of the agreement with Stockman Bank arbitration agreement. The commissioner received a letter from the Fallon Sewer District 5-year Rate increase.

2:25 p.m. **Public Comment:** Steven Swerthout had a comment about mosquito spraying July 27, at or before 10:30 p.m. There was a thunderstorm, and the sprayer continued to spray even after the wind increased. They should not have been spraying during wind gusts. Spraying is still happening on his property, even though he has signed up on the "do not spray list".

3:00 p.m. Commissioners reviewed claims and journal entries from FY23 and FY24.

FY23 Prairie County Voucher

Prairie County Voucher # 1134 $20.04

FY24 Prairie County Vouchers

Prairie County Voucher # 1013 $66,289.33

Prairie County Voucher # $1014 $1,809.02

Journal Adjustment From 2140/000 for $12,340.00 to 2140/300 for $12,340.00

3:40 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson visited with the commissioners about the FY24 budget.

4:00 p.m. Commissioner discussed various business.

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

Signed this 16th day of August 2023.

Kristine Keltner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder