Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 17th, 2026

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. Todd Devlin was at Oil & Gas and Coal Counties Meeting, and Montana Natural Resources Coalition Shelby Montana. In attendance Administrative Assistant Harry McNall.

9:00 a.m. Pledge of allegiance. Call to order, public Comment.

9:20 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry discussed gravel pit permitting and test holes for the cabin creek pit.

9:22 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a Motion to amend the minutes from May 20th, 2026, commissioner meeting at 9:30 a.m. to add the purchase information from the Pate Auction State Surplus of a 2004 One Ton Ford with 239,000 miles with a dump box, purchased for $5251.05 on May 9th, 2026, which was approved by the commission to bid up to $8,000 total on April 29th, 2026 commissioner meeting, second Commissioner Teske "all favor" motion passed.

There was discussion about the proposed mill levy, and some issues with the numbers for consideration.

10:00 a.m. Commissioners joined a team meeting to discuss Milwaukee bridge project with Jeff Keys Federal Highway Administration. All permits have been secured for the project, and the project has been signed off on, and will be going out for advertising on July 16th, with a bid opening early August. Discussed plans and specs concerning funding. The match needs to be provided before the beginning of construction. There will be a match needed by August 1st, 2026, with a start of construction date to be towards the end of August. With completion to be done by the end of December.

10:31 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to Establish New County Road Crow Rock Road East as presented: 20-day public comment period open until July 17th, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Keltner "all in favor" motion passed.

11:00 a.m. Terra Burman Eastern Plans Economic Development Corp (EPEDC) via zoom to speak about the CDBG Planning Application. She spoke about the opportunity zone and what benefits it could provide for the county. She explained some examples of possible benefits of the opportunity zone. Commissioner Teske had concerns about the opportunity zones.

11:28 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read minutes from June 11th, 2026, commissioners meeting.

11:46 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 11th, 2026, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:48 a.m. Commissioner Teske read the minutes from the May 29th, 2026, commissioners meeting.

12:01 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 29th, 2026, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

12:13 p.m. Commissioners joined the Board of Health Meeting in the courtroom. Minutes kept by the board of health. Next meeting September 16th, 2026.

12:40 p.m. Board of Health Meeting Ended.

1:05 p.m. Deputy Clerk & Recorder Aria Walters provided the commissioners with claims to review and sign.

Prairie County Voucher # 1151 $21,553.41

Prairie County Voucher # 1152 $185.38

1:35 p.m. Commissioners reviewed Meals on Wheels bids, only one bid was received.

1:36 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept bid from the Prairie County Hospital District for $10.00 per meal for home delivery, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:00 p.m. Doug Rein with the Terry TV Board to discuss budget and levy. The TV board needs about $4000.00 per year to operate. The TV board will be on the budget for assessment. County Attorney Dan Rice explained he believed it can be asset.

2:30 p.m. Election Administrator Shari Robertson and Aria Walters provided an update on the primary election. They were short on judges but managed to get good coverage for the election. There were many absentee votes that were voided because they voted on all three ballots (republican, democrat, independent). Discussed ideas on how to make the elections work better for the county, such as reducing to 2 precincts instead of 4.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment. No comments

3:30 p.m. Dwight Tauge and Scott McAvoy to discuss the DNRC State/County Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement Between the State of Montana and Prairie County. Scott went over the contract with the commissioners; this contract should be reviewed/renewed every 5 years.

3:33 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to sign "State/County Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement Between the State of Montana and Prairie County, with Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

3:52 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 30th day of June 2026

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder