Prairie County Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 9th, 2026

Prairie County Court House Courtroom

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 for the Budget Public Hearing FY27. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and call to order.

Commissioner Devlin announced the resolutions would be read last. Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson explained what she does with the information and the information is open to the public for review. The Town of Terry Budget information is included, but only because it is required to be there for the Department of Revenue.

There was discussion on the new TV district tax for the Town of Terry. The tax would be $20 dollars a year per household, within the special improvement district.

Clerk & Recorder Shari Robertson went over in detail the information concerning the budget, budget worksheets etc.

Commissioner Devlin read the Budget Report.

Open to public questions about the budget. Question about having money for a computer server, it was explained that the server has to be replaced every 5 years. Discussion on reserves, cash available, caps, and what happens to those funds in the following fiscal year. Commissioner Devlin explained that the $55,000 spent on an audit equals 10 mils for our county to explain how much of a tax burden it is for this non funded mandate.

The county road department budget is totally within the Road Department Fund, which use to include bridge, LTCF etc, to make it work.

Keynote made by Commissioner Devlin, that about 1/3 of the revenue comes from tax base, the rest is non-tax revenue.

Discussion on road department levy, comments were made that the county should use the money to hire outside contractors, to gravel and grade roads etc.

Commission Devlin read Resolution NO. 27-4

Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept Resolution No. 27-4 A resolution pursuant to 2-9-212 of the Montana code annotated, authorizing a permissive medical levy for FY 2026/2027 to fund group health insurance premiums contributions by the county, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Commissioner Devlin read Resolution 27-5

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept Resolution No. 27-5 A resolution pursuant to MCA 19-7-404 authorizing a permissive sheriff's retirement system contribution levy for FY 2026-2027, seconded by Commissioner Teske, "all in favor" motion passed.

Commissioner Devlin read resolution 27-6

Commissioner Keltner made a motion to accept resolution 27-6 a resolution of the board of county commissioners for Prairie County, Montana, adopting the final operating budget and setting appropriation authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, seconded by Commissioner Teske "all in favor" motion passed.

Commissioner Devlin read resolution 27-7

Commissioner Teske made a motion to accept resolution 27-7 adopting fiscal year 2026-2027 setting mils for all entities, seconded by Commissioner Keltner, "all in favor" motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Signed this 25th day of September 2026

Todd Devlin, Commissioner Chair

ATTEST: Shari Robertson

Shari Robertson, Clerk & Recorder