Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 12th, 2025

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room

217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

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Prairie County Board of Commissioners Todd Devlin, Christine Keltner and Dennis Teske met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. In attendance Administrative Assistant Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance and call to order. Public Comment: Sheila Dixon: voiced her concern about Medicaid reductions over the next few years, especially for the hospital in Terry.

9:30 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry, Sales Professional with RDO Mark Feland joined the meeting for the opening of bids for a payloader for the county as advertised in the newspapers legal section.

9:31 a.m. Announcement: The opening of the bid did not make it onto the agenda, since there is only one bid the county commissioners will open the bid. The bid from RDO for a payloader $139,300.00 deliver May 15th, 2025.

9:40 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to purchase "Used John Deere Loader 724K diesel powered, articulated wheel loader, from RDO Equipment Co for $139,300.00", seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

9:55 a.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder provided the commissioners with a Road Petition for review.

9:56 a.m. County Attorney Dan Rice arrived at the meeting and road department activities.

10:05 a.m. Todd Henry updated the commissioners on bridge issues. There was a discussion on establishing a speed limit on county roads, and what the process would look like.

10:10 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion "To sign the contract to accept the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) Extension Contract", seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:45 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the minutes from the February 28th, 2025, commissioners meeting.

10:50 a.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 28th, 2025, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Teske "all in favor" motion passed.

11:00 a.m. Dale Hellman and Sheriff Lewis joined the meeting to discuss coroners budget and updates with the commissioners. Dale currently has two coroner Deputies, Keffer Lewis, and Jon Arnold. Dale will not be completing his term and wants to get things in order with the county before he stops being the county coroner. Discussion of making the Sheriff the coroner in a combined duty office.

12:00 p.m. Adjourn for lunch.

1:10 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign the MOU's from the Wool Growers Association Predator Control Fund for $1,272.00, and Montana Stockgrowers Association Predator Control Fun for $33,036.50 seconded by Commissioner Teske "all in favor" motion passed.

1:15 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided the commissioners with claims to review and sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 1106 $20,916.95

Prairie County Voucher # 1107 $4,206.25

Journal Voucher Adjustment # 333 $65.17

Journal Voucher Adjustment # 318 $18.24

1:35 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign a document offering historical maps to the State Montana Historical Society, seconded by Commissioner Teske "all in favor" motion passed.

1:38 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign the RM88 for records that have met their retention dates according to Montana Code 7-5-2132, from the Election Office, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

1:39 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign RM88 for records that have met their retention dates according to Montana Code 7-5-2132, from Human Resources, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

1:45 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson joined the meeting to update the commissioners on the county audit April 7th-11th, 2025.

2:00 p.m. Commissioners reviewed the MACo conference and Legislative Updates.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment

3:15 p.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting to review the county gas tax map to be sent back to the state.

3:40 p.m. Ross Freehan (NextEra), Sheila Dixon, Jessica Thomasson joined the meeting.

4:00 p.m. Lon Reukauf joined the meeting via phone, to update the commissioners on the Land Planning Board. They met Monday March 10th, confirmed minutes, scoping letting results and Growth Policy. Jerry Gerbinze with Great West Engineering, has experience with zoning. The Planning board doesn't want to do zoning without some professional help, such as Jerry Gerbinze. The Commissioners agree that Jerry would be a good choice. Ross Freehan explained they have not put in a BLM application at this point. Another land planning board meeting is scheduled for March 20th, 2025, time to be posted.

Ross Freehan told the commissioners that next week they will be doing environmental surveys with helicopters; and they have notified landowners.

4:55 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 19th day of March 2025

Christine W. Keltner

Christine Keltner, Commissioner

ATTEST: Shari J. Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder