Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 14th, 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, public comment.

Commissioner Devlin wanted to make public that he sent an apology to Shane Eaton for his comments during the April 23rd meeting. Commissioner Keltner made an apology as well today for her comments. (Devlin's Written Apology Appendix A)

Sherriff Lewis has a public comment about purchasing a container for the department. He has found three containers and would like to know if we would like to purchase all three?

Road Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting to talk about roads. The road department is down one person and will be posting the position in the newspaper.

10:00 a.m. Sheriff Lewis joined the meeting to discuss Bridge 4086 load limits in Fallon. Todd Tibbets had a concern about the limit stopping emergency services across this bridge, he believes we need to push back on the state bridge reports. Sheriff Lewis is concerned about emergency services crossing these bridges with low load limits. Could we put up a one-way traffic sign, for those bridges?

10:40 a.m. Commissioner Devlin read the minutes from April 30th, 2025, commissioners meeting.

10:45 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 30th, 2025, commissioners meeting, as corrected seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:55 a.m. County Treasurer Garrett Lapp provided the commissioners with an update on personal property tax received, which was $55,986.97 for the county.

11:00 a.m. Election Administrator Shari Robertson provided the commissioners with the Canvass for the Hospital Election that was on May 6th, 2025, for Hospital District.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break.

1:00 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Record Aria Walters provided commissioners with claims to review and sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 1091 $5,377.13

1:15 p.m. Commissioner Devlin left the meeting go to Lewistown for the The Montana Natural Resource Coalition of Counties meeting.

Prairie County Voucher # 1134 $175.20

Prairie County Voucher # 1133 $1,935.67

Prairie County Voucher # 1132 $34,203.71

2:00 p.m. Winnie Harmel to speak about the generator at the senior center. Karen Raush with the senior center. They want to know who is paying the bills for the generator, they don't mind paying some of the bill but don't believe they should have to pay the full amount. The commissioners will review the information about the generator and schedule a follow-up meeting on the agenda.

2:30 p.m. Sheila Dixon with the Museum board to discuss a few topics with the commissioners. They have received a grant; insurance is in place for building repairs on the small bank. Would the commission consider removing the sandpoint and connecting the well to the senior center. They are asking to run electricity to the depot building. The museum wants to purchase a scanner for photo's etc, it is $1900.00 and wants it as a community device/service.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment from Russel Hult, wanted to thank the Prairie County Sheriffs office, they are doing a great job.

3:30 p.m. Prairie County Fair Board Sharla Sackman, Tom Pisk, Cliff Householder, Megan Pritz, Tamera Chaot. Sharla gave an update about the proposed building for the fairgrounds. Through donations they believe they can fund about half of the funds needed. What kind of loan options does the county have if needed for the fair board. From the surveys there is strong support for the fair building in our community.

4:15 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 21st day of May 2025

Christine W. Keltner

Christine Keltner, Commissioner

ATTEST: Shari L Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder