Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 29th, 2024

Prairie County Court House Commissioners Room
217 West Park St Terry, MT 59349

Prairie County Board of Commissioners Todd Devlin, 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.

9:10 a.m. County Supervisor Todd Henry joined the meeting. Commissioners discussed with Todd various topics concerning the Cherry Creek Gravel Pit.

9:22 a.m. Eric Urban called into the commissioners meeting to speak about a possibility of a community pit at the Cherry Creek Gravel Pit. There was also discussion on other gravel pits throughout the county, and application processes on them. Todd Henry will review all 20 DEQ permits the county holds and update DEQ with active permits and ones that need closed.

9:45 a.m. Commissioners discussed with Todd Henry the wages of his department compared to other counties etc, with the possibility of asking for a mill levy. What the benefits are for the citizens of Prairie County, and what alternative the county has if the mill doesn't go forward.

10:05 a.m. Shane Findley phoned into the meeting. Shane confirmed that the county could buy a certain amount of gravel at a time, and sell it at cost to the public, and renew when needed for more amounts.

10:40 a.m. Commissioner Devlin read the minutes of the May 15th, 2024 commission meeting.

10:46 a.m. Commissioners paused reading of minutes.

10:47 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to allow Bill Dollata to cut the old softball field South of the Park again this year, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

10:48 a.m. Floyd stopped to speak with commissioners about mosquito spraying in town.

10:54 a.m. Commissioners reviewed claims and payroll vouchers. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided commissioners with Claims and Payroll.

10:55 a.m. Commissioner Devlin resumed reading the minutes of the May 15th, 2024, commissioner meeting.

11:08 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes May 15th, 2024 commissioner meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:10 a.m. Commissioners signed an acknowledgement of the check register for the fair bump and run.

Prairie County Voucher # 1139 $2,445.72

Prairie County Voucher # 1138 $18,111.87

Prairie County Voucher # 1137 $20,161.18

Prairie County Voucher # 17 $7,054.27

Prairie County Voucher # 1140 $26,085.11

Prairie County Voucher # 1136 $68,976.89

Prairie County Voucher # 1143 $3,176.85

Prairie County Voucher # 1141 $11,563.90

Prairie County Voucher # 1142 $4,677.41

11:30 a.m. Tylene Eaton in to speak about "Public Health Grant Contract and Immunization & PHEP contract". This contract provides funding for her position.

11:35 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept "Taske Order Number 25-07-6-11-044-0, To the Master Agreement HHS-PHSD-00000627 Effective July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2026, Between the State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services and Prairie County PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness)" Seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:45 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept "Master Contract HHS-PHSD-00000627, Task Order Number 25-07-4-31-136-0 To the Master Contract Effective July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2026, Between State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services and Prairie County Immunization Program", seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Commissioners attended the "Local Emergency Committee Planning (LECP), in the courtroom.

1:00 p.m. Treasurer Cheryl Morrison provided the commissioners with the Treasurer's Investments report. Commissioners signed the report.

1:23 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign and become a member of "The Southeast Montana DUI task Force Plan and Membership for SFY-24-25", seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

1:45 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to sign "The Montana Department of Transportation Winter Road Agreement for Frontage Road Connection-Maybon Rd" seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:00 p.m. Meeting with Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT), Eastern Plans Economic Development Council (EPEDC), Great West Engineering, and Western Federal highway Administration via Zoom, to discuss the Milwaukee Bridge Project. The time frame is

on schedule for the full completion of the bridge by December 2025. The quick fix of the bridge will begin July 1st, 2024. Next meeting will be June 12th,

3:00 p.m. Jamie Larson and David Seitz, with Seitz Insurance to discuss the renewal of workman's compensation insurance. The representatives went over the statistics, the most common claims and overall cost associated with those claims. There is an increase in premiums of $8,000. Overall, the increase is a direct correlation with claims made from the previous period.

3:35 p.m. Dale Tribby provided the commissioners with an update on the EIS Sage Grouse process. He also reviewed the comments he will submit on behalf of Prairie County. Took the commissioners comments and incorporated them into the document.

4:00 p.m. Public comment (not on agenda). Andrea Bybee and Jennifer Grey-Eagle had a comment. The ambulance service had an out of state bill come through workers compensation out of Washington State. She would like to write this bill off, due to complications in getting enrolled with the state of Washington department of labor.

4:30 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to "Write off the bill of $1400.00 from the workers compensation board of the state of Washington" …. Commissioner Keltner rescinded her motion. Will be added to the next agenda for an official vote.

4:31 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters joined the meeting to discuss the advertising of the annual "Meals on Wheels" bidding processing.

4:40 p.m. Commissioners read the minutes from the May 20th, 2024, special meeting Quick fix on Milwaukee Bridge.

4:40 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 20th, 2024, special meeting as corrected, seconded by commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

5:00 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 12th day of June 2024

Todd Devlin

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder