Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

August 16th, 2023

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room

217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Christine Keltner and Dennis Teske met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Todd Devlin, is out of the country this week. In attendance was Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Public Comment on Agenda Matters. Pledge of Allegiance was performed. No Public Comment.

9:15 a.m. Dennis Teske gave an update on the Cherry Creek pit dig, and what progress was made. Currently the pit is on hold while BLM continues testing the ground for cultural evidence.

9:20 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry came into update commissioners on the road department. Todd Henry expressed his frustration with the process of testing the soil by the BLM. The test pits were stopped due to the possibility of a rock chip the BLM found that could be part of the making of an arrowhead. The BLM now must hand dig test areas to determine that there are no arrow heads or other artifacts in the area.

Dennis Teske talked with Todd Henry about the cemetery needing some road millings around the cemetery. Todd Henry mentioned the possibility of purchasing a rock & roll, and that the purchase price sale ends today. The commissioners discussed the pros and cons of purchasing the rock & roll and where funding would come from.

9:35 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to purchase the rock & roll for $26,000.00, Commissioner Keltner seconded the motion, open to discussion, Commissioner Keltner "ask where the funds are?", Commissioner Teske suggested maybe using "Mineral Royalties". Todd Henry gave his opinion on the use and benefits of the attachment. Commissioner Teske called for a vote "all in favor" motion passed. Funds will come out of mineral royalties' funds 2894610.

Commissioners spoke with Todd Henry about the future purchase of a grader with attachments and current and future payments for that machine and others. They also spoke about remote diagnosis of machines by Cat/John Deere and the costs associated with the diagnostic systems needed for that process. Todd Henry will get a current quote on the system. They discussed other bridge issues on CB road, and the change in weight limits over the last two years, from 17 Ton to 5 Ton, and what it will take to fix the issues with the bridge.

Brandon Duffey with Great West Engineering called in to speak to the commissioners about the Milwaukee bridge. They have a game plan together to assist the county to come up with repair option, using funding from SB 536. Would like to meet and go over what is needed for repairs on the bridge. Brandon will be in the area on August 21st, or 22nd. Todd Henry and Commissioner Teske will meet on the bridge on Tuesday 22nd at 8 a.m. to get a plan together.

10:35 a.m. Diedra Johnson wants to know how to dispose of old vacuums.

10:37 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sell the extra vacuums to Sand Hills Sewing Supply for parts, for $10 each seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed. The funds will go back into building supplies.

10:40 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the Sanitarian Contract Services Agreement Renewal at the rate of $6,781.00 plus milage for the year of this agreement.

10:45 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the Sanitarian Contract Service Agreement Renewal for September 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2024, Seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:47 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the minutes from August 2nd, 2023.

10:55 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:00 a.m. Megan Pritz and Marshall Pirtz are into speak to the commissioners about the progress of "The Prairie County Manor". Megan read a preliminary transfer agreement, wrote up by County Attorney Dan Rice. The Commissioners discussed with Pritz the wording and conditions of the agreement. The agreement needs to be better defined. County Attorney Dan Rice joined the meeting.

11:30 a.m. Commissioner Keltner reviewed expenditure report.

12:00 p.m. Break for Lunch

1:00 p.m. Commissioners went over claims and journal vouchers.

Journal Adjustments FY23 from the August 14 and 15th, 2023 pre audit.

Journal Adjustment Voucher #583 Principal and Interest $1,713.08

Journal Adjustment Voucher #582 Proprietary Fund $43,327.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #581 Allocate Health Incurrence Paid $132,402.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #580 Behalf Payments $31,802.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #579 Correct Cash for Reissued Warrants $2,249.50

Journal Adjustment Voucher #578 Accrue EMPG grant $15,305.16.

Journal Adjustment Voucher #577 Interest Distribution $5.05

Journal Adjustment Voucher #576 Ambulance Contribution to 5510 $28,150.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #575 Balance Transfer for Fund Closures $27,695.28

Journal Adjustment Voucher #574 Enterprise Depreciation Expense $20,160.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #573 Reclass A101 $7,500.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #572 NET Flex refund Expenditure $10,897.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #571 June 2023 Weed Spraying $16,969.26

Journal Adjustment Voucher #570 Correct Revenue Classification $12,824.68

Journal Adjustment Voucher #569 Reverse Fy22 EMPG Grant $5,627.23

Journal Adjustment Voucher #568 Reclass Road/Bridge Pipe $9,791.30

Journal Adjustment Voucher #567 Defer Unspent Revenue $47,754.88

Journal Adjustment Voucher #566 Capitalize Hale Pump/Reel $14,097.97

Journal Adjustment Voucher #565 Capitalized Museum Windows $9,240.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #564 Capitalized New DIS Server $13,029.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #563 Capitalized Fair Fund Pavilion Improvements $3,799.00

Journal Adjustment Voucher #562 Clean up Negative Balances Weed $1,527.71

Journal Adjustment Voucher #561 Reverse Fiscal 2022 A/R $17,379.33

Journal Adjustment Voucher #560 Reclass Overlay Road Maintenance $200,011.60

Voided and Reissued Checks from FY 22-23

Voided Check #45985 $212.95 Reissued Check #46564 $212.95

Voided Check #46404 $7,381.78 Reissued Check #46565 $7,381.78

Journal Entry/Claims FY24

Prairie County Voucher #1015 $10,508.54

Prairie County Voucher #1016 $3,685.96

1:55 p.m. Commissioners discussed disposal of old printer in clerks' office. The printer is bad, and the commissioners decided to discard the printer. Commissioner Keltner signed a records disposal authorization form.

2:00 p.m. Tylene Eaton joined the meeting to discuss LIFTT MOU. Tylene has had LIFTT update the MOU to meet her terms and conditions.

2:10 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the LIFTT MOU contract, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:25 p.m. Deputy Clerk Aria Walters explained that expense lines would be made to track expenses for the district court trials.

2:30 p.m. Jennifer GreyEagle came into talk with commissioners about ambulance fees for sports events. Bill Colter and Jimmy Schilling joined the conversation. Bill would still like to do a fund

raiser to raise funds for the ambulance services. Various discussions about coverage, fees and how decisions were made concerning ambulance services.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment not on agenda. Mike Brosz with Brosz Engineering, came in to follow up with the commissioners about checking out roads, bridges etc.

3:45 p.m. Commissioners reviewed roof repair bids on the courthouse. Bids were received by Tom Pisk, JR Fisher, and Manning Roofing. No decisions were made.

4:00 p.m. Clerk and Recorder Shari Robertson to go over FY24 budget.

4:45 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 30th day of August 2023.

Todd Devlin

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder