Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 19th, 2025

Prairie County Court House Commissioners 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. In attendance Administrative Assistant Harry McNall. Commissioner Todd Devlin is in Helena.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance, Public Comment. Brooke Metrione with Tim Sheehy's office stopped into meet the commissioners. Sheila Dixon and Shane Eaton joined the meeting.

9:00 a.m. Announcement: the 2:00 p.m. agenda item to 11:00 a.m. today.

9:05 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting.

9:08 a.m. Shane Eaton spoke with Brooke Metrione about wind development in Eastern Montana. Commissioner Teske gave information about wind development and social security, and other related issues with wind development.

Sheila Dixon, spoke briefly about bonding issues with wind projects. Shane Eaton made a comment about FWP doing bird surveys, are they looking at taking sharp tail grouse out of the county? Please look into this with FWP. He also made a comment about the government selling public land in Nevada. He is asking the commissioners to write a letter in support of selling public lands within Prairie County. Shane Commented on the March 8th Terry Tribune Article, would like the land planning board or commissioners to clarify with the newspaper the purpose of the scoping letter, and another comment that was made within the article should be removed about who returned the survey. Shane ask about "draft" scoping letters, and how those were received. Shane wants an investigation into those draft scoping letters.

Sheriff Lewis commented on senate bill 333 which concerns public safety for city services.

9:42 a.m. Todd Henry with Road Department: discussion on gravel pit options, and an update on the current county payloader. His crew is working on grading as much as possible. Updated the commissioners on his plans for the spring, roads, and spraying etc.

10:10 a.m. Commissioners reviewed and signed a letter in support for the Museum board for the SHPO Grant. (Appendix A).

10:17 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to "pay the 2025 Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture dues", seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed. Cheryl Morrison is the county representative.

10:38 a.m. Commissioner Teske read the minutes from the March 12th, 2025, commissioners meeting.

10:45 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 12th, 2025, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:00 a.m. Prairie County Treasurer Garret Lapp joined the meeting. He provided the commissioners with the investment report for the county. Commissioners signed the Treasurer Investment Authorization Report.

12:00 p.m. Commissioners attended the Board of Health Meeting in the Courtroom.

1:20 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson spoke to commissioners about LATCF Reporting and County Credit Card.

1:30 p.m. Commissioner Keltner left the meeting to attend Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) for annual review, in Miles City. There is no longer a quorum for the remainder of the meeting.

1:45 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided commissioner Teske with claims to review and sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 1108 $12,085.34

Prairie County Voucher # 1109 $317.72

3:05 p.m. Public Comment, Sharla Sackman, Megan Pirtz, Tom Pisk, Arron Martinson, Clifford Householder, with the Prairie County Fair Board with a update. They have worked on bi-laws for the board, concession stand upgrades, possibilities of a second well being put in for the fairgrounds, the fair is the first weekend in August 1st-3rd.

4:40 p.m. Commissioner Teske adjourned the meeting.

Signed this 26th day of March 2025

Christine W. Keltner

Christine Keltner, Commissioner

ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

"Appendix A"

Prairie County
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Montana State Historic Preservation Office
SHPO Grant Program
225 N Roberts Ave, PO Box 201201
Helena, MT 59620-1201

Dear Montana State Historic Preservation Office,

We, the Prairie County Board of Commissioners and owners of the 1906 State Bank of Terry located at 101 Logan Avenue, hereby give permission to the Prairie County Museum & Evelyn Cameron Gallery Board of Directors to pursue and oversee grant activities to preserve the building. As owners of the bank building, we approve and support the Museum's efforts to preserve local history for generations of residents, visitors, and researchers to come.

We believe that the 1906 State Bank of Terry preservation project has the potential to increase tourism to Prairie County and contribute to the vitality of Terry. The Commission supports this initiative and is eager to see its positive outcomes.

Please feel free to reach out if you require additional information regarding our approval.

Sincerely,

Christine Keltner

Christine Keltner Commissioner

Dennis Teske Commissioner