Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 15th, 2024

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. In attendance Commissioner Secretary Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance & call to order. Public comment on agenda matters. No public comments.

9:00 a.m. Brandon Duffey with Great West Engineering joined the meeting.

9:30 a.m. Milwaukee bridge bid openings by Brandon Duffey. He will post certified bid tabs this week and recommendation to county. The commissioners discussed with Brandon Duffey what options there are for getting this done, and which bidder to choose or consider. The main concern is the timing of starting and completing the project.

Bids were received as follows: Base Bid is (treated timbers) Alternate 1 (untreated timbers)

1. Iron Horse Construction Base Bid $243,645.46, Alternate 1 $198,127.34
2. Gregori Construction Base Bid $125,500.00, Alternate 1 $93,250.00
3. Timberline Construction Base Bid $171,250.00, Alternate 1 $120,000.00
4. Sletten Construction Base Bid $228,500.00, Alternate 1 $132,500.00
5. COP Construction Base Bid $248,950.00, Alternate 1 $170,000.00
6. Battle Ridge Builders Base Bid $278,000.00, Alternate 1 $187,000.00

There will be a commissioner meeting on May 20th, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to make the final decision on awarding the Milwaukee Bridge Quick Fix Repair Contract. A meeting notice was posted at the courthouse and the post office.

11:05 a.m. Treasurer Cheryl Morrison joined the meeting to speak with commissioners about pledge securities investments.

11:38 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the commissioner minutes from the May 1st, 2024, meeting.

11:45 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 1st, 2024, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Lunch break

1:00 p.m. Todd Devlin arrived at the meeting.

1:00 p.m. Compensation Board discussion and recommendation meeting. The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) (inflation rate) is 4.1% in 2024. In the past the county has done COLA +1

across the board. The county gave bonuses rather than a raise two years ago, and a raise of .75 cents per hour last year for each employee.

1:35 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to make 5% increase for pay raises, unless it is not possible then it may be reduced, seconded by Sheriff Lewis, open to discussion, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:25 p.m. Commissioner Devlin Read Resolution 24-24 "Resolution Pursuant of 7-6-4006 of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment of final budget for FY 2023-2024 in Road and Fair Funds."

2:35 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to pass **Resolution 24-24 "Resolution Pursuant of 7-6-4006 of The Montana Code Annotated, Authorizing Amendment of final budget for FY 2023-2024 in Road and Fair Funds"** seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:40 p.m. Commissioner Devlin read Resolution 24-25 "A Resolution Establishing a Revised Fee Schedule for Subdivision and Survey Related Services".

2:45 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to pass **Resolution 24-25 "A Resolution Establishing a Revised Fee Schedule for Subdivision and Survey Related Services"** seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided the commissioners with claims.

Prairie County Voucher # 1134 $27,610.28

Prairie County Voucher # 1135 $ 6,643.07

3:40 p.m. Andrea Bybee to update commissioners over ambulance information. She asks for an approval of a new ambulance driver. They are going to order binder lifts, to help get people off the ground after a fall.

3:40 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to hire Karlene Kinsey for fill in driver for the ambulance service, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

4:00 p.m. Public comment (not on agenda).

4:01 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign the "Certificate of Appointment, Election Judges and Audit Committee Appointment for May 2024, to May 2026", seconded by Commissioner Keltner "all in favor" motion passed.

4:03 p.m. Bill Dollata came to ask if he can cut the old softball field South of the Park again this year, he has been added to the May 29th, 2024 agenda for consideration.

4:05 p.m. Commissioner Teske Made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Keltner all in favor, motion carried passed.

Signed this 29th day of May 2024

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST:

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder