Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 1st, 2026

Prairie County Court House Court Room
217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

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Prairie County Board of Commissioners, Christine Keltner and Dennis Teske met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. Commission Devlin not in attendance. In attendance Administrative Assistant Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of allegiance and call to order. Public Comment

Reene Pirtz: Commented on Commissioner Devlin's declaration, she believes it is full of misinformation and produces misconduct. She will provide copies of the paperwork she spoke about. Believe there was intentional miss leading information on past agendas, concerning the county lawsuit. The public didn't know what ordinance was being discussed. Spoke about other concerns within the document she was referring to, she believes they are full of lies. Commented at length over road approach permits and other permits for the development of the wind project. Overall, she believes commission Devlin is not being truthful and honest. Commented about the March 21st meeting when he walked out of the meeting, and thinks the commission is the one that is hostile towards the people, not the other way around. Also commented about County Attorney Dan Rice and being on the ballot. In her opinion commissioner Devlin has sold out the community, and much more. A recall will happen to Commission Devlin unless the lawsuit is dropped. In closing I am asking you to drop the lawsuit and approve the Last Best Place regulations. She submitted all documents she referred to in her comments (Exhibit A).

Commissioner Teske spoke about the approaches requests that were made. Commented about hiring attorney concerning the grandfather in standing for zoning. Lawsuits are not the way we should go. Dan Rice is not a resident of the county, and should not have been voted in.

Chele Cole Harrington: follow up on a question or possibilities of replacing county attorney with a different option, such as an attorney and clerk, that could be a cost saving for the county. She thinks that comments should not be taken personally, and is this lawsuit somehow being done on a personal level? Is this lawsuit serving the other residents of the county? I have not seen hostility, but rather passion about the community concerning the commissioners' meeting. I see more people are united concerning the county rather than division.

9:45 a.m. Commissioners discussed road department. There is a vehicle in Helena that the road department could consider for purchase. Road Supervisor Todd Henry is in Great falls at Montana County Road Supervisor (MACR) and they will ask him to go by and look at the vehicle.

Concerning roads, there is a tree down just outside of Fallon on the hwy. There is also a very washboard section of road out cabin creek that needs attention.

10:00 a.m. Discussion on county involvement in the Miles City job fair. Discussed rates for milage, cost of the event and wages of those who go. Over the past few years, we have received no resumes or applications as a result of the job fair. Commissioners decided not to participate in the job fair this year.

10:28 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the minutes from March 18th, 2026, commissioners meeting.

10:36 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the minutes from March 18th, 2026, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:44 a.m. Discussion on the county Growth Policy. Moving the discussion of resolution for the growth policy until between 2-3p.m. this afternoon.

10:48 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the Weed Board bi-Laws as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:49 a.m. Commissioner Keltner explained she had been told there was no formal opening of the meeting March 21st, 2026. Commissioner Teske explained all commissioners were here and it was a public meeting. Administrative assistant Harry McNall commented that many commissioner meetings have not had an official call to order, that it is included in the minutes because of how it was printed on the agenda, and he understood that the pledge was the start of the meeting.

10:53 a.m. The minutes from the March 21st special meeting were taken, because the meeting was not called to order, the minutes are not read or approved on April 1st, 2026. The minutes will be attached as Exhibit B.

11:00 a.m. Commissioners reviewed invoices from Great West Engineering.

11:09 a.m. Commissioner Keltner will sign the Great West Engineering Extension Agreement.

11:12 a.m. Commissioner Meeting adjourned until 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided the commissioners with claims, payroll and journal adjustments to sign and review. Checks 49438-49477

Payroll

Prairie County Voucher # 1112 $32,719.39

Prairie County Voucher # 11 $7,587.06

Prairie County Voucher # 1090 $7,276.16

Prairie County Voucher # 1109 $16,919.30

Prairie County Voucher # 1110 $2,098.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1111 $16,621.13

Prairie County Voucher # 1108 $62,902.06

Claims

Prairie County Voucher # 1113 $21,040.36

Prairie County Voucher # 1114 $4,104.79

1:28 p.m. Bump and Run wrote check # 1100 $463.75

Journal Adjustment: 346, 347, 348, 349

2:00 p.m. Doug Rein with the Terry TV board to speak to the commission about getting the TV Board back on the tax rolls. Recently the TV board spent money on equipment to improve the tv reception that includes 8 channels. But the upgrade has depleted their funds, with no new funds coming in. County Attorney Dan Rice spoke with Doug about the process going forward. There should be a public hearing to get the TV Board back on tax rolls.

2:00 p.m. Commissioner Keltner reached out to the land planning board member Tracey Feickert Dion with two small changes in the growth policy for them to consider and update, before official passing of the growth policy.

2:25 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion with approval from the library board to appoint Laney Smith to the Library Board to replace Amber Murr, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment: Larry Bond you commissioners are doing a good job and keep doing it.

3:30 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters gave the commissioners an update on some issues within the clerk's office concerning the cemetery. The records for the cemetery have not been kept very well. There was a discussion on the maps and the logbooks for the cemetery plots. There are discrepancies on where plots are, vs where they physically are in the cemetery. Jessica Thomason discussed some of the issues within the cemetery and what might be done in the future, or currently to prepare for future expansion of the cemetery. There was discussion of digital cemetery records but it comes with a high upfront cost and it is time consuming to accomplish. There was discussion on how to go forward, how to make some changes to help in the future.

Jessica asks the commission to come out to the cemetery and walk with her; see what equipment they have. She plans on making an inventory of equipment etc. She wants the commission to have an idea of what the cemetery looks like currently. The water system hopefully will be automatic system, instead of manually having to turn on/off water.

4:00 p.m. Commissioners went to cemetery for a field review. Jessica went over current equipment, tools etc, and explained the need for more tools and inventory lists. Showed some of the issues with plot layouts etc. She just wanted the commission to have a visual of what is currently there and how some minor changes could improve future operations.

4:55 p.m. Commissioners returned to the courthouse, Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by commissioner Keltner "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 15th day of April 2026

Christine W. Keltner

Christine Keltner, Commissioner

ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

Exhibit H

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Todd Devlin March 24th Declaration Lies Exposed

On March 24th, Todd Devlin signed a Declaration in Prairie County's case against Shane and Tylene Eaton. He filled this Declaration with Lies, and as such, by his own signature is guilty of perjury, violation of his oath of office as commissioner, and official misconduct. These actions are grounds for recall of Todd Devlin.

A summary of Devlin's Lies:

1. #3 of the Declaration states ".... was an action item identified as "Judicial review of Proposed Ordinance." This is not true. The agenda item at 1:30 pm of January 21st, which I will submit to you, does NOT say "action item" and the public was misled and deceived as Todd Devlin is personally responsible for the agenda as chairman. At the 2:00 pm agenda time slot, there is the term "ACTION" which notified the public that a vote was going to be taken. The 1:30 pm time slot clearly DOES NOT SAY "ACTION". He Lied
2. #5 of the Declaration states ".... only proposed Ordinance for Prairie County...." This is misleading, at the very least. There was another proposed Ordinance in front of Prairie County at the same time, "The Last Best Place Zoning District" was also being considered by the County. So, the public was very misled and lied to as the agenda on January 21st was intentionally vaguely worded so the public did not have any idea that the County was going to enter into a lawsuit. Why didn't the agenda *state* the Ordinance and list which was to be discussed by the "number" of the Ordinance?
3. #6 is also not true, as stated above. The public did not have notice that the County was going to enter into a lawsuit, and again the public did not know which Ordinance was up for discussion as there was no Ordinance number on the agenda.
    a. Also in #6, the Resolution referenced, No. 26-18, does NOT specifically reference a lawsuit to be brought under statute MCA 13-28-401, which is actually the statute that gives the County the authority to sue over a citizen ballot petition. The Resolution, No. 26-18, only mentions, ".... for purposes of land use litigation and related legal service and advice." which again, the public had NO idea that a lawsuit was being voted on! The Resolution 26-18 should have specifically stated that the attorney to be hired was going to enter into a lawsuit specifically under MCA 13-28-401 and the County will sue Shane and Tylene Eaton over a Ballot Ordinance Petition 2026-01 (an.
4. #10 is a statement that leads to a whole list of Lies that Mr. Devlin is guilty of. The so-called "Approach Permit" that Glendive Wind applied for that is listed on the County's website, is an "Approach Permit" that was submitted on June 23rd, 2025; and this application was deemed "invalid" and denied by the County because there was a blanket "Approach Permit" that was to be valid for EVERY APPROACH that Glendive Wind would need. So, it is an outright Lie to say the Glendive Wind applied for an "Approach Permit" because the application was declared invalid and denied. Shame on you Mr. Devlin for Lying for Glendive Wind.
    a. Also on #10, it needs to be said that on August 15th, 2025, Glendive Wind "RE-APPLIED" for so-called "Approach Permits" in a valid manner, as was requested by the County to have an "Approach Permit" for every one of the 18 "Approaches" requested. However, the 18 "Approach Permits" were DENIED by

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    b. Glendive Wind would have to apply for the correct "Approach Permits" when they decide where they are going to exit the County roads for construction on private land. There will no doubt be dozens of these "Approach Permits" required. Mr. Devlin Lies in his Declaration when he purposefully omits this.
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Mr. Devlin, you gladly boast of your 31+ years of fame in MT and National county government politics, MACo. But, when the first test came to you from your constituents in Prairie County, your true colors shined. You not only slandered and defamed a constituent and his family in your position as commissioner and on behalf of the County, you also threatened to "bring the swat team" to rid meetings of concerned constituents, you also demonstrated that your 31+ years have been in vain by walking out of a "special commissioner meeting" like a child, now you have perjured yourself in a District Court Declaration!

Mr.Devlin you have sold out to the commands of the MACo and in doing so you have sold the majority of your constituents out.

Out of their rights.

Out of their voices.

Out of their lively hood.

Out of their health and general well being.

Using taxpayer funds to sue your own constituents, without viable merit, but through repeated deceptions, you are pushing your constituents into a corner that they will be unable to ignore. With the hostility poured out onto the majority of your constituents, by yourself are paving the road for a recall. Set your pride and MACo aside, and do the right thing by your constituents. Vote to end this lawsuit. It is the constitutional right of the citizens to vote on pertinent matters pertaining to their county and their personal livelihood and posterity.

Renee Pirtz

Prairie County Citizen

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MONTANA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PRAIRIE COUNTY

PRAIRIE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Montana, by and through its Board of County Commissioners Plaintiff, vs. SHANE EATON and TYLENE EATON, Defendants.	Case No. DV-40-2026-0000001-DK Judge: Hon. B. Fosland **DECLARATION OF TODD DEVLIN IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO EATONS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

I, Todd Devlin, submit the following Declaration pursuant to § 1-6-105(a), MCA.

I swear, under penalty of perjury, that the information in this Declaration is truthful to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

1. I am an elected County Commissioner for Prairie County.

2. I have been an elected County Commissioner for Prairie County for 31 years.

3. On January 21, 2026 on the Prairie County Commission Regular Agenda

was an action item identified as "Judicial review of Proposed Ordinance". *See*, Exhibit A.

4. This Agenda was posted 48 hours in advance of January 21, 2026.

5. The Ordinance discussed at the January 21, 2026 meeting is the first and only proposed Ordinance for Prairie County in 2026.

6. The Agenda item was discussion and action on a Resolution appointing a special deputy county attorney for Prairie County to initiate litigation to challenge the proposed Ordinance, being an Ordinance setting height limits for structures within all of the unincorporated area of Prairie County. *See*, Exhibit A.

7. The County Commission approved the Resolution on a 2-1 vote, authorizing the filing of this litigation. *See*, Exhibit A.

8. Defendant Shane Eaton attended the noticed meeting and made public comments specifically to the Resolution. *See*, Exhibit A.

9. The County Commission approved minutes for the January 21, 2026 meeting set forth the action taken. *See*, Exhibit A.

10. Glendive Wind, LLC applied for an Approach Permit from the Prairie County which is on-line at Commissioners | Prairie County.

11. There are no other permits required in Prairie County for the construction of buildings or structures that Glendive Wind, LLC needed to apply for in order to build its project.

12. Prairie County does not have county-wide zoning regulations. A citizen initiated zoning district, The Last Best Place, has been formed for a portion of Prairie County. Zoning regulations for The Last Best Place have not yet been adopted. The resolution approving the zoning district and map can be found on-line at Resolution 26-20 Creating Last Best Place CIZD.pdf.

13. Prairie County does not have a building code.

14. The Road Approach permit states that Glendive Wind will generate energy. *See*, Exhibit B.

15. Attached to the Approach Permit is a Road Use Agreement wherein Glendive Wind clearly states that they are developing a commercial wind turbine project that they will build, operate, and maintain. *See*, Exhibit B.

16. The County denied the Approach Permit at its September 17, 2025 meeting. *See*, Exhibit B.

17. Defendant Shane Eaton made comments at several noticed County Commission meetings on the Approach Permit and Road Use Agreement. *See*, Exhibit B.

17. Also on-line at Commissioners | Prairie County is Glendive Wind's proposed Development Agreement which states that Glendive Wind proposes to construct and operate a wind turbine electrical generation facility consisting of wind turbine generators, meteorological towers, substations, collection lines,

access roads, temporary construction areas, operation and maintenance facilities and other infrastructure. *See*, Exhibit C.

18. At the noticed September 30, 2025 County Commission meeting which Defendant Shane Eaton attended, a letter from Glendive Wind's attorney was discussed which clearly listed all of its activities to-date, including the placement of physical structures to make precise measurements regarding the impacts of meteorology in the area on siting. *See*, Exhibit D.

19. Glendive Wind also presented an Impact Fee Agreement that states the portion of the wind generation facility project in Prairie County will include 154 turbines and 36 miles of transmission lines. *See*, Exhibit E.

20. The height of the towers proposed by Glendive Wind as represented to the County is approximately 500 feet.

21. Prairie County does not have a form prescribed by resolution for ordinances as set forth in §7-5-103, MCA.

22. Prairie County does not have a "code" as defined §7-5-108(6), MCA.

23. Prairie County has no "code" as referenced in § 7-5-107, MCA.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

Dated this 24th day of March, 2026.

Todd Devlin

Todd Devlin

MEETING AGENDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PRAIRIE COUNTY – TERRY, MONTANA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 | 9:00 am

Prairie County Courthouse

To appear on the agenda please contact the chairperson Todd Devlin 72 hours before the next scheduled meeting.

9:00 am - Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Public Matters Under the Commission's Jurisdiction

Public comments on matters within the County's jurisdiction pursuant to MCA §2-3-103 will be accepted on any public matter that is not scheduled on this agenda and will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. NO action will be taken.

As of February 27, 2026, ALL public comment will only be accepted in writing, by email, or in person.

9:30 am- Road Department Updates (est. 30 minutes)

Discussion on Road Department activities, requests for future action items. Milwaukee Bridge Permit application signatures: Federal Permit (FHWA) and Navigable Waterways Permit (DNRC).

10:00 am - Minutes (est. 15 minutes)

Consider approval of minutes from 12/30/2025 Regular Commission Meeting

10:30 am - Watts Insurance Agency – Delite Dukart (est. 30 minutes)

MACo Insurance Updates – final deadline for department heads to update coverages.

11:00 am - Other Business & Correspondences (est. 60 minutes)

CDG Grant- DPHHS Email (Violet Bolstridge) Contract review and decision on Crisis Diversion Grant Funding.

Public Comment Discussion Procedures etc., Correspondences-

12:00 pm – Adjourn for Lunch

The Board of Commissioners will adjourn the meeting from Noon to 1pm for Lunch in one of the following locations: Prairie County Courthouse, BD Bar, Roy Rogers Bar, American Legion Post 32, or Dizzy Diner.

1:00 pm – County Attorney – CLOSED SESSION

Discussion: Judicial review of proposed ordinance (Litigation Strategy)

1:30 pm – Resolution 26-18: Appointing Tara Depuy as Special Deputy County Attorney – Judicial review of Proposed Ordinance

1:45 pm - Claims, Journal Adjustments, Records Retention (est. 30 minutes)

Approve and sign Claims, Journal Adjustments, Records Retention Form

2:00 pm - Department and Board Reports

Treasurer – Garrett Lapp

Pledge Securities, Investment Authorization, Cash Reconciliation, Property Value Adjustment

Commissioners– Board Appointments

ACTION: Board Member appointments

3:00 pm – Public Comment

Public comment will be taken and will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Please wait for the commission chair to ask for public comment before sharing your input with the commission.

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3:30 pm - Clerk & Recorder – Shari Robertson

Certification of 'Last Best Place' Proposed Citizen Initiated Zoning Petition

Announcements

Next Regular Meeting: January 28th, 2026 9:00am | Commissioner's Room

Adjourn Meeting

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Ballot Initiative Litigation Discussion

March 21sh, 2026

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Prairie County Board of Commissioners, Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner and Dennis Teske met in special session at 1:00 p.m. In attendance Administrative Assistant Harry McNall.

1:00 p.m. Pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Devlin, read a prepared statement (**Exhibit A**) believes our decision on March 18th, will not stand because it was not on the agenda with a 48hr notice. He read a sentence from Overstreet about the lawsuit, which gave options for the initiative ballot, and replies from a judge concerning the lawsuit. Commissioner Devlin explained he will not return to any commissioner meetings until County Attorney Dan Rice feels comfortable returning to the commissioner meetings. Commissioner Devlin left the meeting.

Commissioner Keltner made a statement about the public opportunity to vote as being very serious to her, but due to legal advice she cannot speak about the current lawsuit. Commissioner Keltner left the meeting.

Quorum Lost at 4:28 of the Meeting- Discussion continued

Commissioner Teske we approved the zoning petition for the district with the regulations. The county commissioners may (optional) create planning zoning district/commission. Gave examples of zoning in other states, as well as other counties within Montana. We have the right to petition the government. The citizens have a right to question the government. He reviewed some of the challenges, events of the last two years concerning wind turbines etc. I would like to have more conversations. He confirmed the meeting was about the litigation of the ballot inciative.

Dave Hudson: Thank you Commissioner Teske for going above and beyond during this whole thing.

Joylynn Millwright: How can people be sued for exercising their constitutional rights?

Commissioner Teske: That is what concerns me, and Dawson County is having the same ballot initiative on their ballot in June, and we choose not to do that?

Doug Hjorth: There have been many issues that have been taken to voters, I don't see how this is any different. I don't think they should be suing their citizens.

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Shane Eaton: was there a vote for this meeting? There were a lot of people who made an effort to be here during this meeting. There is a vote of no confidence in the commissioners that left.

Rolane Christonpherson: I thought we were supposed to be here to vote on whether to drop the lawsuit or not. Most litigation is done in close session, then brought to the public. The County Attorney made some suggestions to move forward, and something happened with the petition, that the commission decided to go to the courts because of wording of the petition. Maybe we have to figure out what wording you want on there and move forward.

Shane Eaton: There was a letter that explained why the county would not move forward with the petition. There were three reasons listed, it must be approved for form. The county would not approve it. He believes the county violated statue by not moving it forward. The letter from Tara Dupy counters what county attorney Dan Rice wrote. To my knowledge it is all set up for it to be on the ballot, signatures are submitted etc, and then a lawsuit came.

Ric Holden: Did the county commissioners ever make a motion to authorize the suit?

Commissioner Teske: We had a closed-door session, it was presented to them that there could not be initiative with height restrictions, both the county attorney and Tara Dupey both agreed it could not be. There was a vote to hiring her as a special attorney. She was hired to help with the lawsuit,

Joylynn Millwright: Commented on County Attorney Dan rice. If he can prosecute in court, how can he not handle the commissioner meetings? She stated he ran fraudulently on the ballot. You left the meeting commissioner Keltner and Devlin how could you?

Barb Smallis Isn't Dan Rice still on the payroll? And he chooses not to be here. The other two walking out choosing to close the door on all conversations. Dan Rice can't be here he should not be on the payroll. What is the quickest fastest way to end the lawsuit.

Jacob Kibson: Veterans have all sworn a oath to the constitution. Aren't we established on adequate representation, lacking because those three are not here at this meeting. Not happy with the actions of our representatives. We should recall all three of them.

Lisa Everrett: Dan Rice was actually threatened at a meeting, and that is why he is not here. He is hired to legally represent the commission.

Glenda Uland: If he is unable to be at the meetings, he should resign, and I call for it.

Shane Eaton spoke about his history with public meetings and representatives. And that Commissioner Devlin and Keltner left the meeting, show lack of respect to everyone on this side of the table. It is very disappointing. Thank you for everyone who came today, and for your support. He explained how he thinks the zoning petition will go forward. Any confidence in commissioner Devlin is gone after today.

Mary Elisabeth Grue: What has happened now? Does county business continue, if the other two commissioners don't come back?

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Lance Kelfelt: How did we get to this point? For 7 years landowners kept getting money, then it became a problem and how do I get out of this? Then the legal guy says we have to do this a certain way? Landowners want to get out of contracts. Commissioner Teske should be embarrassed, why are you an enabler? Commissioner Teske should step down.

Aaron Martinson: No one has walked in and ask the commissioners to get out of a contracts.

There was much conversation about concerns over the lawsuit and actions of the commission and county attorney.

2:30 p.m. Conversation Ended

Signed this 1st day of April 2026

_____ ATTEST: _____

Christine Keltner, Commissioner Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

I'm guessing that our March 18 vote is probably going to get thrown out because we didn't give a 48 hour notice of the vote. I just wish people would let us do our job legally.

It has been stated by me that Mr. Overstreet stated that if we did not agree with the ordinance that we should take it to court, and we would have 14 days to do that. I'll read you a sentence from a letter from Mr. Overstreet to Dan Rice and I quote. "If you truly believe that the proposed initiative is unlawful, the Counties's only option is to follow MCA 7 – 5 –1135 and file a lawsuit within 14 days ....."

We did exactly what Mr. Overstreet said to do and he said it was our only option if we did not agree with the initiative.

Mr. Overstreet's client also asked for summary judgment, meaning there's no reason for this to go on and to make the judgment now and here was the reply of the Judge.

"As a note in closing, this court takes a dim view of the gamesmanship displayed here by Eatons and has little patience for such tactics. The parties and counsel are expected to be mindful of the court's time and each other's, and to deal with each other fairly. Effective and good faith communication is essential for the efficient functioning of our justice system. All parties should bear that in mind as this litigation proceeds and ensure that any arguments put forth in the future are truly worthy of the court's consideration."

This commissioner believes that having legal advice from our County Attorney Mr. Rice is very important to making legal and smart decisions. I also believe that he should feel comfortable to be at any part of a commission meeting. So until Mr. Rice notifies me that he does feel comfortable giving us legal advice and being present at public meetings I will not be going to any county commissioner meetings. When Mr. Rice tells me he feels comfortable then I will be back. Those that our responsible for Mr. Rice not being here.....fix it.

For those that have been respectful ..... thank you. Todd Devlin

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