Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 26th, 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. Announcement moving 4:00 p.m. agenda item to 1:00 p.m. time.

Lisa Everett commented that she is a willing participant in the wind project and encourages others to announce their support. She recounted some of her experiences with wind projects and the negative experience she has had for supporting the project. Have the commissioners looked up the positive involving wind projects? She commented on several positive accounts for what happens with decommissioned wind turbines, including those in Wyoming. Commenting on the survey that was sent out by the land planning board, that was very bias, and she believes we do have adequate emergency services to support this project. She recently stopped at a wind turbine project in Kansas and found that when she was only 100 yards away, she could not hear them but could hear the freeway which was farther way than the turbines. She could not talk to any landowners because they were all out working their land around the turbines. She is in favor of this project, not just for her personal benefit but also for the community results. She ask the commissioners to protect their right to use their land as they want to.

Rolane Christofferson commented that she had hard decisions to make to keep her ranch, and the wind farm would help her keep her land. She ask that the commissioners look forward, and what the county will look like if there are no economic improvements within the county, the school and hospital could close. Commissioners should do something positive for Prairie County.

Wade Mitchell, he is in support of the project and hopes that the income from the project will help make it possible for his children to come back and provide opportunities to improve his property.

10:00 a.m. Commissioners reviewed the Stahly Professional Services Agreement.

10:05 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign "Stahly Engineering & Associates Inc, Professional Services Agreement", seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:12 a.m. Commissioner Teske read the minutes from the March 19th, 2025, commissioners meeting.

10:15 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 19th, 2025, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:30 a.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided commissioners with payroll to sign and review.

Prairie County Voucher # 1114 $32,436.10

Prairie County Voucher # 1090 $876.61

Prairie County Voucher # 1113 $15,849.96

Prairie County Voucher # 1112 $16,771.68

Prairie County Voucher # 1110 $59,884.36

Prairie County Voucher # 1111 $1,982.00

Prairie County Voucher # 11 $5,845.10

A discussion on Local Assistance and Tribel Consistency Fund (LATCF) fund adjustments to make the fund whole.

Commissioners reviewed and signed claims.

Prairie County Voucher # 1115 $5,514.87

Prairie County Voucher # 1116 $1,786.39

11:44 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read Resolution 25-19

11:47 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign "Resolution 25-19 Resolution of Intent to Consider Consolidation of Sheriff and Coroner Office and Notice of Hearing" seconded by Commissioner Keltner, Open to discussion "All in favor" motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Commissioner Keltner updated the other commissioners on the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) annual meeting.

1:30 p.m. Commissioner Teske called Brandon Duffey about bridge updates on bridge repairs.

1:31 p.m. Prairie County Treasure Garrett Lapp, there is a check for $43.50 that needs to be reissued due to the check being lost. He also spoke to them about the Motor Vehicle contract that was signed in March of 2024.

1:35 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to reissue a check for Check #2335 $43.50, seconded by Commissioner Teske "all in favor" motion passed.

2:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder briefly discussed with commissioners about options for a new county website hosting company.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment. No public comment.

3:15 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, all in favor motion passed.

Signed this 9th day of April 2025

Todd Devlin 4/9/25 ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder