Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 29th, 2026

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. Call to order, pledge of allegiance. Public Comment.

9:05 a.m. Commissioners discussed proposing a road levy for the general election.

9:11 a.m. Rolane Christopherson made a request to be on the agenda to verify impact, financial and regulatory costs, concerning the Last Best Place Zoning District.

9:20 a.m. Road Supervisor Todd Henry and Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson joined the meeting. Discussed current road operations including cattleguard cleaning south. The road department will be putting several vehicles and equipment into the Smith Sales Co. Fall sale.

10:00 a.m. Milwaukee Bridge Update with Jeff Keys Project Manager Western Federal Lands Highway Division Federal Highway Administration. The bid opening will be on Tuesday, 3 p.m. August 4th, 2026. Jeff explained some of the questions that have come in on the bridge project. The Department of Commence has some questions about the process concerning the grant to the county.

There is a process in deciding who is granted the bid, it takes a few days to go over the bids etc. Then they must verify the bonds, and ratings & credentials, so it takes between 21 days to 60 days to get a start date. Discussed the process for the county match and reimbursement from the Department of Commerce.

11:00 a.m. Commissioner Devlin read the minutes from July 22nd, 2026.

11:08 a.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 22nd, 2026, commissioners meeting as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:09 a.m. Commissioner Keltner read the letter of resignation for the janitor, and she would like to request to be the fill in janitor. Discussion on making the current fill in janitor, the main janitor and what that process would involve.

11:15 a.m. Commissioners discussed replacement of windows in the courthouse, they are considering installing 4 windows this year. There are enough funds in the building's funds, to cover the cost of replacing the remaining 8 windows.

11:33 a.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to hire R&R Construction to do the 8 windows in the courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

11:45 a.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to use Hardrives Construction Inc. out of Billings Montana to crack repair the parking lot with rubber, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" Commissioner Devlin & Keltner in favor, Commissioner Teske abstained due to conflict, motion passed.

12:00 p.m. Lunch break

1:15 p.m. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson provided the commissioners with payroll to sign and review.

Prairie County Voucher # 1009 $33,249.39

Prairie County Voucher # 1008 $19,416.73

Prairie County Voucher # 1007 $2,827.00

Prairie County Voucher # 1006 $21,327.28

Prairie County Voucher # 1005 $72,169.82

Prairie County Voucher # 1 $13,967.95

Journal Adjustment # 515

Voided check voucher # 1161 (written to wrong person)

Claims FY 2026

Prairie County Voucher # 1168 $461.85

Claims FY 2027

Prairie County Voucher # 1012 $21,533.35

Prairie County Voucher # 1013 $1,923.43

1:30 p.m. Commissioner Devlin read Resolution 27-1 Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2027 for elected and classified positions in the county.

1:53 p.m. Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept Resolution 27-1 Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2027 for elected and classified positions in the county, seconded by Commissioner Teske, open to discussion, amendment made and approved, "all in favor" motion passed.

Sharla Sackman had ask for an increase in wages for weed supervisor and extension office administrative assistant.

Commissioner Teske made a motion to make an amendment, changing weed supervisor wage to $24 and change extension office administrative assistant to $22.05, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

2:00 p.m. Current janitor has resigned and asks to be a fill in position. The position will be open to internal hires at this time.

2:10 p.m. Discussion on budget worksheets concerning road department and bridge.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment.

3:30 p.m. Last Best Place Zoning Commission chair Clint Grue went over recommendations for changes within the regulations. Chair Grue recommended passing the regulations as they are today.

The question was asked how to adopt the regulations, should it be by resolution or by the commission vote. Commission Teske was clear he believes it is just a vote.

3:44 p.m. Commissioner Devlin made a motion to adopt the regulations as presented by the Last Best Place Zoning District Commission chair Clint Grue, seconded by Commission Keltner "all in favor" motion passed.

A formal resolution will be drafted for this motion and put on a future agenda.

4:00 p.m. Brandon Duffey with Great West Engineering on the phone to discuss the buffalo rapids bridge 04084. The project manual and plans are ready to go for 04084 determine bid dates and repairs. The Mildred bridge can be put out to bid as well.

4:27 p.m. Commissioner Teske made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Devlin, "all in favor" motion passed.

Signed this 5th day of August 2026

Todd Devlin

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder

by Aria Walters

Aria Walters, Deputy Clerk & Recorder